

SHOWS PHENOMENAL GROWTH

Interesting Figures Regarding the Commerce Between the United States and Porto Rico.

Commerce between the United States and Porto Rico is increasing with phenomenal rapidity, especially since the removal of all tariff restrictions in July of last year.

This rapid growth in the movements of commerce between the ports of the United States and Porto Rico is presented by a statement just prepared by the treasury bureau of statistics, which shows that the shipments of domestic merchandise from the United States to Porto Rico in the eight months ending with February amounted to \$6,887,052, indicating that for the full fiscal year the total shipments of domestic and foreign goods from the ports of the United States to Porto Rico will aggregate about \$10,000,000.

DROVE HIS AUTO TOO FAST.

Senator Clark, the Montana Millionaire, Has Unpleasant Experience with Capital Police.

Senator Clark, the Montana millionaire, the other day was placed under arrest charged with running his automobile at a speed greater than permitted by law.

The Montana millionaire said he had considerable experience in running automobiles and was perfectly competent to judge of the speed he was making.

ROOSEVELT AND SCHOOL-GIRLS

Made a Large Party from Roanoke College Sitting on Floor and Much Merriment Followed.

President Roosevelt was treated to an unusual sight the other morning when he suddenly entered the East room to receive a large party of girls from Roanoke college, in Virginia, who were waiting to see him by appointment.

To Test Men's Chivalry.

The two beautiful New York girls who are going to walk from that city to Seattle wearing valuable jewels and trusting in the chivalry, valor and virtue of the men of the country to protect them may feel perfectly secure while passing through this city.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

It has been decided to found an eye hospital and an asylum for the blind as Ceylon's memorial to the late Queen Victoria.

The highest of all navigable rivers in the Tsang-Po, which flows for nearly 1,000 miles at an elevation of from 11,000 to 14,000 feet.

A plumber who was arrested in Rome for stealing jewelry confessed that he swallowed diamonds and other stones valued at \$15,000, and sold the mountings.

During the year 1901 36 asteroids were discovered, all but one of them at Heidelberg by photography. The asteroid group is now known to have 475 members.

While men's bicycles are generally preferred in Formosa, Chinese male riders do not object to a lady's wheel; in fact, many prefer it, as it is possible with the latter to wear the characteristic long coat.

To shake about 200,000 peach trees and 50,000 plum trees for the purpose of dislodging injurious insects is a formidable task, yet it was successfully accomplished several times between April 18 and June 1, 1901, by the Hale Georgia Orchard company, at Ft. Valley, in Georgia.

There is just now an observable tendency on the part of our foreign population to distribute themselves by nationalities to a certain extent. Two-thirds of the Irish remain in the east. Two-thirds of the Germans go west.

Of 1,000,000 Scandinavians \$70,000 are in the west and northwest. The Russians, Poles, Hungarians and Italians are chiefly found in New England, New York and Pennsylvania. The Bohemians and Hollanders settle in the central west.

AILMENTS IN ODD CORNERS.

Strange Affections That Are Peculiar to Various Out-of-the-Way Parts of the World.

There are two remarkable diseases, either or both of which may attack you if you elect to reside within the Congo basin; but you need have no dread of them if you live in any other part of the world. One is the sleeping sickness, a terrible, mysterious and invariably fatal malady. The patient is at first only drowsy, but ends by sleeping almost continually, waking only for meals or when forcibly roused; finally the torpor becomes complete; he cannot be roused even to take food, and dies of starvation.

When, in 1874, numbers of English navvies and engineers consented to go out to Cerro de Pasco, in Peru, to help in building the Trans-Andean railway, they little dreamed that many of them were consigning themselves to a lingering death from a strange malady, of which even the name was at that time practically unknown in Europe.

Lombardy is the one place where pellagra is always prevalent—that mysterious modern ailment due to eating damaged maize, which since 1838, when it was first noticed, is computed to have been responsible for the death of more than 500,000 peasants.

Two Cents a Swear. The penalty for swearing in some of the London hotels and bars is now a penny per swear. Directly language of a cominatory or profane character is heard the barmaid or waiter passes to the offender a small collecting box, with a polite request for a penny.

In some establishments gentlemen with a luxurious tendency to swear are indulged as season ticket holders. They put in a sum which carries them for a fixed period without paying for it.

Season ticket holders, however, are not encouraged, because the knowledge of having paid for their swears in advance encourages men to take out their money's worth.—Stray Stories.

IN NEED OF FUNDS.

Catholic University Compelled to Exercise Strictest Economy.

It Is Said That the Institution at Washington Has Not Received Measure of Support from Archbishops That Was Expected.

The educational world has been astounded to learn during the last few days that the Catholic University of America has been compelled to exercise the most rigid retrenchment in the midst of a scholastic term.

The Catholic university is in sore straits. It has not received the measure of support from Roman Catholic Archbishops that was expected by the pope when he founded it 12 years ago.

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The university is governed by a board of trustees, which originally was designed to consist of four archbishops, four bishops, four priests and four laymen, with the archbishop of Baltimore as its chancellor.

BISHOP POTTER LAUDS LABOR

Declares That Almost the Worst Enemy of Progress in Human Society is the Spirit of "Casté."

"Almost the worst enemy of progress in human society is the spirit of 'casté,' and the tragic element in the constitution of our modern social structure is that under forms of government that profess long ago to have renounced and abandoned it it still rears its head in forms more insolent and more mischievous than any that in any age of history it has assumed."

Concerning the walking delegate, Bishop Potter quoted with approval a remark made by a union leader to a contractor who had styled the walking delegate as offensive.

Large Addition to Navy.

There will be a large addition to the navy if the appropriation bill agreed upon by the house naval committee becomes a law. This measure, which carries an appropriation of \$76,000,000, provides for the construction of six new vessels, two of which will be battleships of 16,000 tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$4,212,000 each.

Compliments in South Africa.

If the truth is told, at least two of the military gentlemen in South Africa are offering each other floral pieces, remarks the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Why Students at All.

The wonder of it is, says the Chicago Record-Herald, that the Russian ministers of the interior go on permitting the presence of students in that country.

BABYLONIAN EDICTS FOUND.

The Laws Laid Down by King Contemporary with Abraham Are Deciphered.

Prof. Morgan, the archaeologist, of Paris, has succeeded in deciphering the laws of King Kammouradi of Babylonia, a contemporary of Father Abraham.

The law books, written on clay, were discovered by the French exploration party digging up the ancient city of Susa, and will be the principal attraction of the archaeological exhibition at the Grand Palais opened May 1.

The parts of the code deciphered by the professor deal with criminal, civil and commercial law. Here are extracts from the fundamental laws of the ancient Babylonian kingdom:

"The man who robs a horse shall be thrown into the fire."

"The burglar discovered in the act has forfeited his life if he carries weapons on his body. He shall be hurled on the spot where he entered the house."

"He who destroys a fruit tree shall be fined ten pieces of silver."

"He who drives another man's ox to death, shall give ox for ox."

"He who injures an animal shall be fined half the worth of the animal."

"A woman inheriting a house, field, or orchard from her husband must not be molested in her possession, which she shall be free to leave to her favorite son. Her husband's children shall not be entitled to fight the testament."

BLIND BOYS ON BICYCLES.

The Pupils of the State School of Oregon at Salem Are Becoming Experts.

Bicycle riding is the latest means of recreation provided for pupils of the state blind school in Salem, Ore. Superintendent Jones has procured a tandem bicycle, the rear seat of which is arranged for either a lady or gentleman.

Two boys who are totally blind have become such good riders that they can ride the wheel around the school grounds. The pupils are not permitted to ride in dangerous places or take any chances of an accident.

Superintendent Jones says that while visiting a blind school in the east he saw two boys who were totally blind, but who could ride a bicycle together over any road with which they were acquainted.

NEW FOOD FOR HOGS.

Students at Iowa Experiment Station Will Learn Value of Packing-House Products.

What promises to be a most interesting swine-feeding experiment is being conducted by the Iowa experiment station for the purpose of determining the value of beef meal, manufactured by large packers.

Thirty hogs, weighing on an average 165 pounds, are being used, divided into five groups of six, each to be fed as follows:

Lot 1, cornmeal; lot 2, cornmeal and beef meal; lot 3, cornmeal and Swift's tankage; lot 4, cornmeal and Armon's tankage; lot 5, cornmeal and standard stock food.

The work is being done by Oscar Royce and H. B. Ellenberger, students of the animal husbandry department, under the direction of Prof. W. J. Kennedy.

Liberty Statue to Be Lighted.

Secretary Root has made arrangements to maintain a light in the statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor. The electrical apparatus belonging to the lighthouse establishment and used in lighting the statue will be employed for that purpose.

Wain.

"Wain" is suggested by the London Globe as the name for the automobile, as motor car, the word adopted in England, is too cumbersome. The compound would then be "oil-wain" or "small-wain" for the petroleum car, "steam-wain" or "puff-wain" for the steam motor, and "spark-wain" for the electric motor.

From Viewpoint of Entertainment.

Prince Henry says the Americans are not a nation of mere dollar hunters, and the Chicago Record-Herald remarks that the swiftness of the prince's perceptions is simply amazing.

Eros Catches Eye of Astronomer.

A Harvard astronomer is going to Peru to study Eros. Eros, like some of the poets, remarks the Chicago Record-Herald, has waited a long time to get studied.

Taxing of Church Bells.

It is proposed at Valencia, Spain, to tax all the church bells in the town.

SUICIDE CONVERTED.

Remarkable and Thrilling Scene in a Chicago Church.

Man in Desperation Calls for Revolver to Kill Himself and Finds Life Through the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Charles Ludevig, a would-be suicide, threw the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Clark and Washington streets, Chicago, into a panic the other Sunday night by rushing wildly down the aisle and calling for a revolver with which to blow out his brains.

Dr. Brushingham had hardly begun his sermon when Ludevig arose from his seat in the rear of the church, and, with hands uplifted, rushed toward the pulpit.

"You get me a revolver," he shouted, his face working with emotion. The congregation sat breathless. Women turned pale. Those in the front row knew not whether to attempt to interfere with the crazed man or flee.

Dr. Brushingham seemed to be the only one who comprehended the situation.

"What do you want with a revolver?" he coolly asked.

"I want to blow my brains out," yelled Ludevig.

"You had better get some of the blood of the Lamb instead of spilling your own," replied the pastor.

"I don't care; I want to end my life."

Dr. Brushingham, seeing that his subject was of an argumentative nature, sought to lead him on.

"Why do you want to end your life?" he asked.

"I've got beyond all salvation. I've gone to the limit and there is no hope for me."

The congregation was beginning to regain its composure, although all feared that Ludevig might yet carry out his purpose. The man glared about him as though only the lack of a weapon held him back.

Dr. Brushingham descended from the pulpit and a shudder passed over the congregation. He advanced to Ludevig who appeared to shrink from contact with a man. An argument ensued, which lasted for ten minutes, part of which the audience could not hear, but the effect was plainly visible on the face of Ludevig.

His features relaxed, softened, and finally, with a cry of mingled relief and hope, he sank to his knees. Sobbing like a child, he began to pray.

His example was followed by Dr. Brushingham and the congregation. For some minutes the prayer continued. When they had ended the congregation knew not what to expect next, although all realized that the crisis was past.

Dr. Brushingham ascended the pulpit. Advancing to the front he exhorted all present to witness what the grace of God had accomplished within so short a time.

The regular services were turned into a revival, and the pastor had hardly begun his exhortation before two more converts knelt at the altar railing. Before the service closed members of the congregation announced that they would find a home for Ludevig for the night and then arrange for his future.

FEW POPES IN LAST CENTURY

Remarkable Instances of Longevity in the Pontificate at Rome Are Recalled.

"It is a remarkable fact," says a Paris newspaper writer, "that the nineteenth century, reputed to have burnt its candles at both ends, has nevertheless contributed the longest pontificates to papal history."

This example of pontifical longevity is without parallel in the preceding centuries. The eighteenth century has eight popes and the seventeenth 12. The others are divided: between 15 and 20. It is necessary to go back to the first century of the churches in order to see it occupied by four popes only, of whom St. Peter filled the sovereign pontiff's chair during the first 33 years.

Interested in the Young.

In the village of Hyde Park, N. Y., near which Frederick V. Vanderbilt has a country home, Mrs. Vanderbilt has provided a club for young men and she is now interesting herself in the young girls. For their benefit she has founded a class in millinery and has engaged a woman instructor in the city, who goes to Hyde Park twice a week.

The World vs. Stratford.

Stratford, England, has been able to get along all these years without a public library, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, but what would the public libraries of the world be if there had been no Stratford?

King Edward's Weakness.

It is possible that King Edward wanted that collapsible table, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, so as to be sure of at least one jackpot while he is entertaining his American coronation guests.

Blocking the Suez Canal.

By the burning of a British petroleum ship on the Bitter lakes the Suez canal was recently blockaded for three days.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Oracular Observations Upon Matters Which Are Not Confined to His Particular Sphere.

A kiss in time makes nine. Two rounds never make a fight. Somehow the best cooks give us the worst indigestion, says a writer in the New York Press.

A girl can get mad at you if you kiss her or if you don't. Company manners always wear out if the company stays too long. Most of us make our incomes go so far that we never see them again.

Lots of people will forgive their enemies, but won't stop lying about them. The higher we go the higher up seems to be the place we want to reach.

The liver has as much to do with soul-sickness as with other kinds. A woman can stand stays or shoes, being tight or most anything but a man.

It takes women to support foreign missions, reading societies and dude actors. We hate a cold winter in winter almost as much as a hot summer in summer.

The first baby makes a man crazy with joy; the others make him crazy without it. A woman can imagine anything in the world except what she doesn't want to imagine.

A man is emperor in his own house till a young son comes along to de-throne him. Nothing makes a woman so suspicious as to have her husband volunteer to go to church.

You can tell an engaged girl by the funny way she puckers her lips when she looks at his photograph. You can never convince a vain woman who has grown fat that she is until she gets stuck trying to get in a carriage door.

When we hear angels' wings fluttering around some people it is time to wonder what new devilry Satan is planning for them. One of the hard things to understand is how such nice grandmothers as everybody has ever could have been mothers-in-law.

Mental science is all right for heart-aches and things like that but it has to take to the woods when it meets a good old-fashioned case of rheumatism.

DECORATIVE SKINS.

Artistic Drapery Fashioned from the Hides of Calves Is Now Much in Vogue.

The decorative hide is too wide to be entirely dominated by leather and a novelty has recently appeared. This is calfskin in natural form—that is, simply dressed without removing the soft and silky hair. Only the hides of "baby calves" are utilized and it is the coloring and marking of the skin that, from an artistic standpoint, constitutes much of their attractiveness.

The softest, most delicate skins are of a beautiful shade of deep cream with markings in brown or black. These are procured from the very young animals, the skins of the older calves showing less of cream and more of white tone with pronounced markings in black and deep brown. The natural shape is preserved and the whole skin is intended mainly for decorative use in the summer cottage of the mountain ledge, says the Detroit Free Press.

A decorative artist who is enthusiastic about these natural calfskins says: "They are simply ideal for the den in the summer cottage, the lodge in the woods, or the bungalow, for these cream and brown and black and white tones will harmonize perfectly with the usual furnishings and the hairy skins will serve admirably as wall drapery, or to throw over a table or taboret."

The use of these skins is not, however, confined to the summer home. They have already found their way into the library and den of the city home and one of the most highly prized possessions of a local bachelor is a table—ordinary pine affair, painted green—on top of which one of these skins in cream and brown is fastened with small bronze-headed nails.

Apple Cup. An apple cup that is recommended as a plain but most appetizing dessert, especially liked by and good for children, needs one pint of sifted flour, an even tablespoonful of butter, a half teaspoonful of salt, and a teaspoonful of baking powder, mixed with a cup of milk or enough to make a soft dough. Roll out the dough and cut into rounds. Put one in the bottom of a custard cup; put in the center a quarter of a peeled juicy apple, together with a teaspoonful of sugar and a drop or two of lemon juice. Fold the dough over to form a ball, brushing the top with a little beaten egg and sprinkling over it granulated sugar. Repeat this for each cup desired, standing all when ready in a pan of boiling water. Bake in the oven 20 minutes and serve hot with cream.—N. Y. Post.

Rhubarb Pudding. Wash three pints of red rhubarb and cut into half lengths. Do not peel it. Mix half a grated nutmeg with three cupfuls of granulated sugar. Butter a pudding dish well. Line it with a layer of grated bread-crumbs, cover with a layer of rhubarb, then a thick layer of the sugar and nutmeg, and little bits of butter, repeat until the dish is full enough, having the layer last of bread-crumbs and little bits of butter. Bake about one hour in a rather slow oven. Good either hot or cold; with or without plain or whipped cream.—Home Magazine.