

FACTS ABOUT THE ORANGE FREE STATE

CHARACTER OF PEOPLE AND OF RESOURCES. Stock Raising, Diamond Mining and Agriculture Its Chief Industries.

From the New York Sun. The Orange Free State is bounded on the south by the Orange river, which divides it from Cape Colony, a British South African colony.

A PASTORAL COUNTRY.

The principal lands are best adapted to pastoral purposes, though there is a 30x100-mile strip of soil on the Basutoland border considered to be second to none in the world for grain producing purposes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The inhabitants of the Orange Free State are, like the Boers of the Transvaal, a peaceful, educated and well-governed people. The country is divided into nineteen districts, each one of which is presided over by a landdrost, or magistrate.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee.

ing these customs does for the republic. The Orange Free State spends about \$100,000 annually on roads, \$100,000 on bridges, and large sums for so small a country, on public buildings.

SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION.

The government of this Boer state is very careful about the education of the children of the land. For this purpose a permanent fund of \$1,000,000 is set aside. The educational department is a very thorough one.

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE ARE, FROM THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DUTCH ORIGIN, MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH.

This is the established church of the land. There is a congregation in nearly every little village of the country. The holding of burials and marriages is provided for by ordinances. These wapschouwinga are held in every district in time of peace once in four years. They are held yearly in each ward or sub-district.

CLIMATE.

The climate of the Orange Free State is dryer and colder than that of its neighbors. This is due to its altitude and inland position. It is, therefore, healthy for weak lungs. Its dry season is in the winter time, but its perils are causing them to run hither and thither to twenty feet above their normal level.

LAWS.

The principal enactments of the codified statutes which have been passed as one act are: 1. The establishment of high and low courts for the trial of causes.

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Perfect freedom in this book store to handle, to look and to read. During December many books became soiled—a thumb mark, a torn page, a blurred picture.

Jonas Long's Sons.

calling out of the burghers in time of war like the present.

Under it every male inhabitant of the state between sixteen and sixty years of age is subject to call and conscription. The number now available by this law is about 25,000 men.

AN INTERESTING HISTORY.

Though only 50,000 square miles in area, the size of an American state, this republic has a stirring history since the first white men peopled it in 1652, sixty-five years ago.

THE NINETY AND NINE.

"Come in," to the new; and "Farewell" to the old. Ring out—or ring off, as may hap. Contact us with one nine naught naught; we would hold.

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When Nature Juggled with Islands in the Straits of Sunda.

From the Pall Mall Gazette. It is just sixteen years since the most stupendous and appalling of all the convulsions of nature which have occurred either in ancient or in modern times took place.

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NOT MEANT SERIOUSLY.

That's What They Call It.

"Papa, what is broad-mindedness?" "Admiring with headstrong people when you know they are wrong."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Literary Note.

Tom Pegasus—I better myself that this poem will meet with your approval. Editor—Yes; you flatter yourself—Thank many Times.

Internally Speaking.

"You appear to be eying that frowzy suspicious Mr. Rivers," said the growler. "Don't you like the cut of his jib?" "I don't like the cut of his jib," replied Rivers.—Chicago Tribune.

Definition.

"Papa, what is a 'specialist'?" "My son, he is a gentleman who has discovered in which line of his practice his mistakes are least likely to be found out and exposed."—Washington Star.

An Easy Cue.

"I wish I knew how to act when I meet a baby. I always feel like a fool." "All you have to do is to act the way you feel."—Cutter's Weekly.

The Kentucky Situation.

"It must be terrible to have war and not be ready for it." "I don't know. It must be more terrible to get ready for war and then not have it."—Indianapolis Journal.