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Shipping of the Great Lakes.

Few people, we imagine, realize the vast extent of the commerce of the inland seas known as the great lakes. According to figures secured by the treasury bureau of statistics, coupled with the report of the officer in charge of the Sault Ste. Marie canal, there were received by vessels at the 37 principal ports on the great lakes between April 1, 1900, and the close of the year a total of 1,296,234 tons of flour, 52,834,250 bushels of wheat, 70,805,801 bushels of corn, 33,290,767 bushels of oats, 11,526,501 bushels of barley and 1,840,892 bushels of rye. These figures relate purely to the movements between United States ports and do not therefore include the shipments to or from ports on the Canadian side of the canals or through the Welland canal. The great bulk of the grain traffic originated at Chicago and Duluth and had Buffalo as its point of destination.

The receipts of iron ore by water at the ports embraced in the bureau's compilation reached a total of 16,268,027 tons, and this may be accepted as about 85 per cent of the entire movement of iron ore both by rail and water. All the principal ore receiving and shipping ports are covered by the bureau statement. Of the 16,268,027 tons handled 15,843,081 tons are shown to have been shipped from the six ports of Two Harbors, Duluth, Escanaba, Ashland, Marquette and West Superior, and 13,623,609 tons were received at the six ports of Ashtabula, Cleveland, Conneaut, South Chicago, Buffalo and Erie, a remarkable exemplification of the extent to which the iron ore traffic is concentrated.

Many different classes of commodities, such as provisions, dry goods and hardware, are reported under the general head of unclassified freight. This movement at the principal lake ports during the past year reached the aggregate of 3,471,131 tons. In this traffic the city of Chicago led with 842,221 tons. The receipts at other ports were: Buffalo, 668,831 tons; Cleveland, 275,673 tons; Detroit, 234,482 tons, and Milwaukee, 325,124 tons.

In view of the efforts being made by the owners of the lumber carrying vessels on the great lakes to effect a combination with the purpose of maintaining rates it is perhaps interesting, as illustrating the scope of this branch of inland commerce, to note that lumber shipments were made during the season from 32 of the 37 ports of the commerce of which the bureau of statistics kept a record, receipts being recorded at an equal number of ports. The total receipts aggregated 2,122,403 thousand feet.

There are strong evidences that the tariff question will be the great issue of the next presidential campaign, and it is discernible that the whole question will at that time be fought out on entirely new lines, says New West Trade. A great revolution has silently but swiftly taken place in the status of American industry during the past few years. Conditions have changed and new conditions call for new methods of treatment. The United States has been transformed from a producer for home consumption to a producer for world consumption and this has become true in the manufactured products as well as in raw materials. The United States has ceased to be dependent and defensive commercially and has become independent and aggressive. Our manufacturing industries have, generally speaking, become self sufficient and supporting; they have ceased to fear the competition of foreigners in the home markets; and consequently they have ceased to need the government's fostering care. They are now reaching out for foreign markets and are competing with foreign manufacturers in their own home markets. We have ceased to be industrially defensive and have become aggressive and consequently the demand is not so much for protection as it is that no measures shall be instituted to antagonize foreign markets. The tendency is obvious and the manner in which the two great parties shall adapt themselves to these changed conditions will be watched with interest.

The development of the northwest country is probably the most rapid of any in the history of the whole land. It took fifty years on the Connecticut western reserve in Ohio to get from the ox cart and wooden mould board plow to wagons and cast iron plows that were at best too crude to be used here. Twenty years ago the pioneer in doubt looked over this country. Here and there experiments were made by the more sanguine, with vegetables, grain and fruit, so that this twenty-year period covers the whole history. Out of that doubt has sprung certainty. Where the bleak plain was, are homes of plenty. Only the best farm machinery and modern appliances to facilitate work

are used, and all improvements are scanned with the closest scrutiny for any possible advantages. In the west the mould board plow was never known. No manufacturer has ever had the temerity to send here anything but the best goods. The westerners pay high prices and will have nothing else. The people of the west are cosmopolitan—came from everywhere.

In Hanke, a little village in Japan, there has not been a quarrel or a lawsuit in 200 years. Neither has there been one single crime committed, one poor person obliged to call for aid from the town or a delinquent tax list. The Japanese government has made this model community a gift of \$100, which all will admit is well deserved. But these villagers have earned indefinitely more in the peace and prosperity they have enjoyed—a reward which the people of any town might have with the same pains.

THE HORSE SHOW.

Simmocolon, 2:13%, is in John Roth's hands at Chillicothe, O. At Moulton, Me., Dr. F. F. Innis owns a horse said to 44 years old. The Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association will hold their meeting Oct. 8 to 18 at Lexington. J. Howard Ford, the new proprietor of famous Stony Ford farm, is said to be trying to buy Charles Herr, 2:07. B. F. Pew, Niles, O., has bought the stallion Gold Lace, 2:23%, by Gold Leaf, 2:16%, dam by Lace Dealer, 2:25%. The pacing mare Nelly Hammond, 2:21%, by Patron, 2:14%, dam Nelly G, 2:20, is to be bred to John R. Gentry, 2:00%.

Smith & Eagal, Davenport, Ia., have sold the gray pacing gelding Admiral Dewey, 2:12%, to S. W. Cooper, Wichita, Kan. The California pacer Clipper, 2:00, by Diablo, 2:09%, will again be campaigned by James Thompson, who gave him his record last season. Aurora and Ottawa have already claimed dates as members of the Illinois Valley circuit. The Aurora meeting will be held July 16 to 19 and Ottawa July 23 to 26.

Muncie, Ind., will have a race meeting July 3 to 5, which will be a starter for a circuit, leading up to a fair circuit, furnishing in all 15 weeks of racing within a radius of 75 miles. The Berlip (Wis.) Blue Ribbon fair will be held Oct. 1 to 4. Six classes each for trotters and pacers will be on the programme, with purses ranging from \$250 to \$500. The secretary is C. M. Willis. Ione, 2:00%, the black pacing mare who scorched the talent's money at Lexington last fall, is stepping fast on the snow at Winnipeg. Tom Ogden, 2:07, and Don Quixote, 2:10%, are there—Horse Review.

THE ROYAL BOX.

It is not "all talk" with the Emperor William. He is really a brilliant orator. The king of England is without doubt the most traveled monarch the world has seen.

The German emperor, it is said, takes great pleasure collecting ties and scarfs of all ages, climes and patterns. His collection numbers, it is said, 18,000 of these.

Queen Wilhelmina's latest photograph shows that she is not so pretty after all. Of a strongly Dutch type, her face and ears are large and the eyes and nose are small and "crowded."

Queen Victoria once conducted a Bible class. Long ago, when she was staying in London, she would call together the children of her married servants in one of the private rooms of Buckingham palace and read the Bible to them. At the close of the reading she would explain the chapter and children's hymns were sung.

If the gossip writer of a Paris paper is to be believed, the king of the Belgians is very vain of his personal appearance. His beard particularly is the object of much attention, for at night before retiring his majesty envelops it in a silk bag, which keeps it in curl. His toilet table is covered with brushes, combs and various kinds of brilliantine.

BRAKES AND COUPLINGS.

At least one-sixth of the locomotives built in this country last year were exported to England.

The "A" signal box situated outside Waterloo station, London, is one of the largest in the world. An average of 43 trains an hour are dealt with from this box, which contains 236 signal levers.

President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad has not only a private car, but also a private engine. The locomotive is No. 937, has always been used for that purpose and has had the same engineers since the days of President Thomas A. Scott.

TALES OF CITIES.

St. Louis has named its newest and largest schoolhouse after Eugene Field.

Newport, Ky., has an ordinance requiring sufficient fire escapes on all houses over two stories high.

The extraordinary sum of \$250,000,000 is being expended by the people of New York for public improvements.

The city of Birmingham, Ala., has already begun to make preparations for an exposition to be held there from Nov. 15, 1904, to May, 15, 1905. The charter name of the enterprise is to be the International Metallic and Industrial exposition.

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JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Unconquerable. The mercury was falling fast As out upon the links there passed A youth, who bore, incased in ice, A bag of clubs; he belted twice, "Fore!"

"Try not the links," the keeper bawled; "The snow's so deep you will be stalled; The wind, the ice!"—'twas all in vain. Shrieked out the youth in high disdain, "Fore!"

"Say—hold up, there—it's time to quit. D'ye take me for a snowplow—nit!" So ran the caddy's last farewell. The only answer was a yell, "Fore!"

A mound of snow they cleared away And found him, later in the day, Clubs clasped to breast in grip of death And murmuring with gasping breath, "Fore!" —M. W. Pool in Life.

Such a Wasteful Act. "Yep, I went down to see de launch, an if it hadn't been for de criminal carelessness of a woman in de crowd I'd 'a' thought my time well invested." "Who wuz de woman, Weary?" "Why, it wuz de young woman dat broke de bottle of wine on de ship's bow."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Gaping's Catching. "You call him a powerful orator? Why, when he spoke of the abyss that confronts our nation the people yawned!" "Certainly. He made the people actually see the abyss yawn, and you know how infectious yawning is."—Detroit Journal.

Fulfilling the Laws. He had lived to years fourscore, He had lands and wealth galore, He had helped many struggling souls ahead, But he kept his golden rocks Hidden in an iron box, Which caused his heirs to wish that he were dead.

Crud thoughts, like other ill, Are oft instruments to kill; So it happened as they wished one day, His last testament was read; This is what the paper said In language no heir ventured to gainsay:

"To my heirs at law I leave A dollar each to help them grieve. The proper time, the legal form, will give To the aged, sick and poor. All the rest is made secure To keep my memory green while they live." —Chicago Times-Herald.

He Had the Proof. "What did you think of the new play?" "Sorry to say I slept through it." "Then you don't know whether it was clean or not?" "Well, I know it was soaprific."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When? The Prince of Wales is to issue a book of his own poems, elegantly bound, for distribution only among his closest personal friends. Our copy will be carefully reviewed when it comes to hand.—Denver Evening Post.

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