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THE PACIFIC COAST.

Vintage of California for the Present Season.

GOOD QUALITY GENERALLY.

Lack of Space in All the Buildings at the San Francisco Mid-Winter Fair—Etc.

Three Los Angeles mashers were soundly whipped a few days ago.

Two hundred families are reported to have moved away from Astoria, Or., the past two months.

An overhauling of the Ranger's engines at Mare Island has led to a correction of the defect.

George P. Royster, who sued the Sacramento Bee for \$20,000, charging libel, got a verdict for \$250.

Strenuous efforts are being made to have a fruit growers' convention assemble in Spokane in February.

Active operations in the Consolidated Virginia mine on the Comstock began the other day with the repairs of the shaft.

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INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

Pepper is second only to rice and tea as the principal export from Siam.

The railway mileage in this country to-day amounts to 171,563.62 miles.

The State of Illinois has used this year more than 4,000,000 barrels of beer.

T. U. is a coming power in business. They already control over \$2,000,000,000.

It is estimated that the civilized nations pay annually for food \$13,000,000,000.

New York has over 2,000 hackmen. Tokio in Japan has 20,000 jirikisha men.

Last year no less than 3,000,000,000 gallons of beer were imbibed in Europe alone.

Nebraska has raised 100 bushels of corn for every human being in the State this year.

During the next seven weeks it is expected that the mint will coin \$15,000,000 of gold.

Canada supplies nearly all the plum-bago used by American manufacturers of lead pencils.

More than 25,000 women are employed in the United States alone in the decoration of china and pottery.

Manufactured gold is worth \$1 a pennyweight, and any value in excess of this represents workmanship.

In Zanzibar alone some 500,000 pounds of ivory are marketed every season from the tusks of 10,000 elephants.

The steamers between Europe and North America carry on an average about 70,000 passengers a month.

The most useful insect is the silk worm. It is estimated that 5,000,000 persons gain a livelihood by raising the worm.

Farms in interior New York are worth now little more than half their value in 1870, and no more than before the war.

The property owned by New York City is estimated to have risen in value from \$27,000,000 in 1871 to \$59,000,000 in 1893.

For the first six months of 1893 the mines of the United States—mostly gold and silver mines—paid \$5,700,000 in dividends.

British coach and carriage builders import from America their choicest spokes, hubs and ribs for wheel manufacture.

Georgia is rapidly developing as a fruit-growing center. Within a few years thousands of peach and pear trees have been set out.

The King of Portugal has the most costly crown in the world. The gold and jewels of which it is composed are valued at \$5,500,000.

It appears from a Treasury statement that there are 36,580 \$10,000 bills, 14,905 \$5,000 bills, and 47,324 \$1,000 bills in circulation in this country.

During the first nine months of the year over 2,000 miles of railway were built, and it is expected that possibly by January 1 the mileage will reach 3,000.

Types are not used in printing Persian newspapers. The "copy" is given to an expert penman, who writes it out neatly. Then the work is lithographed.

The world's hop crop this year is estimated to be 7,000,000 pounds less than last year, although the United States crop is 4,000,000 pounds greater than last season.

The operatives in Japan mills work every day, there being no Sunday. The hours range from twelve to seventeen, but the pace is slow and there are frequent holidays.

Mrs. R. E. Willard has a barber shop in Chicago. She runs six chairs, and each one is in charge of a woman barber. They are paid \$12 a week, with a half of what they take in over \$23.

A bar of steel costing \$1 may be worked up into \$50 worth of needles; made into knife blades, it is worth \$2,500; made into balance springs for watches, the same bar would be worth \$250,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Dod, the best of the English-women tennis players, won the West of England championship when she was only 15 years old.

"And how do you do, Mr. Justice Holmes?" was the greeting Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes gave his son, Judge Holmes, last week when the "Autocrat" visited the courthouse in Boston and was met at the door by his son.

Lord Houghton, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has Celtic blood in his veins (one of his ancestors was the fourth Viscount Galway), while his children are descended through their mother from Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

Whitely Reid has been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey Aldrich and General and Mrs. Lew Wallace at his country-seat, Ophir farm, in Westchester county. His visitors were frequently seen at the county fair horse show.

Masenet told an interviewer the other day that he could play a Beethoven sonata on the piano when only 4 years old. The composer is now but 51, and will soon celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the production of "David Rizzio," his first successful bid for fame.

The Archbishop of Canterbury receives a salary of \$75,000. Next to the Queen he occupies the position of head of the church. The Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London receive \$60,000 each, the Bishop of Winchester nearly as much, and other salaries of the episcopal body range from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Dr. Wendell Oliver Holmes, speaking of his visit to the new courthouse in Boston, said that perhaps the most interesting thing he did was to sit in it himself. Judge Shaw, he thought, was the first judge to use a rocking chair at his duties on the bench.

According to foreign papers Prince Bismarck allowing his beard to grow, not being able to handle his razor, and in the hope that it will help to prevent the pains in his face. Those who have seen photographs of the ex-Chancellor taken with a beard in his younger days will regret his decision, as the addition is not an ornament to his handsome and powerful face.

Prince Komatu, a near relative of the imperial family of Japan, with his wife is about to begin a journey to Europe to pay his respects to the various crowned heads there. In all probability he will also visit this country. The Prince is a young man, not more than 30 years old, and an officer in the Japanese navy. He was formerly attached to the Japanese Embassy in Berlin.

EASTERN NEWS.

St. Paul Merchants Engage in a Great Reform.

ANCHYLOSTOMUM DODENALE.

Southwestern Kansas Almost Depopulated—Coke Exportation From Baltimore.

Large beds of porcelain clay have been discovered in the Cherokee Strip.

A war of extermination against oleomargarine has begun in Pittsburg.

Opposition to the electric railroad at Gettysburg has apparently died out.

Nearly \$10,000 is paid for pensions to firemen in New York city every month.

The grand jury of Baxter county, Ark., has indicted sixty persons for swearing.

A. C. Burnham, of Champaign, Ill., has given \$10,000 to found a hospital in the town.

New York is developing a bountiful harvest of cranks since the Harrison murder in Chicago.

Crop failures and the opening of the Cherokee Strip have almost depopulated Southwestern Kansas.

Survivors of the recent floods in Louisiana propose to establish a colony of 1,000 families in Colorado.

The tobacco crop in the Housatonic Valley, Conn., has an estimated value of \$3,000,000, the highest on record.

The exportation of coke has recently become a feature of Baltimore's trade. A large supply is dispatched every month to Mexico.

The United Press has taken up its abode at Washington, D. C., in a suite of ten of the handsomest newspaper rooms in the country.

A society has been formed in Baltimore for the perpetuation of the memory of Christopher Columbus.

There is talk of transporting the New Hampshire State building at the Chicago Exposition to Manchester, N. H., and turning it into a public museum.

It has been suggested that the many duplicate volumes in the Congressional Library be made the nucleus of a free circulating library for Washington.

C. O. Beardsley has been convicted on thirty-five counts of selling liquor illegally at El Dorado, Kan. His fine will be \$3,500 and his jail sentence 1,050 days.

After a careful investigation the New Orleans Times-Democrat states that the oyster industry of Louisiana was not seriously injured by the late severe storms.

Encouraging results are said to be obtained from the exploration of the Piedras Negras coal mines of Mexico, which is being made by the C. P. Huntington interests.

Within twenty-four hours after the Battle Creek disaster on the Grand Trunk railroad fifty lawyers were on the ground looking for damage suits on the Pennsylvania line.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided that a man is justified in stopping a dog fight, and if he gets bitten while doing it, the master of the dog is liable for damages.

The Medical Society of New York has adopted a report calling attention to the danger of drinking water from the average water tank, as found in railway cars and other public places.

Most of Wisconsin's fine fish exhibit at the fair will be taken to foreign lands to further experiments in propagation. The Chicago public schools will receive a portion of the display.

In view of the alarming spread of appendicitis a prominent life insurance company proposes to insert the question: "Do you know grape seeds?" in its application blanks.

Rev. Edward Barlow, pastor of the Christian Church at Washington, has been selected to take the place of Rev. S. W. Haddaway, deceased.

The exhibits at Chicago of grain and rice from Mexico, Liberia and Trinidad are to be disinfecting, with the object of preventing the introduction in this country of insect pests not native to our soil.

A Toronto capitalist is at Niagara Falls trying to organize a company to build a bridge across the river for the exclusive use of trolley cars. He estimates that the structure could be constructed for \$400,000.

The Real Estate Congress at the World's Fair developed the fact that the site of Chicago was marked as a trading post on La Salle's map, made in 1680, and that it was then designated "Shekaw-ga."

Albert Abink at the St. Louis (Mo.) city hospital is suffering from a disease called anchylostomum dodenale, the effect of which is to render him as white as marble. Even his tongue, gums and finger nails are devoid of all color.

The Lighthouse Board has demonstrated that telephone communication may be established from the shore to vessels near shore. The method will be put into practical operation as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

The merchants of St. Paul have taken what promises to be an effective measure toward closing the gambling and pool rooms of that city by resolving to charge with entering and discharging such of their employes as may frequent them.

The resolution authorizing the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to continue during recess the investigation of State agriculture, authorized by the resolutions adopted April 10, 1892, and March 3, 1893, was agreed to by the Senate.

W. H. Riley, senior member of the large dry goods importing house of W. H. Riley & Co. of New York and Paris, has been arrested in Chicago as a result of his having been charged with the sale of the custom-house by means of false invoices, by means of which the government has been defrauded.

News from Washington intimates that the naval force of the United States in Brazilian waters is being reinforced to counteract the influence of Germany and England, which is exercised in favor of Brazil and to the disadvantage of the trade relations between Brazil and this country. Minister Thompson has received instructions to protest against any foreign intervention.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The President has ordered a court-martial meeting for Reng O. T., military Captain Daniel F. Stiles (retired) for charges arising out of the disposition of government property in which he made himself beneficiary.

Brigadier-General D. W. Flagler, chief of ordinance, has made his annual report to Secretary Lamont. It shows the amount of expenditures during the fiscal year 1893 was \$5,702,202.

Among the first matters treated in the report is that relating to the inadequacy of the general appropriation for arming and equipping the militia of the United States.

Secretary Herbert says that there is no truth whatever in the report that Brazil has been actively negotiating with the United States for the purchase of the new United States war ships.

Machias, Montserrat and Marched; that the Navy Department is utterly without power to sell the vessels, for only Congress could do that. No negotiations to that end are pending.

The Chinese extension bill, as it goes to the President for his signature, requires all Chinese laborers in the United States, entitled to remain before its passage, to secure their certificates of residence within six months of the time fixed by the Geary act.

Chinamen failing to register within six months shall be deported under the former act, except that the requirement of a white witness is removed.

All proceedings for violation of the law are to be originally acted, except as to criminals, suspended. The word "laborers" in the act is construed to mean skilled and unskilled manual laborers, and the term "merchant" is defined to mean a person engaged in buying and selling merchandise at a fixed place of business, carried on under his name.

It is provided that the certificate shall contain the photograph of the applicant, together with his name, his local residence and his occupation.

Senator Butler has introduced a bill which has for its object the establishment of a government system of telegraph lines. The bill directs the organization of a board to consist of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War and the Postmaster-General, who are directed to arrange a system of trunk-line telegraph connecting the various sections of the country with the city of Washington, with connections along these lines to such cities as shall best serve the public good.

The system is to be carried on as a part of the postal system of the country, and discrimination in rates is prohibited, except that a less rate is allowed for press messages than for current business.

The carrying on of the telegraph business by individuals or corporations is not prohibited. The bill is voluminous, and deals largely with the details of how the lines shall be constructed. An appropriation of \$5,000,000 is made to begin the work.

The House Committee on Territories has been busy several weeks perfecting a bill for the admission of Utah. Through the administration of Leeland it is now better than at any previous time.

Baron Rothschild has bought a large tract of land, the personal property of the Sultan, near the Jordan. He intends to found there a large Jewish colony.

France is going to try the plan of printing postal cards in blocks, with the name of the country and the name of the writer can keep notes of his correspondence.