

A BIG GAIN IN SHIPPING

Construction of New Vessels to Meet Our Foreign Trade.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The first year of the new century will see a large increase in the shipping traffic between this and foreign countries. This increase will not be confined to the various big trans-Atlantic lines, but of the smaller companies having issued announcements of new vessels soon to be launched. The latest announcement is that of the United Fruit Company, which has just contracted for six new steamships to meet the requirements of increased foreign trade. These steamships, which will be chartered for a term of years, are now building, some of them in this country and others in Europe. They will be ready in the fall. The first of these steamships is the Preston, now building at Bergen, Norway. She is 260 feet long and 28 feet beam. There is the Taunton, building at Copenhagen, 227 feet long and 22 feet beam. The Brighton and the Beacon are building at Christiania. Both are 227 feet long and 21 feet beam. The other two steamships are now being constructed at Crenshaw's shipbuilding yards at Toledo, Ohio. No names have yet been assigned to them.

The vessels are to have a cargo capacity of from 2,000 to 3,000 tons, and they will be fitted especially for carrying fruit. They will be fitted with electric lights and every modern device for the rapid handling of fruit will be instituted. Like many of the other fruiters plying between this port and the West Indies, these new vessels will be fitted with adequate accommodations for passengers. There will be saloons, smoking rooms, and liberal situated staterooms, and the staterooms will be large and splendidly adapted to the exigencies of cruising in a tropical climate. Each vessel will be required to make an average speed of fourteen knots when loaded.

Another recent announcement is the incorporation of the Pan-American Steamship Company, which was incorporated at Trenton last week with a capital of \$5,000,000. It is proposed to operate steamships between all ports of the world, with information regarding the company's steamships has not as yet been given out. The incorporators are well-known shipping men, Henry W. O. Blake, Herbert Barber, Gen. E. C. O'Brien, C. J. Jones, and George B. Hopkins. Two new steamships of the Anchor Line, the Nympha and the Asytia, will soon take their places in the trans-Atlantic service. They will operate in the East Indian service of the line. Besides the American Steamship Navigation Company, the North German Lloyd Line, and the Atlantic Transport Line are all building new steamships. The International Navigation Company will soon add four steamships to its service. Included in this number is the Vaterland, which recently made her maiden voyage to this country.

Perhaps the most interesting addition to the trans-Atlantic fleet will be one of the two new steamships now building for the North German Lloyd Line. She is being built by the Vulcan Iron Works company at Stettin, Germany, and all efforts are being made to give her a speed that will displace the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland as queen of the ocean. She is being built by the Vulcan Iron Works company at Stettin, Germany, and all efforts are being made to give her a speed that will displace the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland as queen of the ocean.

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FATALLY STABS HIS FRIEND.

A New York Lad Begins the Century With Homicide.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Joseph Higgins, twenty years old, employed as a stock exchange messenger, plunged a butcher knife into the breast of his friend, Arthur Calton, just after the new century came in this morning, killing him almost instantly. The boy is now in the Jefferson Market Court Prison, where he was sent by Magistrate Plummer without bail to await examination next Friday. He admits that he killed his friend. Calton was twenty-one years old.

Higgins, Calton, and Robert Tynan, who was the innocent cause of the stabbing, were once celebrating the birth of the new century. All became more or less intoxicated, but Tynan was by far the worst of the trio. About 12 o'clock Higgins decided that it was about time to go home, but had to sit down on the curbstone. Higgins wanted Tynan to go home, but Calton insisted on leaving him where he was. From this trivial cause the two boys, hitherto fast friends, got to cursing each other, and finally they went into a nearby saloon and continued the fight.

Close to Higgins was a free-lunch counter, and on it lay a butcher knife. Higgins seized the knife and as Calton ran up, plunged it nearly to the handle in the other's breast. Then he turned and ran out of the saloon. Calton started to follow, but fell in a heap. Higgins ran on until he met Policeman Gayner, to whom he gave himself up. Calton died before an ambulance arrived.

Higgins was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court today charged with homicide and was held till Friday next. Higgins had nothing to say. A rumor that the boys were both in love with a truckman's daughter, and that the stabbing was the result of ill-feeling between them, was denied by friends of both boys. Higgins himself said that the story was not true, and that he and Calton had been the best of friends.

A GIRL SENTENCED TO PRISON.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 1.—Miss Mary Odom, a girl about twenty years of age, whose father is proprietor of a boarding house in Bismarck street, has been convicted of running a blind tip, and sentenced to four months in prison. The Governor has refused a pardon. The girl sold liquor in defiance of the dispensary law.

Three of a Family Suddenly Insane.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 1.—John Greenwood and two daughters of Surrey county, N. C., became violently insane a few days ago on account, it is supposed, of religious fanaticism. One of the girls died. The others are in a hospital in stratfield. They have pronounced homicidal mania.

THE REPORT

That Typhoid Fever is Raging in the District is No Doubt Correct.

No One Should Drink Potomac Water That Has Not Been Boiled.

We Claim, However, That if the Liver is Kept Active and the Bowels Regular Infection is Impossible.

Dr. Shade's Electric Liver Cure is guaranteed to prevent Typhoid Fever and modify malignancy of infectious diseases. To show our willingness to have the citizens of Washington test the virtues of Dr. Shade's Electric Liver Cure, we are giving away the Electric Liver Cure every day, along with one of his other valuable remedies, and will continue to do so for thirty days.

Last week we gave away Shade's Cold Cure with his Liver Cure. This week we will give away his Cough Cure with his Liver Cure. Keep your eye on the Times and you will know which of Dr. Shade's Electric Remedies are given away each week, along with the Liver Cure.

Mr. Wilder, 423 13th St. N.W., says: "Shade's Cold Cure is the finest thing for biliousness and vertigo I have ever used."

Mr. Cissel, 300 North Capitol St., says: "I consider Dr. Shade's Liver Cure superior to all other medicines I have ever taken for liver troubles."

Thousands of such testimonials persuaded Dr. Shade to put his Liver Cure on the market. If you want to save doctor bills—and we know you do—keep your liver active, and keep the bowels regular. Many a night, on going to bed, when you are feeling badly with a cold, a headache, or a general ailment, possibly due to a torpid liver, sluggish bowels, indigestion, possibly have you drunk a little of Shade's Liver Cure and you will find that instead of getting up with that tired feeling or a headache and an appetite that breaks down.

You will find, by taking one to three pills of the Liver Cure every night for a while, you will be stronger, more energetic, and your system, as well as help you to bustle your business with more energy and with greater poise. There is nothing in it that will do you any harm, and it will give you relief from all the troubles that come from a torpid liver, sluggish bowels, indigestion, possibly have you drunk a little of Shade's Liver Cure and you will find that instead of getting up with that tired feeling or a headache and an appetite that breaks down.

77 Remedies FOR Diseases.

If you are not sure which of the remedies you need, Dr. Shade—thirty years' practice, the oldest specialist in Washington—will examine you free of charge, and prescribe the proper remedies, which are mostly 25c. for sale at all drug stores.

THE AGE OF GOLD.

The Royal Game Flourished Three Centuries Ago.

Of all the sports which have grown and flourished in the last few years and are destined to continue, golf takes a leading place. The popularity it has earned is little less than surprising, and its development has been such that it would be hard to recognize it as the same sport which flourished in Scotland more than a century ago. Although golf is now only become an almost universal pastime within the last few years, it is well known that the game has been played in Scotland for considerably more than a century. The Honorable the Edinburgh Company of Golfers dates back to 1544, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews to 1744, and the Royal Manselburgh Golf Club to 1774. But there is a golf club south of the Tweed which claims to have more ancient records than any of the Scotch clubs.

THE OLD RESIDENT DEAD.

Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, one of the oldest residents of Old Georgetown, died Monday forenoon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Brannell, 3621 O Street north-west, at the age of ninety-three years. The funeral will be held this morning at 9 o'clock with requiem mass at Trinity Church. Mrs. Sullivan had lived most of her life in Georgetown, where she was well known. For some time she had been in ill health, and had recently gone to live with her daughter, at whose home she died. She is survived by two daughters and one son, all of whom are married.

ORIGIN OF THE ALMANAC

The Astrological Calendar an Invention of Antiquity.

Devised by the Priests of Ancient Rome for Keeping the Dates of Festivals—Robinson Crusoe's Record of Time's Flight—Denn Swift's Controversy With Partridge.

This is the season of the year when almanacs are most in evidence. In large cities, particularly in New York, the almanac usually seen is the publication of some one of the daily papers, a huge bundle of statistical information in which scant space is given to the original conception of the almanac.

Almanac is a word of Arabic origin, but the Arabs were in no sense the originators of putting the calendar in convenient form with appropriate information regarding astronomical events, festivals, holidays, etc.

In the time of ancient Rome all information regarding the calendar was in possession of the priests, whom the people were obliged to consult (and pay) on this subject. The calendar was very often, as for instance, a man giving a note for a year would not know when the year had expired until he had consulted the priest and paid for his valuable information.

But about the year 300 B. C. a genius by the name of Chaius Flavius consulted so many priests and so frequently that he was able to construct a calendar which he placed upon tablets and exhibited about the forum. Of course, they were copied and spread among the people, and the priests had to be guarded by the same strict professional privacy which is observed by Dr. Pierce and his staff in personal consultation at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

WHERE SHALL SHE TURN for healing? If a woman were lost in a western prairie and found several paths which might lead to safety, she would take the well-trodden path in preference to the one which showed faint signs of travel. Why not the same in sickness? There is a road to womanly health which has been traveled by hundreds of thousands of women. Read what some of these women have to say about it.

"I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Pierce's medicines to other suffering women," writes Mrs. Mary Adams, of Grassyside, Ashe Co., N. C. "I had internal trouble very badly until it reached an almost permanent state. I was troubled with it so that I never slept a night for seven weeks. The doctors said I could not be cured, but I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Pleasant Pellets.' After taking one bottle I was cured. I was cured in three weeks. I had taken five bottles before I had taken five bottles.

was discovered by the Greek astronomer Meton that in exactly nineteen years the moon returned to the same position with regard to the earth and sun. It had occupied at the beginning of that period. That is to say, if there is a full moon to-night, it will be a full moon again tonight, and will be nineteen years hence. There is in fact a difference of only two hours in the moon's position at the period of nineteen years.

To find the golden number of any year add one to the year and divide by nineteen. The remainder is the golden number. For instance, if the year is 1900, add 1 to it, and you get 1901. Divide 1901 by 19, and you get 100 with a remainder of 1. The 1 is the golden number. When the golden number is 1 there is a new moon on New Year's Day.

Little more than the number of days since the new moon at the beginning of the year. Knowing the exact year by adding alternately 29 and 30, arrive, in five days, at the exact date of the moon at any date of the year.

The solar cycle is a period of twenty-eight years, at the end of which the days of the week and moon return to the same position. In the time of the Emperor Constantine, A. D. 313, a period of fifteen years was fixed during which the value of the tax on property for purposes of taxation should stand. It was important at the time and the truly conservative almanac makers publish the figures to the present day.

The Julian period is formed by multiplying the figures of the golden number, solar cycle, and indiction, 19, 28, and 15, respectively, and adding 4,713 to the result. The Julian period is 4,713 to the result of the present day.

To the uninitiated the front page of the almanac, whether free or otherwise, is truly awe-inspiring. The first thing that strikes the eye is the map of the heavens, a picture of a gentleman who has just undergone a surgical operation which leaves exposed considerable of his internal organs. He is surrounded by a host of small pictures representing the twenty signs of the zodiac.

This ridiculous thing is a survival of astrology. The zodiac, in a general sense, is that part of the heavens in which the moon and planets make their journey, month by month, and year by year. It is divided by astronomers into twelve "signs" of thirty degrees each, and these signs are named after the constellation occupying them at the time division was made.

The astrologers pretended that great importance attended upon the "sign" that the sun occupied at the time of a person's birth. A number under the sign of Aries, the first order, would be born under his head all through life. Born under Taurus, the next in order, he would literally be born under the feet of the moon and planets, and so on through until the Fishes pronounced trouble, presumably corns and bunions, for the feet.

No very device was required to devise a scheme like this, but the absurd chart has remained in most almanacs down to the present day. Like the dead advertisements of a country newspaper, it seems to run forever, because nobody has remembered to order it out.

The chronological cycles are, for the most part, now merely interesting, but where the almanac is not at hand it is sometimes advantageous to remember some of them. The Dominical letter is determined by giving to the first day of the year the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G. If Sunday falls on the first Dominical letter is A, on the second it is B, and so on through the list. In 1901 the first Sunday of the year falls on January 6, and accordingly the Dominical letter is F. "Dominical" is from "Dominus," Lord, and refers to the "Lord's Day," Sunday.

The golden number was formerly printed in calendars in figures of gold; hence the name. More than 2,300 years ago it was used by the priests of ancient Rome.

CHINESE COMFORT.

"Never Mind, Mamma, Baby Loves You."

But the childish voice is almost unheard. The wife and mother has come to a place where love cannot comfort her, where even the voice and words of love are so silent with her own misery that they seem to increase it.

Imagine a magnificent orchestra playing in a factory amid the ring of hammers and the rattle and groaning of machinery. The discords would dominate the harmony and the harmony itself merge into discords. That is the way it is all the time with the poor, wretched woman in wretched and racked by pain. It seems to become part of the very discord of her life.

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