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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT Yellowstone Park, Civil Service and Pensions as Treated in Secretary Teller's Report.

TELLER'S REPORT. (Continued from yesterday.) PENSIONS. The report of the commissioner of pensions shows that at the close of the fiscal year 1884 there were 322,756 pensioners, classified as follows:

Army invalids, 218,956; Navy invalids, 75,306; Civil Service pensioners, 2,494; Survivors of the war of 1812, 3,988; Widows of those who served in the war of 1812, 19,512.

There were added to this roll during the year the names of 34,192 new pensioners, and 1,221 previously dropped were restored to the rolls of the year 1884. 13,313 and 16,315 were dropped for various causes, being a net increase on the roll of 19,098.

The average annual value of each pension at the close of the year is \$107.75, and the aggregate value of all pensions is \$34,456,690.33, an increase over like value for the previous year of \$2,411,467.92.

The amount paid for pensions during the year is \$36,908.69, exceeding, as will be observed, the annual value of pensions several millions of dollars, which represents the first payments, generally in new claims, and known as arrears of pensions. The amount paid during the year to 3,307 new pensioners was \$23,418,110, at an average rate of \$7,033 cases of this class unpaid, in which there was paid \$4,939,090.05.

The following statements will be found in table 1 of the commissioner's report. Since 1861 there have been filed 127,925 claims for pensions of this class, of which 145,139 have been allowed. About 82 per cent of the whole number now pending are awaiting the action of the courts or their witnesses on unexpired claims.

Two hundred and forty special examiners were employed by the Civil Service Commission in the last session authorized the employment of an additional force of one hundred and fifty. The system of special examination appears to have given satisfaction to the claimants and the office.

The appeals from the commissioner of pensions are granted in the field. In the year 1883, 746, during the past year, 1,510. The act of January 25, 1879, provided: That all pensions which have been granted under the act of 1872, and which were not approved by the courts, should be subject to review by the commissioner of pensions.

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could have been found in the employment of this or any other government post trust, worthy and capable clerks than constituted this force. I do not think it advisable to allow a clerical force of this character to be left to the government, and when any portion of this force could be spared to the work of the census office I filled the vacancies occurring in the office of the interior department from such force. This was done with the approval of the board of civil service commissioners.

Some of the 23rd of May last there have been appointed in the several bureaus of the department through the civil service commission a total of two hundred and thirty-two clerks, and special examiners. All persons engaged in clerical work have been brought within the classified service, save only those especially excepted by the statute on trials made thereunder.

Of the number appointed I believe the most have proved themselves efficient and valuable clerks, but the length of their service has been too short to speak with confidence as to their fitness for the work assigned to them. The law in a great measure relieved of the burden of the impossible claims, and applicants and their friends for positions, and will, I think, when it is fully understood, save the heads of the bureau a great deal of trouble and loss in listening to appeals for positions when it was impossible to comply with such requests. I think the system a valuable one, and one that should have the hearty support of both executive and legislative departments of the government.

H. M. TELLER, Secretary. Cause for Declining. It was love at first sight, and the youth to his ardor at once gave the rein. He was eager and bold, and, withal, a little presumptuous and vain.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC. Florence Gerard will return to England shortly. Next season Joseph Jefferson will revisit London professionally. Major J. Bonner has left Bartley Campbell's "Separation" company.

Henry E. Abbey has contracted with Mary Anderson and Mr. Terrie for a tour of this country next season. The American drama has scored another triumph in England.

Charlotte Thompson, who follows Henry Irving at the Star Theatre, has purchased a new play, which she intends producing during her New York engagement. In London when "Pinarof" is played, Gilbert, the author, becomes so affected that he cannot recollect the words of his own play.

Madame Janacek has improved greatly in health since her return to her home in her native country, beginning at the Haverty theatre, Chicago, on the 30th. The play "My Life" has been materially changed since its first performance, and the new version has been written, comedy has been introduced from the beginning, and the star is in the firm belief that the public will like the piece.

The Fall National Convention of the Post, Dramatist and Patriot has recently made an unprecedented sensation in Christiania by his performance of the play "The Patriot" at the Christiania theatre, where he is said to have infused new life into a company which had fallen into a state of semi-comatose condition.

As the coming of a great storm is heralded by the display of cautionary signals, so is the approach of that dread and fatal disease Consumption of the Lungs, usually announced in advance by phlegm, coughs, and kindred outward manifestations of the internal blood poison, which, if not promptly expelled from the system, attacks the delicate tissues of the lungs, causing them to ulcerate and break down.

The Roller-Skating Mania. I've often been to the arena, I have seen the skaters, but now it's into the roller-skating rink I go. Sometimes upon the rollers I shoot across the floor; Sometimes upon my spindles I drop and roll.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES. Freckles are in fashion in England. Young lady physicians are multiplying in Germany. American gold pieces are now the fashionable buttons for the ladies.

Chicago girls do not take so well with the coaches as they do with the footmen. Fencing is quite a fashionable accomplishment among the young ladies of many of whom are quite expert with the foil.

Very comfortable and ladylike are the elegant opera bouffes for winter wear, composed of broad velvet in medium-sized patterns and of many dark-toned dyes. Little cash-bags made of bright silk are held to the belt by a tiny brass or gold chain.

Heavy woolen basket cloth fabrics, combined with silk and cotton, are in great vogue for stylish walking costumes. A cloth jacket, and are especially becoming to brunettes. Some new handkerchiefs are made of soft silk in the shape of an octagon, in bright colors.

Ice cream sets in cut glass have square saucers. The fall and winter styles for ladies' hair dressing are very becoming. The hair is slightly waved and looped in graceful bows on the top of the head.

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A cyclone, which on Saturday night swept over two plantations just above New Orleans, killed Mr. Mialaret, a brother-in-law of the French historian, Michelet.

Boys, do not smoke. The average life of a loafer who smokes thirty years. The dentist's name will be in every body's mouth—stamped on his teeth.

Statistics says that black eyes are increasing in Europe. This seems strange in view of the fact that reports of sparring matches over there have failed to reach us. A New York man advertises for a thousand bushels of old rubber overhoses, fancy prices paid.

A mutual barber announces that he is a "barber artist, physiognomist, hair dresser, facial operator, cranium manipulator and capillary affluor." An army officer declares that the latest craze on earth is the regular soldier.

Rubber gloves to protect the hands while washing dishes are offered at \$1.50 a pair. The Oil City Derrick asks: "What is a petroleum and petroleum is a vulgar name for a petroleum." A letter from a woman says: "I have a very good idea of a very good idea."

"Never eat and drink at the same time," is the advice given by a Munich waiter to fat people who wish to reduce their bulk. This appears to be a good rule, but it is not the noblest of our American institutions—the bar-room free lunch.

"Have you been going out into society much this season?" asked an Austin duke of a friend. "No, I have not," he replied. "How do you manage to get tickets?" "The manager gave them to me. He is a Hebrew named Schwartzman, and keeps a pawnshop near Austin avenue." [Texas Sitings.]

"My dear sir," said a venerable old gentleman to a convict in the penitentiary, "it grieves me to see you here." "It grieves me to be here," responded the convict with feeling. "The world is full of opportunities for intelligent people like you. If you had but run away and applied yourself to business you wouldn't be here now."

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