

Today

North, East, South, West. Which Is Best? Miami, or Seattle? San Diego, or Maine? By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

San Simon Ranch, Cal., Dec. 12.—What is the best part of this marvelous western country? Everybody from the northern boundary down to the Mexican frontier believes that the best place is where he lives. The man from the east is bewildered. Like a fly in a pastry shop.

Seattle says: "Come here, and you will never leave. Our future will be wonderful, but the present is all that any human being could ask for, sunshine, health, happiness. Come here where snow, raw winds and coal bills are only nightmare memory."

From Petaluma, toward the north, local patriotism waxes: "Come and see the egg basket of the world. And near here, the only place where men harness and use live steam coming up from the earth."

The "egg basket" refers to the fact Petaluma is the greatest chicken and egg producing center on earth.

The inhabitants of the Imperial valley, where the soil is literally worth more than all the gold mines of California put together, tell you that they possess the earthly paradise. Rasselas, even in his happy valley, might have envied them. Imperial valley or heaven, is their motto.

Little places, and great cities, like Los Angeles and San Francisco, all have good reasons, and you can't gainsay them.

The little place says, we shall be as big as Los Angeles some day. Come now, and let your pocketbook grow up with the town.

Los Angeles says the little place will grow of course. But "while they gain 50,000 population, we shall have completed our second million, and be started toward five millions."

San Francisco, where the old memories, big banks, importing and exporting houses, with thousands of seasoned California business men, live, disdains all competition. "Look at our Golden Gate, the harbor dug by the Divine engineer. Study our railroads. Go where you please, every place is good. But this, the central spot on the California coast, will always be what it always has been, California's great city."

Oakland asks, "Is that so, what about Oakland?"

That city across the bay from San Francisco is who you might call a California Brooklyn. Brooklyn already has more inhabitants than Manhattan, the original New York. Oakland is determined to have more population, more business, more manufacture, more money, more everything than the old established San Francisco.

While you are wondering, telegrams come by the dozens, from Florida, where this column is printed in several newspapers. From Jacksonville, Tampa, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach and Miami come messages of rebuke and information.

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The fine thing about it all is that all Americans, whatever they are, are building up the place where they are and believe in it.

From San Diego, diagonally northeast, to Portland, Me., from Miami, diagonally northwest to Seattle, you will pass cities, villages, farms, men and women all convinced that they have found the best spot on earth.

The reporter for the weekly newspaper at Gallup, N. M., 4,000 or 5,000 feet above the two oceans, implores you "Get off and spend a week here and you will never leave."

This fine country is worth preserving. It offers a magnificent flying field for the airplanes needed to make it safe from attack. The people of these states should take care of them.

SUBPOENAS ARE SERVED FOR TRIAL

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 14.—Deputy sheriffs were in the DeWitt vicinity today serving subpoenas on witnesses who have been summoned to appear in district court next Wednesday in the case of the state against Edward Schuermann charged with the murder of George Reinmiller at DeWitt last October. Eighteen witnesses have been called for the state and about the same number for the defense. It will take at least a week for the selection of the jury and trial of the case.

Dodge County to Have New Farm Bureau Head

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14.—Dodge county will have a new farm agent to succeed R. M. Houser, who resigned recently to take over the county agent's office in Saunders county. Mrs. Fred Cusick, deputy in the farm bureau office, will have charge, until the successor of Houser takes office. There are many applications on file for the position. These are to be acted upon at a meeting of the executive board of the county farm bureau to be held on December 29.

First Unwelcome Stranger Uses Bridge

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Newcastle, Neb., Dec. 14.—A large wildcat, an animal which old timers say is not seen in northeast Nebraska frequently, was shot and killed by Herbert Miller, who, with several other men, captured the creature after a hard chase near the Art Schram farm, three miles southwest of Newcastle. As there is a number of bobcats in the Dakotas north of here, it is believed that the animal crossed the new Meridian highway bridge across the Missouri river at Yankton, S. D., and wandered into this locality after food.

Airmen Scoop Up Mackerel, Waiting for Clearer Skies

Natives in Farthest West Point of America Dwell in Caves; Sixth of Trip Completed.

Told by LOWELL THOMAS. (Copyright, 1924.) "During our first days away out here on the island of Attu, the most westerly bit of land connected with the American continent, we have been living on board the little bureau of fisheries boat, the 'Elder,' wrote 'Smiling Jack' Harding in his diary. "The men of the officers, including Capt. Paul Beck, have turned their backs over to Smith, Nelson and Wade, while the other three of us have been sleeping down in the fo'c'sle. Captain Beck, incidentally, is one of the staunchest friends we have had. His long years of seafaring experience, combined with the intense enthusiasm he has shown over our adventures has often saved us from serious trouble. For instance, in several places where we wanted to attach 200-pound anchors to the planes, he insisted, and in each case his superior judgment has saved us from having the ships torn from their moorings and driven out to sea by the waves. "Saturday, May 10—These Aleutian islands can surely boast of fully 98 per cent atrocious weather. Since we have been down here, life has just been one continual of getting soaked and then getting thawed out, and so on ad infinitum. "Here in Attu, when the barometer starts to fall, it frequently goes way down to 8.45, the lowest I have ever seen it. Our old friends, the williwaws, have been performing for us again today, and if anything, they are being the most vicious. We have ever seen them. And that's saying a lot. They made the sea so rough this morning that we couldn't even balance ourselves on our planes and we had to hustle aboard the 'Elder.' "Here on Captain Beck's steamer, we were only about 100 yards from the planes. Each time a williwaw hit the 'Elder,' the planes leaped way over. And each time this happened, we all rushed to the portholes expecting to see at least one of the planes blown away. Donald Douglas certainly did a marvelous job when he built these world cruisers. When a williwaw hits them, instead of hopping up and down as you would expect them to do, they simply seem to push their noses into the wind and hold on tight to the waves. We have spent the whole afternoon dashing back and forth to the portholes, expecting to see the planes torn from their moorings. Thanks to Captain Beck, they were moored secure enough to ride out every gust that has come so far.

Major Martin Found

"May 11—While doing a morning I heard some of the members of the crew of the 'Elder' conversing in low tones about the major and Harvey having been found. For a time I thought I was dreaming. But when I dawned on me that what I heard was real I leaped out of my bunk hoping to do, they simply seem to push their noses into the wind and hold on tight to the waves. We have spent the whole afternoon dashing back and forth to the portholes, expecting to see the planes torn from their moorings. Thanks to Captain Beck, they were moored secure enough to ride out every gust that has come so far.

These Attu Bunkers are World Famous

"These Attu bunkers are world famous and so few of them are made that they are both rare and expensive. The traders usually get them for from \$3 to \$4 each. But as a result of their having heard some week ago through Captain Bissell that the coast guard cutter Haida was coming in they boosted the price up to from \$10 to \$15. When we arrived and discovered the situation in the local market we decided to wait for the Haida, and then we all got together and held out until today they finally dropped back to their normal price. "There are only three wooden buildings on this barren island; one is the little Russian church which the Aleuts attend, and the other two belong to Mr. Schroeder, who controls the trading rights to Attu. He also has a number of fox farms on the smaller islands scattered between here and Atka. Goss and Schroeder, the two who control the islands of Atka and Attu, respectively, although both charming hosts, are as unlike as any two men could be. Goss, a typical down east Yankee, is the champion yarn spinner of the Aleutians, while Schroeder, a tall, blonde giant, is the 'strong, silent' man of the north like you see in the movies. "Radio Great Help. "After the 'Elder' left Attu to take up a position midway between here and the nearest islands off the coast of Asia, from where it can send us weather reports, we moved ashore to Schroeder's house and were delighted to find an excellent library. Our revenue cutter friends from the Haida have just come in and set up a portable radio outfit. The poles are on a hill nearby and the wires have been run right down here to the trading post. Although with this outfit we can only send messages for a couple of hundred miles, we can receive from a much longer distance. "If the truth were known, the radio has played a really vital part in our success so far. In the first place, if anything happens, just in the case of Major Martin and Sergeant Harvey, radio is the one and only way of sending for help and getting it in time. Secondly, in hopping for hundreds of miles through the skies over uninhabited regions it is of the utmost importance to find out what the weather conditions are at various points along the route just before starting. Then, of course, there is the third advantage of our being able to send daily messages all the way back to America reporting on our progress.

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week had passed we lost none of our confidence. After 10 days and then 11 days, we began to grow more and more uneasy. We have missed them more than we can say and it's mighty tough that they are not here to push on with us. "Although we have flown over a lot of wild country, away out here at Attu we are only a little more than a sixth of the way around the globe. So who can predict what adventures may be awaiting the rest of us from here on? At any rate whatever those adventures may be, we are looking forward to them and anxious to get on. "Not only is Attu the uttermost point of America, an island way out here on the edge of nothing, but its inhabitants are of the lowest breed of human life belonging to North America. The population of Attu is exactly 59, all Aleuts. The day we arrived there was no one here in Chicago excepting 24 women and girls and one old patriarch. Leigh being the sheik of the party, we have renamed the town 'Wade's Paradise,' in his honor. "The harbor is well sheltered with mountains all around it, extinct volcanoes of course. The village consists of three wooden shacks and a few Aleutian barabos, native huts which the Aleuts burrow in under the surface of the ground. The roofs are made of dirt and sod and sort of half dome shape. Each barabos has one lone window and from six to eight persons live down there in a space about eight by 10 feet. Here they cook, eat and sleep, and each of these Aleut caves, designed to protect the inhabitants from the winter winds, is absolutely airtight, we all thought we would like to visit one. Les, being a bold spirit, opened the door and the rest of us started to walk in, but the air was stifling. We simply couldn't breathe, so we beat a hasty retreat and did the rest of our examining of barabos by long distance. Leigh is the only one of us who has been invited to dine with them. He is not caring for fish but has declined the invitation. "These curious native huts at Chicago look more like storm cellars than like places where people live. The cramped quarters down there under the ground are divided into two tiny little rooms. The first one is filled with clothes, harpoons, jerked meat, dried fish, and all sorts of odds and ends. The partition between the living room and the sleeping room is usually a curtain made of skins. There the old Aleut women with their wrinkled, weather-beaten faces squat weaving baskets or making garments out of hides. "Behind the rest, on heaped up skins, the men are huddled on their gums. And rawhide thongs had scarred her. She split a snow strip in two between her sunken cheeks. The strings strip of snow strips. She mumbled in her own language. As through her mouth each strip she she rubs it with her greasy claws. Then each strip and mottled strand becomes a long and pliant thread. Rubbed round on her cheeks. "Hold Up" on barabos.

Major Martin and Sergeant Harvey

Major Martin and Sergeant Harvey were lost the number of messages flashed back and forth across the north Pacific, the Gulf of Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, and the Alaskan peninsula, must have been beyond all calculation. The importance of radio in connection with this world flight cannot be overestimated, and when an around-the-world aerial transportation system is established one of these days radio will be one of the most important factors in making it a success. "Since the 'Elder' left another great storm has swept down upon us, a storm of such tremendous velocity that it has blown the Haida way out to sea. We were in touch with it by radio all the time, and Lee Baker radioed us that the wind was blowing at the rate of fully 60 miles an hour. The Haida had had a bad time of it during this gale, so we can imagine what the little 'Elder' has been going through away out midway between here and the Kuriles."

Weather Man Life Saver

"Here in this region, where the weather is nearly always undecipherable," says Lieutenant Smith, "I hardly know what we would have done without our weather wizard, Maj. William R. Blair of the signal corps, who has been living up here on the 'Elder' simply in order that we might proceed from point to point with the minimum of danger and delay. Major Blair certainly deserves his reputation as one of the foremost meteorologists in the world. So accurate have been his forecasts that, except for waiting and hoping that Major Martin would catch up with us, we would have been able to have taken advantage of every possible flying day. The major has usually kept ahead of us several hundred miles and he has made his observations largely with the use of his theodolite and with toy balloons made of pure rubber and filled with hydrogen so they will ascend at the rate of 200 yards a minute. "What the major does is to send up a balloon, take observations each minute for about 15 minutes with the aid of the theodolite, and then he simply telegraphically signals out the direction and velocity of the winds in the upper air. "The major also uses thermometers and barometers and estimates the winds and atmospheric conditions by measuring the flight of clouds. He has been working under the most difficult conditions, but the forecasts that he has sent to us by radio regarding fogs and storms have been so accurate as to seem almost uncanny. Leslie Arnold's diary tells how it continued to snow and storm up until May 14, when it cleared long enough in the afternoon to give the world fliers an opportunity of going fishing. They found great schools of mackerel and black cod in the harbor.

"Why, we didn't even have to bait our hooks," he writes. "All we had to do was simply drop a line overboard with a hook on the end of it and jerk it up quickly. Invariably we would find that we had hooked a fish through the eye, the tail, or a fin. "A press correspondent on board the Haida has just radioed his office in Seattle the thrilling news that tonight the world fliers are going to be given a treat on board the Haida in the form of a bath. He said he didn't dare mention how long it had been since he had had a bath. But we are celebrating tonight because the weather looks clear, and tomorrow there should be a good chance of our at last hopping off for Siberia."

Read the next installment of the thrilling round-the-world flight in The Omaha Bee tomorrow.

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Dr. G. W. Todd's roofless plate has received much praise from his satisfied customers. A recent letter from Mrs. A. H. Wiley states the following: "After visiting Dr. Todd's office, 414 Barker block, and obtaining a roofless plate, I noticed several improvements in my health and personal appearance, namely: Better speech, natural sense of taste and a natural and comfortable feeling in my mouth. The fact that the roofless plate does not provide a place for food to accumulate is a most important feature," she added. A special offer is being made during the next 30 days.

COMPLETE LINE OF CHILDREN'S TOYS

The Nebraska Motorcycle and Bicycle company, 1512 Howard street, is featuring a complete line of toys for children. The firm has on display bicycles, scooters, wagons, kiddie-cars, velocipedes, sporting goods, sleds, and a large selection of mechanical toys. Sporting goods are popular this year as Christmas gifts, says James Van Avery, proprietor. A gift such as a basket ball, football, punching bag or boxing gloves is something much enjoyed and at the same time builds healthy and strong children. The store is open evenings until Christmas.

STATIONER HAS COMPLETE STOCK

"Christmas business is good," says J. A. Rummelhart of the Omaha Stationery company, 307 South Seventeenth street. "Christmas cards are more popular this year than ever. Especially do we find this true among the better grades of engraved cards. Our book of Crane's stationery and Charles Waterman, Parker and Wahl fountain pens and pencils is helping solve many gift problems."

SPECIAL PHOTO OFFER EXTENDED

The special offer on photographs made by the Knicely studio, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, has met such popularity that the offer will be continued for several months. Knicely is known as one of Omaha's leading photographers, having established several studios in Omaha and one in Council Bluffs. The studio in Council Bluffs, operated under his name, was sold several years ago to his nephew, who has since taken over the business. Knicely is assisted by Mrs. Knicely.

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Theater Changes Hands. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 14.—The movie theater at DuBois, 11 miles southeast of here, has been purchased by J. W. Dushall of that place and will be operated by him. For several months the community club of DuBois, an organization of business men of that city, operated the show as a Saturday night attraction to draw trade to the city.

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