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The Weather.

The government forecast for tonight and Thursday is fair.

SOCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE NEW IMMIGRATION.

Attention has often been directed to the revolutionary change in the character of our immigration within the past few years. The nature of this change is somewhat disguised, however, by the form in which the statistics are usually presented. When we are told that Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Russia sent us over 70 per cent of all the immigrants we received last year, we have not advanced very far toward an understanding of the real nature of the phenomenon. It is true that we should naturally assume, correctly, that most of the immigrants from Italy were Italians, but it is also important to know that six-sevenths of the Italian immigrants came from Southern Italy and Sicily, one-seventh from Northern Italy, and practically none from Central Italy.

The influx from Austria-Hungary is almost as great as that from Italy, but it is so split up racially that the separate figures mean absolutely nothing. Out of 171,989 arrivals from the Austrian empire in 1902, the largest single element was the Slovak (36,631 souls). This nationality, as I have said, is being transplanted bodily to the United States. Next in order came 22,429 Poles, 20,222 Croats and Slovenes, 22,800 Magyars, 16,500 Germans and 12,846 Jews. Austria lands us also perceptible subdivisions of Bohemians, Ruthenians, Lithuanians, Dalmatians, Dualists, Roumanians, Saxons, Moravians, Moravians and Italians.

The case of Russia is still more decisive. When we are told that the Russian Empire stands third among our sources of immigration, sending us 106,331 souls last year, the natural impression is that we are receiving a large influx of Russians. As a matter of fact, we are hardly get they are Russians at all. Russia's principal contribution to our population is Jewish—she sent us 77,946 Jews last year, mostly from the Polish and the Lithuanian provinces. She also sent us 22,935 Poles, 13,834 Finns—a very desirable element—12,420 Lithuanians, and 9,202 Germans. Only 1,526 Russians came to us through their own ports for the year.

It is only when the immigrants are grouped by races, disregarding political lines, that the real contrasts can be distinguished. By far the largest single element at present in the Italian immigration (184,897 in 1902—222,915 South Italian and Sicilian, and 37,018 North Italian—coming to reach or exceed a quarter of a million in 1903. The Poles come next, with 48,262, and the Jews third, with 37,488. The Scandinavian tide ebbs, with 21,700, and contrary to the general belief, the German vessels will afterward, with 22,000. The immigration flow from the German Empire has declined to one-tenth of its maximum of 1882, but the German Empire is not the only country of Germanic speech which is almost two-thirds as many and we get considerable numbers from Baltic and Switzerland. There are 30,000 Slovaks, 30,000 Croats and Slovenes, 20,000 Poles, 22,000 Magyars, 16,000 English, 16,000 Scandinavians, 22,000 Slavs, and 12,000 Lithuanians. These are the only nationals that contribute over ten thousand each to our population in 1902. The English speaking immigration may be roughly estimated at 50,000, of which at most 20,000 come from the United Kingdom and most of the remainder from Canada—the latter not being included in the immigration statistics—From "This Year's Stock Taking of Immigration," by Samuel E. Moffett, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for July.

HON. T. L. DAVIDSON A PROPHET.

Hon. T. L. Davidson, the president of the Salem Board of Education, is not only a poet, but a prophet.

His poems have appeared in this paper, and many people have deemed them worthy of places in their scrap books and poetical collections.

His poem on "Sons of Freedom" was inspired at the time it was written, for it foreshadowed all the conquests of expansion in the Orient.

Mr. Davidson has been asked by many of his friends to publish a volume of his poetry, and may do so before he concludes his career.

Sons of Freedom.

This poem was written in 1898, when the writer was twenty-one. The prophecy of the islands being free and a part of our country, has literally become true.

Sons of freedom, glad we meet,
On the far Pacific land.
Here we come to celebrate
All that's good, and all that's grand.
Glad this day we ever greet,
Sons of freedom firmly stand.

On these Western shores shall rise
Freedom's songs this happy day
Here we tell of lands beside,
Here we stand while bearer shields,
Here we are 'neath glory's skies
Sons of freedom clear the way.

Let the cannon's mighty peal
Burst upon our Oregon.
Show the starry flag shall wave
High above oppression's grave,
And the tyrant's iron heel
Leaves no print in Oregon.

Press ye on 'til freedom's light,
Fills the earth with happiness.
Press ye on to glory's height,
Conquer all with freedom's might,
Show the world that ye are right,
Sons of freedom ye can bless.

On Pacific's shores ye stand,
Pressing onward to the sun.
Soon the islands all shall be
Shouting forth their liberty.
Sons of freedom ye command
All the world shall yet be free.

—T. L. Davidson.

JOURNAL X-RAYS.

The Russian court wearing mourning for the death of King Alexander and Queen Draga, while the Czar outrages all kinds of laws to his successor, reminds one of the desperado in Nevada, who having incidentally murdered a miner, ordered a coffin and wreaths, superfluous of flowers, ordered at the funeral offered up a prayer, and then to show his heart was in the right place offered to marry the widow.

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The reason there are no few ladies on the street seem the reason is that they are remaining at home, waiting to get through shoulder costumes.

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The Mad Mullah must feel himself neglected. He hasn't been whipped or killed by the English for nearly a week.

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There is always room at the top, especially of a party dress—room for more dress.

"THE OLD SCRATCH."

How the Evil One Came to be Popularly Known as "The Old Scratch."

One of the many familiar names of his satanic majesty is "The Old Scratch." It is undoubtedly due to the fact that something is so disagreeable that people thought it no worse than the evil one. A scaly fall of dandruff keeps one scratching all the time, not only disagreeable but embarrassing very indelicate in public so—as it should be—because one ought to have the scalp so clean that it would not itch. To cure the scaly of dandruff effectively, use Newbro's Herpicide. It kills the germ that causes the dandruff which is profitable to killing hair, and finally kills the hair. No other hair preparation kills dandruff germ. Herpicide also is a very delightful and effective hair dressing. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Daniel J. Fry, Special Agent, Salem.

A Speedy Settlement

This time by fire of his dwelling house and household goods, by Daniel X. Sherry, on last Saturday afternoon, has been settled by the Oregon Fire Relief association, of McMinnville. Mr. Sherry received a check for $1000 in full of his claim for loss sustained. The association is a new one, but has already settled several losses at full rate, and is in a healthy condition. Its business is confined to the Pacific Coast. Its agents are all good men and true. Its president, Mr. Wright, is a man of high character and ability. Its secretary, Mr. Ferry, is well known throughout the state as a man of the highest integrity. Its vice president, Mr. Shasta, is a man of great ability and a lawyer of high standing. The law firm of which he is a member is one of the strongest in the state. The association is a mutual one, and the premium charged is very low. The association is a mutual one, and the premium charged is very low. The association is a mutual one, and the premium charged is very low