

What though on hamely fare we dine, Wear hodden gray, and a' that; Gle fools their silks, and knaves their wine.

MANCHURIA, BONE OF CONTENTION.

The eyes of the world are now turned upon that far away bone of contention, over which the European and Asiatic powers are growing—Manchuria.

Americans look lightly upon this country, for the reason that it is so far distant and comparatively unknown. They do not understand the possibilities of trade that lie locked up in this vast region.

Manchuria is the northeastern province of the Chinese Empire. It is a vast plateau, inclosed by a range of mountains, 10,000 to 12,000 feet high on the north and west.

The province is 500 miles wide from east to west and 800 miles from north to south, and comprises about 390,000 square miles. It lies between latitudes 40 and 50, north and ranges in altitude above the sea level, from 400 feet in the south, to 3,000 in the great northern plains.

The climate resembles that of the northwestern portion of the United States, in general, the temperature ranging from 90 degrees above in summer, to 10 degrees below zero in winter.

The western border of the country is formed by the Khin-Gau mountains, a magnificent range, whose summits, averaging 8,000 to 12,000 feet high, are perpetually covered with snow.

The northern boundary is formed by the Amoor river, one of the five great river systems of China. It flows northeast into the Okhotsk sea. Siberia encircles the province on the north and east and Corea shuts it off from the sea coast on the south.

Manchuria is a great oblong basin, through the center of which flows the Sungaria river, a feeder of the Amoor. This river drains the basin completely, as the Mississippi does the great American basin, and forms the principal highway for native traffic and travel.

Harbin, on the Chinese Eastern railway, is the inland metropolis and Nieu Chwang, near the Korean Bay, is the principal sea port.

The Chinese Eastern railway enters Manchuria at the northwest corner and traverses the entire width of the province in a southeasterly direction to Nieu Chwang and Port Arthur.

The country is well watered, having four large river systems—the Naur, Sungari and Amoor flowing northward and easterly and the Sira Muren flowing southward.

The country is adapted to wheat raising and livestock in the north. The soil is alluvial and apparently inexhaustible. The mountain streams are numerous and swift, and furnish excellent opportunities for irrigation.

At Harbin the Russians have two immense flour mills and the native wheat sells for 60 kopecks or 30 cents, gold, per bushel.

The methods of farming are ancient and crude. Land that should produce 40 bushels of wheat per acre, under enlightened systems, now produces 15 bushels under the Chinese systems.

The need of agricultural and milling machinery is very great. Manchuria is one of the oldest settled sections of country in the world. It has a written history covering 4,200 years. It is the home of the ancient Chinese kings, who belonged to the dynasty now in power in China.

For two thousand years it has been a charnel house of murder. All the criminals who escaped from China flocked into this rendezvous, organized robber bands and terrorized the surrounding country.

It is the home of the ancient Tartars, and until Russia invaded the province it was a chaos. The demand for American products has considerably increased for the past five years.

While the native flour sells for 20 cents per hundred less than the American product, Manchuria imports a quantity of flour in

of the American product at this rate. Russia is building flour mills, meat packing houses, opening mines and introducing Russian manufactures. There is no more promising field for American capital than Manchuria.

The reason why homeseekers eat breakfast in Pendleton and pass on to Washington, without investigating this section of country, is that Washington, cities and cross roads have successfully advertised themselves. There is no other reason for it.

The high school will not be abolished. Pendleton favors the widest scope for public school education. It is the free, open institution of the masses and cannot be dispensed with. The Academy is open to all.

A New York dispatch of May 11 gives the following touching account of a funeral that took place in that city Monday: "Lying in a rosewood coffin, his head resting on a pillow of flowers, the body of Tyras, a Harlequin Great Dane dog, was borne away to the dog cemetery at Scarsdale, followed by a procession of nine automobiles, with about 40 mourners.

Tyras belonged to an actor and character impersonator. The dog, 13 years old, had appeared on the stage in nearly every country of the world. He had been twice around the globe, had played before the Czar of Russia, the Empress of China, the Mikado of Japan and at the time of his death wore a beautiful collar given him by Cecil Rhodes."

It has come to a pass in this country where the fashionable parasites of the large cities, do not know how to spend their money nor their time. In the absence of an inclination to engage in a useful or ennobling pastime, such disgusting performances as that described above, are carried out.

These 40 automobiles in the parade, loaded down with aristocratic idlers, passed at least a thousand of their fellow citizens who never saw the inside of a free library, a church nor a public school.

WHERE TO GET A DIVORCE.

The citizens of Canton, South Dakota, have held a mass meeting in which they decided to advertise the place as a desirable one for citizens of other states seeking divorces.

Moved by laudable civic pride the Cantonites, view with alarm the monopoly of Sioux Falls, which town has a divorce business worth \$1,000,000 annually, and point with pride to the superior advantages and resources of Canton.

One of these superior facilities is made known. Newspaper correspondents are barred from the town. The incipient divorcee who selects Canton for a venue will be rid of that sort of annoying publicity which comes to him at Sioux Falls when he receives marked copies of the newspapers of his home city.

That is a considerable encouragement. The people of Canton might go further, however, in their solicitations of trade. They might desecrate on the fact that the separate maintenance seeker need not wear a mask in their town. They might provide willing witnesses, certificates of good moral character, guarantee reasonable attorney fees, quick service, etc.

They might come out strong on climate. Eastern divorce seekers feel very keenly the necessity for a change of climate.

Of one thing these promoters of easy divorce should beware—They are likely to defeat the extension of a promising enterprise by the very publicity of their efforts. The newspaper correspondent is a migratory bird.

It is all very well to facilitate business, but the Canton people should beware of a boom.—Spokane Press.

THE NEW ARMY RIFLE.

The work of replacing the old black-powder Springfield rifle in the national guard with the Krag-Jorgensen is only now fairly under way, and already the Krag is obsolete and is to be superseded by a new Springfield. This weapon, which is now undergoing the service tests, is officially described in the current number of the Journal of the Military Service Institution.

It is a magazine rifle, centrally fed by clips. It has a rod bayonet which may also be used as a cleaning rod. Its calibre is .30.

It fires a 220-grain bullet—say half an ounce—with 43.3 grains of smokeless powder.

The bullet starts off at a velocity of 2,300 feet per second, and is still going at the rate of 958 feet per second when it has traveled a thousand yards, at which point it has left a striking energy of 447.9 foot-pounds. The energy at the muzzle is 2,581.6 foot-pounds, and the bullet will penetrate over four feet and a half of white pine at a velocity of 958 feet per second.

portion of 18 to 1—ominous ratio—and propelled by 34 grains of smokeless powder. These bullets will have an effective range of 200 yards.—New York World.

A PRAYER.

Give me a faith that makes men crave, More than the boon of endless bliss, The willingness to serve and save, Their fellows in a world like this.

A faith that does not cry, and cry, "O God, be merciful to me," But rather yearns to do and die, That others may be strong and free.

A faith that cannot all be crammed And shaped to fit dogmatic mould, That knows no fear of being dammed, But shrinks from being hard and cold.

That dreads far more than wrath to come, The sense of failure to do well, The cowardice that makes one dumb In presence of a present hell.

That dreams far less of pearly gates, And golden streets beyond the skies, Than of the death of human hates, The downfall of all earthly lies.

Lo, I am in my Father's hand! Let him deal with me as He may, So that He give me grace to stand And battle for the right today.

I want no upper seat above, Nor shining crown with stars imperaled, But just to know my life and love Made this a little better world.

And just to go, and just to do, As love leads me to service still, My only hell to be untrue, My heaven to simply do God's will.—Robert Whitaker, in San Francisco Star.

A tract of choice redwood timber land consisting of 12,000 acres, was sold at Eureka, Cal. Saturday for \$400,000.

A Strong Man

Is strong all over. No man can be strong who is suffering from indigestion or some other disease of the stomach and its associated organs of digestion and nutrition.

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