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Pan-American Exposition



GEORGE BLEISTEIN.

Mr. Bleistein is the chairman of the Committee of Publicity for the Pan American Exposition to be held at Buffalo, New York, in 1901. He is deserving of great praise for the able manner in which he is doing his work for the Exposition, he is quick to acknowledge favors received from publishers, and they are pleased to respond to requests from him as is shown by the great notoriety given the Exposition in the press of the country.



WILLIAM I. BUCHANAN

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

The Director General of the Pan-American Exposition, the Hon. William I. Buchanan, came prominently before the public when he took a leading part in the organization of the Sioux City Corn Palace Exposition Company. He became the moving spirit of that very successful enterprise, which proved to be a stepping stone to larger responsibilities at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. Here he became chief of the Department of Agriculture, Live Stock and Forestry, his natural executive powers finding wide opportunity for their exercise and development. The success of those departments is without precedent. At the close of the Columbian Exposition, President Cleveland appointed Mr. Buchanan United States Minister to the Argentine Republic. In this important field of diplomatic work he remained nearly six years, notwithstanding the change of administration at Washington. Mr. Buchanan's eminent efficiency and usefulness at his South American post was so generally recognized by the leading men of the Argentine Republic that a request for his retention there was favorably considered by President McKinley. During his mission he was

chosen arbitrator for Chile and the Argentine Republic to settle one portion of their long-standing boundary dispute that had more than once threatened war between the two countries. The task was performed so successfully and the differences settled so amicably that, in addition to his receiving the thanks of both governments, a quantity of war equipment ordered from Herr Krupp, the famous gun maker of Essen, Germany, but not delivered to the Argentine Government, was exchanged for many miles of railway materials to be used in developing the resources of Patagonia. Mr. Buchanan also negotiated the Commercial Convention between the Argentine Republic and the United States, and the Extradition Treaty with the same country now before the United States Senate. When the necessity for choosing a Director General of the Pan-American Exposition presented itself, the directors saw in Mr. Buchanan the man possessing the qualities required for the successful development of such a giant enterprise. He was induced to abandon his foreign post and take up the direct management of the great work in which the people of Buffalo had so heartily enlisted. Mr. Buchanan has an intimate knowledge of the needs, the resources and conditions of Latin America, and the excellent progress making in all departments of the Pan-American Exposition shows him to be one who can view broadly the gigantic task before him and direct it with a master hand.

POPULAR • SCIENCE.

The London and Northwestern Railroad Company has just completed its four thousandth locomotive at the works at Crewe, and it will be sent to Paris to the Exposition.

A writer in a Russian journal estimates that to reach the level of other European countries, Russia would have to construct 53,000 additional miles of railroads, not including Siberia, in order to have the length of its railways commensurate with the population.

Three Prussian officers have made a quick trip from Berlin to Prague in a balloon. They left at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and came down at 5 o'clock, having risen to an altitude of 10,000 feet during a part of the journey. The distance between the two cities is covered by an express train in seven hours.

A whale has been found with a harpoon in its body which, by its mark, showed that it must have been hurled at the whale at least thirty-six years ago.

Senator Chandler has offered an amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill providing for civilian control of the Naval Observatory. This is in accordance with the recommendation of many American men of science who consider that this important institution should not be under the control of naval authorities. It is proposed to have as a permanent astronomical force an astronomical director, first, second, third and fourth astronomers, each having an assistant, together with such computers and other employees as are now authorized. A director of The Nautical Almanac would also be appointed. It provides for a board of visitors without compensation, composed of six astronomers and three citizens, who shall annually investigate the institution, and upon whose recommendation vacancies in the staff shall be filled.

In restoring the White House recently while the workmen were painting the doors they discovered that they were of solid mahogany, but owing to some mistake the original wood had been painted in imitation of walnut. The paint was at once scraped off and the doors restored to their pristine state.

The American water hyacinth which is not infrequently an obstruction to navigation, in southern rivers has been successfully killed on the Melpomene Canal, New Orleans, by a chemical spray.

There are now employed on the relief works of the famine districts of India 4,810,000 persons, and the distress caused by the famine is increasing in extent and severity and the prices of food are very high.

Some old quarries of Oriental alabaster have recently been discovered in the neighborhood of Monte Amiata, near Siena. It now seems very probable that the beautiful columns of that material in the interior of the Cathedral of Siena came from those quarries. The quarries are about to be worked.

Secretary Gage has asked the House of Representatives to appropriate \$200,000 additional to the fund to prevent the introduction and spread of epidemic diseases. The Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service reports that on account of the continued and increasing danger from plague, medical officers have also been stationed at the fruit ports of Central and South America to guard against yellow fever. The Consulates at Yokohama, Kobe and Hong Kong also have medical officers. Three hundred thousand dollars was previously appropriated and this sum is almost entirely exhausted.

Germany is keenly alive to the necessity of a knowledge of the languages of the countries in which they foresee advantages for trade. German commercial schools have asked the Russian ministry of finance to aid them in procuring teachers of the Russian language.

Prof. Henry S. Pritchett, superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has resigned his place to accept the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of Boston. He was the youngest superintendent that the Coast Survey has ever had, and he has been one of the most capable.

Two French chemists have discovered a process by which rubber may be obtained from the Landolfia vine which grows wild, and luxuriantly in all parts of Africa. The process of tapping the Landolfia is impracticable, as the flow of rubber hardens too quickly. By the process of MM. Arnaud and Verneuil the vine is crushed in hot water, by which means all the rubber which it contains is extracted.

CURIOS FACTS.

The chance of two finger prints being alike is not one in fifty-four billion.

A raft to contain fourteen thousand piles is now being constructed at Seattle, Wash., by a San Francisco firm to be towed to Japan. When completed the raft will be 635 feet long, fifty three feet in diameter and will contain fourteen million feet of lumber.

"Khaki" is an Indian word meaning "dust." The name was given to a dust-colored cloth at first, then to a grass cloth, and has been made now to mean a peculiar kind of cloth of a light yellowish brown color.

The fact that nettle fibre has of late been found to produce the finest tissues obtainable from any vegetable source has led to a project in Germany to introduce the cultivation of nettles in the Kamerun region of Africa. If the experiment is successful, the enterprise will be undertaken on a large scale in connection with the weaving industries.

Spain had more sunshine than any country in Europe. The yearly average is 3,000 hours, in England it is 1,400.

At Bosco Beale, on the slopes of Vesuvius near Pompeii, excavations have brought up the most remarkable paintings of the Roman period yet discovered. In the grounds of the Del Prisco villa a great peristyle and four large rooms have been unearthed, the walls of which are covered by twenty large frescoes of rich coloring and careful execution. The figures are life size.

In the western part of British Columbia is a novel railway, two miles in length. The rails are made of trees, from which the bark has been stripped, and these bolted together. Upon them runs a car with grooved wheels ten inches wide.

"Progressive dinners" are becoming popular in some of the Western cities. One of six courses was lately enjoyed in Janesville, Wis. At the first house, twenty guests ate oysters, and then hastened to the second house, where they partook of soup; then on to the third house, where they had fish; and then they continued until the sixth course was served.

Wedding festivities in Cairo, Egypt, usually continue for three days, during which time there is a constant feasting and jollification. The guests are expected to remain while the festivities last.

Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa, is a magnificent natural curiosity. It is nearly four thousand feet in height and has a level top about three square miles in area.

Eighteen thousand bills and joint resolutions were presented by members in the last Congress, 12,608 in the House and 5,855 in the Senate.

CONSIDERATION URGED.

Board of Trade Indorses Removal of Jail and Almshouse.

At a meeting of the committee on charities and corrections of the board of trade yesterday afternoon a resolution was adopted recommending "to the appropriate committees of Congress the immediate consideration of plans on the part of the Department of Justice and also of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia looking toward the removal at the earliest possible day from their present sites, respectively, of the District Jail and Washington Asylum, including the almshouse, workhouse and the asylum hospital, with their present adjuncts of the smallpox hospital and the potter's field.

The resolution further "recommends to the authorities of the District of Columbia that in order to have the occupation of the present site terminate at the earliest day possible, the erection of temporary frame structures for the Washington Asylum be decided upon instead of expensive structures of brick, as now proposed."

Heurich's beer is the purest in the market, as can be tested in the Extra Pale Lager bottled by the Arlington Bottling Co., 27th and K streets northwest.

Rambling's Market is selling the best New York Cider at 25 cents per gallon. Opposite the Vendome Hotel, 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue Northwest.

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