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Navy's Most Elaborate Reception.

Tokio, Oct. 20.—The reception accorded the American fleet by the government and people of Japan is said by the American naval officers to be the heartiest and most perfectly carried out of the many receptions received by them since the fleet sailed from Hampton Roads. Rear Admiral Sperry said today that the welcome given the fleet and its officers and men here had been planned and carried out to the least detail with remarkable care and precision.

The men of the American and Japanese fleets are fraternizing everywhere in Tokio and Yokohama. Every wish of the American sailors is anticipated and each blue jacket finds an English speaking guide among the Japanese sailors. The American uniform is the "open sesame" everywhere. The cordiality of the Japanese extends even to the inhabitants of remote villages. It is impossible to doubt the sincerity of the Japanese.

The American officers and sailors are beginning to understand the fact that the evident desire on the part of the Japanese for the friendship of America is not founded upon opportunism; but finds its source in a sincere desire to show that such friendship, at least on the part of the Japanese, has existed always and that this visit of the fleet has merely afforded the Japanese an opportunity for the expression of that feeling.

Amarillo Booze Sellers Arrested.

Arrests were made by the Texas rangers in Amarillo Wednesday in 21 cases in which violations of the local option law are charged against seven parties. Information upon which the arrests are based was filed with the clerk by the county attorney, against the following men: J. J. McGuire, one case; Tom Mitchell, one case; Jesse Miller, three cases; Jimmy Haynes, four cases; Jim Gober, one case; Z. Z. Savage, one case; John Owens, seven cases; Tom Brewer, three cases.

All of the accused made bond.

Haskell's Suit Invalid.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 20.—The \$600,000 libel suit which Governor Haskell of Oklahoma filed in this city last week against William R. Hearst was today pronounced invalid by prominent attorneys who have examined the papers.

It is pointed out that the laws of Nebraska allow no punitive damages in a libel suit and \$300,000 of the amount asked in the present case is punitive. It is also pointed out that the petition is not accompanied by an affidavit of either Governor Haskell or his attorneys, as it is required by the laws of this state. Under the Nebraska statute the suit, it is stated, has no standing in court unless so accompanied.

Amarillo had a considerable storm Sunday and Monday. The Sells Floto show tent was wrecked and a Shetland pony killed and other stock damaged. Many awnings and minor buildings were torn down and several windows were broken.

J. H. Huston of Amarillo has brought suit against the Sells Floto show for a one-third interest in the concern. He alleges that the one-third interest due him is worth \$100,000. He was formerly manager for the show company, and as such manager alleges that he left on deposit a considerable portion of his wages, which went into stock in the company. He also asks for back salary in the sum of \$7,700 alleged to have been due and unpaid at the time he was discharged from the employment of the company.

Texas Money in State Depositories.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 20.—According to the official figures available in the state treasury department, the state of Texas has some \$1,450,000 of funds scattered around over the state in various depositories, of which there are 31, or one in each senatorial district. This would make an average of \$46,775 in each of the depositories. The law limits them to \$50,000 each, hence they are nearly filled to the limit with state funds. This money is drawing a small per cent of interest on the average daily balance and the total on a year is more than enough to run the treasury. Whenever a state depository accumulates \$50,000 in state funds it must promptly remit all excess to the state treasury. Under the law, the depositories send a daily balance of state fund credits to the state treasurer, and he is able to make with drawsals with that information in hand so as to keep the general average maintained at each bank and prevent an excess.

Of the \$1,450,000 of state funds in the depositories, only about half of it belongs to the general revenue account. The other half is divided between various special funds, with a large share to the credit of the school fund. It is found on the books of the treasury that the general account at this time is carrying a balance of approximately \$750,000, of which only about \$50,000 is in the vaults of the treasury in this city to meet warrants issued by the comptroller. More than that sum is not needed at this time and balances in state depositories remain undisturbed. They help swell the daily balance average and earn that much more interest for the state.

Quite a little state ad valorem tax is credited in December, with more in January, while February is the banner month, the total always being in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. Before the operation of the depository law it was ascribed in the vaults here or arbitrarily kept by the bank doing the tax collector's business, but now, if the bank keeps it, it is a state depository and interest is paid.

Haskell Drew on Him for \$50

Oklahoma City, Ok., Oct. 19.—Through the Columbia Bank and Trust company of Oklahoma City, Gov. Haskell drew a sight draft for \$50 on Omer K. Benedict, editor of the Oklahoma City Times today. Mr. Benedict had offered \$50 in gold if the governor returned to Ohio in the campaign and made a speech.

On the back of the draft Benedict wrote: "Couldn't possibly think of honoring this until you have paid the \$50 you owe me for proving you false to campaign pledges, also \$1.66 in telegrams collected when you called me a liar by wire."

It is announced that Gov. Haskell will file suit against Theodore Roosevelt in a court outside of Oklahoma, likely Missouri, to avoid the protests that fairness could not be secured in Oklahoma. The same attorneys who are working up the Hearst suit are employed, Reed, Conkling & Lozier, of Kansas City.

Childless parties say that their board of trade has closed a contract with Ed Kennedy to build the Altus, Roswell & El Paso railroad into Childress. Work on grading to Hollis, Ok., will begin shortly.

Boll weevils now infest thirteen counties in Mississippi. Alabama is next; then Georgia. That the weevil will dampen his feet in the Atlantic Ocean within four years is not doubted by any one who knows him.—Dallas News.

New Mexico Storm.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 19.—Snow fell last night in central and northern New Mexico and some sleet fell here. The temperature dropped from 80 to noon to 40 at night. A gale blew all night and considerable damage is reported all over the New Mexico plains section.

Storm Kills Four at Clayton, New Mexico.

Clayton, N. M., Oct. 20.—Four persons were killed in and near Clayton as the result of a tornado and cloud burst. Twenty other persons were more or less injured, three of whom it is believed will die. The dead are W. H. Paiggett and J. S. Goget, wife and daughter.

Among the injured are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown and their five children, Thomas Dowus and John Byrne.

The county court house, costing \$40,000, was wrecked and a score of houses torn from their foundations.

Telephone and telegraph wires are blown away and miles of poles leveled. The Colorado and Southern railway sustained heavy loss.

The water system was also put out of commission by the storm and the town is without water.

Deaths in Colorado Snow.

Denver, Oct. 19.—Six accidental deaths are traceable to the snow storm that prevailed in Colorado Saturday night and Sunday. Besides these seven persons suffered injuries in railroad collisions by coming in contact with live wires. The dead: Joseph Henry, killed by wire in Denver; J. J. McCloskey, killed by wire in Louisville; Mrs. Lizzie Winslow, killed by wire in her home in Fort Collins; August Garson, frozen to death in snow near Longmont; Leonard F. Banker, scalded to death in wreck caused by collision on Rock Island railroad near Carlton; Henry John, killed by collision between hand car and motor car on Union Pacific railroad in Denver yards.

About 50 Texas editors, many of them accompanied by their wives, were in Dallas Monday to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Press Association and to attend the State Fair of Texas, it being Press Day at the Fair. The executive committee decided that the next annual meeting of the association should be held on May 27, 28 and 29—Thursday, Friday and Saturday—next year. The association had already chosen Marlin as the place of meeting.

At Yokohama two thousand Japanese school children sang the American National anthem as a greeting to our battleship fleet. The sincerity of the Japanese welcome could hardly have been so unmistakably or delicately evidenced in any other way. Can we imagine two thousand American school children caroling the Japanese National air to Japanese naval visitors?—Dallas News.

A western editor is said to have hit upon a plan to keep subscriptions paid up which "takes the cake." Every time a delinquent subscriber is mentioned in his paper his name is inverted. For example, "nooj senoj and wife are spending a few days in Chicago." Every other subscriber understands what it means, and there is a grand rush to get "right side up."

The Western School Journal objects to the word "sermonette," which it found recently on a church programme. It contends that a sermonette logically should be preceded by a prayerette.

At Eddy, McLennan county, Mrs. W. F. Thompson was badly burned while starting a fire with coal oil.

Jollies the Editors.

The Dallas News says of the newspaper men at Dallas on Press Day:

The editors came, saw and conquered the Fair yesterday. At least they came and saw; if they didn't conquer it was because they had other fish to fry. And speaking of fried fish, did you ever see an editor eat? There is Senator Editor Perkins, for instance, whose habitat is up McKinney way; it is a lesson in gastronomy to see Perkins toy with a hot weiner-wurst. He stabs it daintily with his pencil, peels it with his teeth and treats it like an "all-day sucker," except that it doesn't last as long.

But eating wasn't all that the editors did; not even half. They drank. They certainly did drink. If anybody says they didn't drink, he didn't go with them to the dairy exhibit and watch them absorb buttermilk under the personal direction of J. H. Lowery of Honey Grove, president and chief propagandist of the Buttermilk Club. Mr. Lowery organized the Buttermilk Club when the saloons were voted out of his town. That was about three years ago, and from that day to this he has been such an incessant advocate of buttermilk as a potato that many of his friends express wonder that he does not own a cow instead of a printing office. A cow is much less expensive in the long run.

Those who tried to keep in sight of the editorial bunch from the time they left the Commercial Club rooms, where they held a business session, found it an extremely difficult undertaking. This was partly on account of their diversification theories. Some wanted to go to the Fair Grounds on the street cars, some wanted to take passage on the automobile buses, a good many suggested walking and a few preferred (they said) to charter a train. When it comes to riding the trains, all of them are experts, though somewhat out of practice. The street cars were finally chosen, President Gilmore of Wills Point assuring all the doubtful ones that the law against taking a drink on a train did not apply to trolley cars. Not that anyone expected to take a drink on the cars—they merely wished to feel unrestrained. Mr. Gilmore has considerable influence upon the members of the Press Association. He is a member of the Legislature and is said to be so heavily insulated with patriotism that he is campaign-lic proof. He was accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Gilmore.

A New Sport for the Greasers.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 19.—A reproduction of the Roman arena, in which animals fought to the death, was given in Juarez, across the river from here.

A wild Mexican bull fought a Bengal tiger, and the tiger was killed. The tiger was freed from a small cage in the middle of the bull ring and the other combatant was released from a chute at the same time.

The tiger sprang directly over the bull's horns and tried to make a catch on the neck, only to fall to the ground. Four times the tiger sprang and four times fell back, and the fifth the bull reared and came down with crunching hoofs on his enemy, tramping him repeatedly until the tiger was dead.

The Rock Island, Frisco, Denver and Trinity and Brazos Valley railroads are planning the erection of a \$200,000 hospital in Ft. Worth, to be used jointly. Various prospective sites have been viewed. One is at Riverside, which is considered favorably.

Controlling Cotton Prices.

Cotton, at this writing, is about 4c a pound under the price at which it began the previous crop year.

Such a difference, applied to an average crop, would mean over \$200,000,000 less money for the growers. Last year's early September price was extraordinarily high, and a decline soon followed. Nevertheless, the difference is sufficiently impressive to cotton growers. What appears to be the largest association yet formed among them, for the purpose of influencing price, was recently announced. The association proposes to market the product of its members, dealing directly with domestic and foreign spinners, and to restrict offerings until a satisfactory price is obtained. When every cent a pound means \$50,000,000 or more to producers the motive to strive for as many cents as possible is obvious and laudable.

The United States still produces, and doubtless will continue to produce, two-thirds of the world's cotton. In stimulating competition elsewhere much effort has been made, but with no large results. The nearest competitor is British India, with about 15 per cent of the world's total crop. The average yield per acre in that country the last ten years has been eighty pounds, or decidedly less than half that of the United States. Egypt, on irrigated lands worth \$200 to \$600 an acre, gets 350 to 400 pounds an acre, but produced last year only 7 per cent of the total crop.

Perhaps the greatest factor in influencing the price of cotton is prosperity in the United States. The cotton of 1895 was only 7,000,000 bales and the average price only 7.6c. Next year, with less than 9,000,000 bales, it was 6.6c. In 1906, with 13,500,000 bales, it was 10.08c. The crops of 1894 and 1903 were of the same size but the latter brought \$576,000,000 against \$210,000,000 for the former—a stake, to say the least, worth striving for.

In the total problem there are, of course, many and difficult factors, including, for example, China's ability to buy cloth. That the growers themselves should study the factors and seek as far as possible to influence them in their own favor, will appear reasonable except to those singular economists who deem it folly, verging to sin, for mere producers to attempt control over the price of their product.—Saturday Evening Post.

Would-be Teachers Fail.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 20.—The fact that 50 per cent of the 545 teachers who took the September examinations failed and will not receive teachers' certificates has attracted some attention in pedagogic circles. For a teacher to pass the examinations papers must have an average grade of 75 per cent or better, and the grade shall not be below 50 per cent on any one subject. If 49 per cent was made on one subject and 100 on every other the applicant would fail.

She Won the Prize.

At an evening party they were playing a game in which everybody in the room makes a face, and the one who makes the worst face is awarded a prize. They all did their best, and then the judge went up to one of the women and said: "Well, madam, I think you have won the prize."

"Oh," she said, "I wasn't playing!"—Good Housekeeping.

"I wouldn't marry the best man on earth," frequently remarks the flirt. Of course not; the best men give this kind the go-by.

STATE NEWS.

W. P. Erwin, foreman in the Dublin oil mill lost three fingers in the machinery Tuesday.

While returning home from school at Denison Monday, Clarence Bolen, aged 7, was run over and killed by a freight train.

A barn two miles from Paris of F. P. Gross was destroyed by fire Monday. Corn, hay and 400 cases of canned blackberries were consumed.

Wesley Perkins' residence four miles south of McKinney and occupied by Hunt Etpe, was destroyed by fire and its contents burned with a loss of \$1,500 Wednesday.

Ed Pryne, aged 17, and son of a widow, was killed near Beaumont Monday by having his head crushed between the wheel of a wagon and a tree when he stooped to pick up a dropped rein.

At Denton Mrs. G. W. Ballard will likely lose the sight of one eye because of an alleged mistake of a Dallas physician who, in extracting a cinder, injected carbolic acid in her eye instead of cocaine.

Mrs. Bonnie Matlock, a bride of 17, formerly Miss G. Wallace of Cherokee county, ended a quarrel with her husband over which church they should attend by suiciding at Shreveport Monday night.

Governor Campbell was compelled on account of his health to cancel his engagement to open the Floresville carnival on Oct. 23. The governor expressed his sincere regret at his inability to carry out previous arrangements.

Burglars entered J. R. Robbins' grocery store in Beaumont Monday and after obtaining money and merchandise amounting to \$300, set fire to the building and escaped. As they were running off they met a policeman and three shots were exchanged but no one was hit. The building and contents were damaged \$700.

After writing farewell letters to his wife in St. Louis and his mother in Nashville, Tenn., and transcribing telegrams to be sent to his father and to his wife after his demise, Thomas F. Davis, a St. Louis traveling salesman, drank fluid from a bottle, stretched himself upon his bed in a room at Ft. Worth Monday and expired.

An El Paso dispatch says a rush is on to New Mexico similar to the California stampede in 1849. The new fields are near Sylvanite. Last week what was a barren prairie is now a town of 700. El Paso supply men are swamped with telegraph orders for bedding, tents and provisions. Gold nuggets have been found on the surface 200 miles distant.

Ten miles south of Hillsboro a notice was found tacked on the Jessie gin warning land owners not to rent any more land to negroes, under penalty of having their farms planted in Johnson grass. The notice is said to have been written on a piece of pasteboard, which was tacked to the gin house, and signed "W. C. A.," which letters were construed to stand for "White Cap Association." It also contained a rough drawing of a skull and crossbones.

Deputy United States Marshal H. C. Harding, acting under the provision of the government pure food law, seized more than 400 cases of corn consigned from the Nebraska Canning company at Nebraska City, Neb., to a dealer in Amarillo, charging that cases marked and labeled as containing two pounds of product are short of that weight. This is the first instance of this character in the Amarillo division of the northern district of Texas.

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Howard Gould is being called stingy and mean because he only allowed his wife \$25,000 a year alimony. Now, don't all of you wives go and seek a divorce believing you will get a bigger sum than that.

The newspapers of the United States are doing something. Just 3,962,660 cords of wood were used in the United States in the manufacture of paper and pulp last year, twice as much as was used in 1899.

Here is the way an exchange duns its subscribers: "If you have frequent fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign you are not well, but liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription in advance and thus make yourself solid for a good obituary notice."

Harry Koca has taken the lead in the Panhandle in the way of a special edition. An illustrated, 32-page paper and 20,000 copies, the larger part to be distributed at the Dallas fair. The merchants of Quanah are awake to business and not only patronize the booster papers, but give the papers of their town a big patronage every issue.

Where there is a will there is a way. Recently a man in an adjoining town wished to attend a show, but had not the means. To steal was not honorable, and to beg he was ashamed. At last a happy thought struck him. He went into a grocery store and bought a package of coffee on time, and sold it for cash down the street. This gave him money enough to enter the show and buy refreshments.

We are in receipt of the Hedley Herald, a new paper established at Hedley by Thos. Durham. It is neatly printed, the first issue being six pages, four columns to the page. It is pretty well patronized, too, by the Hedley merchants; much better than the Clarendon papers are by their home merchants, when you take the size of the towns into consideration. We bid Bro Durham a hearty welcome in helping us to advertise the merits of Donley county.

We notice that people attending a public entertainment have no hesitancy in taking front seats, in fact, there is a general rush for them, and usually a higher price is willingly paid for the privilege. We also notice in church the custom is right the reverse, everybody crowds into the back seats and if there are any empty pews they are always between the preacher and people, and the glad tidings of salvation lose half their charms in having to bound over empty pews to reach the audience. Why this should be the custom is not exactly clear to us, unless in the latter instance position is taken according to scripture, "The lowest place first in order to be invited higher."

Did you ever think it? Suppose every business man in the city took as much interest in the up-building of a city as the newspaper man. He works for railroads, manufactories, better roads, churches, good streets, and a hundred and one other things for the general good; he urges, pleads, scolds, badgers and coverts around generally until he gets what he sets out for. Imagine his feelings then, when some lame, string, haltered kind of a fellow reproaches him because he don't boom things enough, and nine out of ten that same fellow has never paid one cent toward supporting the paper, and the paper he reads with marked regularity is either borrowed from his neighbor or picked up from the counter in the store at which he trades or loafs.

Clarendon has less illness than any other town of its size; yet, more than there should be.

Bryan-Laud Co. guarantee their shoes.

More Red Tape for Pierce.
Palestine, Tex., Oct. 22.—Gov. Campbell today announced that he positively would make no requisition upon the Massachusetts governor for H. Clay Pierce, saying: "It is up to Missouri's governor to arrest Pierce and then turn him over to Texas."

Campbell said that the former requisition upon the Missouri governor is still in force, and that Texas will take absolutely no action unless Pierce forfeits his bond, becoming a fugitive from justice. In such a case he will make a new requisition upon Missouri and not on Massachusetts.

Enthusiastic Japs.
Tokio, Oct. 22.—The reception of officers and men of the American battleship fleet reached a climax tonight in a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm, in which 50,000 of the populace participated, crowned an unbroken series of luncheons, dinner, balls and garden parties that have marked the five days' celebration.

The demonstration eclipsed any in the history of the city, not even excepting the celebrations that followed most of the signal success of the Japanese army and navy in the war with Russia.

A torchlight procession was the concluding feature. For nearly six hours the principal streets were packed with the paraders, who wound through the city like a crooked river of fire. Every individual of the vast multitude carried a lantern in addition to Japanese and American flags.

The mayor of Tokio said in his speech to the officers: "We ask you to send your people this message: Japan believes that war between America and Japan would be a crime against the past, the present and the future of both countries."

"Your nation has always represented the best of us and the waters of the great Pacific that separate, yet at the same time join us, must be guarded by our two powers."

"We sincerely believe that the great navy which you are so proud to possess, and we so proud to welcome, stands for those sublime principles, which, in supreme moments, can rise above questions of race and color. We are your friends forever."

The address was received with the wildest enthusiasm, as was also accorded the response of Admiral Sperry, which was couched in terms of most feeling appreciation, and with the assurance of continued friendship of America and with thanks for the welcome.

An editor who is anent woman suffrage says: "While the ladies in a certain school district were exercising the right of suffrage the following funny incidents occurred: In one household the baby upset the churn, in another the Sunday bread was burned to a crisp in the oven. In another the family cat ate the canary bird, and in another a lady left a kettle of rice cooking on the stove and when she returned her husband was busily engaged scooping rice out of the kitchen door. But then these are minor incidents and can all be obviated next year."

A Kansas paper says, "Sherman Ward of Plainville killed a rattlesnake last week and then cut off its head with a corn knife. In handling the dismembered head Mr. Ward was bitten and came near dying from the effects."

Fascination of an Old Bookstore.
"There seems to be a fascination about an old bookstore that some persons find it difficult to overcome," observed the proprietor of one of those establishments. "While we have a large number of good patrons, there are some who delight to come in and just pore over old volumes. I have seen men stand in this store and practically read a book through in an afternoon. They seem to forget their surroundings for the time being, and when they emerge from their abstraction they are apt to observe that they 'have just been looking over the books' and ask for some volume that they are quite sure is out of print. Yes, sir, the old bookstore is a free library in a way, but it is an interesting business and fairly profitable."—Philadelphia Record.

Washouts and Wrecks.
Wichita Falls, Tex., Oct. 22.—As a result of unprecedented rains, which have softened the roadbeds of all railroads in this region, a southbound Denver freight this morning struck a washout near Jolly and went in a ditch.

The engine overturned and four cars of cattle were piled up. Engineer Smith and Fireman Shell were injured. Washouts near Henrietta are also holding Katy trains. The rainfall was heavy as far as Vernon, hail and wind accompanying.

A washout is reported on the Wichita Valley road near Abilene. These rains of the last 12 hours have demoralized railroad traffic and flooded lowlands, resulting in great damage to property and crops. Water is pouring over the Denver tracks between here and Henrietta, a distance of 18 miles.

Fort Worth, Oct. 22.—Four railroads entering Fort Worth report \$200,000 loss because of floods. The storm damage exceeds that of last spring.

The Santa Fe near Ardmore was washed out and the Katy was delayed by south Texas rains.

It will be 24 hours before the Denver tracks are repaired.

A second freight is reported ditched near Henrietta.

A large force of men is being rushed from here to the washouts and wrecks. Rain is still falling throughout northwest Texas and Oklahoma.

Fort Worth streets are flooded this morning.

Denison, Tex., Oct. 22.—A severe electrical storm prevailed here this morning. Red river rose 7 feet at the long bridge.

Wires are down and many phones are out of commission.

Gainesville, Tex., Oct. 22.—Four inches of rain fell here today, flooding streets, damaging farm property and delaying railroad trains.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Oct. 22.—Serious floods threaten portions of central and northern Oklahoma as the result of the steady downpour of rain which has prevailed for three days and still is continuing.

The Canadian and Arkansas rivers, two of the largest in the state, have overflowed their banks, and are doing much damage to farm lands, causing washouts to railroads and in some instances threatening small towns.

Yarns on Advertising.
Some of the hints by our home papers are called fishy, but we are not "in it" compared to some of the eastern papers. One gets off this: Talk about the benefits of advertising. Down in Florida not long ago a family lost a child which they supposed had strayed away from home and got lost. After searching in vain for three days the frantic parents placed an advertisement in the nearest newspaper. Imagine the surprise of the parents upon going to the door the next morning to see a monster alligator upon the doorstep, where he had disgorged the child alive and then died himself. The "ad" cost them but 25 cents, and it gave them back their darling child, they sold the alligator hide for \$5, and the parents are showing the child in all the dime museums of the land at \$50 per week. Does advertising pay?

Fake Remnants.
A country storekeeper, a pair of long bright shiners in hand, calmly cut a roll of silk into remnants.

"Women," he explained to his city cousin, "are remnant mad. There are women who never buy except at remnant sales. Such women will pass by goods in the piece at a quarter a yard and snap up the same goods in remnant lengths at 30 cents. "So great is the demand for remnants that it is impossible to keep up the legitimate supply." The country storekeeper winked. "Hence," he said, "my present occupation."—Los Angeles Times.

The life of picture films is limited. They constantly are wound and unwound on the machines, and in this time wears them so full of holes and scratches that they become valueless. Only by the best of care can a string of films be made to last through one season.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

Native trees are used as telegraph poles in parts of Java. New Caledonia owns one solitary mile of submarine cable. Navigation in the Suez canal is often interrupted by sand storms. An Indian stream, the river Kistnah, 900 feet wide, has the longest span of telegraph wire in the world. In St. Petersburg is the largest bronze statue in existence, that of Peter the Great, which weighs 1,000 tons. Outside of Europe the largest six cities in the world are New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Calcutta, Peking and Shanghai. An electric railroad is being built up the Zugspitze, the highest peak of the Bavarian Alps. A hotel is to be built on the 7,000 foot level. Furniture is as yet a luxury in Brazil. Consul General Anderson says. Outside the cities the tables, etc., in use are homemade and very primitive. Eugene E. Safford of Canterbury, Conn., has a cow with peculiar tastes. On a recent Sunday the animal made way with part of her master's coat and later ate Safford's hat with evident relish. No wonder that so many sheeps in New York city sell shoes and that so many shops sell nothing but shoes, for it is estimated that the pedestrians of the city wear out 28,800 pairs of shoes each day. The nut trees of the world could, it is calculated, provide food all the year round for the population of the globe. Brazil nuts grow in such profusion that thousands of tons of them are wasted every year. The cuttings in Uncle Sam's wood lot during 1907 were the most severe on record. They were 7 per cent more than the cut reported in 1906 and amounted to considerably over 40,000,000 board feet. A woman of Wahring, Bohemia, and her two daughters attempted to commit suicide because the local newspaper had hinted not only that they were extravagant in dress, but that they dressed with bad taste. Records of the treasury department show that the port of New York during the fiscal year 1907-8 has a larger balance of trade in its favor than ever before. For the entire United States the balance is \$904,457,302, which exceeds by \$2,000,000 the largest year before, which was 1900-1.

It is an unwritten law in Japan that on the empress' birthday all the school-girls shall listen to the reading of the imperial rescript on education and sing the national hymn. These observations were omitted at a Presbyterian school in Nagoya this year, and in consequence the head master, a Christian Japanese, has been dismissed. Modern brick buildings of ten and twelve stories are being taken down and replaced by steel frame structures of greater height on Broadway, New York. While the foundations of the original skyscrapers are strong enough to sustain additions above, there is enough saving of space in the new plan of thinner walls to make the change profitable.

The island of Yezo, or Hokkaido, is the richest in variety of undeveloped resources of any part of the possession of Japan. Its area is more than 20,000 square miles and its coast 1,600 miles, exclusive of the various dependent islands, which have an area of 6,200 square miles. Hokkaido is the second largest island in Japan. Its population in 1905 was 1,192,294.

An extraordinary commission has been created in Paris to investigate the affairs of the order of the Legion of Honor, created by Napoleon as a signal mark of merit for distinguished service rendered to the state. This original purpose of its founder has been gradually subverted, and the cross has been bestowed for rather ordinary causes, frequently political. An annual profit of \$150 per acre can be cleared in Mexico by the cultivation of the zapote plant, the fiber of which is used for many purposes. From it is manufactured, among other things, the finest cordage and rope, which will neither mold nor kink and which is unaffected by climatic conditions of any kind. As animals do not touch this plant, fencing in the crops, an expensive thing in Mexico, is unnecessary.

German educators are now introducing picture post cards into the schools. Within the last few months cards have been put on the market illustrating natural history, political history and even giving instructions in the German language. These cards have been approved by professors and teachers of reputation, and at a recent meeting of the German Geographical society it was proposed for the first time to use them in the schools.

While in America societies are being formed for the suppression of street noises, Paris has added another to the terror of the streets. It is a new form of bicycle alarm. The bell and the horn have had their day, and now the favorite "avertisseur" consists of a sort of miniature tambourine, which is struck by a small wooden hammer operated by contact with the spokes of the front wheel. It is certainly effective, but the noise is said to be enough to revive a cadaver.

Professor Paul Haupt, who provoked a storm of discussion at the international historical congress in London by his address on "The History of Galilee," in which he stated that Jesus was born at Nazareth rather than Bethlehem and probably was not a descendant of David, has been professor of Semitic languages and director of the Oriental seminary in Johns Hopkins university since 1883. He was born at Goerlitz, Germany, in 1838 and was educated at Leipzig and Berlin universities.

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