

CHINESE NOTES.

Philadelphia Record: Fresh produce is subdivided into departments, ruled by projects, and each department into districts, each with a district ruler.

While paper has an area of 1,200,000 square miles, with a population, according to a recent estimate, of 200,000,000.

Most of the agricultural soil tribes are with outcrops, and ethnically are distinct from the prevailing Mongolian population.

The total area of China and its dependencies amounts to 4,235,000 square miles, and the total population to no less than 400,000,000.

During the year 1903 23,961 vessels of all nations arrived and cleared Chinese ports. Of these vessels 714, of 1,000 tons, were American.

The Chinese newspapers are published in Shanghai, and the success they have achieved has led to the establishment of others at some of the other treaty ports.

About one-half of the total number of foreigners resided at Shanghai. The French municipality at that town entered on the extension of their concession on March 1, 1903.

According to a return of the Imperial customs authorities the total number of foreigners resident in the open ports of China was 12,421 at the end of the year 1903.

Each of the 18 provinces of the Central empire is ruled by a governor or provincial general, who is responsible to the emperor for the entire administration, political, judicial, military and fiscal.

Among the foreigners were 3,148 British subjects, 2,975 Americans, 1,644 Japanese, 823 Frenchmen, 1,643 Germans, 1,087 Portuguese, 297 Spaniards and 236 Swedes and Norwegians, all other nationalities being represented by very few members.

The dependencies of China are Manchuria, 2,023,000 square miles, with 7,500,000 souls; Mongolia, with 1,200,000 square miles and 2,000,000 souls; Tibet, with 441,000 square miles and 4,000,000 souls; Yunnan, with 147,000 square miles and 60,000 souls, and East Turkistan, with 311,500 square miles and 280,000 souls.

GOSSIP OF WRITERS.

When traveling Tolstol takes the slowest train he can find, because he holds that the charm of traveling is inversely proportional to its rapidity.

Robert Spencer never made any money on his books, and in several cases lost some. On his eight volumes of "Principles of Sociology," for example, there was a deficit of \$10,000.

Dr. Murray, of the new English dictionary, wants early business of the use of "dictionaries" in the sense of wishing to marry. He has been unable to trace the word further back than 1884.

Dr. E. A. E. Petzel, of Cleveland, O., wrote a poem not long ago on Germany, "To My Fatherland," which was copied in the Berlin papers, and brought him a congratulatory letter from Emperor William.

Some time ago the Princeton (New Jersey) university presented to the British museum 250 specimens of North American birds' eggs—many of them of rare species. Now the British museum reciprocates by presenting to the Princeton university 2,000 mounted birds, including brilliant specimens from India, Australia and the Malay Islands.

SOME MEXICAN PROVERBS.

There's no gain without pain. To the hungry no bread is dry. Wood and good luck do not last. He who has little has little to fear. Pleas cannot enter a closed mouth. Don't take a pawn that must be fed. A cat in gloves will never catch rats.

The good husband washes the shirt first. A book that is shut makes no scholar. A frugal, rich father and a spendthrift son. If the pill were not bitter it would not be gilt.

No word is ill spoken if it is not ill understood. A toad may inflame a deep wound than a sword. He who never ventures will never cross the sea. No elf will endure a hundred years. When the river is passed the saint is forgotten.

Do not trust your money to those who keep their eyes on the floor (make an outward sign of piety).

SOME FRENCHMEN OF NOTE.

M. de Lessens, French minister of affairs, has based an offer permitting the engineers of the fleet the honor of equipping and arming, thereby advancing them in the rank of commanders, which had hitherto been denied them.

M. Laboulaye, who conducted the Dreyfus defense in Paris, will give a series of lectures in this country next season. It is said that perhaps Mme. Laboulaye may add interest to her husband's lectures by distributing some piano numbers. She is a splendid pianist.

Mrs. Estreny is now living in Paris and is beginning to come out of that retirement which she recently found necessary. Many people believe in the refusal of a pension from the French government with the understanding that she should do nothing to rectify the Dreyfus agitation.

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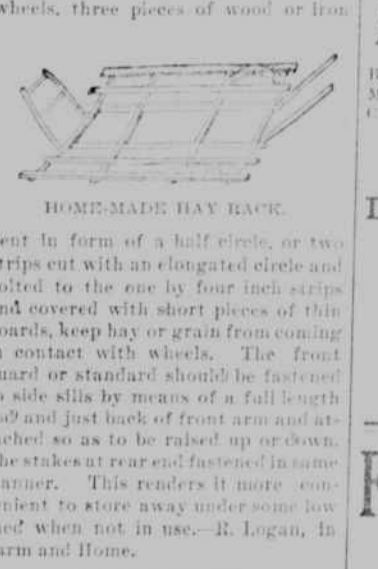
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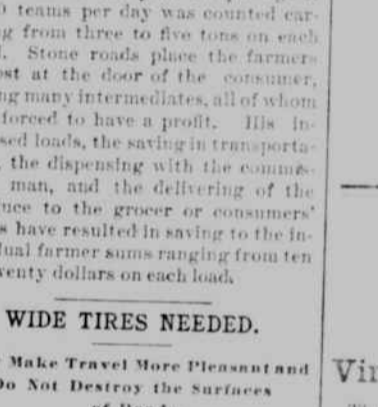
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