



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO, N.Y. MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1901.

Items of Interest.

The city hall of Philadelphia is the largest city building in the world. It was begun in 1871 and has cost \$24,313,455.

It is estimated that the pyramid at Cheops, covering 13 acres of ground, contains masonry weighing over 6,316,000 tons.

It is claimed by the great vocalists of Europe that the use of perfumes and the scent of flowers are both injurious to the human voice.

In the United States there was \$88,935,150 worth of property destroyed by fire during the first six months of the present year.

The largest lock in the world is located in the St. Mary's canal at the head of St. Mary's river, which connects Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

Excluding navies, the estimated value of the shipping of the world is \$294,000,000, with all but \$67,000,000 of this value owned and controlled by the nations of Europe.

The largest floating dry-dock in the world is now being completed at Sparrows Point, Maryland, and when finished will be located at Algiers, La., on the Mississippi river.

The German emperor has made the study of the English language compulsory in the German high schools, and French, which has hitherto been compulsory, is now an optional study.

The bridge across the river Forth in Scotland

is 8,296 feet long and cost to exceed \$8,000,000. On the bridge there are over 120 acres of surface to be painted, requiring 50 tons of paint for every coat given it.

The power of plants to detect the presence of certain poisonous substances is well known. Some plants can detect the presence of sulphate of copper after being dissolved in 700,000,000,000 its weight in water.

It has been very satisfactorily demonstrated that yellow fever is not communicated in bedding, clothing, baggage, etc., but is caused by the bite of a mosquito which has fed on a person infected with that disease.

The Southern Pacific railroad has issued an order that all its engines be supplied with apparatus for the burning of petroleum instead of coal. Experiments on that road have shown petroleum to be much cheaper than coal for fuel.

There are about 75,000 oil wells in the United States, exclusive of those in the Beaumont district, with an approximate daily production of 160,000 barrels. A dozen wells in the new Beaumont district are producing more than all the other wells in the country combined.

It is reported that the natives of Persia believe in the efficacy of mourners' tears for the cure of certain diseases. At funerals the mourners are given sponges with which to wipe away their tears, and the sponges are given to the priest who squeezes the tears into bottles for preservation.

It is estimated that Canada furnishes 40 per cent of the world's production of nickel. The ore is found near Sudbury in the province of Ontario, and covers a district about 40 by 70 miles in area. The ore is about 3 per cent nickel and contains considerable quantities of iron, sulphur and copper.

Public Opinion: Among the British newspapers there are now 160 Advertisers, 150 Timeses, 149 Newses, 128 Gazettes, 120 Chronicles, 119 Heralds, 104 Journals, 95 Expresses, 68 Observers, 48 Standards and 42 Mercurys. There are 40 Free Presses, 38 Telegraphs, 31 Mails, 30 Posts, 29 Independents, 23 Couriers and as many Examiners and 22 Echoes.

London Daily Mail: Modern office furniture, from the desk to the door mat, is nearly all American the desk to the door mat, is nearly all American sits on a Nebraska swivel chair, before a Michigan roll-top desk, writes ones letters on a Syracuse typewriter, signing them with a New York fountain pen and drying them with a blotting sheet from New England.

At Hanover, England, an elephant in the Zoological gardens was afflicted with a growth on one of his hind feet, which it was necessary to cut away to save the life of the animal. A dose of 600 grains of morphia in six bottles of rum was given it and more than an hour elapsed before any effects were noticeable. It required three days to fully complete the operation.