

DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION.

During the twelve months ending June 30, 1893, the number of immigrants landed in the United States was 497,936 as against 619,320 for the preceding year, a decrease of 121,384. This decrease has occurred chiefly since last November, up to which time there had been no notable falling off in the number of aliens seeking home in this country.

From one point of view this decrease is desirable, says the San Francisco Chronicle, but from another it does not offer much encouragement to this country. We do not want the immigrants, but at the same time we do not want the immigration to fall off because there is no longer anything in the United States to attract the foreigner. It is like a man who has made a rich strike of gold in a mine. He does not want to be rushed in upon, but on the other hand he does not want to be alone as though his mine were only a barren and unpromising prospect hole.

It is quite safe to say that the decrease in immigration is due largely to the election of Cleveland and to the success of the Democratic party in congress. The foreign immigrant who leaves his home and comes to the United States, comes for the sake of making a living. If he knows that a party he is in power which has determined deliberately to break down American industries—as the Democratic party has done in its absolute repudiation of its platform of the principle of protection—the intending immigrants will stay where they are, which is all right where it is not the same policy which repels immigration, takes the bread out of the mouths of American workmen and opens our markets to the unlimited competition of foreign products.

From this point of view there is little cause for congratulation in the recent decrease of foreign immigration. We would rather have them come by hundreds of thousands if they were to work, and there is work here for them, than to have them stay away because this country is becoming like their own. It is the sinking ship that rats leave, not the one which is staunch, well found and well provisioned.

The aggressiveness of France in regard to Siam is apparent to every one. She desires to place that country under French influence, and resorts will be had to any means to accomplish this end. The greatest sufferers in these schemes will be the Siamese themselves and the commercial interests of Great Britain. Mr. Gladstone has been a great reformer, and is entitled to the lasting gratitude of the people for what he has done for Great Britain; but his foreign policy has always been weak and vacillating. One day with Beaconsfield premier would cause the mercantile Frenchman to halt, and this would do more to insure the peace of Europe than all the diplomacy now in progress between London and Paris.

The Democracy still believes there is nothing unusual the matter with the country. If the present depression continues for a few more years Democrats may arouse themselves to a realization of the fact that it is a condition not a theory that is confronting business and finance in every portion of the nation.

Teachers' Institute. Nine o'clock was the hour set for the opening of the teachers' institute at Hood River yesterday morning. The school house was swept and garnished, the stars and stripes were flying from the staff on the roof, and all things were in readiness except the expected host of teachers from the Dalles. Being so heavily weighed with pedagogues, the host was an hour late at her wharf.

A few minutes before 10 o'clock the institute was opened by singing and following this a few remarks were made by Prof. Shelby on the objects of the gathering and the aims the teacher should have in view. A considerable time was spent in the discussion of the question whether one or two classes should be held. By vote of the teachers it was finally decided to hold two classes, and the institute got down to working order at 11 o'clock. By this arrangement two classes are held simultaneously, the teacher making choice of his course of study and holding to that throughout. No visitor will fail to note the thoughtful earnestness of the teachers attending, while the instructors, Prof. John Garin, Aaron Frazier, L. Gilbert, Miss A. Snyder and Mrs. B. W. Brown, thoroughly prepared them, and leave no stone unturned to bring their teachers up to their high ideal.

A number of different excursions have been discussed for which the vote will be taken to-day as to which one will be chosen. The day was very warm yesterday and a number of the staff professors, to whom the instructor went in swimming "where rolls the mighty Oregon and leaps no sound save its (their) own dashing."

The following teachers have been added to the list since yesterday: Tina Ritzel, Louisa Rintel, Inez Stout, John A. Haylock, Rmily House, Danie Alloway, Mary Elton, Minnie Elton, Emma F. Ward, Mary E. Frazier, Anna D. Hater, bringing the number up to about forty.

Infante Wisdom. Astoria Budget: It may sound like a Munchausen yarn, but it is an actual fact, that in the squarred little burg of Soda-ville, in Inza county, block 8 of the town plat there is a soda spring, and that the legislature, in its infinite wisdom, provided that "inasmuch as there is a great and growing demand for soda water for the water of said spring," the state would spend \$500 to improve it. This, at least, is the faint recollection of the inventor of the soda water who has been looking for the holy land since he was a boy. It is a happy and improving sight to see the legislative body rising from the serious contemplation of a cold and unresponsive log law and hovering on halcyon wings over the soft murmur of an ethereal state soda fountain.

O. G. Scott Killed Himself. A young man came into town yesterday afternoon bringing the intelligence that C. G. Scott had shot and killed himself at his home near Ny's yesterday morning. Mr. Scott was a fine looking man about 40 years old, and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss with their hearts. On Friday he was brought to Dr. Smith's office and was found to be suffering from melon-

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Effect of the Surrender. New York, July 30.—The Herald's Paris cable says: Siam has yielded and the incident, therefore, is at an end. It has had its practical and material consequences, the increasing of France's colonial power in Asia and a still further strain on the relations of France with England, but it will also have moral consequences of still greater importance, which are now attracting the attention of all the statesmen and diplomats of Europe. The incident shows that the energy and enterprise of France is once more wide awake. The entire French press, without exception, and all political parties of the country, so soon as the remarks of England became a little more threatening, sustained the government, and when the French cabinet expressed its hesitating attitude, the press demanded even more strongly than Henri Rochefort's 'Intransigent,' the adoption of the most energetic measures. Monarchical organs, such as the 'Solid' and the 'Gaulois,' repeated every day that old French traditions were not to be altered by any drawing back. The anti-Semitic organ said that if France drew back it would be because the Rothschilds were as powerful in France as in England, where they are related to Lord Rosebery; papers that reflect the average best of public opinion, such as the 'Figaro' and the 'Liberateur,' urged the government to stand firm, and such popular sheets as the 'Petit Journal' demanded every morning that the government should not vacillate. When such unanimity reigns in the press, it must be admitted that the French take but little interest in colonial affairs and are always ignorant of what is taking place at a distance, yet the indicative of a more advanced civilization than that of England or the United States is that the French nature will never admit to an insult to the national honor or to the flag of the country. France knows her better, before she goes to war, than she is, and she is against England or against Germany, and the whole nation rises to her feet, as if she were attacked. The world has believed, even many Frenchmen have thought, that the internal dissensions of the country, the dissensions of the patriots of the country, is the reason why she has been unable to have any effect in the Siam case.

Cholera Increasing. St. Petersburg, July 31.—Official reports just issued show a marked increase in the ravages of the cholera in parts of the empire where the disease is epidemic. From July 19 to July 23 there were in the province of Poldia 1165 cases and 330 deaths, against 449 cases and 112 deaths during the week preceding. In the province of Orlof the army lost 19 deaths during the week ending July 20, and during the week ending July 22 there were 72 cases and 21 deaths. The epidemic exists, though not so severely, in the provinces of Vanu, Kazan, Riazan, Oda and Simbiersk.

To Reduce Mexico's Army. City of Mexico, July 31.—It is expected that President Diaz will soon issue a decree cutting a plan for a considerable reduction of the army by the disbanding of 4000 or 5000 men. This is part of the programme of economy decided upon by the administration, which it is determined to make all possible sacrifices in order to pay interest on the foreign debt, which has become so heavy in consequence of the war in Mexico.

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