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Mrs. Victor Has Written Histories of Five Western States.

Oregon recognizes the literary genius and ability of women in the selection of Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor as the state's historian. At its last session the legislature passed an act authorizing the secretary of state to appoint some one to write the "History of the Early Indian Wars of Oregon," and Mrs. Victor was named for this work. The literary tastes of women do not ordinarily run in the line of historical compilation and writing, but Mrs. Victor seems to possess a peculiar gift in this direction.

Mrs. Victor has accomplished much in literature and has written a number of important historical works. Among her best known books are "Atlantic Arsenic," which deals with the physical features of the northwestern country, interspersed with anecdotes, and "The River of the West," containing early annals of that region "where rolls the Oregon" and an account of the operations of the fur companies. Her labors in the Bancroft library covered a period of 11 years, from 1878 to 1889, during which time she produced exclusively histories of Colorado, Nevada, Washington, Wyoming and Oregon. She compiled all the political history in volumes 6 and 7 of Bancroft's California series and also the railroad history. She has likewise written a valuable and practical work on "Transportation and Mining."

Mrs. Victor is a native of New York state, but went to Ohio when young. She began her literary career as a contributor of prose and verse to various eastern periodicals. In 1855 she married Mr. Victor, a naval officer, and with him went to the Pacific coast, where she became identified with California journalism. She contributed to San Francisco and Chicago publications stories and sketches, which she gave a western coloring. She now lives in Oregon.

Declared the Oranges.

A few days ago the assistant postmaster of Port Chester, Pa., suspected the carriers of having stolen some oranges he had in the office, according to a local paper. So he bought another stock and asked a neighboring druggist to inject into them some drug that would make the thieves sick, but not injure them. The druggist injected water and then informed the carriers. They of course stole the oranges, and when the owner entered the office he found them all very sick. In a little while they were writhing on the floor. Then the joker thought the druggist had made a mistake and ran to him for a prescription. He prescribed brandy, and it took \$5 worth to relieve them of their pain. Some of them got a little overpowered by the medicine, or on the other side of a normal condition, but they enjoyed their superior's joke all the same.—New York Tribune.

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HIDEOUS WASTE OF MONEY.

Testimonials For the Czar's Funeral That Were Costly and Useless.

There has certainly been a hideous waste of money in providing official testimonials of sorrow for the czar's funeral. The queen's wreath, which was of "enormous size," was sent from Windsor to St. Petersburg in charge of Lord Carrington, the expenses of whose mission will have to be paid by the foreign office. The German emperor's wreath, which was ten feet in diameter, required a special railway wagon to transport it from Berlin to St. Petersburg. The Emperor Francis Joseph sent a wreath eight feet long, which had been constructed by 30 florists. The bier was surrounded by many hundreds of "massive silver floral crowns" from the towns and villages of Russia, some of which had cost upward of \$2,000.

It would be interesting to learn who profits by all this lavish extravagance, for it is quite certain that every article of any value which is sent on such an occasion ultimately becomes the perquisite of some court functionary, and the individual who takes the spoil at this function will be able to retire at once with a considerable fortune. Then 2,500,000 rubles have been squandered in decorating public buildings, and it is a very queer commentary on the alleged outburst of national wit that the superintendent of an important railway terminus at St. Petersburg was sent to prison for seven days because his station was not in sufficiently deep mourning. It may be hoped that on the next occasion of an imperial or royal funeral there will be a notification that flowers and wreaths are not to be sent.—London Truth.

NAMES IN CONGRESS.

Honorable Gentlemen Who Run Great Risk of Being Mixed Up.

The Fifty-fourth congress will contain a considerable number of members of duplicate names. There are two members of the name of Arnold, one from Pennsylvania and one from Rhode Island; three Bakers, from Kansas, Maryland and New Hampshire; two Bartlets, from Georgia and New York; two Bells, from Colorado and Texas; two Blacks, from Georgia and New York; two Burtons, from Maryland and Ohio; three Clarks, from Alabama, Iowa and Missouri; two Cannons, from Illinois and Utah; two Cooks, from Illinois and Wisconsin; three Coopers, from Florida, Texas and Wisconsin; three Curtises, from Iowa, Kansas and New York; two Cobbs, from Alabama and Missouri; Gillett from Massachusetts and Gillet from New York; two Henrys, from Connecticut and Indiana; two Johnsons, from Indiana and North Dakota; two Millers, from Kansas and West Virginia; two Murphys, from Illinois and Arizona; two McCalls, from Massachusetts and Tennessee.

Miner from New York and Minor from Wisconsin bear the same name with the distinction of one letter; two members bear the name of Russell, one from Connecticut and the other from Georgia. There are two Smiths, one from Illinois and one from Michigan; two Stones, both from Pennsylvania; two Turners, from Georgia and Virginia; two Walkers, from Massachusetts and Virginia.

Then we have more men bearing the name of Wilson than any other—four in all—from Idaho, New York, Ohio and South Carolina.—Washington Post.

ROYAL SPORTS.

Cruelties, Miscalculation, Hunting, With the Master of the Buckhounds.

Over a year ago Queen Victoria gave a promise which was justifiably construed into an assurance that the practice of hunting tame deer in her name should cease, and preparations were, in fact, made to abolish the ancient institution known as the royal buckhounds. It is now alleged that the queen merely promised to have inquiries made, and that the result thereof satisfied her that the sport involved no more cruelty to animals than fox hunting. The result is that tame deer harrying, miscalculated hunting, is again in full swing, and the newspapers are recording, as of old, the suffering inflicted by royal and aristocratic sportsmen wearing the queen's uniform.

Already this season several of these hand reared stags have been so badly torn by the hounds that they had to be killed. The scandal is by no means a new one, for quite 50 years ago a letter appeared in The Times describing how the queen's buckhounds hunted a stag down Piccadilly, and how the poor animal had worn the pads off its hoofs and left a trail of blood behind. Tender hearted politicians, Tories as well as Liberals, regularly threaten to refuse to vote a salary for the master of the buckhounds when the estimates come before the house of commons, but invariably social influence or party pressure or both are brought to bear upon them, with the result that they manage to have engagements elsewhere when the house goes into committee on the supply.—London Cor. New York Sun.

Kaiser Wilhelm in English Dress.

The German emperor has sent to the queen several photographs of the largest size representing his majesty arrayed in the full, the undress and the field uniforms of the First (Royal) dragoon. These photographs were taken the other day at Berlin, and the emperor is so pleased with his appearance in the British uniform that he has distributed them in shoals.—London Truth.

## OUR AMERICAN SUGAR

It Should Be Used in Preference to China's Product.

ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRIES

Every American Should Demand the Native Product and See That He Gets It.

It is a singular thing that, while the inhabitants of the United States are a most prosperous people and consume more of both the necessities and luxuries of life, generally speaking, they are behind the English in the consumption of sugar.

In 1890-91 the sugar used in the United Kingdom was an amount equal to 781 1-3 pounds per capita, while the figures show an average consumption in the United States of only 591 1-2 pounds per capita.

What the reasons are for this great difference have puzzled many persons, and we must look carefully for them if we are to find the causes.

American workmen receive more pay than the laborers of any other country, and as a rule have the money to obtain for their table everything wanted. It seems fair to assume the older the country and civilization the more carefully are the questions of household economy and hygiene studied, and if this is true why can we not argue from the premise stated that we have failed to a great degree in discovering the wholesomeness and the economy of using large amounts of sugar?

Looking at this question from the national side we see some reasons why we should be heavy consumers of sweets and again we see that we are obliged to buy most of the sugar we use from other countries, and we owe it to ourselves to carefully consider what we as individuals can do to stimulate the sugar producing and sugar manufacturing and sugar consuming industries of our countries.

The United States sent out of the country in 1893 the enormous sum of \$116,000,000 for sugar, and this amount if it only could have been retained at home would have done much to make this country prosperous and would have been a great help during the awful panic of the last two years. The policy of the United States has been very clearly determined to be of protection to home industry and home manufactures, and whether we consider the recent tariff laws as wise or unwise the fact remains that they are unpopular and do not fill the bill.

The question of protection is popular and if the voice of the people is the voice of wisdom we may all be pardoned for the maintenance of those opinions which will help to shape the domestic and foreign policies of the United States for the ensuing generations.

If it were necessary that we should buy a staple-like sugar abroad in order that we might sell our surplus of other products we might perhaps as well buy sugar as anything else, but this is not the case. We can sell our products at the world's price, and that is what we do always when we export; if we can take back coin instead of other products that under the right conditions we can raise at home we are so much the better off and the imports of money will assist us in maintaining our currency without having to pay such prices for our credit as we have recently paid.

Again we come to the question of practical importance: How can you as a citizen do anything to promote the objects the country desires to obtain?

In the first place, what kind of sugar do you consume yourself?

Charity and wisdom begin, or should begin, at home.

If you buy sugar, do you ever inquire as to whether you are getting that of domestic production or manufacture? If you do not you have neglected your duty as an American citizen and you should remove the beam of carelessness from your own eye before you censure your representatives and senators for overlooking some things that might promote the welfare of your country.

It is true that we not only import immense quantities of raw sugar, but on the Pacific coast a pernicious trade has recently sprung up in the manufactured sugar of China, many retail grocers handling it surreptitiously.

Think of it, in a section of the United States as sparsely capitalized as the West coast, actually sending its money to a notoriously cheap labor country for an article of household consumption which is refined and produced at home.

Of what use are such legislative enactments as the Chinese exclusion act if our people, the very ones who were most clamorous for the prevention of the competition of cheap labor, are going to suffer their hard earned coin to be sent to China for sugar refined there?

The idea that the price of sugar is kept at its present low figures on the Pacific coast by the importation of Hong Kong sugar is an erroneous one, for whenever the American refineries advance the Chinese importers have invariably followed. If American granulated sugar was selling at say nine cents today the price of foreign would be about the same. The truth is that supply and demand makes the world's market on sugar as it does on wheat and other great staples, and when the New York and London markets advance or decline the price of all sugars, either American or Chinese, is immediately affected.

Ask your dealer for American-made sugar and do not be afraid to ask him if he handles the Chinese goods, and if he does read him a lecture on his poli-

tics and morals, and you will have fulfilled part of your duty as a citizen. Many leading stores now display signs, "We Handle the American Refined Sugars Only."

From a hygienic standpoint it should be remembered cholera is now raging in the Orient. San Francisco's board of health has determined to take every precaution to prevent the disease from obtaining a foothold in that city, and to that end Chinatown will be subjected to a rigid examination. The physicians composing the board consider that if by any chance cholera should gain a foothold in that city it would make its appearance in the Chinese quarter, where the crowded conditions of the narrow streets and the ill-ventilated houses have provided a material breeding place for the plague.

All the sugar that comes to the Northwest is from Hong Kong, an infected port, and is handled by coolies there probably close to the cholera patients. A well-known manufacturer and agent in the Orient says:

"Every package of merchandise, sugar, silk, etc., should be thoroughly fumigated and the cholera germs, if any, thus eradicated. Think of Americans using sugars and silks handled and worked upon by natives who receive 12 cents a day for their labor and live in squalor and dirt with pestilence and disease raging near by."

The sugar business of this country is largely in the hands of a great combination, but the reason for this is that the policy of our legislators has been so parsimonious that instead of building up the small factories for the manufacture of beet sugar, the bounty has been withdrawn and our people have been discouraged in working up the industry.

Time will come when in every state there will be refineries and no section of the world can produce better beets than Oregon and Washington. If, therefore, you wish to live to see the dawn of that day when the millions spent for sugar will be kept at home begin as you are now advised to do and buy American sugar and encourage those who are waiting for the proper opening to appear when they can engage in the production and manufacture of domestic sugar.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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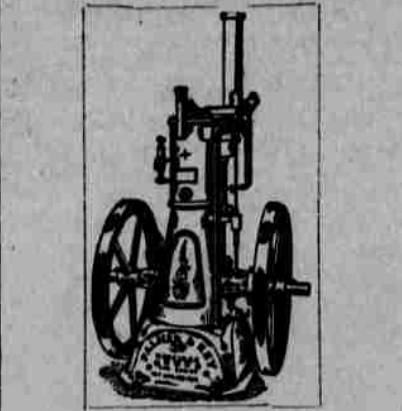
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