

Corvallis Gazette.

DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION.

It will be pleasing to the general public to know that there has been a great falling off in immigration during the first six months of this year. As compared with last year the decrease is 65,447; for the total arrivals from January 1, 1889, to July 1, were 173,678, while for a corresponding period last year the number was 239,325. If the decrease for the next six months be as great as for the past half year, there will have been fewer immigrants to the United States during 1889 than during any year for the past ten years.

The people of this country will not grieve over this great decrease, but will hope that what is lost in quantity will be made up in quality. The immigration for the past few years has been an indiscriminate lot of foreigners, good, bad and indifferent, and the little check that is now shown in the number of arrivals is quite agreeable, to say the least.

One cause for this change is the fact that there are less inducements held out for foreigners to come to this country than there were a few years ago when there were many great tracts of desirable land to be taken up. And, besides, the action of congress in passing laws restricting immigrants has shown them that the great influx of foreigners is alarming the people, and as hearty a welcome as heretofore will not be extended them. Another cause is the extraordinary inducements held out to emigrants by South American countries. Probably thousands of persons have gone south who would otherwise have come to the United States.

Upon the whole, there is little reason for the people of the United States to regret this falling off, and there are but few who would object to as good a showing, if not better, being made for the next six months as for the past.

TWO IS PLENTY.

"Do you believe in third party politics, Edmund?" asked Matilda, as the two sat in the parlor talking about things in a non-committal sort of a way, while the mosquitoes bumped their bills against the fly screens in the window in vain endeavors to get in where the light was.

"No, Matilda, I do not," replied Edmund very decidedly; "I believe that third parties are worse than useless. They are a hindrance to the progress of events."

And then Matilda's mother, who had been sitting quietly with in hearing distance, softly stole out of the room and went away somewhere, not knowing that they hadn't referred to her at all.

A COSTLY MANSION.

The largest and costliest private mansion in the world is that belonging to Lord Bute, called "Mont-stuart," and situated near Rothesay, England. It covers nearly two acres, is built in gothic style; the walls, turrets and balconies are built of stone. The immense tower is 120 feet high, with a balcony around the top. The halls are constructed entirely of marble and alabaster; all the rooms are finished in mahogany, rosewood and walnut; the fireplaces are all carved marbles of antique designs. The exact cost of this fairy palace is not known, but it has never been estimated at less than \$8,000,000.

Six sawmills are now running at Seattle, W. T., and cutting about 250,000 feet daily, in response to the active demand for lumber. The Oregon improvement company started up the old Reitzke & McDonald mill, which will be run day and night, and cut about 40,000 feet.

**Children Cry for
Pitcher's Castoria.**

The Denver Republican remarks: "Scarlet fever belongs to the class of preventable diseases, and whenever an epidemic of such a disease develops locally it is a reflection upon the sanitary condition of the locality. If a city be clean and in other respects proper regard be paid to its sanitary condition, it is not likely than an epidemic of typhoid or scarlet fever will develop there."

Roscoe Conkling once said: "Human nature is the same to the square inch all over the world," and if any one will watch the Corvallis post office he will see people come there three and four times a day for letters, who do not receive or write a half dozen in a year.

In China one can always borrow money on the strength of a son, but nobody would advance him a cent if he had a dozen daughters. The former is responsible for the debt of his father for three generations. The latter is only responsible for the debts of her own husband.

W. J. Norris of Wetumpka, Ga., has a flattened ball taken from a pine tree. It was imbedded eight inches deep in the heart of a large pine tree, which has been dead nearly fifteen years, and the best judges think it may have lain there for a hundred years or more.

England continues to try to force her paupers on America. A pauper recently arrived at Castle Garden makes affidavit that arrangements are being made to send to this country 250 Irish families, unable to support themselves.

Man is the universal animal. It is estimated that there is 1,250,000,000 of him on the globe. The sheep rank next with 500,000,000; 300,000,000 cattle; 100,000,000 hogs (the four footed variety), and 60,000,000 horses continue the list.

The St. Louis Republic refers to Samuel J. Randall as the lonesome figure in American politics. Evidently that harmony that was urged by Randall some weeks ago does not as yet exist in the democratic party.

Forepaugh and Barnum have divided the territory of the United States into two parts, and agreed not to exhibit their shows in the same territory for two years. This is the first circus trust.

According to the most reliable estimates, the population of London is now 4,250,000. Of this number 900,000, or more than one-fifth, are in receipt of some form of pauper relief.

Forty years ago the first time a medical degree was given to an American woman. At present 25,000 women are receiving degrees in our own and foreign schools.

There are no laundries in Paris, the clothes being sent by train loads into the country and washed in the rivers, and all the crude process by the unaided hands of women.

There is a giant rose tree in Roostoen, Holland, which has held 6,000 roses at the same time. The owner, Mme. Regen, considers it one of the great wonders of the world.

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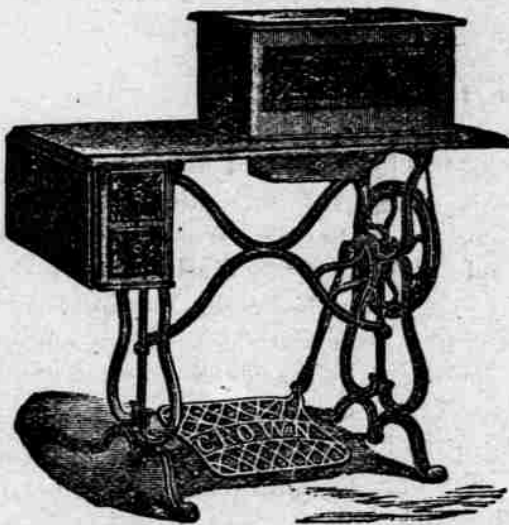
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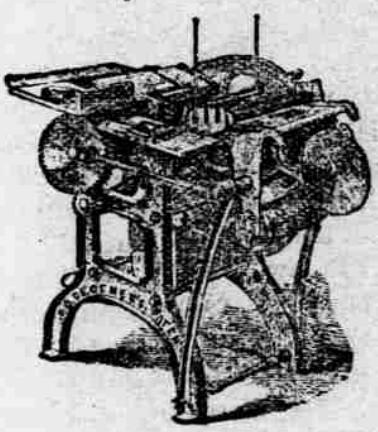
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