

Benefits of Immigration.

It is probable that three-quarters of a million immigrants will seek the shores of America this year. Some people are prone to worry over the supposed danger of so large an increase of the foreign element in our midst, but there does not seem to be any good reason for such fears. There is as yet, and will be for a long time, room for all who may come. A Chicago cotemporary, taking a broad view of the subject, figures out that the capital value of these new comers to the country, being the cost of rearing them from birth to maturity, is not less than \$640,000,000, and that this is a clear gift from other countries to this; that they will bring with them an aggregate of \$75,000,000 in actual money, which otherwise would not be here; that they must eat, and will furnish a new annual market to our farmers, amounting to \$50,000,000; that they will assume part of the tax paying burden; that they will be purchasers of all sorts of articles, thus largely aiding the industries; that they become producers and developers; that they strengthen the war power and influence of the nation; that they contribute to the general stock of knowledge about agriculture, trades, arts and sciences; that they help to fill up our territories and make new states, and in other ways are of great benefit to the country. It is unfortunate for Oregon that we are not attracting larger numbers of them.

Gen. Grant is no longer in politics, except as a citizen who exercises the right to vote and think as he pleases.

The San Francisco stock exchange will adjourn from the 1st to the 6th of July. The Pacific exchange will probably follow suit.

A Reno dispatch says the first five miles of the Oregon and Nevada railway is completed. Grading is being pushed on the next five miles with a large force. The route will be permanently located immediately.

Referring to Garfield, Gen. Grant says: "He wants to please everybody, and is afraid of incurring the enmity of all the men who are around him. This is why he threw a sop to Conkling and Platt. Robertson's appointment I am sure was settled before March 11th; yes, before the Chicago convention. Robertson knew that if my nomination could be prevented, he would be collector of New York."

In consequence of successive failures of engines constructed in Russia, all engines and machinery for ships of war are in future to be constructed abroad. This decision has been arrived at with the approval of Admiral Popoff, who is chagrined at the manner in which his pet ideas have been mutilated at the native engineering establishments. The greater portion of this work will of course go to England, but Germany is also likely to get a good share of it. It is to be regretted that the state of engine-building for ships is not so far advanced in this country as to enable our builders to get a share of the work.

The cotton planters of the south have not much reason to complain at the abolition of slavery. Their crops of last year, according to careful estimates, amounted to 6,000,000 bales, or nearly 1,500,000 bales more than in 1879, when there was a splendid cotton harvest. The greatest crop ever raised under slavery was that of 1860, which fell about 1,500,000 bales short of the yield of last year. The planters realize higher prices for their cotton than they did in slave days, and are said to be in a better condition financially than they were before the war. Their plantations are kept in better order, and are better cultivated. They have less personal responsibilities. In every way they profit by the freedom of the slave, whose friendship it is now to their interest to cultivate, which makes it the more agreeable to the colored man, who, with his family around him, and in the enjoyment of fair wages for his labor, has something to live for.

Trouble Over Farallone Eggs

The Pacific Farallone company commenced an action against A. W. Poole, in the Superior court, to recover \$20,000 damages for an alleged trespass. The complaint alleges that plaintiff acquired possession of the main or south Farallone island about twenty-five years ago, and held quiet possession of it until May 23d last, when defendant, by aid of a force of armed men, prevented plaintiff from carrying on its business of shipping and disposing of guano, eggs, etc., and dispossessing plaintiff of boats, tackle, tools and implements used in their business. Plaintiff alleges that the egg-gathering season lasts only two months in each year, from the middle of May to the middle of July, and that defendant's interference will destroy one year's business. Plaintiff alleges also that defendant caused to be removed from the island a seasons provisions for ten men, placed there by the company. For damage to business, loss of time and money, plaintiff asks judgment for damages in the above sum.

The Coral Fisheries of Tunis

One point involved in the dispute between France and Italy as to the ownership of Tunis, is the coral fishing industry. The Italians are able to monopolize this branch of commerce by reason of an Imperial convention of 1862, which reduced the annual tax for Italian coral fisheries from 800 to 400 francs, the larger sum being exacted for French fishers who obtained the right by treaty of the same date. The first coral fishers of modern times on the Tunisian coast, were two natives of Marseilles, who in 1604 formed a company for the working of these riches of the seas. Early in the present century the coral industry was very important at Marseilles; in 1807 seventeen cutting and polishing manufactories existed there, each employing many hundred hands. Since then coral has somewhat lost its favor in France, but the fashion has been taken up in Russia, the Levant and elsewhere, the Italians supplying the market. It is this monopoly that the Marseillais and Algerians wish to see destroyed.

After the loss of seven hundred persons from a steamboat disaster, and the almost total destruction of their city by fire, it is hard to hear from Quebec that the oldest inhabitant does not remember such weather. Not only small seeds but potatoes in outlying patches, have been nipped off by frost the last two nights. Besides all that they are troubled with religious lunatics.

The New York Sun, commenting on the cheapening of transportation which has enabled America to compete with and almost drive the English farmer out of his home market, to the great injury of the landed aristocracy, whose chief revenues are derived from rents, thinks that the world is not much of a gainer after all. If the aristocracy of England is being crippled through the causes mentioned, a plutocracy of railroad managers and stock gamblers, who corrupt legislation and subsidize the press, is growing up in this country through the very agency that is injuring England. Of the two the Sun thinks the English aristocracy infinitely preferable to the American plutocracy.

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