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# **INTERESTING TRIP ABROAD**

### Anton H. Edlefsen Gives An Entertaining Account of His Travels in Various Foreign Countries

The Chinese towns are very old and dirty, and opium boiling can be seen on the street in front of the opium house, furnished in mahog-

As a means of transportation for the country big wheelbarrows are used, having a huge wheel in the center and on these, carts are very easily balanced. One often sees them used in town, six to eight people sitting on them, going to or from their place of work, like we do in street cars. A peculiarity of the Chinese form of government is that the governors are thought to be responsible for all the good that comes

I was glad to get out of Vladivostok, for it is a dirty town with streets almost as bad as some of those of St. Johns. A bath in dirty, yellow water cost me \$1, as all the water has to be carried, the town having no water works system. In most Russian towns is a public bath house, however, where steam and other baths may be had at reasonable rates Before the train started on the long trip, a fellow traveler, the American consul from Nagasaki, noticed the loss of his pocketbook with its contents of 400 rubles. While fixing up his bag-

The trans-Siberian trip was very interesting and I have no doubt from what I have seen, that some day Siberia will become a big producer and probably would already begin to be, if it had adequate trans-

Evidences of the late war could be noticed everywhere. Often we would see a large depot of the army and at the railway statious on the plains of Manchuria small defense works had been thrown up. these stations small lookout towers had been erected and near these long poles wound with straw. Whenever the wires were cut, the soldiers left for the protection of a certain station, would signal their com-When things will get in shape the trans-Siberian railroad will probably become the most frequented route between Europe and Asia and since it already makes the least time by a number of days, it is destined to ially pleasurable to trade there. become the main carrier for the orient. The main business of Siberia change in time tables. We afterward learned that the agents of the

# A RAMBLE ABOUT THE TOWN

## Ye Editor Visits a Number of the Leading Business Houses Harris Ice Machine Company of Portland are the of the City and Gathers Some Interesting Information.

Last week we proceeded as far up Burlington street as T. P. Ward's meat market and we just couldn't get away from the wienerwursts and "sassages" until the composing room rung us off and we had to hike for home. This week, however, when we put our armor on we didn't go back to Mr. Ward's place of business, for our armor is not proof against a big cleaver handled by a husky "sassageman," but we took a man of our size to start in with and looked in on Mr. Prall of the Prall Mercantile company.

Mr. Prall is one of the newest acquisitions of the business world of St. Johns, is an old and experienced man in his line, knows what to buy and where to buy it. He also knows that a nimble nickel beats

to the inhabitants of their departments during their term of office, and if the elements happen to do great damage, so is it a foregone conclusion that the governor—by reason of his wickedness—brought this on. If a man rises by reason of his capacity and usefulness, this is of no advantage to his sons whatever; but his forefathers will rise by reason of his "cheaper than going without" up to the highest priced blankets made, umbrellas that just make you wish for a rainy day so that you can wear one. Overalls so good and strong you will want to wear a "set" of them. Neck wear for ladies and gentlemen that are nicer even than the overalls for either. In fact, you "cheaper than going without" up to the highest priced blankets made, umbrellas that just make you wish for a rainy day so that you can wear one. Overalls so good and strong you will want to wear a "set" of them. Neck wear for ladies and gentlemen that are nicer even than the overalls for either. In fact, you just can't go into "Prall's" without buying something, because it is just what you want and the price is right. When we called we found Mr. Prall opening up several cases of imported Japanese chinaware, hand painted. If we had any doubt about them being genuine before we did not have when we saw how they weighing a ton or more if they wish. By an ingenious process, too, all bubbles, which by the other process remain in the ice, are removed along with all sediment such as sand or silt that may be in the water. packing that one could hardly get them out without the use of a knife, and the packing was that universal scagrass variety which comes from Nippon. The china, too, is something beautiful and unique. But we could stay a whole day with Mr. Prall, have a good time and see something new every minute if we had the time, for Mr. Prall is a pleasant, genial well informed gentleman who never allows one to get lonesome where he is, and his first officer of the quarterdeck, John Peterson, everybody knows is a whole show. We always like to buck up against this combination, it takes off some of the dullness of routine newspaper work. But the best of friends must part as the parrot said to the monkey after they had experienced a lively session, so when Mr. Prall helped us out of the back door we visited the teastore.

Here we felt at home, because it is presided over by an old printer, Mr. Taylor. One of the jolliest, best natured fellows in the city and who makes his prices right. There is no use trying to tell what he has in his store besides the finest line of teas and coffees, for it is full from cellar to garret with the nicest and best of holiday goods as a turnip is full of meat. We have but one kick against Brother Taylor. He made money back east with a little jim crow paper, all ads and boiler plate, among people who know all the happenings in their own vicinity and wanted other reading matter in their paper. At that time, too and in that locality, with eggs at 6½ cents a dozen, butter ten cents a pound, other things in proportion, girls setting type at \$3 per week and print paper about 25 per cent of what it costs now, he was able to do this with ads at 7½ to 10 cents per inch. Now he thinks we are robbing him when we charge 25 cents per inch and everything at from three to ten times what it cost him there and then If Mr. Taylor can make a living here on that old basis we will give him our job and go back to Hood River and build apple orchards. We here on that old basis we will give him our job and go back to Hood River and build apple orchards. We know it can't be done for you can't buy a dollar's worth of goods for ten cents. But this difference of opinion between "us two illustrious gentlemen" makes no difference in our opinion of each other otherwise, rades along the line for aid by setting fire to these posts. In order to meet a serious situation, caused by the destruction of bridges by Japanese spies, material for the putting in of new bridges was placed near every bridge in use. Siberia has some rivers of enormous size and the bridges across these rivers were all grantled by selding. The next to the National Tea store is the drygoods house of Bonham & Currier. Here is another of St.

meet a serious situation, caused by the destruction of bridges by Japaness spies, material for the putting in of new bridges was placed near every bridge in use. Siberia has some rivers of enormous size and the bridges across these rivers were all guarded by soldiers. The protection of the railway property through Manchuria and Siberia costs the government annually thirteen million rubles or \$6,500.000. It is the intention to make the line a double track road and in certain districts this shore made. They also carry all kinds of notions, a good line of working mens' clothes, also all kinds of the tracks from Manchuria to Vladivostok are so high that meat is shipped to the latter port far cheaper from Australla and America. shipped to the latter port far cheaper from Australia and America. worth the trouble to clip out the coupons that size and use for cash anywhere best industries in this city; for this company employs a large force of we can get the opportunity and think them just as good as clearing house certificates at least. Try it. Miss McNeill, one of St. Johns' prettiest young ladies, presides behind the counter, which makes it espec-

The next victim was W. M. Scarbrough, the druggist, who has a fine lot of all new goods. seems to be dairying and one is not required to drink condensed milk or out-of-date, faded out goods which have been on the shelves until the strength has evaporated into the that this will be done during the coming summer and when it is done eat poor eggs and low grade beef like in the occident. On arriving at atmosphere, but his stock is new and fresh. Besides he is honest, reliable and a most agreeable man to do we shall drink a health in good ice water to Leroy H. Smith for his Irkutsk we had to change trains, however, and the dining car service business with, which goes a great ways in any business man's career. Therefore if you wish anything in on the Russian express train was not satisfactory. At Irkutsk, the capital of Siberia, we had to lay over two days, because of a professed and with the best of materials to serve you.

May his good work in landing this industry here in St. Johns. May his good work in landing this industry here in St. Johns. May his good work in landing this industry here in St. Johns. May his good work in landing this industry here in St. Johns. Work go on and may the Harris Ice Machine company always be glad they cast their lot with us is the prayer of the printer man.

In the same room you will find H. T. Butterworth. We had this conundrum flung at us recently by International Sleeping Car Co., at Irkutsk, sold our berths to people at that place with 20 rubles advance, and fixed it with the railway officials worth in St. Johns? We figured that it made considerable difference as to whether the diamonds were of to delay our train until we could not make connection and then let us wait until the next government express train would leave for Moscow represented by carets one, two, three or more in number; but the whisker sharp said that had no bearing upon the case whatever. Even then, we were not equal to the occasion. "Why," replied the hirsute car-penter, "you chump, he's a jeweler." We reached for our automatic 44 caliber, but they had the drop on us and Harry got away. But when you want anything in the jewelry line remember that Mr. Butterworth can meet any reasonable wish. See his ad elsewhere in this issue.

# Promoters of this Important Enterprise.

ST. JOHNS ICE PLANT

We made a little mention last week of the newest industry to find a place in St. Johns, towit: the St. Johns Ice plant. This may not be the legal name of the industry but that is what it means to ns. We will not have to depend upon the Portland (j) robbers for that commodity this summer, but will be able to procure the purest of ice right at

The Harris Ice Machine company has purchased 2½ acres of land opposite the substation alongside the sreet car line and are manuffacturing an ice plant especially for this location. This machinery will soon be ready to ship. We were in Portland Monday and through the kindness of Leroy H. Smith met Mr. Harris, the head of the firm, and was shown over their big factory there and saw this plant in course of along with all sediment such as sand or silt that may be in the water, leaving the ice absolutely clear and pure, instead, as is too often the case with the other machines, left in the ice, making it porous and with more or less dirt which will be found later in the bottom of the refrig-

This company will send men here at once to clear the ground and put in shape to erect the extensive works. The first thing will be the construction of the ice plant and putting of the same in operation. There will be installed an air compressor with a capacity of 20 tons per day. It is not the intention of the company however, to run the ma-chinery to its full capacity at the start, but tanks will be put in for a capacity of six tons per day and as the trade demands additional tanks will be added until the full capacity of the compressor is used. This will mean a great boon to the people of St. Johns for the reason that heretofore the ice was received here packed in gunny sacks, with more or less dirt and filth attached through transportation and during the hottest part of the season there was such a shrinkage in the size of the ice without any diminishing of the weight that we anticipated an explosion by reason of the compression. It usually came, too, on the first of the month when the bill for the ice was presented, but it was not the ice that exploded, it was the patron of the ice company. Now these things will be all changed and we will have ice galore, clear as crystals and pure as the breath of the morning on our Oregon hills.

men and they are crowded for room, having to buy much of their material for their machines which they would manufacture themselves. such as drop forgings, etc., and will largely increase their force by adding a foundry to their plant when they come here. We can depend good work in landing this industry here in St. Johns. May his good

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deeds to a higher rank in the esteem of their fellowmen.

On my way to Vladivostok I had a day's stop at Nagasaki, the best port of Japan, with a most beautiful entrance, and the day after my arrival in the Siberia harbor, I stepped on the International Express to start on my long journey across Manchuria, Siberia, Russia to Germany, my old home.

gage he was obliged to use his pocketbook and in the hurry he put it in his coat pocket instead of in the inside vest pocket as usual. On entering the cars two fellows scraped by him and a few minutes later he discovered his loss.

portation facilities.

Irkutsk, like most of Siberia, is inhabited by exiles and their chil-

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dren. Every day we would pass land is held in large possessions by that puts its stamp on every face, trains to which were attached some few people and the peasants that so that the traveler takes a deep green coaches with iron barred work the soil, after an old inadewindows and at the entrance of which soldiers were on duty. Behind the bars we would see pale men and women in chains, some of them very youthful and intelligent which the bogs camp alongside of the border into neat and prospersion of all which the bars we would see pale and contain only one room, in which the bogs camp alongside of the border into neat and prospersion of the border into neat and prospe buy sufficient bread, and in many and the filth in his place of living be turned to account, and we notice cases are unable to till the soil or develops insects, which sometimes with surprise, how thoroughly make a living in any other way, a virtually kills the younger children. large percentage of them go insane and die in a terrible plight. But not exiles only are going to Siberia; ity of satisfying such needs. He many thrifty people take up land has no education and his face is improved so as to be of service. home and livelihood. Along with those able ones however the government is sending trainloads over at times, indulge in vodka in order notices a great many new buildings transportation, and on arrival a piece of land, grain to seed and some money. These immigrants, going there at the instigation of the government are now poor and present a pitiable sight. It is doubtful if these dependent people can make a home for themselves and find the implements and horses necessary for the cultivation of the soil. Many people who know the conditions predict that most of them would die of hunger. We were very glad when we saw the monument set to mark the line

looking. These people are turned a family, usually numbering 10 to the most striking illustration of loose at different stations and as 15 persons. The peasant dresses what a country can be made to be, they do not get enough money to in coarse linen and a sheepskin coat. Everything in Germany seems to there and found for themselves a blank, like that of an ox. He though it may only be for vessels trainloads of immigrants from the to forget his misery. Never before everywhere of a most attractive famine districts, giving them free have I seen so much poverty and and modern type; everywhere one transportation, and on arrival a sorrow as in the two weeks while notices thrift, enterprise and good were very glad when we saw the monument set to mark the line between the continents of Asia and Europe, but aside from the pretty Ural mountains, the country in European Russia appeared to be the same endless rolling plain as was Asiatic Russia, only with the difference that Russia in Europe is a cleared, agricultural country. Improved roads are lacking everywhere, and as the result thereof, as well as of insufficient railway facilities, not enough is realized out of the products of the soil. The

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