

THE PACIFIC OCEAN TRADE

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Pacific trade has already attained vast proportions. Japan has become one of the great shipping nations, with more than a thousand steamships of her own and with two million tons of foreign shipping in her ports each year.

Great Britain is a great Pacific Ocean power, and she aims at maintaining her supremacy in commerce in those waters. That is why she built a railroad across Canada and is planning to lay a telegraphic cable from Vancouver to Australia.

Educating the Indian.

Captain R. H. Pratt, Tenth United States Cavalry, superintendent of the Indian industrial school at Carlisle, Pa., has sent out the fourteenth annual report of the school.

The topic with its sixty-eight names of different tribes, each representing a different language, shows that this school is exceptional, not only for the United States, but for the world. I venture the assertion that in no other institution in existence are there as many different nationalities and languages as are gathered here.

Pumping Oil From the Sea.

The oil spot in the world where oil is pumped from the sea is on the Pacific coast below Santa Barbara, Cal. The oil-bearing strata reaches out into the ocean, and the drill is boring, looking like windmills without the wheels, creeping nearer and nearer the edge until finally many of them were planted in the water.

The caribou, or reindeer, of Newfoundland roam over an area of some 25,000 miles of unbroken wilderness. They are magnificent creatures, some of the larger stage weight from 500 to 600 pounds.

A PEARL PIRATE

A Sketch of the Buccaneers of the Spanish Coast.

Frank R. Stockton, in contributing to St. Nicholas, under the title of "The Buccaneers of the Spanish main, tells the following adventure:

One of the adventures who set out about this time on a cruise after gold-laden vessels was a Frenchman who was known to his countrymen at Pierre Francois and to the English as Peter Francis.

Every year, at the proper season, a dozen or more vessels came to this pearl bank, attended by a man-of-war to protect them from molestation.

When he reached the coast near the mouth of the river, he took the masts out of his little vessel, and rowed quietly toward the pearl fishing fleet, as if he had intended to join them on some entirely peaceable errand.

The pearl fishing vessels were all at anchor, and the people on board were quietly attending to their business. Out at sea, some distance from the mouth of the river the man-of-war was lying becalmed.

But something worse than a shark was quietly making its way over those tranquil waters, and no handiwork ever descended from Spanish mountains upon the quiet peasants of a village equalled in ferocity the savage fellows who were crouching in the little boat belonging to Pierre of Tortuga.

This innocent looking craft, which the pearl fishers probably thought was loaded with fruit and vegetables that somebody from the mainland desiring to sell, was permitted, without being challenged or interfered with, to row up alongside the largest vessel of the fleet, on which there were some armed men and a cannon.

A Bridal Episode.

At a recent fashionable wedding not a thousand miles from Chicago some very picturesque features prevailed. Bowers and flowery terraces decked the grounds of the handsome residence of the bride's father, yachts with gay pennants flying were anchored at the foot of the garden, flower girls and chorus girls led the way to the little neighborhood church, singing and strewing roses in the path of the lovely bride.

"Bertha," he said, "for heaven's sake, kick the bottom out and walk; it'll look just the same."

Bison on a Wisconsin Farm.

Albert and Charles Huber, living a few miles south of Durand, Wis., have a herd of about twenty-five full-blooded bison and some eighteen crossed bulls and heifers, bison and native cow.

ABOUT MARRIAGE

Does It Tend to Prevent Insanity?—What an Indiana Justice Says.

Two men reasoning from entirely different standpoints agree in an article in a New York paper that marriage is not only the happiest but most healthful state of existence.

"Marry young, is my advice. If you cannot marry young, marry as young as you possibly can, and, above all, marry. Most marriages are compromises, anyway, a matter of give and take, and as a whole it is better for a man and a woman to be married, even if they do quarrel occasionally, than it is to remain single.

"We have no means of getting at the exact figures on insanity in the United States at the present time, but we have a good criterion in the figures compiled on the same subject for Great Britain. This report shows that at every age from 19 up to 65, and even upward, the chances of a single man becoming insane are six times greater than the chances of a married man going mad.

Who Are the Greeks? In everything the modern Greek does or says, there is to be detected a glance out of the corner of his eye to see if the rest of the world thinks he is acting as his ancestors would have acted.

Fighting Force.

Of Four States, According to Report of Adjutant General of the Army.

According to the annual report of the adjutant general of the army, just transmitted to Congress, the total strength of the militia of Pennsylvania last year was 8,521. The State of New York's total was considerably larger, being 13,894, but the number of men available for military duty in Pennsylvania is given at 878,394, while the New York available strength is only 800,000.

How to Live Long.

Sir James Sawyer, a well-known physician of Birmingham, Eng., has been confiding to an audience in that town the secret of longevity.

Sam Small on Newspapers.

The Rev. Sam Small knows something about the good newspapers and is disposed to give them credit for it. He is fearless and says just what he thinks, no matter whose corns may be pinched.

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Quaint Superstition.

About wedding and betrothal rings there are many quaint superstitions, says The Standard Designer. Centuries ago the wedding ring was placed, as now, upon the fourth finger of the left hand—the thumb being always counted as the first—for the reason, as some ancient manuscripts assert, that a nerve was supposed to reach from this finger to the heart.

"Pickled."

A Memphis young lady, who recently studied in Germany, tells a good story of a German lady who was studying English, and who used to write letters in English to her parents.

Foreign Possibilities Affect Speculation.

But Activity in Industrial Production Continues Without Hindrance.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Foreign possibilities have much affected speculation and caused hesitation in some large business operations, possibly accounting in part for a check in the rapid advance of wheat, but industrial production continues larger than ever, a few more works being added to the active list with a decrease in the number of hands on strike and renewed evidence that the volume of business is larger in February than of any previous year.

Nor is there any symptom of a senseless craze based on rising prices. The legitimate export and domestic demand presses closer to the capacity of works, and though there is no flighty advance in any line, and in all narrowness of profit is a matter of complaint, new business for this dull season is unprecedented.

Wheat continued its progress upward until \$1.08.75 was reached on Monday, but declined 3/4¢ later, as if there were fear that Spain would somehow stop British vessels from taking wheat across the water.

In iron manufacture there is more demand for products and slightly better prices for Bessemer pig, which has advanced to \$10.40 at Pittsburg, with gray forge unchanged there.

Failures for the week have been 235 in the United States against 296 last year and thirty in Canada against fifty last year.

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