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The Seal Industry.

The secretary of the treasury seems to be much inclined to retain a discretion in himself, when entering into engagements with other people on the part of the United States, so that the terms of the engagement may be modified at the will of the United States as expressed by himself. This may be very good for the United States; it certainly adds greatly to the power of the secretary, and he has opportunity to make gains for himself, if he so inclines. In the silver bill, of which the secretary recommended the adoption by Congress, he proposes that there shall be a reservation of power in the secretary to suspend or modify its operation whenever it shall seem to him proper to do so in order to defeat combinations against the interest of the nation.

In the terms of the proposition now put forth for the leasing of the sealing grounds of Alaska there is a provision that, for the first year of the twenty years grant, the catch of seals shall be limited to 60,000, and that the number in subsequent years shall be fixed by the secretary of the treasury. This is a power reserved to the secretary which he did not have under the present lease; and it is one which apparently will greatly aid the present lessee in securing a renewal of the lease; since any one inclined to bid for the lease would be expected to do so on the basis of a 60,000 catch; whereas the limit of the present catch is 100,000. The company now enjoying the lease can better afford to take the risk of having the 60,000 limit raised than could a new company, since it has all its establishment for the business on hand. The fact that the authorized catch is reduced from 100,000 to 60,000 when a new lease is to be made, and that only for one year, is fair ground for a suspicion that the secretary of the treasury desires to aid the present company in getting a renewal of the lease at the expense of the government; a suspicion which is strengthened by the demand made for the deposit of \$100,000 as security for the fulfillment of the contract, which is a new requirement and not calculated to increase the number of the competitors for the prize.

That it is a great prize is unquestionable. The present company is known to have made an enormous amount from its monopoly. At present it seems to be engaged in a very natural effort to depreciate the value of the grant, claiming that there is a falling off in the number of seals visiting the islands. But as they have had no trouble in taking as many as they were authorized to take and the count made two years ago by the United States agent of the number of breeding seals returning to St. Paul and St. George Islands mounted up to over six and a half millions, there is small probability that the supply will give out so long as no more than 100,000 seals are permitted to be taken annually.

There is no good reason why the United States should desire to favor the present lessee of the seal islands; but there is reason why the lease should not be renewed to the same parties, without at least a stipulation that the skins shall be sold within the country, instead of all shipped to London, as they now are. It is a shame that this product of our own country should not be able to reach its consumers until after it has passed through the hands of foreign agents and been saddled with costs of insurance, commission freight and other charges that swell its cost twenty per cent, in the home market. And when the skins are dyed in England they have to bring from the consumer here the further cost of the duty.

There is no reason why the seal skin catch should not be sold in this country, and this should be a requirement of the grant. Furthermore, there does not seem to be any sufficient reason why the skins should not be taken and sold for the account of the government. It is a business which necessarily must be a monopoly in order that the seals may be preserved. It is one also which is subject to the invasion of poaching vessels that are said to destroy as many seals as they capture. It is necessary for the United States to keep revenue cutters patrolling the Alaskan seas, to be proper for the government to control the business which is a monopoly and which it must protect at so much cost; and instead of selling for twenty years the privilege of taking seals it would seem to be better for it to enter into annual contracts for the taking of the year's catch and its sale for government account.

The influenza. European dispatches give an alarming tone to the complaints of the influenza, and making due allowance for exaggeration, provoked by the dullness of news abroad, it is evident that the malady is not merely a thing to be sneezed at. The hospitals of the great cities are reported full to overflowing with influenza patients, and some who were careless have died from complications with other troubles. At the same time it is evident that the malady is made a convenient excuse for several changes of royal programmes. The czar was too ill to attend Christmas services or reviews, and it is declared probable that the illness of the king of Portugal will postpone the ceremony of his proclamation as king. In the first case these public appearances of the czar are always made dangerous by influenza, and in the case of Portugal, the news from Brazil has roused a popular temerity very agreeable to regal ceremonies. The influenza in New York, Boston and Philadelphia is not at all alarming, as it comes in a form—so mild that it is even doubted whether it is the genuine Russian article. The squadron of evolution is now at Lisbon, where everybody is sneezing, from king to cab-driver, and we may soon hear that the whole four vessels are practically useless even if they are by reason of the sneezing of their crews and officers. As might have been expected, the news from Brazil

grows more disquieting, and it is very clear that the squadron should have been sent there out of the way of influenza and in position to be of some use in the protection of American citizens in case of further rioting. The slight relief that is given by medical science to the sufferers should make Europe very thankful that the disease is not more dangerous to life, but the sudden appearance of the strange malady is warning that the great plagues of the middle ages of history may reappear at any time to baffle modern science, humble the pride of this progressive age and decimate the race.

It is winter don't hurry you will find the blossoms out on the trees, and catch the birds returning.

MELFORD H. HAGLER, a graduate of Lincoln University, who has taught school on the Welsh mountain for two summers, and gives an entertainment in the court house on Friday evening to raise money to help the work. He calls his enterprise the "Welsh Mountain Biblical, Literary and Industrial school," and wants two hundred dollars to commence building a school house. Mr. Hagler seems to be very enthusiastic in his belief that he can give in this way what is needed to change the character of the Welsh mountain people, but is getting tired spending his own very limited means.

REPORTS from all quarters agree with the Lancaster weather for Christmas day, and even at Chicago the weather was so summary that oarsmen were out on the lake in the lightest of racing costumes.

Down in Georgia some drunken negroes resisted arrested on Christmas day and severely handled the policemen. A stronger force of police arrested some of the negro leaders, but only got them to jail after a riot, in which according to one report, two white men and one negro were killed and many wounded. Another story only speaks of one negro killed and one wounded and says nothing of killed or wounded whites. This seems to be a fair sample of the sort of disturbance that is called a race riot when it happens in the South and a drunken free fight when the scene is in a Northern state. The great preponderance of negroes, however, gives just cause for some anxiety when rows of the kind happen in Georgia, because the passions of the densely ignorant colored people might be very easily inflamed by a fanatical leader, and Governor Gordon did well to order state troops to the scene. The late Mr. Gray did not exaggerate the gravity of the race question in the South when he said that the very existence of his people depended upon its right solution; but the small riots in Southern states are exaggerated in the daily news.

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