

CORN MEAL IN CHINA

Consul at Amoy Shows That a Market Could Be Developed There.

It Would Be Possible for Western Millers to Underwrite Rice—Must Teach the People How to Use It.

It is interesting to American corn growers to know that for the first three months of 1899 there was imported from foreign countries and coast ports a monthly average of 144,329 piculs (19,277,577 pounds) of rice, to supply the demand for chief breadstuffs for this port and adjacent cities, writes A. Burlingame Johnson, consul at Amoy, China. The average price was above 4 1/2 cents Mexican (2 1/2 cents gold) per pound.

Corn meal, grits and hominy could be laid down here at a price which would undersell rice during more than half the year. It is only necessary to introduce the corn products in an intelligent way, so as to get the people to understand their use. A good demand and an ever-increasing outlet for the surplus corn of our western states would be created. It would require only a few hundred dollars to do this, yet no mill has been found willing to bear any portion of the expense. One of the largest concerns in the west, when the proposition was laid before it, said it had nothing to give away, and if Chinese wanted the meal, they could have it by paying cash.

Flour has been introduced here, in the beginning not at a profit. Its increase in consumption is marvelous. During the six months ended June 30, 1898, 23,345 piculs (3,778,389 pounds) were consumed, as against 84,446 piculs (12,778,652 pounds) for the same period of 1899, an increase of 7,508,103 pounds for the half year. This, too, in the face of the fact that flour sells for double the price of rice, while corn products could be sold at less than the average price of rice, thus commending them to the thousands of people here who must be daily supplied with food stuff imported from foreign countries.

It would be worse than folly to dump a cargo of the corn meal on the market and offer it for sale, as millers have suggested. It must be introduced by first teaching a number of cooks (who are all organized in a guild, or union) how to prepare it, and then giving away a limited amount of the cooked product through the public restaurants, which feed thousands of people. If this proposition does not appeal to the business sense of American dealers, this immense food supply will continue to come from other sources, and our surplus of corn will not reach this market.

AMERICAN HORSES BARRED.

Discrimination in Russia Against Racing Stock Because It is Faster Than Horses There.

Only a few years ago American horses could start in all races in Russia, but they were so much faster than the Russian horses that they were finally barred from the big races in order to protect local interests. As a majority of Russian horsemen now own American horses, and more are constantly being bought, there is a growing sentiment in favor of their being permitted to start in all races except those intended exclusively for Russian horses. At one time it was noted with satisfaction that American horses had been purchased for the Russian imperial studs, but recently every horse having American blood has been removed from these studs. Discouraged people declare this to be a shortsighted policy and say the Americans do not care what nationality a horse is, provided he is fast; and notwithstanding American horses are the best trotters in the world, there will be a big demand in the United States in the near future for Russian mares, because after interbreeding the different families for so many years the Americans will be glad to get an outcross with trotting blood and muscle.

COALING SHIPS AT SEA.

New Method of Transferring Fuel in Bags Over a Cable Running Between the Two Ships.

As a result of three days' trial of "coaling ship" while towing at sea, just completed by the United States battleship Massachusetts and the collier Marcellus, it may soon be possible for any warship to receive coal by the overhead wire system at the average rate of 20 tons an hour. The bags of coal are first hoisted from the collier's deck to the masthead upon an iron cage or elevator. The carrier is fitted with a long-pointed hook pivoted at its bottom. This hook, driven under the iron bale, engages it, the elevator drops and the carrier starts at a speed of 1,200 feet a minute for the warship. When it reaches that end of the route a rubber buffer on the block strikes a latch, which releases the hook, and the bags, with their iron bale, drop down the canvas chute to the decks of the warship, where the jacksies scupper away with it on trucks to the bunkers. Three hundred feet is the distance maintained between ships during the operation. The test was a success from the start. Spencer Miller, the inventor of the conveyor, was aboard the Massachusetts.

Johannesburg Housed.

Johannesburg is a boom town, but, unlike most cities of like character, it is solidly and permanently built, many of the residences being veritable palaces of granite and marble that would do credit to any of our American cities.

CHURCH MADE FRENZEL PAY.

Horton (Kan.) Methodist Church Got a Judgment and Sold His Home for a Subscription.

A. T. Frenzel, of Horton, Kan., has just had the novel experience of seeing his home sold over his head to satisfy judgment on a six per cent. note for \$100 which he had given to help pay of the debt on the Methodist church. When the note came due Frenzel, though he is a trustee of the church, refused to pay it, and John A. McCormick, treasurer of the church, sued to collect it.

Frenzel answered that he had received no money, property or benefit, and therefore denied the debt. The court gave the church judgment for \$121 and Frenzel's house was sold for \$600 to pay judgment and costs amounting to \$200. The balance of the money was turned over to Frenzel. The property was appraised at \$900.

Whitey the suit was pending Mr. Frenzel deeded his home to a friend and that man deeded it to Mrs. Frenzel. But the deed was made after the suit began and did not protect the property. Many of the church members were in favor of dropping the matter for fear that the church might be classed among the soulless corporations, but others argued that Frenzel was morally bound and was financially able to pay the note. They also contended that if he was made to pay the note a judgment might have a wholesome effect on many others, who loosely promise to contribute to the support of the churches and then get out of it if possible.

The trustees thought the property and state that Mr. Frenzel can have the property if he will pay the amount of the note.

INVENTS A FLYING SHIP.

Young Russian, with the Aid of a Frenchman, Brings Out a Wonderful Machine.

M. Feodoroff, a young Russian, has invented a flying machine which he claims can be easily maneuvered in the air at any height. The apparatus has a double set of tubes—the horizontal for the propulsion of the machine and the vertical to make it rise or fall. The motive power is provided by concentrated gases, generated from liquids which are stored in special reservoirs. These liquids pass through special tubes into a furnace, where their combustion produces sufficient gas to drive the machine easily. There is no danger of fire, as the apparatus is constructed entirely of metal, while the car for the aeronaut is separated from the lamp by several layers of incombustible material.

The car of M. Feodoroff's model is made to hold one person. The maximum speed of the machine is from 140 to 160 kilometers (or 108 miles) an hour. M. Feodoroff was aided in his invention by M. Dupont, a Frenchman, who discovered the substance from which the gas is obtained. These young men will arrive at St. Petersburg shortly and will give a public demonstration of the capabilities of the machine.

M. Dupont will ascend in it to a height of about 425 meters, and will perform all sorts of complicated evolutions in order to prove his complete control over the movements of the machine. M. Dupont intends to perform the evolutions in time to music.

TO SURVEY HARBORS.

The Pathfinder Will Conduct Important Work in Charting Channels and Harbors of Hawaii.

The coast and geodetic survey steamer Pathfinder has just left San Francisco for Hawaii, where the work of accurately surveying and charting the channels and harbors will be prosecuted for the next month or more. Capt. F. W. Perkins, in command of the expedition, accompanied by a number of assistants from the hydrographic and other scientific divisions of the department, will begin their work in the harbor of Hilo. "After the work at Hilo is completed," said Prof. Tillman, assistant superintendent of the coast survey, "the Haima harbor will be surveyed. Years ago it was one of the best known harbors of the group, and reports show 100 whaling vessels assembled at a time in the harbor. Dr. Freycinet selected it for his observations, showing that it was in the old days a considerable commercial and social center.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

It Will Be Used by the War Department—Plans Being Made for the Signal Corps.

The war department is quietly at work on the problem of wireless telegraphy for the signal corps. The signal corps has been handicapped recently both by lack of funds and officers to experiment on an extensive scale, but Capt. Reiber, at Governor's Island, New York, is carrying on a series of experiments between that point and Tompkinsville, with a view of adapting the army apparatus for communication between fortified points and in any other locality where the wireless system might prove superior in practice to the older form of telegraphy. The army is not dependent on Marconi for instruments, having developed a system of its own, and the work will be pushed with vigor when congress furnishes the necessary means.

Her Winning Ways.

A Detroit woman after 33 years of married life has gone for her husband with an ax and a revolver. Girls should take a lesson from this, says the New York Press; if they went for a husband with an enthusiasm like this they would probably get one.

WEIRD STORY OF HYPNOTISM.

John J. Scanlan, of St. Louis, Drawn to San Jose, Cal., by Mysterious Occult Power.

John J. Scanlan, well dressed and apparently possessed of plenty of money, is a guest at a fashionable house at San Jose, Cal. He says his home is in St. Louis, and that he was drawn across the continent by the silent hypnotic power of W. F. James, the United States court commissioner in San Jose.

"I do not know what Mr. James wanted with me," said Scanlan. "I never saw him, nor heard his name spoken, nor saw it in print before I reached this town. Yet I know him, knew all about him, and could have described him perfectly. "When he stood before me in his own house my master stood embodied at last. Every act of mine during four months has been directed from his brain. When he told me to come, mind speaking to mind, I felt I must obey, but I wanted formal permission and I telegraphed for it.

"Mr. James did not answer, but his mind still drew me, and I came. He alone can tell why he wanted me. He will not. Now, I must go back. "Why," said Commissioner James, "the man is mad as a March hare. Hypnotized! Well, have you seen him? Did you look into his wonderful gray eyes? I tell you they sent a procession of cold chills down my spine that made me think somebody had got behind me with a large cake of clear ice. "If there is any hypnotism in it, he is party of the first part and I am the victim."

IT IS TOO COSTLY.

Transportation of Mails Should Be Made Less Expensive by the Railroad Companies of the Country.

Prof. H. C. Adams, the expert retained by the congressional commission on postal affairs, which is conducting an examination into the cost of mail transportation, was a witness before the session. Taking the rate per ton per mile in 1873 as a basis of calculation, Prof. Adams showed why, in his opinion there should be further reductions in the rates. He said there had been a 15 per cent. increase in the amount of mail business, while the ratio of the decrease in rates had only been slightly greater. He thought the 15 per cent. reduction from the rate fixed in 1873 wholly inadequate to the present situation.

Prof. Adams thought that the principal reductions should be made on the long haul mails, and he presented figures showing that these rates were relatively higher than the short haul mails, in comparison with freight and express, while the expense of moving them was not so great. Various methods of bringing about a reduction in rates were suggested by Prof. Adams. The first provided for a schedule, the maximum rate of which he established at 60 cents a mile per ton. The remaining rates were to be graded by a system, based on whatever fraction or unit of reduction might be decided upon.

Another plan set forth was the reduction of the expenses of the railroad companies in transporting mails by carrying those other than first-class as fast freight. In the latter class he proposed to include parcels and heavy printed matter.

A QUEER DISPOSITION.

Young Woman Who Has Inherited a Liking for Dark Corners in a Cellar as a Sleeping Place.

Mamie Nudler, 21 years old, of Jersey City, N. J., will not sleep in a bed if she can help it. She prefers a corner of dark cellars. According to Charles Nedler, the girl's stepfather, and her mother, Annie Nedler, the girl has made their lives miserable for the last eight years, and they have been compelled to move from place to place on account of her abnormal tendencies. Mamie, since her earliest youth, has manifested a roving disposition. In the mornings her parents find her asleep in deserted cellars, basements, lying under stoops or in the corners of arrearways. Her relatives believe that she inherits her roving disposition from her father, who was subject to spells during which he wandered about the streets at night, refusing to return home. She ran away last Saturday and was arrested later while crawling out of a cellar. Justice Potts felt that he was scarcely justified in sending her to an institution. Finally a Mrs. Shuh volunteered to help the justice out of his dilemma and give the girl a chance to work.

DIAMOND PIN IN TURKEY.

First of Annual Crop of Stories of Rich Finds in Thanksgiving Birds Comes to Hand a Little Late.

Mrs. Hymna Richmond, the wife of the proprietor of a meat market in Pasalt, N. J., has come into possession of a diamond pin in an odd fashion. Last Monday Richmond came to New York and purchased several turkeys for Thanksgiving. One especially large and fat seemed to be in great agony every time it swallowed its food. Richmond told his wife to kill the turkey and they would eat it themselves.

While preparing the turkey Mrs. Richmond's hand struck against something with a sharp point on it. She cut the turkey open, and there, to her surprise, found a diamond pin. She exhibited her prize to her husband. They took the stone to a jewelry store, and there learned that the pin was valued at \$100.

Taxes on Bicycles in France.

France receives \$970,000 a year from taxes on bicycles.

Bulletin Financier.

Mardi, 19 décembre 1899.

COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Jeudi dernier... 6,700,783 00 685,655 00

MARCHE MONETAIRE.

Nouveaux-Orléans... 5 1/16

CHANGE.

Le DOLLAR est faible... 479 8/100

VENTES A LA BOURSE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Appel de 10 A. M. 20 actions N. O. RR Co prof... 102

ACTIONS ET BONS.

Dernières cotes de B. O. Stock Exchange.

Amalgamated... 100 81

TONNELLERIE.

Nouveaux barils de sucre et de rila, 8 barils... 88c

RIZ.

Prêt-Établi... 3 1/2

FARINES.

Patente de farine... 82 75

GRAINS ET FOURRAGES.

Mais... 43 c

Bulletin Commercial.

Mardi, 19 décembre 1899.

COTON.

Marché de la Nlle-Orléans.

Le Coton Exchange a rapporté aujourd'hui les ventes de 1,600 balles et 2 1/4 à arriver.

MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK.

Stable... 7 1/2

PRODUITS DE LA CAMPAGNE.

Les cotes représentatives le prix en gros au landing.

SUCRE ET MELASSE.

Jobbing 90 c plus élevé par livre que le prix suivant de la Bourse au sucre pour les raffinés...

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Patente de farine... 82 75

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PROVISIONS.

AU BOARD OF TRADE.

MEAT MARKET... \$9 50

GROCERIES.

Les prix suivants de café sont ceux du Board of Trade.

GRAINE DE COTON.

Graines de coton... 22 50

FRUITS ET NOIX.

POMMES... 2 25

PRODUITS DE LA CAMPAGNE.

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ANNONCES JUDICIAIRES.

VENTES PAR LE TRIBUNAL. ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente d'une Propriété Extensive et de Valeur du Sixième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,736—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriété de Valeur Améliorée dans le Deuxième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,737—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriétés de Valeur Améliorées du Sixième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,738—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriétés de Valeur Améliorées du Sixième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,739—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriétés de Valeur Améliorées du Sixième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,740—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriétés de Valeur Améliorées du Sixième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,741—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriétés de Valeur Améliorées du Sixième District.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT POUR LA paroisse d'Orléans No 60,742—En vertu d'un writ de assise et de mesme aduressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la paroisse d'Orléans, dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, le procédera à la vente par l'adjudication à la Bourse des Encouragements de la Nouvelle-Orléans, le mardi 26 décembre 1899, à midi, de la propriété ci-dessus décrite, à savoir:

ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE. Vente de Propriétés de Valeur Améliorées du Sixième District.