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OUR DUTY TO THE ORIENT.

It is now thirty-seven years since William H. Seward, as secretary of state, gave these instructions to our minister to Japan: "Will you, by an equal, just, and honorable conduct of your mission, make the people of Japan respect not only the institutions of your own country but the institutions of Christianity and western civilization."

In 1861 Japan was more civilized in its way than the Philippines are now, but it would be difficult to conceive a more difficult national task than the removal of the prejudice that the island empire then felt toward the institutions of Christianity and western civilization.

What Perry began, statesmanship carried forward. What Dewey made possible, statesmanship must make actual. Diplomacy has very nearly completed its part in defining the lines within which our duties must be done in the Orient of today.

OUR INNATE POWER.

The Cologne Gazette accounts for the complete silence of European diplomatists in the peace negotiations between Spain and the United States by saying that interference by any European power in the Philippine question would have aroused the bitterest enmity of the United States and would have barred the importation of the interfering power's products into this country.

In the case of England, as well as in the case of the continental powers, there was recognition of the innate strength of the United States. The question of interference in behalf of Spain did not turn on sentiment, on the friendship of the people, but on business interests.

We import from European and Asiatic countries goods to the value of \$880,000,000 annually. Germany in 1897 sold in America merchandise to the value of \$111,210,000; Great old merchandise in American to the value of \$168,000,000;

France, \$57,530,000; Belgium, \$14,000,000; Austria, \$8,158,000; Switzerland, \$13,849,000; Italy, \$19,000,000, and the Netherlands, \$12,824,000. The United States was a more valuable customer in every way than Spain. Her markets are becoming more valuable every year, and the idea of American expansion was from the business point of view not antagonistic to European interests.

Sentimental and political as well as business interests influenced England in our favor. Sentimental and political considerations undoubtedly influenced Russia to support the United States. Outside of these two great powers the question was purely one of business. The greatest power on the ocean, England, and the greatest power on land, Russia, are bidding for our friendship.

AN ATROCIOUS CONTEST.

Closing scenes in the six-day bicycle race at New York were a disgrace to American civilization. All the riders were "groggy" from over-exertion and loss of sleep. Some of them were demented and silly, and their brutal, unfeeling trainers had to deal with them as one might humor a child or an imbecile.

Nothing good or wholesome can come from these atrocious contests. They are debasing, demoralizing, and if the so-called "sport" should become at all general, the very existence of the nation would be endangered, because no people can give way to a desire for such brutalizing exhibitions and preserve the finer sensibilities which lie back of national greatness and glory.

Contests of this character are on a much lower plane than prize-fighting. Compared with them, the bull fight is refined and elevating. Public decency must be at a low ebb in a city which will permit them to continue for an entire week without lodging an effective remonstrance.—Spokesman Review.

The new senator from Oregon, Joseph Simon, is accompanied by Graham Glass, the secretary of the Republican state central committee of this state, who will act as Mr. Simon's clerk during the senator's Washington experience. It is some honor to be a senator's clerk at \$100 a month.

They are arresting girls in Luzon, U. S. A., for carrying concealed cameras. Why the girls should conceal them it is difficult to explain. How they can conceal them, if the pictures of Luzon girls we see in the papers are faithful, is a mystery.

There are good reasons why the United States and Spain hereafter should be on friendly terms. Many of our new citizens have an infusion of Spanish blood. The two nations are neighbors in these days of swift transportation across the Atlantic.

The only chains of islands reaching across the Pacific belong to the United States. Alaska and the Aleutians almost span the ocean in the north, while the Philippines and Hawaii are the main stepping stones in tropical latitudes.

The Spanish dream that some European nation would be willing to pool issues with an exhausted and foolish country has been disappointed. Spain's trouble hereafter will be to keep back European aggression.

"Admit the bearer and one wife" is a formula of Artemas Ward that may be of some service to the next congress in dealing with the Utah delegation.

England seems to be well pleased with the president's message. We find it less difficult than formerly to please England. The times have changed. Also the conditions.

AMERICAN NAVIGATION.

The head of the bureau of navigation at Washington, Mr. Chamberlain, gives in his last annual report some information which is specially pertinent at this time. Our country is about to enter upon a new era in foreign commerce, and ought to regain the advantage in the ocean carrying trade which it enjoyed in the '50s and has never since been able to recover.

It is stated by Mr. Chamberlain that the tonnage of American vessels entered and cleared at seaports of the United States in foreign trade during the year 1897 comprised 7,248,625 tons, while the tonnage of the foreign vessels footed up 32,632,419 tons. This is a showing which ought to challenge the attention of congress, and secure the adoption of a policy which will develop our shipping interest.

A closer analysis makes a still more unfavorable showing. It seems that in the case of foreign ports more than 1,500 miles distant American shipping amounted to only 2,068,656 tons, the foreign shipping to 27,419,026. In other words, our old world trade, whether in Europe, Asia, Africa, or the far islands, is conducted on foreign bottoms, with the exception of less than 8 per cent.

Mr. Chamberlain does not beat about the bush, but flatly declares his belief that the most feasible course is direct government aid, or subsidy, to vessels built in the United States. That would increase both national navigation shipbuilding, and make them inseparable.

According to Mr. Chamberlain, while our Pacific trade is rapidly growing, it is slipping as rapidly away from our navigation. This tendency must be reversed. The next congress will have to take this matter in hand. If we do not want our splendid victory in Manila bay turned, so far as concerns American navigation, into a "barren idealism," we must not be deaf to the Chamberlain note of warning.

It seems sad that France should continue to be wrapped up in local troubles when there are so many opportunities afforded her of doing mischief abroad.

Europe, generally speaking, is reconciled to American expansion. Just as a man who has the dyspepsia becomes reconciled to it, sometimes.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single scale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

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Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalled for December, 8, 1898. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

- Anid, Wm Z, Bohn, Henry, Bishop, C D, Barber, W F, Booth, H F, Bolles, H M, Brown, J A, Brown, W C, Bennett, S T, Davis, Agnes, Eureka, Art Co. (2), Faley, Ed, Fuson, C M, Haight, P I, Johnson, Pete, Knechtle, Pauline, Knowles, P T, Lusher, Jacob, Maynard, John, Mans, F F, McMillan, J, McCoy, B R, McMillan, J, McKinn, W A, Peters, Geo, Perkins, W A, Powell, Julia, Perry, Mary, Sheets, Mr, Skipsey, Mrs, Sites, Ed, Spellman, Martin, Weaver, P A, Windsor, T T, Whitman, W L, Wilson, Nellie, Word, J H, Whitman, W E, J. A. Crossen, P. M.

Wheat.

Last week's wheat report was as follows:

The week just closed has witnessed a steady decline in the foreign markets, with Chicago and New York following suit, until Friday and Saturday, when speculative buying infused a few signs of life into the market, and caused an advance at those ports. Locally there has been but very little doing, sellers not yet being prepared to accept figures warranted by values abroad, and buyers unable or unwilling to bid more than a cent or two above the export value.

Winter wheat condition.—The average condition for the whole breadth is very high, standing 97.5 per cent, as against 84.1 per cent last December, and for the six principal states it is 99.9 per cent, as contrasted with 79.5 per cent last year. The average for the Pacific coast is 96.5 per cent, which is 1.7 per cent higher than last December.

It is very dry on the Pacific coast, and in Washington especially seeding has been greatly retarded. Rain is badly needed to start the growth of the late sowings and to invigorate the early.—Oregonian.

Today (Wednesday) 53 cents is being paid here with a possibility of dropping tomorrow.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. 50 cents per bottle. 5

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THE MAJOR'S EXPERIENCE.

How He Spent the Greater Part of His Life—A Time When His Life was in Danger.

From the Free Press, Detroit, Mich.

One of the staunchest supporters of the deep-water way from the Great Lakes to the ocean is Maj. A. C. Bishop, of 715 Third Ave., Detroit, Mich.



MAJOR A. C. BISHOP.

Maj. Bishop has had unusual experience in that line of work and probably few are so well qualified to speak intelligently of it as he. For the greater part of his life he has been engaged in water ways, and is one of the oldest and best known civil engineers north of the Ohio river.

He has been superintendent of large mining operations and when the State Reformatory at Elmira, N. Y., was built, he was superintendent and engineer in charge of the construction.

Major Bishop was attached to the staff of Brigadier General Chamberlain, of the National Guard of New York, with the rank of Major from 1857 to 1865.

He has been located in Detroit since 1865, and has a large acquaintance among the business men and citizens of this city.

Two years ago, for the first time, Major Bishop was in the hospital. For two months he had the best of medical attendance but when he was discharged he was not like the Major Bishop of old.

When asked regarding his health, he said: "When I had my last spell of sickness and came out of the hospital I was a sorry sight. I could not gain my strength, and could not walk over a block for several weeks."

"I noticed some articles in the newspapers regarding Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which convinced me that they were worth trying and bought two boxes. I did not take them for my complexion but for strength. After using them I felt better, and know they did me worlds of good. I am pleased to recommend them to invalids who need a tonic or to build up a shattered constitution. "A. C. BISHOP."

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