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GERMANY WANTS SAMOA.

S. F. Chronicle: The feeling of Germany that the United States ought to compensate her for letting us take Hawaii by giving her the American share of Samoa may be pretty in sentiment, but it is dubious in logic.

We shall need our foothold in Samoa first, because the South Pacific will yet be the theater of a great commerce; second, because Samoa is the principal way station on the route between Australia and the Nicaragua canal, corresponding in that respect with Hawaii on the Asiatic angle of navigation.

So far as the United States is concerned, to say nothing of Great Britain, which is also a party to the protectorate, Germany will have to make the best of the political status quo as it stands.

WOMAN'S TRUEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

"Several of the great educational institutions for girls announced this fall, for the first time in their history, classes for sewing as one of their chief attractions," writes Edward W. Bok in the November Ladies' Home Journal.

"The modern girl, in taking up her sewing, only comes back to her first principles. But they are sturdy principles, to which she is returning, and she will find them so. It is a small thing which, sometimes causes a revolution, and the needle, small as it is, by a general adoption can do much to elevate American girlhood to a pinnacle of usefulness which will win for her admiration the world over.

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The Glamour of Distance.

It is laughable how the consuls of the different nations in Africa, Asia and South America are frequently criticized by their papers at home for not being more assiduous in looking after the commercial interests of their countries, and how they are bidden to take pattern by the representatives of other nations.

Remembered Says So.

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THE REGISTERED MAIL.

Stricter Orders Now for Delivery to Addressees.

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Persons sending friends or relatives for their registered mail should bear these rules in mind, and so avoid disputes with the postofficials, as on account of postmasters being held accountable for all registered mail coming to their offices, it is necessary for them to exercise the utmost care to effect its proper delivery.

SPAIN'S NEW REPRESENTATIONS.

S. F. Chronicle:

The report that the Spanish minister at Washington has been instructed to notify the American Government that henceforth filibustering expeditions will be regarded as branches of international law, is probably incorrect. It is recognized by the authorities on international law that a government which has shown reasonable diligence in trying to prevent and punish the infraction of its neutrality cannot be held responsible for its inability to succeed.

So far as our relations with Spanish blockade running or "filibustering" are concerned the United States maintains a naval patrol service off the Atlantic coast to prevent it, if possible, and has made all the arrests required by the Spanish minister when the demand was accompanied by proof of guilt. If, after all this, it has not succeeded in heading the blockade runners off, America is not accountable to Spain either in law or common sense.

What the Spanish minister has probably been instructed to do is not to exhibit novelties in international law, but to make further "representations." There is no harm in these, and if they come Secretary Sherman or his alter ego, Judge Day, will no doubt receive them with becoming gravity and tender the assurance of his distinguished consideration. Right there the "incident" will end.

MAPLETON NEWS.

By A READER.

The Mapleton school closes today. Mr. Jackson's folks killed a panther last week. Mr. Long's folks started for Eugene last Saturday.

Bessie Nicolle and her mother started for Eugene last Monday. Mr. A. P. Knowles started for Eugene last Monday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Blackman and daughter, who are going to make their daughter, Mrs. A. P. Knowles, a visit.

ALMOST A DROWNING.

Tuesday morning soon after the Mink left Hurd's wharf, Captain Hurd started to walk along on the guard on one side of the boat but slipped and fell into the water. Fortunately O. W. Hurd, who was on board, saw him in the water and went to his assistance with a row boat. The captain was helped out of the water and taken back to the wharf. Meantime the Mink returned and after a short delay to allow him to change his clothing, the steamer proceeded up the river with the captain about as good as new.

THE WORLD'S WORKSHOP.

Gradual Ascendancy Being Gained by the United States.

S. Y. Commercial Advertiser:

There is a very important relation between the great strikes in the British iron and steel industries and the menace to these industries, in both the foreign and home market, of competition from the continent and the United States. The secret of success in industrial competition is cheap production, and the elements of cost of production are raw material, labor and transportation.

Now all these conditions are changing. With the exhaustion of the more accessible supply of coal and iron and increased cost of deeper mining; with extension of industrial and transportation enterprises in Germany, where labor is even cheaper, and with opening of new, abundant and cheap sources of supply and simultaneous reduction of price of labor and transportation in the United States, the iron and steel industry of Great Britain finds itself menaced on every side.

This is no fortuitous or temporary movement, so far as the United States is concerned. The Pall Mall Gazette is perfectly right when it says: "The causes which are giving the United States such a favorable position are permanent, and everything points to the United States remaining the cheapest steel-producing country in the world."

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will recommend the passage of a law prohibiting the payment of pensions to women hereafter marrying soldiers. Unless such action is taken the abuse of the generosity of the government which has already obtained in this direction bids fair not only to be continued, but to increase. Every one will favor the payment of pensions to the widows of the veterans, the mothers of their children, who suffered hardship and privations at home while the husband was at the front; what is aimed at is to cut out of the widows for revenue only, who are marrying aged veterans with the sole object of securing pensions.—Tacoma Ledger.

TRIAL BY JURY, WHICH HAS DIMINISHED

in popularity in the English courts of justice, is perilously near the vanishing point in the country courts. So much is clear from the annual returns, which have just been published. Of the 693,197 actions determined during the year, only 1186 were tried by juries. On many a circuit on which over 20,000 cases were heard the number of actions tried by juries was less than twenty.—Clyde Herald.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C. Oct. 25th, 1897.

Senator Bacon of Ga., is the only man of prominence seen in Washington for some time who publicly opposes the ratification of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii and expresses the opinion that the treaty will fail in the senate. Mr. Bacon says Hawaii is only a lot of volcanoes fringed by land, and that he does not consider it consistent with our form of government to add a state that is 2,000 miles from our nearest coast, and to accentuate his view, he adds: "It would be a matter to which the American people would never be reconciled, if in some close presidential election, the choice of a president should be determined by the vote of Hawaii. It would be equally objectionable if in a closely balanced senate, the question of the passage or defeat of a bill affecting the entire country should be decided by the vote of the Hawaiian Senators." Mr. Bacon expresses the belief that a majority of the senate favors the treaty, but that the two-thirds necessary for ratification will not be secured. Opinion is almost unanimously the other way in Washington, and that if the opponents of annexation do not resort to filibustering to prevent a vote, the treaty will be ratified within sixty days of the opening of the session of congress.

Gov. Brady of Alaska, says in his annual report to the secretary of the interior: "Shipload after shipload of gold seekers and their freight has been rushed to the extreme limit of salt water navigation (Lynn Canal), and there they have been literally dumped upon the beach, some above high water and many below, as they learned to their sorrow when the water covered them as they slept. The gold seekers have had a terrible time, but they are brave and started out to endure hardships. As a class they rank far above the average manhood of the country. Skagua is being built up rapidly. Lumber is in demand, and lots are selling as high as \$1500. Americans are anxious to secure a route to the Yukon, which shall be entirely upon U. S. territory. Different parties are now out, and are carefully examining the mountains between Yakutat and Cook's Inlet. This is the third season of the work in Cook's Inlet. The excitement over the Klondike has drawn many away from there; nevertheless the output of gold this year will be no mean sum. The possibilities of the whole region bordering upon this inlet and upon Prince William Sound will draw crowds of adventurers in the near future."

The secretary of the treasury who does not change or attempt to change the designs of the paper money issued by the government is regarded by the old-timers in the department as a freak. It will be remembered that a new and highly artistic series of designs for silver certificates was secured and put into use by the last administration. That these designs are the most beautiful ever used for the purpose is admitted, but a goodly percentage of the banks of the country have entered protest against the continuing their use because of the difficulty, after the notes circulated awhile in distinguishing the denominations at a glance, and the ease with which the value of the notes are raised and passed upon the ignorant. That is why Secretary Gage has decided to have another change in design. If Secretary Gage's idea is carried out, and it probably will be, the same design will be used upon all notes of the same value and it will be made distinctive so as to become associated in the minds of the people with notes of that value, thus making it almost impossible to fool anybody with a note. Secretary Gage's idea was discussed at the last meeting of the cabinet and was favored on account of its simplicity. Bankers and all who handle money in large quantities will favor the idea because it will enable them to handle and assort notes with greater speed.

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Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

It is good to rub and polish our brain against that of others.

There is a majesty in simplicity which is far above the quaintness.

Agitation is the method that plants the school by the side of the ballot box.

It is astonishing how well men wear when they think of no one but themselves.

America is rising with a giant's strength. Its bones are yet but cartilages.

There are two persons in the world we never see as they are—one's self and one's other self.

Courage is generosity of the highest order, for the brave are prodigal of the most precious things.

Providence gives us notice by sensible declension that we may disengage from the world by degrees.

Indifferent souls never part. Impassioned souls part, and return to one another because they can do no better.

Let the farmer for evermore be honored in his calling, for they who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God.

The glory of ancestors sheds a light around posterity; it allows neither their good nor bad qualities to remain in obscurity.

Old age adds to the respect due to virtue but it takes nothing from the contempt inspired by vice, for age whitens only the hair.

The allegory of a sophist is always screwed, it crouches and bows like a snake, which is never straight, whether she go, creep or lie still; only when she is dead, she is straight enough.

Though the knowledge they have left us be worth our study, yet they exhausted not all its treasures; they left a great deal for the industry and sagacity of after ages.

Honorable descent is in all nations greatly esteemed; besides it is to be expected that the children of men of worth will be like their fathers, for nobility is the virtue of a family.

If a man meets with injustice, it is not required that he shall not be roused to meet it; but if he is angry after he has had time to think upon it, that is sinful. The flame is not wrong but the coals are.

Amusement is the waking sleep of labor. When it absorbs thought, patience, and strength that might have been seriously employed, it loses its distinctive character, and becomes the task master of idleness.

Well is it known that ambition can creep as well as soar. The pride of no person in a flourishing condition is more justly to be dreaded than that of him who is mean and cringing under a doubtful and unprosperous fortune.

There is not in human nature a more odious disposition than a proneness to contempt which is a mixture of pride and ill-nature. Nor is there any which more certainly denotes a bad mind; for in a good and benign temper there can be no room for this sensation.

Where God hath put exquisite tinge upon the shell washed in the surf, and planted a paradise of bloom on a child's cheek, let us leave it to the owl to hoot and the fault-finder to complain. I am apt to think that men find their simple ideas agree, though in discourse they confound one another with different names.

In old days there were angels who came and took men by the hand and led them away from the city of destruction. We see no white winged angels now. But yet men are led away from threatening destruction, a hand is put in theirs which leads them forth gently towards a calm and bright land, so that they look no more backward; and the hand may be a little child's.

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