

The Australian Trade.

The loading of the Sea Waif and other vessels at Astoria for Australia, leads us to inquire into the character of the Australian trade. It is true that the growth of Australia is so phenomenal as to astonish even an American. Our people are slow to admit that any other portion of the world bears the palm for speedy development, yet they must acknowledge that the British colonies in the Pacific, in a little over two decades, have grown with a rapidity never surpassed, and as a commercial people now take the first rank.

The total foreign trade of these colonies during 1875 amounted to \$458,399,000, or about \$200 per capita (as the population is about 2,300,000), while the foreign trade of the United States, the same year, was less than \$28 per capita. Their imports from abroad were \$236,000,000, equal to \$104 per capita. The extent of this importation can be fully realized when it is remembered that the total value of farm products, the value created in manufactures and the foreign imports combined, or the entire productive power of the United States in 1870, is shown by the census to have been only \$127 per capita. Great Britain, whose commerce nearly equals that of all the rest of Europe combined, has a foreign trade of about \$100 per capita.

The gold mines of Australia have not been inferior to those of our own coast. Since the date when a Pacific coast first discovered the precious metal in Victoria, that province alone has sent out \$850,000,000. The total production is estimated as \$2,200,000,000, and still continues at the rate of fifty or sixty millions annually.

There is a remarkable similarity in the history of the Pacific coast and that of Australia. Gold was discovered in the two countries at about the same time, and the extent of the production of this metal in the placer diggings, both annually and in the aggregate, has been about the same. In both, mineral wealth attracted population, and in both, when mining passed into the hands of large capitalists, agriculture and stock raising became leading industries. In Australia the vast area of open public land was an incentive to settlement that did not exist here, the most fertile regions of California being covered by Mexican grants which had in the meantime passed into the hands of shrewd speculators. This cheapness of land in Australia stimulated wool growing to an extent never before witnessed, and the island now has something like 30,000,000 sheep, which yield annually about 250,000,000 pounds of wool.

The population has doubled in about five years, and will, doubtless, receive great accessions in the near future, as the tide of European emigration, particularly the Teutonic element, which formerly poured into the United States at the rate of three or four hundred thousand annually, but has now dropped to 50,000, will be directed to the Pacific islands.

The growth and commercial prosperity of these islands is of vast import to us, for it is in that direction we must look for the enlargement of our foreign trade. Our exchanges with them are small at present; but they are destined to grow to enormous proportions. At present the chief articles produced in Australia are so highly taxed by our tariff as to prevent their importation, and our purchases from her last year were principally coal. Of the exports, wheat takes the lead, being followed by salmon, hops, quicksilver, flour, lumber, and barley, these embracing three-fourths; the balance consisting mainly of fruits and manufactured articles, such as brooms, machinery, paints, agricultural implements, etc.

Australia, like this coast is still in its infancy, however, and as both grow in wealth and population, each will have a greater variety of productions to exchange. We are a kindred people, with the same manners and cus-

toms and speaking the same language, and naturally desire mutual trade relations. It therefore behooves our merchants and manufacturers to keep a close watch for opportunities to extend their business in these colonies.

The bank statement of Australia is also very remarkable. The latest consolidated report we have at hand showed total liabilities, \$227,535,030; deposits, \$150,855,000; capital stock, \$65,615,000; specie and bullion held, \$60,115,000. This is probably, the heaviest proportional reserve of specie held anywhere in the world.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

—Dr. Hall says that raw potatoes are good to cure drunkenness. The Murphy movement is at last accounted for.

—A new name is proposed for the two houses of Congress, in view of the noise they make.—The Upper and Lower Jaw.—[Exchange. What a biting comparison.

—Miss Una Hawthorne never entirely recovered from the Roman fever from which she suffered in 1858. She wrote well, but never so rarely for publication. But, with the assistance of Robert Browning, she edited her father's posthumous romance, "Septimus Felton." She appeared to be happiest in a retired and religious life, and connected herself with a sisterhood of the Anglican church.

—Miss Evans, a daughter of Ephraim Evans, esq., who lives in the vicinity of Avon, in Missouri, is a wonderful curiosity. She is only ten years old, but is probably the largest girl of her age on record. Her height is about five feet, and she weighs 148 pounds. Her features are even and pretty, and she is lively and quick-motoned. Any one would take her to be a young lady about the age of eighteen. She can do more work, and do it better, than the majority of girls can at twice her age.

PUGET SOUND FISHING INTERESTS.—The Intelligencer says: "The herring oil business on Puget Sound, will, in a few years, be carried on to an extent equalling the pogy oil fishing of the coast of Maine. Here the heavy expense of steamers and the expensive pocket seines will be saved, as the common seine can be used for both catching and hauling the fish to the shore. Inexhaustible quantities of herring are found in most every bay and inlet of the sound. Mr. Hammond, who has operated on the coast of Maine, informs us that one barrel of Puget Sound herring will make one gallon more of oil than a barrel of pogies. The expense of catching and delivering them at the factory is fifty per cent. less here. The only advantage they have there is that the scrap brings from \$15 to \$18 per ton, while here it is wasted; but Mr. Hammond is about to have this utilized and shipped. We think if the advantages of Puget Sound over the coast of Maine could be brought to the notice of those fishermen who have had such a poor season there, they would many of them emigrate to Puget Sound where the fishing as well as the oil business can be successfully carried on. There is occupation here for them all, and a good market for all they can produce.

IN THE AIR.—The Cincinnati papers are giving accounts of the opening of the new southern railroad from that city to the Kentucky river, where there is said to be the highest railroad bridge yet built. It is 275 feet high, having three spans, the middle one 375 feet long, and the others 300 feet each, the total length being 1,125 feet. There is a bridge in Switzerland which is 254 feet high, but with a span only 144 feet long, and one at Varrugus in the Andes, 252 feet high, with spans 125 feet long. The piers of the Kentucky bridge are the largest in the country, excepting those of the New York and Brooklyn bridge, the stone work being 130 by 47 feet, and the base of the iron work 117 by 28. The frame is all wrought iron, and was built out from the abutments toward the center of each span. The fastening of the junction points was accomplished in a novel way. One sunny day having expanded the framework, the connecting bolts were fastened, and so much secured; then a second day of sunshine having given all the expansion the bridge was capable of, the bolts were made fast permanently. At the opening, the other day, the bridge was made subject to seven severe tests, and stood them all admirably.

General Sherman in Victoria.

From the Colonist, September 27. General W. T. Sherman, Commander-in-Chief of the United States armies, whose name has been rendered famous by his "March through Georgia" during the rebellion, arrived in town by the revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott, Capt. Selden, yesterday. General Sherman and staff were received by Hon. Allen Francis, U. S. Consul, and called at once on His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, at the Government House, where they were cordially welcomed. After leaving the Government House the General and staff drove to Esquimalt, and called on Admiral De Horsey, Commander-in-Chief of H. M. Naval forces in the Pacific. The distinguished visitors on approaching the flag ship, were accorded the honor of a salute, and were received by the Admiral and staff. After leaving the flag ship General Sherman visited the dock yard, and soon afterwards returned to town. This morning at 5 o'clock, the General and party are announced to sail in the Wolcott for Puget Sound. Gen. Sherman is accompanied by Gen. Poe and Colonel Bacon, and Mr. T. W. Sherman, (his son), who acts as private Secretary. On the way to Victoria the cutter visited San Juan, Island, Bellingham bay and other ports. At San Juan the sites for the fortifications were inspected. From Victoria the cutter will proceed to Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Townsend, Steilacoom and Olympia. From Olympia General Sherman and staff will proceed to Oregon and California. General Sherman holds a higher rank than any military man who has visited Victoria, position to which he attained by great ability and indomitable pluck in fighting the battles of his country.

AMONG THE OWLS AND BATS.—On Monday morning, when the secretary of the State Agricultural society went to take possession of his rooms at the fair grounds he found it occupied by an owl. We don't know what it was there for, unless being a bird of wisdom, he came to give information to the society of the unfavorable weather we are having.

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