UNCLE SAM'S PENSIONERS.

Report of the Commissioner for the Past Fiscal Year and What it Shows.

WASHINGTON, Oct 18.—The annual report for the fiscal year 1888-9 of the commissioner of pensions shows that there were at the close of the year 489,729 pensioners. There are added to the rolls during the year named 51,912 new pensioners, 1,754 were restored to the rolls and 16,507 dropped from the rolls for various causes, the amount paid for pensions during the year was $88,275,113. The amount paid as fees to attorneys was $1,363,583. Since 1861 there has been filed 1,368,146 pension claims of which 789,121 have been allowed The amount disbursed on account of pensions since 1861 being $1,052,218,412. During the past fiscal year 145,298 certificates were issued, 51,921 being originals. At the close of the year there were pending and unallowed 479,000 claims of all classes.

The commissioner recommends that congress be asked to amend the act of June 6, 1874, so as to extend the benefit of all pension laws to all pensioners whose pensions have been granted by special acts subsequent to said date; that pensions of soldiers who died from causes originating in the service prior to 1861 during time of peace. He further recommends that the act of March 3, 1877, be amended to grant a pension to those who having participated in the rebellion subsequently enlisted in the army or navy of the United States and were disabled therein. The commissioner recommends new legislation to rectify the inequalities in rates and cites instances to show the unfairness in the rates now provided by law. He thinks the statute should be amended so as to permit the rate of $72 per month to be proportionately divided for all disabilities shown to be incident to service and line of duty. The injustice and unfairness caused by the law of June 16, 1880, limiting the right of pensioners to receive $72 per month to those who were receiving $50 per month at the date of the law should be corrected. No provision is made for grading this rate for persons totally helpless on that date, but not receiving $50 at the time and none for those who have become totally helpless since that date.

The commissioner proposes to pension all soldiers who were disabled. On this point he says as the war period recedes from us and age and its attendant infirmities afflict the vetern, it is a serious question whether the government does him justice in limiting the application of the pension laws to those disabilities only which were contracted in the service. I earnestly recommend that pensions be granted to every honorably discharged soldier and sailor who is now or who may hereafter become disabled, and without regard as to whether such disability is chargable to the service of the United States or has been contracted since his discharge therefrom.

The commissioner calls attention to what he believes to be manifestly insufficient sums of $12 per month granted by the act of 1886 to widows for the care and support of minor children under 16 years of age. The commissioher also favors pensions for army nurses, and makes an earnest plea in their behalf.

ENGLAND'S SOLITARY VINEYARD.

The Only Place in Great Britain Where Wine Can Be Made.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

Being lately in Cardiff, writes a correspondent, I had the opportunity of visiting the only British vineyard from which wine is annually made. It consists of three or four acres of ground just below the restord feudal chateau of the Marquis of Bute, known as Castle Coch, one of the most extravagant restorations ever accomplished, the expense of which has been variously estimated at from £50,000 to £80,000. As a result of all this money the massive turrets of the chateau rise from among the woods that overlook the valley of the River Taff, and where from their base the land falls away in a rapid slope towards the southeast two fields beneath the wood have been converted into the semblance of a French vineyard. Indeed, chateau and vineyard would not seem out of place on the banks of the Loire.

This year the vines are in magnificent leaf and luxuriantly cover the stakes about three feet high, to which they are attached, their color contrasting finely with the red soil. The bunches of grapes, however, are few and far between, and on September 13 I could find few berries which had begun to color. The vintage this year will therefore be a failure, notwithstanding the favorable summer which has been experienced, the reason being given that the very bad season of 1888 prevented the wood from ripening. Next year, it is hoped, may be as good as the jubilee vintage of 1887, when no less than nine hogsheads of wine were produced from three acres.

The wine from the vintages of previous years—what I tasted was of 1881—is light in color and decidedly powerful in quality. It is agreeable to the palate, being rather sweet, and would doubtless please in small glasses, as a liquor, from the interest which would be connected with with the unique experience of tasting a bona fide English wine.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Japan has 31 schools of medicine, one of dentistry, and two of veterinary surgery.

An electric launch in England recently made 60 miles without recharging the accumulator.

It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that the arsenites are effective against the codling moth, and the tree upon which they are used.

The new apparatus for feeding the fires of electric light plants does away entirely with the necessity of landing coal after it has been dumped in the fuel room.

To add to our knowledge of terrestrial magnetism it is suggested that regular magnetic observatories be established at the Cape of Good Hope and in South America.

In experiments on the solubility of glass in water, plumbiferous flint-glass was found to be the least soluble, and the relative resistance of glasses was different toward hot and cold water.

The new artificial silk made of cotton or the sulphited pulp of young wool treated with nitric acid and then dissolved in a mixture of ether and alcohol is said to have a density, breaking strength, and elactiéity that compares very favorably with natural silk, while surpassing it in luster.

The latest improvement in the manufacture of filaments for incandescent lamps consists in heating them to a high temperature by burning fluid fuel in a suitable furnace, and at the conclusion of the operation raising the temperature to a still higher degree for a short period by the introduction of a blast of oxygen.

Failure of a Chicago Tea Firm.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—W. M. Thatcher & Co., one of the best known firms in the tea trade of Chicago, assigned to-day. Liabilities $60,000, assets $60,000.

Good Advice.

From the New York Sun.

First Aeronaut—I'm discouraged.

Second Aeronaut—Why don't you strike for a raise?

INTERESTING ITEMS.

Complaint is made of the wholesale destruction of Egyptian antiquities in consequence of the permission given to Greek and Arab treasure seekers to dig, on condition that they show everything found to the Boulak museum. As a matter of fact, the museum does not see everything they find.

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The shipyards on the lakes are busy building 35 steamers of 67,330 tons, largely of steel. Among them are three of the new "whaleback" steamers, at Duluth, Minn.

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One of the visitors to the Eiffel tower has expressed in the Paris *Figaro* his sense of its height: "I would throw myself down from the top," he writes, "but that I am afraid of dying from hunger before I reach the bottom." The receipts of the Eiffel tower company for the week ending September 17 amounted to 382,076 francs, which bring the total since May 15 to 4,754,347 francs.

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The New York policeman who threatened to blow a fellow officer's head off because he ordered him to move off a corner would be first to club a citizen to jelly for disobeying a like order.

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The death of the Dowager Lady Holland, it is feared, will bring into the market Holland House, now almost in the heart of London, for nearly a hundred years the seat of elegant hospitality and the resort of wits and men of letters. A suggestion has been made that it be converted into a historical museum. It is reported, however, that Lord Ilchester, to whom this famous mansion, with its spacious grounds, covering nearly eighty acres, now belongs has no intention of selling.

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The demand for Russian sable has created quite an interest in that lustrous and costly fur, which is to be worn somewhat extensively this season. In addition to sable, Persianner will be quite popular, the recent visit by the Shah of Persia to the French capital tending materially to popularize the Persian lamb.

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In the recent autumn manœuvers in Germany the fortifying of an intrenched position with barbed wire fencing was found to be very efficacious.

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The new "colonist sleeper" lately introduced on the Union Pacific, is the emigrants' Pullman. Now that the emigrant can for a small sum have not only a bed but a toilet room and towel, perhaps one may look forward to a golden era.

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The Emperor William has ordered every branch of the German cavalry to be armed with the lance as its chief weapon, though neither the sword nor the carbine is to be discarded.

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A citizen of Jersey City went into his yard a few days ago in the early morning with a heavily loaded shot gun to kill a noisy cat. He placed the gun against a fence with the muzzle resting under his arm. The gun was accidently discharged and he received injuries from which he died.

Photographed the Accident.

From the New York Sun.

Amateur photographers Charles Wylie of New York and William Maginnis of New Orleans started one Sunday afternoon recently from the Maplewood Hotel, in Pittsfield, to get some views at Pontusue lake, a lovely sheet of water nestling between the hills to the north of the town. Reaching the lake and securing a vantage ground, they placed their camera in position and made a shot. Twenty minutes later they met an excited man on the roadway who told them that a row boat had been overturned on the lake and that two of its four occupants had been drowned.

On reaching their hotel the photographers developed several plates taken that afternoon, and their surprise may be imagined when they discovered on the negative taken at the lake a reproduction of the drowning scene. There was the overturned boat, with one man clinging to its stern and another's head just visible above the water. The young photographers had no knowledge of the accident that had occurred before them at the time they took the picture.

It's Done by Personal Experience.

From the New York Sun.

"Is it true," was asked of an old tramp who reached Jersey City the other day on the bumpers of a freight car, "that tramps leave marks on gate posts, sign boards, doors, and other places to tell the next comer what reception he may expect?"

"Naw!" was the indignant reply.

"But how do you tell?"

"Personal experience, me boy, and that's uncertain. If the house looks all right and there are no men around and the dog is chained up in the barn, you enter the gate and knock on the side door or go around to the back. If the woman isn't up stairs sewing, and if none of the young 'uns are down with the measles, and if she hasn't got callers in the parlor, she'll answer your knock."

"And then it's all right?"

"Not by a long shot! If she happens to be in good humor, and if her husband has promised her a new fall hat and if her corns are all right and if she happens to like the first look of you, sh'll hand out cold meat and bread, and perhaps a boiled egg and an old pair of boots to go with it; but if she's the least bit out of sorts she straightens up, extends her arm, and tragically exclaims, 'Now you git!' And I meander and try the next."

A Jewess on a Throne.

From the St. James Gazette.

Jewesses have married into some of the noblest families of Europe; but a Jewess on a throne, even though a very small one, is quite a novelty. This, however, is what will occur when the new prince of Monaco marries the widowed duchess of Richeleau, to whom he is engaged. The duchess is a "born Jewess, a daughter of Michael Heine, who was first cousin of the poet. She is consequently a great-granddaughter of Heymann Heine, of whom the poet speaks in his "Memoirs." The Heines have done well for themselves in worldly things. They are now wealthy physicians, bankers and newspaper proprietors. One of the poet's nieces is the wife of the Austrian General von Kadolitsch, and a leader of fashion in Vienna; another is the Princess de la Rocca; and now a cousin, who has already acquired a ducal coronet, will shortly become the consort of a miniature reigning prince. What cynical fun the poet would have made of it all, had he lived!

Fate of the Sultan's Body Guard.

MADRID, Oct. 18.—While returning from an excursion into the interior yesterday the Sultan of Morrocco had to cross a swollen river to get to Fez. The sultan crossed safely, but twenty of his body guard who undertook to swim the river on their horses were swept down stream by the raging flood and drowned.

New York *Sun*: She: "Listen to the complaining of the winds." He: "What language do they use in complaining." She: "Gaelic."

WOMEN'S TERROR OF MICE.

One of Those Queer Things Which No Fellow Can Understand.

From the Scotsman.

In this age of the world it is impossible for the most robust and astute man to stand still in one position for five minutes and exactly comprehend the nature of a woman's fear of a mouse.

Perhaps a mouse looks larger to a woman than to a man. But we don't know.

At any rate, no matter how large the woman is, she is just as skittish in the presence of a mouse as a little woman, and the smaller the mouse the greater the terror it inspires.

A woman who fears no living human—man, woman or child—will shiver like a vibrating threshing machine at the sight of a mouse an inch and a quarter long. Even the Amazonian mother-in-law—even she has a soft spot in her adamantine heart for mice and will scream with any school girl at the harrowing spectacle of a live mouse cutting its way between the kitchen table and a hole in the pantry floor.

All this is inexplicable and can only be accounted for by the patient investigation of the hard-headed scientist or medical expert.

Discarded by Well-Bred Belles.

From Fashion.

In this world of frills and frivols there are some things that had better be left unbought and here are a few:

Either green or red gloves; do not permit yourself to be tempted by any smooth-tongued salesman into believing that anybody wears them—they don't.

Bustles; they were always bad form, and now they are recognized as not only being out of the line of beauty, but in extremely bad style.

Very short skirts for the house; they are awkward and belittle you from a mental as well as a physical standpoint. Keep a pretty tea gown with a bit of a train.

Yellow storm coats; choose instead very dark blue ones.

Umbrellas with handles that look as if the silver of the family had been put into the pot and boiled down for this purpose; they are worse than a green postage stamp as far as giving the looker-on a cachet as to your good taste.

Colored letter paper; it died in the same year with hoopskirts.

Rhinestone jewelry; it should never be worn in the daytime, and people will think you are trying to pass it off for diamonds if you try to wear it at night.

Earrings; a beautiful ear looks better without them, and an ugly one should not have attention drawn to them.

BONDS AND STOCKS.

Ups and Downs in Market Values on the New York Exchange.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The stock market was again dull to-day but the tone of dealing was in marked contrast to that of yesterday and final changes are generally for small fractions and mostly in the direction of hi her figures. The feature in the first hour was Northern Pacific which rose from 71⅞ to 73¾, on utterances of Mr. Ives in which he asserted that he owned as much stock as in the 1884 election and that he has every confidence in the new board.

Governments were dull and steady.

Petroleum was very narrow to-day opening steady at $1.00⅛, prices then fell and the market ruled quiet the rest of the day; closing steady at $1.00. Stock exchange opening $1.00⅛, highest $1.00⅛, lowest .99⅞, closing at $1.00.

Consolidated exchange—Opening at $1.00⅛, highest $1.00½, lowest $1.00⅛, closing at 1.00¾. Total sales, 378,000 barrels.

The closing quotations were:

U. S. 4's registered	127	N. P. Preferred.	73
U. S. 4's coupon	127	Northwestern	11⅛
U. S. 4½'s reg	125½	Preferred	41
U. S. 4½'s coupon	125½	N. Y. Central	106¾
Pacific 6's	117	Oregon Impr't	51
American Express	116	Oregon Nav'g'n	100
Can. Pacific	69⅛	Transcontinental	33¾
Can. Southern	53¼	Pacific Mail	32½
Central Pac	34⅛	Reading	44⅞
Burlington	76½	Rock Island	97⅞
Lackawanna	42⅞	St. Paul	69½
Denver & R. G.	18	Texas Pacific	19⅝
Erie	29¾	Union Pacific	64½
Kansas & Texas	11⅝	Preferred	....
Lake Shore	95½	United States Ex.	83
Louis. & Nash.	80½	Fargo Express	36
Michigan Central	91	Western Union	84⅝
Missouri Pacific	70	Am'n Cotton Oil	41½
Northern Pacific	31⅝		

Money on call, tight, ranging from 6@15c, closed offered at 7c. Prime mercantile paper at 5½@7c. Sterling exchange quiet and weak; sixty day bills, $4.81¾, demand $4.85¾.

Mining quotations as follows:

Aspen	3 50	Independence	....
Belcher	....	Iron Silver	2 00
Best and Belcher	2 00	Holyoke	....
Caldonia, B. H.	....	O. R. E. & Miller	....
Chollar	1 50	Sutro Tunnel	....
Crown Point	....	San Sebastian	....
Cashier	....	Mexican	2 40
Colorado Con	1 00	Mutual	1 40
Con. Cal. and Va.	5 50	Mt. Diablo	1 50
Canada Pac	....	Ontario	34 0
Denver City Con	....	Ophir	4 00
Delmonte	....	Occidental	1 10
Commonwealth	....	Plymouth	3 00
Deadwood Ter	1 40	Savage	1 50
Eureka Con	4 00	Sierra Nevada	1 80
Gould and Curry	1 60	Small Hopes	....
Hale and Norcross	2 80	Union Con	2 70
Homestake	9 00	Ward Con	....
Horn Silver	1 30	Yellow Jacket	....

Boston stocks as follows:

Ath. Tpk. 1st 7's	9½	Mex. Cen. Com	14¾
" lnd grnt "	72	" bond scrip	....
" railroad	31½	" 1st Mor. Bds.	66
Burlington	6¼	San Diego	24

Copper flat. Lake, October, $10.75. Lead, quiet and easy domestic $3.90. Tin, active; Straits $20.90. Plates strong.

Demand for wool fair. In Texas, California and Oregon wools not much was done, small lots only selling at previous prices.

THE LOCAL MARKET.

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Sugar—Granulated, per 100, "C" $9.00; light brown, $8.00; pulverized H & A, New York, $13.50; loaf, $13.10, maple ℔ ℔ 20c.

Coffee—Market strong; green Rio, 19@24c; Costa Rica, 18@23c; Java Mandahling, 40c; Mocha, 37@40c; roasted Rio and Costa Rica, 26@30c; roasted Carbalo, 32c; roasted Mocha and Java, 38@50c; Arbuckle's, 35c.

Teas—Japan, 35@50c; English breakfast, 40c@$1.00; Gunpowder, 45c@$1.00; extra Young Hyson, .75@$1.00.

Pickles—Eastern—3 gal., $2.50; 5 gal., $3.50; 10 gal., $6.00.

Potatoes—$1.75 per cwt.

Cabbage—Per cwt, $3.

Eggs, per case, $8.00.

Butter, per ℔, 35@40c.

Cheese, per ℔, 20@25c.

Fruits—Dried apples, per 5-℔ packages, 75c@$1.00; ditto sliced, 50-℔ boxes, 14c per ℔; peaches, Salt Lake, 16c; apricots, 29c; evaporated ditto, 25c; blackberries, 15c; raspberries, 35c.

California fruits, $5.00@$5.50 per case.

3-℔ Standard tomatoes, $3.25.

2-℔ Standard corn, $3.00.

2-℔ Standard peas, $3.50; seconds, $2.75.

2-℔ string and Lima beans, $2.75.

Dried Beans—Navy, $6.00 per 100 ℔; Lima, $7.00; Bayos, $6.25.

Wheat, No. 1, per 100 ℔, $2.00.

Corn, cracked, per 100 ℔, $1.75.

Bran, per 100 ℔, $1.50; bran and shorts per 100 ℔, $1.50.

Flour—Per 100 ℔, Pillsbury's best, $4.50; Ogden, $3.50; Strague "Daisy," $3.00.

Corn meal, per 100 ℔, $2.50.

Oat meal, per 100 ℔, $4.50.

Lard—10@12c.

Fresh Meats—Pork 15c; beef 8@20c; lamb, quarters, 75c@$1.00; mutton 7@15c.

Salt Meats—Ham 10@20c; bacon 15c; corned beef 10c; pork 15c; sausage 12½@15c.

Coal—Per ton, hard $19, soft $9.50.

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