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OUR FLAG IN THE PACIFIC.

New York Tribune.

"The ocean of the future" the Pacific has thoughtfully been called. Nor indeed does it require an exceptional amount of prescience to discern that the shores of that sea are empires destined soon to play immeasurably great parts in the commercial drama of the race. Time was when the "Great Sea" was the Mediterranean and all the nations of the world were grouped on its shores. It was not until long after the Christian era began that the Atlantic ocean began to figure practically in the affairs of nations. For the last four centuries it has been pre-eminently the great sea of the world. Not until about one hundred years ago did the Indian ocean and the Pacific begin seriously to be cultivated by the ploughshares of commerce. But today, the last named, while not the greatest in commerce is the foremost of all in rivalry and interest, while in commercial potency it overshadows all the world.

It is an auspicious and gratifying fact that our own country occupies upon that ocean of the future the assured position of advantage. One other nation, it is true, our closest kin, has, like us, a frontage upon both shores and islands in mid-sea. But neither in America nor in Asia is the British Pacific frontage comparable with ours, nor do the British insular possessions form so complete a transoceanic chain. And no other non-Asiatic nation has any important footing upon Pacific shores. In these circumstances it is natural that our Pacific commerce should be increasing. It would be strange and most discreditable if it were not. As a matter of statistical fact, our Pacific commerce is growing more than twice as rapidly as that of our Atlantic and Gulf ports. In the last five years it has fully doubled, and unless Russian aggression of China shuns and bars against us too many doors it seems likely to keep on increasing at such a rate or even at a greater rate.

We have said that only one non-Asiatic power is in a position to seriously compete with us upon the Pacific. But there is one Asiatic power capable of doing so, though happily it is a power whose relations with the United States are conspicuously friendly. The development of Japanese commerce is one of the wonders of the world. Practically it began on civilized lines in 1872. At that time Japan had ninety-six merchant steamers of an aggregate tonnage of less than \$24,000. Not one of them was seaworthy or was able to venture away from the coast. In 1900 Japan had 846 steamers of more than 528,000 tons, most of them modern vessels of the finest type. Since 1872 Japanese commerce has had a practical constant increase, until now, in eighteen years, net increase of more than 467 per cent is recorded. That is not of course, all transpacific commerce. But a nation which, starting from seclusion and barbarism at a date still within the memory of men not yet supernumerary, has now developed a foreign commerce of more than \$250,000,000 a year is certainly a factor greatly to be reckoned with.

The United States, Great Britain and Japan are the three great commercial powers of the Pacific. Of the three by far the greatest natural advantages and opportunities lie with the United States. But advantage and opportunity are benedict only as they are improved. The multiplication of transcontinental lines, the opening of a transpacific waterway, the spanning of the Pacific with an American cable and the great increase of the American mercantile marine on those waters, together with a wise policy which will improve our foothold in Asia and keep open the doors of all China to our trade, are the measures by which our opportunities are to be improved

and our Pacific commerce made and kept the greatest of all.

The narrow gauge Biwaco Journal man should understand that his town doesn't worry the Astorian in the slightest degree. The Astorian no more regrets the loss of the cup to which the Journal refers than it regrets the Journal's existence. The disgraceful scene said to have been enacted after a recent football game there is likewise a matter of no concern to the Astorian, which refused, as news, a summary of a statement sent out from Ilwaco, and in which there was absolutely no feeling.

Those who might have believed that the day of the Portland grain deer would not expire when the high tides set in should visit the waterfront and observe the late arrivals from the inland port. The coincidence is really a remarkable one and will attract attention in maritime circles.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

Tillamook Herald: It is stated that the next sensational contest in Oregon will be between two attorneys and one editor—Simon, Fulton and Scott. As most editors are more than a match for two attorneys, Harvey should have no trouble in capturing the toga. One thing is certain, if Mr. Scott is elected he will fill the position with dignity and honor to the state. Having identified himself for so many years with the progress of Oregon, and filling an important position during that time, it seems to us that it would be a fitting honor to bestow upon him. He gained his present lofty position by merit, and this is what should be recognized in preference to those who gain prominence because they obtain control of a political organization and then pull the political strings to boost themselves into office. It looks to us that Mr. Scott is the logical candidate if we want to recognize merit and bestow honor upon a person who has labored so zealously for the state.

Pendleton East Oregonian: At present, Eastern Oregon has no representative at Salem, in any office large or small, and fully one-third of the people of the state live in Eastern Oregon. Eastern Oregon people say their share of taxes but have no representation in state government. Why should this unfair condition continue? Why should not those of the dominant party be called on to remedy the abuse? Why should not the nomination for governor fall to some good, capable man, one who is fully fitted to administer the office, some man from Eastern Oregon? It is up to the Republicans. The fact of the matter is, if Geer is nominated or some other west-of-the-mountains man, a frontage upon both shores and islands in mid-sea. But neither in America nor in Asia is the British Pacific frontage comparable with ours, nor do the British insular possessions form so complete a transoceanic chain. And no other non-Asiatic nation has any important footing upon Pacific shores. In these circumstances it is natural that our Pacific commerce should be increasing. It would be strange and most discreditable if it were not. As a matter of statistical fact, our Pacific commerce is growing more than twice as rapidly as that of our Atlantic and Gulf ports. In the last five years it has fully doubled, and unless Russian aggression of China shuns and bars against us too many doors it seems likely to keep on increasing at such a rate or even at a greater rate.

Eugene Register-Guard-McCannan is said to have a congressional boom up his sleeve by which he expects to succeed Malcolm Moody. But there are some striking uncertainties and disappointments in Oregon politics that even the erudite McCannan may not be able to overcome.

Tillamook Herald: When Senator Gilman telegraphed to Washington, he simply made a mistake, that's all. Mr. Bibee has earned recognition at the hands of his party and will no doubt receive his commission, in spite of the efforts of Mr. Simon to defeat it.

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The two forces which appear to be chiefly concerned in upsetting the equilibrium are war and immigration. And

NEWSPAPER'S PALACE.

In the November issue, Mrs. Robinson Wright, the accomplished traveler, who knows her South America better than most Americans know their principal cities, contributes an interesting article entitled "The Palace of La Plata." This palace is the fairland of news, as reported by Mrs. Wright, writes:

"The free medical and consulting rooms and free laboratory in the main hall are surpassing and fitful on a scale of elegance, palatial in every detail. Five physicians are regularly employed by La Plata, to look after the poor sick of the city. The average consultations amount to nearly two thousand per month. In the free legal department, the poor people are at liberty to make known their needs. In this department there are also five lawyers employed yearly by this government newspaper. Their offices are situated in the private residence.

On the second floor are located the editorial rooms, the archives of the institution, and the rooms for recreation and amusement, as well as a large reading room for the use of the reporters.

There is also a splendid library, containing a collection of useful and valuable books—a billiard room, a saloon for fumigating, all furnished in a magnificent style. The smoking room upholstered in smoked-colored velvet and finished in hard wood, is a popular rendezvous when leisure permits such indulgence.

The officers of the chief editor are most luxurious and in connection with them, each editor has a private drawing room, exquisitely furnished with costly tapestries rich Smyrna rugs, picture galleries, and marble floors.

The entire third story is set aside as an apartment for the entertainment of distinguished foreign visitors who come to the capital. There is a depiction of the rank of the sternor sex in the east and a strong enforcement in the west. Indeed, in the latter quarter there is a double invasion—from the more densely populated parts of our own land and from the Old World. Hence the distribution of the sexes is not uniform.

Along the Atlantic seaboard for at least half a century there has been practically no excess of males, and on the side, a very slight deficiency. The super-

abundance of females has been most conspicuous, though, in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia. Just why there should be such a variation in life in the capital is not clear. But in New England a special local agency has been at work an excess of factory girls from Canada.

As might be expected, the greatest excess of men is to be found in the great agricultural and mining districts.

In Minnesota and Nebraska there were about 50 men out of every 100 people for a long time past.

From 60 to 65 in most of the regions to the west and southwest.

The ratio in Montana was once as great as 90 out of 100, and even in 1880 was 65 to 35.

Henry Bradford, Harris, N. C., says:

"I took medicine 25 years for asthma but never had another attack of kidney complaint and tried Foley's Kidney Cure which gave me immediate relief and I was perfectly cured after taking two bottles." Be sure you take Foley's—Hart's Drugstore.

Every dog has his day. It seems that Sampson has had his and now it is Schley's turn.—St. Paul Globe.

Backache should never be neglected.

It means kidney disorder which, if allowed to run too long, may result in Bright's disease, diabetes or other serious and often fatal complaints. Foley's Kidney Cure makes the kidneys well—Hart's Drugstore.

As to the report that Mrs. Peach Deppenfeldt feels languid, it is not so much account of her failing health and advanced years, but also because she wishes to devote the remainder of her life to the completion of the important works which he has on hand. He also says that he will not visit any more写出的congresses.

Many physicians are now prescribing Foley's Kidney Cure regularly having found that it is the best prescription they can write because it is the one preparation which contains the elements necessary to digest not only some kinds of food but all kind and it therefore cures indigestion and dyspepsia no matter what its cause.

Rhode Island limits automobiles to twelve miles an hour. Probably it does not want them to leave the state.—Daily Herald.

Mrs. T. Bridgeman, of Parshallville, Mich., was troubled with salt rheum for thirteen years and had tried a number of doctors without relief. After two applications of Manner Salve, her hands became better and in a short time she was entirely cured. Beware of substitutes.

It is strongly suspected that the new professor, Ernest Haeckel, has announced that he cannot undertake any more public lectures or addresses, not only account of his failing health and advanced years, but also because he wishes to devote the remainder of his life to the completion of the important works which he has on hand. He also says that he will not visit any more写出的congresses.

In an address at Thornton the other day Professor Gideon Smith said: "As a professor of history at Oxford I had a number of students from all parts of the world. Such well-known men as James Simon, M. Fleuret and Mr. Whitelaw Reid and many others were his special friends. The wit and sparkle of his conversation was unequalled and the courtesy that passed from one to another of the social gatherings during a season were to be traced to their origin to one of the minister's brilliant company."

Returning to Buenos Ayres after his long residence abroad, Dr. Peixot devoted his genius and wealth to the cause of education and philanthropy in his own country.

SEX AND POPULATION.

Reasons Why Number of Males Exceeds Number of Females.

New York Tribune.

Whatever differences there may have been intended between the spheres of influence of men and women she evidently intended that numerically at least the two sexes should stand on nearly the same footing. The world over, except where recognizable and what might be called artificial causes interfere, the male and female elements of the population are about equal.

At first sight, perhaps this may seem as an remarkable. But it is to be remembered that in many families there are more boys than girls, and in others, more girls than boys. And you should not be surprised if the aggregate effect of this haphazardness were to produce a considerable excess of men over women in a nation. The fact that such is not the case, then, shows that there is some potent and mysterious law of compensation at work upon the race as a whole—and this law operates upon many of the animals as well as men. On the farm it is found convenient to preserve a great predominance of one sex, either in the cattle and chickens. The bull calf is destined from his birth to conversion into veal, and a similarly stern fate awaits the specimens destined to the gridiron or chicken pie at a tender age. But, as far as the natural increase is concerned among cattle and poultry, an approximately even balance is preserved.

Curiously, not to say astonishment, is excited, thereto by a recent announcement of the census bureau. The enumeration of 1890 shows that the difference exceeds 1,000,000 in a population of 75,000,000.

The excess appears more distinctly, perhaps, when it is said that there are 512 males and only 488 females in every thousand people in the United States.

What is more, this sort of thing has been going on, with some little fluctuation in the percentage, for over half a century. As long ago as 1850 there was a distinct numerical superiority of the male over the female population. By 1860 the predominance was even more conspicuous, but in 1870 less than 500,000 males.

The census of 1880 shows a slight gain once more, though the disparity of 1860 was not quite reached, and those for 1890 a still further increase. The situation has scarcely changed in the last ten years. Indeed, the census bureau figures out a somewhat failing off in the growth of the male population as compared with the female. To be sure, the excess was only 1,369,697 in 1890, and had since been enlarged by 254,327; but the census finds that the percentage of males are not quite alike, and that there are faint indications of a future reversal.

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