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A few sheds erected in 1862 at Jamalapore, India, for repairs to rolling stock of the East India railway, have expanded into a plant covering 100 acres at the present time, and with an output valued at more than 5,000,000 rupees a year.

The quantity of wheat retained for consumption in the United States never reached 275,000,000 bushels prior to 1880. In 1881 it passed the 300,000,000 line and slowly increased with the population; in 1899 it was over 400,000,000 bushels; in 1902 it exceeded 500,000,000, and in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, was 517,000,000 bushels—a greater total than in any preceding year.

The sovereign who reigns over the smallest monarchy in the world is the king of Cocos, a group of islands near Sumatra. These islands were discovered about 300 years ago by the captain of the Keeling, but were comparatively little known till 1825.

According to a report of the German consul at Kief, an American firm which sells annually more than \$500,000 worth of agricultural implements in Omsk, has decided to erect a technical school in which persons will be trained to use agricultural implements and to instruct farmers in their use.

The report for 1903 on the acreage and production of crops and the number of live stock in Great Britain has just been published by the board of agriculture. Of the 56,675,000 acres which form Great Britain, exclusive of foreshore and tidal water, over 32,225,000 acres are under crops and grass and 12,675,000 acres are occupied by woods and plantations and 500,000 acres are covered by inland waters.

Lady Eleanor Wickham, the London society leader, has a craze for wearing little grass snakes for bracelets. She entices the reptiles to twine themselves around her wrist, then she plunges her hands and arms into icy cold water for a few moments, with the result that the serpents become torpid and remain in a more or less comatose state for some hours.

In Alaska the reindeer is taking the place of the Eskimo dog as a beast of burden in transporting passengers and freight over frozen snows. He is more enduring and tractable and free from the fits of ill temper that make a pack of dogs troublesome to manage.

The available farm land in Indian territory is estimated at 15,000,000 acres. These figures are taken from the records of the Dawes commission. Of this 15 per cent. was in cultivation last year. There will be an increase of at least 5 per cent. this year. Mining is the subject of considerable enterprise in Bolivia. The lode districts are situated, as a rule, on the higher mountainous parts of the elevated Bolivian plateau, at an average altitude of about 13,000 feet above sea level.

As the Chesapeake oyster crop has grown annually less, the general demand has grown annually greater. The oyster appetite prevails from the Alleghenies to the Rockies, and the great interior has in the past looked to the Chesapeake bay to meet the demand for the savory mollusk.

TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT.



GROWTH OF THE COUNTRY

National Expenditures Have Simply Kept Pace with the Nation's Unique Development.

If Mr. Parker would consent to descend to particulars instead of dealing with generalities when on the subject of national expenditure the American people would have more respect for him. It is all very well to denounce extravagance, but such denunciations have little or no effect on the public mind.

The reason why Judge Parker does not particularize is known to everyone who has any familiarity with the subject of national expenditure. If he should attempt, says the San Francisco Chronicle, to furnish a bill of details it would be possible for republicans to analyze it and demonstrate that his charge is groundless.

Apart from these considerations, it is preposterous to make a comparison of expenditures with Cleveland's first term without dwelling upon the growth of the country in the interval. Judge Parker says the average annual expenditures during Cleveland's first term amounted to \$269,000,000, and for the past three years they have been \$519,000,000.

Another reason why these 500 democratic editors called upon Judge Parker was because postmasters are not elected by the people.—Chicago Journal.

Tariff reductions amounting to more than \$100,000,000 a year in revenue have been made by the republican party during the period in which Judge Parker says no substantial reductions at all have been made.

Ambiguous. Nell—Did he like the duets we sang? Belle—I can't tell from what he said. "Why, what did he say?" "He said I sang well, but that you were better still."—Philadelphia Ledger.

WAGES AND THE TARIFF.

More Than All Else Protection Protects the Welfare of the American Workingman.

The democratic platform denounces the protective tariff policy of the republican party as "a robbery of the many for the enrichment of the few."

The London Ironmonger some years ago declared strenuously that this is a fact. It stated that labor was the only thing which a protective tariff really protected. It has been asserted by many other statisticians that the protective tariff is all that keeps the wages of the American workingmen at the high level which they have reached.

"We denounce republican protection as a fraud and a robbery of a great majority of the American people for the benefit of the few. We declare it to be a fundamental principle of the democratic party that the federal government has no constitutional power to impose and collect tariff duties except for the purpose of revenue only."

A POINT FOR YOUNG MEN.

Do They Agree with Judge Parker That Our Flag Should Come Down in Philippines?

The young men of the United States, by tens of thousands, bravely volunteered to put down insurrection in the Philippines. Our treaty with Spain touching the great archipelago on the far side of the Pacific was clinched by the valor and sacrifices of armies composed of young Americans.

If Parker, Bryan and Cleveland all take the stump voters will be served with three kinds of democracy and may take their pick.—Boston Transcript.

"Not converted by telegrams," say the bankers attending the association meeting in New York when asked why they support Roosevelt. They have cut their financial eye-teeth and are not to be worked in a gold brick game.—Troy (N. Y.) Times.

Mr. Watterson asks his democratic brethren: "What, then, gentlemen, shall we do to be saved?" The case seems a desperate one, but if his democratic brethren are unable to answer the question we would suggest that voting for Roosevelt and Fairbanks would be a good start on the road to safety.—N. Y. Tribune.

EVENTFUL CAREER IS CLOSED.

SENATOR GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR PASSES AWAY.

The End Followed a Period of Unconsciousness that Had Lasted Several Days—Brief Synopsis of His Life.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 30.—George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in this city at 1:35 this morning.

The end followed a period of unconsciousness that had continued since early Tuesday and had come so gently that only the attending physicians were aware of the exact moment of dissolution.

George Frisbie Hoar was born at Concord, Mass., August 29, 1826. He was the son of Judge Samuel Hoar, and the grandson of Roger Sherman, who signed the Declaration of Independence. After taking the regular course at the Harvard law school, he was admitted to the bar and began his law practice at Worcester.



Senator Hoar.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 1.—The tolling of the bells of the church towers and fire stations of Worcester communicated to his fellow citizens the intelligence of the passing of United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar, whose death occurred at 1:35 a. m. Friday.

Lodge, Platt (Conn.), Hale, Depew, McComas, Spooner, Foraker, Beveridge, Elkins, Dryden, Stewart, Cockrell, Bacon, Blackburn, Gorman and Morgan.

The funeral will be held at the Church of the Unity, Worcester, on Monday at 2:30 p. m. The interment will be made in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, Concord, Tuesday morning.

WILL COST OVER \$4,000,000. New Battleship Connecticut Successfully Launched.

New York, Sept. 30.—Although successfully launched yesterday, the battleship Connecticut did not have the bottle of wine broken by Miss Alice B. Welles, who had been selected as sponsor for the ship.

Rear Admiral Rodgers attempted to grasp the bottle as it rebounded, but failed, and the ship was moving off into the water when a workman on the deck seized the string that held the bottle and dashed the glass receptacle of the champagne against the side of the ship, shattering it to pieces, to the relief of the superstitious.

The Connecticut is of steel with a trial displacement of 16,000 tons and a maximum displacement of 17,770 tons. The vessel is 450 feet on the load water line, 456.4 feet over all, 76.19 feet beam and 24.6 feet draught.

Her armament will consist of four 12-inch breech loading guns, one pair in the forward turret, and another aft; and eight 8-inch guns mounted in pairs in four turrets on the superstructure. In the main deck battery there will be 12 14-pounders, 12 three-pounders, six one-pound automatic guns, two one-pound semi-automatic, and eight 30-inch machine guns.

The Connecticut when in commission will carry 42 officers and 761 men. She is not to exceed \$4,212,000 in cost.

Indicted for "Grafting." Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 30.—As the result of District Attorney Coatsworth's investigation of charges of alleged "grafting" on the part of city officials, three present aldermen and four former aldermen have been indicted. All the indicted men were arraigned in court yesterday and pleaded not guilty. Bail was fixed at \$1,500 each and was furnished by all.

Sophomores Pummelled Freshmen. New York, Sept. 30.—The freshman class of Columbia university gathered for the first time in its history last night to hold a vaudeville entertainment. They held the entertainment in Terrace garden and imprisoned 16 sophomores meanwhile. Then 200 sophomores attacked the hall, forced an entrance and beat the 200 freshmen until the police reserves put an end to the pummeling. Clothing was torn and hats were smashed, and many noses bled, but the police would not make any arrests. The hall was considerably damaged.

New Tourist Sleeping Car Service to California.

On August 15th the Missouri Pacific Railway will establish a daily through Tourist Sleeping Car Line, St. Louis to San Francisco. Train will leave St. Louis daily 11:30 p. m. The route will be via Missouri Pacific Railway to Pueblo, Colorado, thence via Denver and Rio Grande to Salt Lake City and Ogden and Southern Pacific to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Very low rates will be in effect from August 15th to September 10th via Missouri Pacific Railway to the principal Pacific Coast points and return. Also Low Rate Colonist one way tickets will be sold from September 15th to October 15th. For rates, information and reservation of berths, apply to nearest representative of the Missouri Pacific Railway, or address H. C. Townsend, G. P. & T. A., St. Louis, Mo.

Time-Honored Truth.

"Wisdom is better than rubies," declared Solomon. And now, some centuries later, this opinion has been confirmed by chemical process, while you wait, a just as good article in this line of gems at a price within the reach of all—or nearly all. How much better wisdom is than rubies is shown by the fact that wisdom can now make rubies, while whole carloads of rubies have failed in numerous recorded instances to make a man wise.—Indianapolis News.

Kansas City Southern Ry. Special Excursion

Sept. 12, 20 and 27. Oct. 4 and 18, 1904. to Arkansas, Indian Territory, Louisiana and Texas, very low one way and round trip rates.

Evasion.

"You said you were going to see that I was well taken care of." "Did I?" rejoined Senator Sorghum. "Yes, sir. And now I want to know whether you are going to keep your promise."

Fits stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free 32 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. Kline, 931 Arch st., Phila., Pa.

The czar has had reason to walk the floor at night for several months past, so he won't mind it so much now.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Advertisement for Castoria, 'The Kind You Have Always Bought'. Includes text: 'Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN'. Also features a signature 'Chas. H. Fletcher' and 'NEW YORK'.

Advertisement for Born Steel Ranges, 'THE RELIABLE MAKE'. Includes text: 'Correctly built of the right materials, they save fuel and give years of satisfactory service. Sizes for all requirements. CATALOG FREE. The Born Steel Range Co. Originators of the Steel Range, CLEVELAND, - - OHIO'.

Advertisement for Mexican Mustang Liniment, 'Has been the STANDARD REMEDY for curing aches and injuries'. Includes text: 'For Man, For Horses, For Cattle, For Poultry'.

Advertisement for Kemp's Balsam, 'DO YOU COUGH? DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALSAM'. Includes text: 'It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in its stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by dealers everywhere. Large bottles 25 cents and 50 cents.'

Advertisement for Big Four Route to St. Louis, 'The Way of the World' to the World's Fair. Includes text: 'For information as to rates, hotels and boarding houses, address nearest Big Four agent, or WARREN J. LYNCH, G. P. and T. Agent, Cincinnati, O.'

Advertisement for Strawberry and Vegetable Dealers. Includes text: 'The Passenger Department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company have recently issued a publication known as Circular No. 12, in which is described the best territory in this country for the growing of early strawberries and early vegetables. Every dealer in such products should address a postcard to the undersigned at PUBLIC SQUARE, IOWA, requesting a copy of "Circular No. 12." J. F. MEIKLY, Asst. Gen'l Pass' Agent.'