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THE ORANGE RIVER STATE.

FACTS ABOUT BRITAIN'S NEW POSSESSION.

Its Area and Population—Revenue Continuing to Increase — Activity, in Railway Building—Its Valuable Mineral Resources.

The estimated area of the Orange River State is 14,983,000 morgen (49,950 square miles), of which very little remains at the disposal of the government. Of this, some 120,000 morgen were under cultivation in 1890, and probably some 150,000 in 1896.

The population in 1890 was 77,717 whites and 129,787 natives, a total of 207,504, or about 4.293 to the square mile. The proportion between the sexes amongst the whites was forty males to thirty-seven females. The population in 1880 was 133,518, of which 61,022 were white and 72,496 were colored.

The public debt is small, the chief item being the balance due to Cape Colony for the purchase of railway lines in 1897. This bears three and a half per cent. interest. Mortgage loans made by the government to land owners inside the state amounted in 1896 to £361,870.

The revenue shows a general tendency to increase, principally owing to the share earned by the state since its adhesion to the customs union convention, which dates from the year 1890. Imports dues, for instance, in 1889 are given as nil, and in 1896 as £138,217. In 1870-71 the revenue was £78,904, and the expenditure, most of which was spent on dry diggings in connection with the discovery of the diamond mines, £71,175. In 1895-96 the revenue was £374,774, and the expenditure £430,737, of which £48,876 was owing to the rinderpest.

The money due by Cape Colony to the state on account of railway earnings being, according to the convention of 1890, only payable once in seven years, a sum which amounted to in December, 1896, to £855,000, was retained by the Cape government in part payment of the railway lines.

The railway revenue has been estimated at £600,000 a year, and 100 miles of new lines are already in course of construction. The net profit on the state railways under the old agreement was no less than eighteen per cent.

Up to January, 1897, the Orange Free State did not actually possess any railways, but had made a wonderfully favorable agreement, which ensured the lines built by Cape Colony through its territories, reverting to itself if they proved profitable. After the disturbances in the Transvaal about and after Christmas, 1895, the Orange Free State took over the railways running within its frontier. According to the convention the price to be paid was not to exceed £5,750 a mile.

A number of railway lines have been proposed, which, if constructed, will open up the country both east and west of Bloemfontein. Some idea of the value of railways to the country may be gathered from the fact that the goods carried on the line, certified to be bona fide productions of the state, rose from 15,746 tons in 1892 to 76,286 tons in 1893, the line to the Transvaal being opened late in 1892.

Banking business is conducted by the National bank of the Orange Free State and the bank of Africa, with some nineteen branches. There is also a post-office savings bank.

The scenery generally is not attractive, the best part of the state consisting of a vast grassy plain. Except in the neighborhood of the Maluti mountains (the conquered territory) it is essentially a stock-raising country.

Diamonds, gold, coal, iron, salt-petre, salt and other minerals are found in the state, diamonds and coal being so far of most importance.

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I am a young man thirty years of age and have always enjoyed the best of health. In April of this year I accepted a position as shipping clerk in a brewery, and although very fond of a glass of beer, I made up my mind not to touch a drop. To this resolution I have adhered to the present day. I don't know if it is to this abstinence or to the large quantities of ice-water I consumed during the summer months that I owed this trouble from which your Celery King has rid me. About the middle of August I first noticed that after eating my lunch at noon, I felt drowsy and heavy, as if I had lead in my shoes, sometimes accompanied by pains in my stomach. This would be so until three or 3:30 p. m., when I would feel easier. I also was troubled with passing off digested food sometimes not having a passage for several days, at other times going to the toilet in a hurry, only to find it a false alarm. About the beginning of September a friend of mine recommended Celery King to me and insisted that I try it. I procured a package at Hooper's drug store, and started taking it that night. I was greatly taken with its agreeableness and next morning could have no doubt as to its powers. Remember there was nothing harsh or griping, but my stomach received the best housecleaning it had for a very long time. Since then I have taken Celery King, only when I find it necessary and have always had a free, regular passage. You are at liberty to use my name, but please do not use the name of my firm as I am not sure that they would like it. Gus. J. Ireland, Gould street, Toronto.

A PAPER CITY.

How Convalescents At Netley Are Housed.

To be housed in a paper dwelling sounds an uncomfortable and inadequate condition in the rigours of an English spring.

Not far from London—at Netley—you can find a whole paper city with a population of 500 men, living, moving, having their being, all in a paper wrapping.

The city is the convalescent branch of Netley hospital, and the material chosen for its fabric is papier-mache. It is a new idea for a hospital hut.

There are forty-five of those paper tents behind the red brick buildings of the hospital, and in each of them there are ten men cursing the bad luck that sent them home from the front.

In the hospital till the wound heals, in the convalescent papier-mache city until he is fit to travel, and then a couple of months furlough to set him on his feet again—that is the history of the man who comes home with the mark of a bullet wound on him. As a rule he spends a fortnight in the paper city.

As you drive along the hilly road that carries you by the side of Southampton Water to Netley you see in the distance a white glitter of reflected light. Presently you walk along a grass street between rows of those white buildings that have produced the reflection from their hill-top. That is the paper city.

The houses of the city are glistening white, long, low and business-like. At the end, so that there may be a curtain inside the doorway and no draught, is a bulging porch. Fluttering from each of the open windows is a scarlet curtain to give a touch of color to the white landscape. And in and among the buildings of the paper city is the never-ending legion of wounded in butcher-blue.

Inside the papier-mache buildings it is all quietude and comfort. Each building is thirty-six feet long. Ranged along the length are ten beds, with easy spring mattresses that can allow for the tossing of a man still in pain, even if he is convalescent. Beside each bed is room for the necessary kit, and at one side of the hut—hutment is the technical term—is the white wooden mess table.

Outside once more, you look at the queer, unique settlement, and see the forest of stove-chimneys, each with its private, slender column of smoke. For each hut has its stove, and English May is not South African summer, even though the sun is glancing from the sea close by.

IN HOSPITAL.

London Chronicle.

It's freezin' all the night and it's scorchin' all the day,
And it's mawch, mawch, mawch till yer feet is wore awye.
It's tightenin' up yer belt with the rytions runnin' low,
And it's 'opin', 'opin', 'opin' thet yer soon will get yer show.

It's a gent be'ind some sacks o' sand obscurin' 'im from view,
Hambitious to be lettin' soft-nosed bullets inter you;
It's a burstin' shell, a lever, or a white flag and a gun,
An' the fightin', fightin', fightin' ain't no more for you, my son.

Yer cryin' ter be gettin' on—they tikes an' sends yer back;
Yer longin' fur the front, but no, yer on the 'omeward tack;
Yer've 'ad it pretty stiff, yer'av—I 'opes we'll pull yer through,
But it's witin', witin', witin' in the 'orspital fur you.

But in the gloomy 'orspital the sunshine 'as bin seen,
But all 'as fought and suffered fur their country an' their queen;
Sarth Efriker is fur awye, and yer a private, yet
The queen of England knows yer, an' the queen does not furget.

Rebels Surprise San Miguel.

Manila, May 31.—On Thursday night the insurgents rushed San Miguel, province of Bulucan, Luzon, garrisoned by three companies of the Thirty-fifth volunteer infantry. They swept through the surprised town, shooting right and left, killing five Americans and wounding seven. Capt. Charles B. Roberts and two privates are missing. No Filipino dead were discovered. While a band under the escort of troops of the Forty-sixth infantry was moving from Ilang to Silang it was attacked by Ladrones, three of the party being killed.

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TO OIL THE DUST.

Board of Works to Try an Experiment—Good Results Promised.

The board of works will try an experiment in dust laying. The board has authorized the city engineer to purchase one barrel of crude petroleum and sprinkle it on any block in the city counted the dustiest, and watch the result. It is thought the experiment will warrant the city sprinkling all the streets in the same manner. The matter was introduced by chairman Donnelly at yesterday's meeting of the board of works. He stated that recently he had visited Westmount, the so much spoken of suburb of Montreal, where the experiment had been tried this spring and had been found very satisfactory so far. Westmount has an international reputation for cleanliness; the civic authorities there aim at perfection. Chairman Donnelly had been shown the block oiled this spring under the direction of roadmaster Robertson, and had been assured by a great many persons that the oiling process of street sprinkling was an unqualified success; dust has not arisen since the oil was sprinkled. The oil is sprinkled lightly and one barrel of it goes a long way. So satisfied are the officials of Westmount with the experiment that they are preparing a cart with which to sprinkle all the streets similarly. Apart from the saving, the streets are not soaked with water and consequently do not wear out as readily. The dressing for the macadam is a sandy soil, the very worst for dust, yet the oil treatment did not allow a particle of dust to arise.

The members of the board of works thought it worth the cost of the experiment to investigate, so authorized the city engineer to communicate with the engineer of Westmount, with regard to the oiling process, and if it was found satisfactory he will be allowed to purchase one barrel of crude petroleum at a cost of about 84 and sprinkle one or more of the dustiest blocks and await the outcome. Chairman Donnelly is sanguine as to the result; he thinks the oiling process will be generally adopted.

John Wilson, proprietor of the Hicks house, Perth, was a city visitor to-day.

THE LIMESTONE CITY.

Lilian Claxton.

We met again, my friend and I,
We met and shook the hand,
And talked of all the years between,
And what we'd done and what we'd seen
In many a distant land.

But, somehow, we came back again
Thro' all our drifting speech,
To one leaf-shaded, quaint old town,
Where on the walks the light gleams down
'Twixt where the branches reach.

And we recalled a moonlit night,
This picnic and that walk,
How Will and Jim fell out one day,
O'er something Mary chose to say—
In this style ran our talk.

The Rideau, where the lilies dream,
One morn at Barriefield,
The breeze across the northern hills,
Old gatherings at Kingston Mills,
Some scars—Time never healed!

Oh, was it our first youth, we asked,
That made the place so sweet,
And if we went again to-day
Would dancing footsteps, passed away,
In thought bedim each street?

Nay, fresh the air, the skies as fair,
As quaint the old-time places,
More dear the streets once walked with them
Who walk the New Jerusalem,
Grudge not the new young faces!

'Twas thus we talked, my friend and I,
Who after long time met,
Of memories borne a thousand miles,
Of the City of the Thousand Isles,
In golden framework set!

News From The Yukon.

Victoria, B.C., May 31.—News has been received here that the steamer Florida with the first crowd of Klondykers of the season, reached lake Leburge on May 24th, on her way from Dawson. Ice blocked her there, but it is expected the river is clear by now. Fishing for spring salmon has commenced on the northern rivers.

During a big storm last week considerable damage was done to the Indian and fishing villages on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Sealskins brought in by Indians bring $14 and $15, an advance of $5 over last year. As a consequence Indian hunters are demanding higher wages to go on whale schooners.

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