

tiet out a map of the United States and look at the space occupied by the ate of California. Now imagine that a few more than half the total population of the United States, in-Alaska and the insular poseasions, are living in the state of California and that California is enrely surrounded by water. Then you begin to have an idea of the sitation in Japan.

But to make the conception true you have to imagine California divided nto four good sized islands and something more than 4,000 small ones.

The total area of California is 158. square miles. The Japanese issels cover not quite the same amount The population of Califorels is not quite 1,500,000. Japan num-44,000,000 people,

to other words, thirty times as many copie are living in the same space in Janan as in California.

if the whole United States was as thickly populated as is Japan the population of this country would be 1,000. 500,000 human beings, or 10,000,000 more than the present estimated popu-

Nor does that tell the whole story in order to gain a true idea of the ituation of the Japanese people you nust take into consideration the fact that only a small percentage of the small area of the empire is under cul-

in Belgium, which is even more thickly populated than is Japan, the proportion of cultivated land to the total area of the country is 54 per eat. In France it is 50 per cent and to Germany it is 43 per cent. But in tiny Japan with its swarming millions, which, without additions from manigration, increases at the rate of mit a million a year, only 14 per at of the total area of the empire under cultivation.

Japan has always claimed that the all percentage of her area under itivation is not due to any lack of industry but to the fact that so large a part of the empire is made up of volcastic mountains and rocky slopes, which cannot be made arable.

In spite of this fact, however, Ja an is still chiefly an agricultural intry. In fact, until the ports of the idead empire were thrown open to commerce its great population lived Imost exclusively on what was raised the little patches of farming land. associating in the whole empire to a total of leas than one third the area of atata of Illinois, added to the enduct of the fisherles.

A Japanese farm would make one of our western farmers laugh in derision. As one traveler says: "There are no farms in Japan; there are only mrdens." A farm of twelve acres cago Tribune and be considered extremely large apan. The average holding for the Table of agricultural Japan is only a fraction over two acres. Naturally the farmers of Japan have no hired men. they and their families cultivate the they patch of ground. They have pracno cattle or other live stock. this chief instrument of cultivation the spade, and working entirely by and they bring their little farms to a high state of cultivation.

Japanese farmer needs little to motain life. If he is rich enough to control a big farm of twelve acres he nay get an income of from \$50 to \$60 wear. In addition he and his family and to their income by devoting heir spare time to the production of tille indigo, and cotton. If he should, the busy season, need the assistance at some outside belpers in gathering to hervest he can hire all the male cent laborers he wants at wages of born in Korea, the other in China. cents a day, while female helpers the entiried with 9% cents a day. mall as these Japanese farms are, he a fact that the taxes paid by of numers furnished about half the theome of the mikado's govern-At present the tax rate is 31/4 seat of the assessed valuation of cultivated lands. Large as this com to American farmers, it is sothing to the taxes paid by Japae farmers in the old days of the system, which went to piecen 1867. For a time the government two afths of the total crop as its of the taxes. Later the govshare was raised to one-half. the same time those farmers to turn over one-balf of the re- on the hat."

maining half of the crop to their grasping landlords.

Thousands of Japanese are employed in the fisheries, as is natural in an island population. The product of the fisheries furnishes a large proportion of the food of the people, and within recent years cannories have been established and modern methods of taking the fish largely adopted. The ancient and extremely picturesque native method of catching smelts and other comparatively small fish is still, however, followed on some of the more remote islands. The men engaged in this industry go to work after nightfall and depend on the glare of torches to attract the fish to the top of the water. In each boat are

carried several tame cormorants. These great birds, by nature fishermen, plunge over into the sea and come up with struggling fish in their beaks. They have been taught, once the fish is captured, to swim at once to their master's boat and yield the fish into his hands, but to make sure that the cormorant will not forget his lesson a firm iron ring is fastened about the throat of the bird, so that it is impossible for it to swallow if it

Women and girls are largely employed in the fisheries. On some of the remote islands the fisher girls, armed with a knife and carrying a large bamboo basket attached to their shoulders, swim out into the sea for a considerable distance and foad their baskets with shellfish and edible seaweed, which they procure by diving and detaching them from the rocks to which they cling. The wages of a fisherman are about 19 cents a day.

There are no rich men in Japan, as judged by the standards of the United States. There are only two men in the empire who pay an income tax on over \$125,000 a year. More astonishing still to American eyes are the statements that there are only thirteen men in the empire who pay on \$20,000 a year; sixty-seven on \$12,000; minety-six on \$8,500, and 140 on \$5,500. Out of every 1,000 in the empire there are only seven who have incomes which equal \$1,350 a year.

Yet the 44,000,000 people of this comparatively poor little country buy from the outside world goods to the

yearly average of \$7 each. The total wealth of the empire of

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The Russian empire has a total pepulation of 128,161,000, or not quite three times as many as Japan. The dominions of the Russian empire embrace a total of 8.279,000 aguare miles, or fifty five times as much as Japan. If the territory of Russia was as closely settled as is that of Japan it would have room to spare for all the people now in the world.

Korea, which plays the part of the bone over which the Russian and Japanese armies are fighting, has a total area of \$0,000 square milesabout the same as the state of Nebrasks. But, like all the countries of the far East, it is thickly populated, having 10:528,000 people, as compared with the 1.066,000 of Nebraska.-Chi-

TWENTY YEARS IN KOREA.

Wife of American Minister Allen Has Had Long Stay There.

Mrs. Horace N. Allen, wife of the American minister to Korea, has lived for nearly twenty years in that section of the orient, which is now so prominently before the world. Mrs. Allen was graduated from Obio Wesleyan university at Delaware, O. (Mr. Allen's home), with her husband, and shortly after went to the far east with him when he first became interested in the orient as medical missionary for the Presbyterian church in China. This was in 1884, five years before the legation was established. She was related to the late President Haves, Mr. Allen being a descendant of Ethan Allen of Ticonderoga fame, They had two sons, one of whom was

Archbishop Ryan's Wit.

Archbishop Ryan was once called upon by a priest who said his health required that he take a vacation. The priest's frequent absences from his parish were notorious, so the archbishop said to him: "My dear Father Soandso, if you need a change of air I would suggest that you try the air of your own parish for a month or two." At another time the archbishop rebuked a priest for wearing a disreputable-looking silk hat. "But would not give up that hat for twenty new ones," said the priest. "It belonged to my father, who fell in the rising of '48." "Ah." was the arched the land they tilled were | bishop's retort, "and evidently he fell

inge Rumor About Hetty Green. To Study American Art. Hethy Green is said to have Three well-known Japanese artists he Pitth avenue colony in New -T. H. Yekoyama, H. M. Hishida and ling at No. 1032 has S. C. Rokaku-sent by their government to study fine arts in this country, have arrived in New York accou panied by K. Okokura, a member of the archaeological commission of the Japanese government and president of

WESTERN CANADA HAS AN EXCELLENT CLIMATE.

The Saskatchewan Valley Very Highly

Favored.

An interesting feature of Western Canada is its climate. Those who have made a study of it speak highly of it. The Canadian Government Agents are sending out an Atlas, and at the same time giving valuable information concerning rallway rates. etc., to those interested in the country. As has been said, the climate is excellent. The elevation of this part of Canada is about 1,800 feet above the sea, about twice that of the average for Minnesota. It is a very desirable altitude. The country has a very equable climate taking the seasons through. The winters are bright and the summers are pleasantly warm. R F. Stupart, director of the meteorological service for Canada, says:

"The salient features of the climate of the Canadian northwest territories are a clear, bracing atmosphere during the greater part of the year, and a medium rainfall and snowfall. The mean temperature for July at Winnipeg is 66, and Prince Albert 62. The former temperature is higher than at any part of England, and the latter is very similar to that found in many parts of the southern countries."

At Prince Albert the average daily maximum in July is 76 and the minimum 48. Owing to this high day temperature with much sunshine, the crops come to maturity quickly.

Moisture is ample in the Saskatchewan valley, being about 18 inches annually. It is notable that about 75 per cent of the moisture falls during the crop months. Thus, Western Canada gets as much moisture when it is needed and with several hours more sunshine daily than land further south gets during the growing season, it is not difficult to understand why crops mature quickly and yield bountifully.

Winter ends quickly, sowing is done during April and sometimes in March. Harvest comes in August, about the middle. Cyclones, blizzards, dust and sand storms are unknown.

Mark Twain and the Snobs.

Mark Twain and W. D. Howells were one day lunching in a case in New York. Two over-dressed young men entered, and the first said in a loud voice: "Waiter, bring me some bisque of lobster, a bottle of wine and a chop. Just mention my name to the cook, too, so that everything will be done to my liking." The second young man said: "Bring me some sole with peas, and tell the cook who it's for." Mr. Twain gave his order a moment later. He said in a loud voice: "Bring me a half dozen oysters, and mention my name to each of them."

Western Medicine and Japanese Study

You've seen, of course," said the doctor, "the accounts of how perfect is the medical staff of the Japs' army. and indeed in these days original Japanese contributions to medical science are taken as a matter of course yet it's worthy of note that it was a recognition of the superiority of West ern medicine that first led the Japanese to study and adopt European life and language and methods.

"Before the year 1867 the only Eu ropean language known to the Japanese was Dutch, which was studied by interpreters as a medium for acquaintance with Western medical set ence. Possibly the choice of Dutch may ultimately be traced to the influence of Boerhaave, the famous physician of Leyden, from whom, as it happens. Peter the Great took lessons in 1715."-Philadelphia Press.

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Republican Steering Committee to Press the Appropriation Bills.

ARRANGES ORDER OF BUSINESS

Matters That May Engender Party Strife Are to Be Pushed to the Rear and Democrats Are to Assume Responsibility for Delay.

Washington dispatch: The Republican steering committee of the senate has decided to press appropriation bills to the front, sidetrack all legislation likely to engender party strife, and then, if the session is prolonged, place the responsibility for the delay on the Democrats.

One of the members of the committee earnestly advocated adjourning by April 15, but it was agreed that this would be impossible. The committee discussed an order of busi ness for the rest of the session and decided to sidetrack the general building measures, the several labor bills the Hepburn-Dolliver liquor bill and all similar legislation.

Executive Clears the Way. It is said one of the reasons for

meeting at this early date was the is uance of an executive order in lieu of service pension legislation, which removed one of the principal factors which might lengthen the session of congress. With this out of the way, and nearly all other obstacles to early adjournment removed, there is believed by the steering committee to be less likelihood for a demand for congressional investigations of the postoffice and other departments.

INDORSE JAI ALAI.

Benators Approve Game for Which Gen. Wood Granted Consession.

Washington dispatch: August senators found jai alai, the game for which Gen. Wood, while military governor of Cubs, granted a concession, highly entertaining, and amused themselves for more than an hour in a merry romp in the senate chamber. behind the screen of an executive session. All the paraphernalia for playing jai alai was assembled and the features of the play were explained by Senators Proctor, Teller, Foraker, Scott, Pettus, Cockrett, Quartes, Blackburn and others, who were initiated by experts who ap peared before the military affairs committee when it heard the charges against Gen. Wood. It was explained that the gambling features of the game were not ensential, but it was asserted that the company to which Gen. Wood granted the concession to erect a building as headquarters would have made no profit without gambling. and that Gen. Wood knew it. While the senators played, or tried to play ial aisi, they continued a running debate in which many participated. Senater Patterson was brought to admithat after spending a day studying the testimony concerning the game be could see no harm in it, and he had expected to oppose confirmation of the nomination, but stronger evidence than that would have to be presented

CREDIT FOR DEMOCRATS.

Mr. Tawney Bays His Party Voted for Anti-Trust Laws.

Washington dispatch: Another tornet's nest was stirred up in the house. Representative Mann, in one of his attacks on the postoffice committee, caused Chairman Overstreet to admit that the appropriations for fuel, light and rent had been utilized to pay for clerk hire, whereupon Mr. Williams bitterly demanded the nameof the postoffice department officials who had taken such liberties that they might be impeached. He said the department was "absolutely rotten from turret to foundation." As a reply to this attack, Mr. Southwick of New York had read an editorial from the New York World giving Republicans credit for anti-trust legislation and the merger prosecution. Mr. Williams retorted that Gov. Van Sant forced the administration to take the step, and the Minnesota executive was "an Indian blanket Republican who refused to consult headquarters." Mr. Tawney said every Democrat voted against the anti-trust legislation. Mr. Gaines shouted that the Democrats did vote solidly for the Sherman law, and there was such confusion that he had no chance to reply fur-

Secretary of Arizona.

Washington dispatch: Nichols has been appointed by the President to be secretary of Arizona to succeed Isaac T. Stoddard. Mr. Nichols is secretary of the ternitorial Republican organization of Arizona.

Governor's Wife 12 111.

Augusta, Ga., dispatch: Ex-Lieut. Winfield T. Durbin, wife of the governor of Indiana and one of the most prominent women in America, is ill. Gov. and Mrs. Durbin have left for Florida and the South.

Allmony Decision.

Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: indiana Appellate court has decide that if a man remarries in that state to keep from paying alimony.

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