

GEYSERS OF THE NORTHWEST.

The Peculiar Regions of the Yellowstone National Park.

The Grand, the Beautiful, the Wonderful--Nature's Startling Freaks--First Glimpse of a Geyser.

Correspondence Salt Lake Herald.

My first glimpse of a geyser in action was at the end of a long perspective of pine bordered road, as we came down from the hill-tops toward the Fire Hole river...

In the morning, the whole basin was filled with steam, condensed during the night. In the following description, I intend to speak of the geysers only in a picturesque sense, not trying to make a theory in regard to their action...

The three basins, Upper, Middle and Lower, seem to me to have been about six miles in length, by half a mile in width on the average. The Fire Hole river flows through each, and drains the surrounding waters...

Soon we reached the first installment of those beautiful springs or wells which abound in such numbers that to count them would be a task. Nature has apparently used the arrangement of the solar spectrum in obtaining her effect, which is startling in its brilliancy.

The national debt is now nearly \$20,000,000 and is owned in England, where the money was borrowed for the construction of railways and other internal improvements...

On walking over to the Blue Ousted Spring and viewing the castle from that point, the outlines seemed familiar to me, certainly had seen them elsewhere. It was in the Provo Valley of Utah, which, undoubtedly, at one time was the theatre of exactly such performances as are now taking place in the Yellowstone.

Mr. Ernst A. Denick, proprietor Frederickburg Brewery Co., San Jose, Cal., writes that for rheumatism and other painful ailments St. Jacobs Oil is remarkably efficacious.

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SANTA FE'S EXTENSIONS.

What This Line is Doing in the Far West of Pacific Regions.

A Big Project for the Santa Fe in Case of War--Jay Gould's Plans in Kansas.

Denver Tribune-Republican.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe has been rather peaceful in its methods since last fall, when with the aid of the Burlington it scoured the life of the Tripartite scheme and made the roads connected with that alliance withdraw and give it up.

There are other springs which elsewhere would be of interest, but in such company they receive but little attention. The Government of Costa Rica, Correspondence of San Francisco Chronicle.

The Government of Costa Rica is like all of the Spanish-American countries--a republic in name, but a monarchy in fact.

Every one of the republics is controlled either by an autocrat or a family, or a clique of politicians who have gained power and keep it with the sword. The people rather like that sort of government, they submit to it without a murmur, having known no other, and it is such an improvement on tyranny and oppression...

The enterprise of the Santa Fe road does not stop at developing the coast trade of the Pacific. It halts for a moment only on the shore, to make a western line, while it looks beyond where the Orient and the Atlantic meet and are blended into one. It seeks to draw within the current of its influence that traffic of the east which comes by way of the west, and which is freighted with the riches of the Indies.

The intention of the Santa Fe is to induce a company to put on lines of steamers from San Diego to Australia and Japan. An effort will then be made to draw the trade away from San Francisco. To do this, it will be necessary for the road to put the rail rates down very low. The traffic across the ocean is now, to a great extent, picked up at San Francisco by the clipper ships, and taken to them across the Pacific to New York.

That is according to the writer above quoted and some Russian authorities, the aim of Russia in Afghanistan at the present time. As for the question of Constantinople, Russia, in the event of a general war, may endeavor to get possession of the city and command the gateway to the Black sea herself, or if she secures Turkey for an ally, content herself with getting the unobstructed navigation of the straits for her war ships.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL. PERSONAL.

Mrs. C. M. Engle is visiting relatives in Nebraska. Henry C. Kohlhaas, of Chicago, was at Bechtel's yesterday.

Col. John Fox has returned from Dakota, where he went to look after his landed interests. He says it is all nonsense about his having been appointed sheriff of that county, he having just gone on a brief business trip.

H. E. Seaman and family left last evening for the east, where they will make their home, he having arranged to go into business in New York city. Mr. Seaman has been one of Council Bluffs' best business men, and his removal will be regretted by all, and he and his family leave many friends here, who will be glad to hear of their continued prosperity, and ever ready to welcome them back.

MINISTER PENDLETON'S AUCTION.

A Gala Day at Clifton, and Beauty and Grace Do the Bidding.

On last Friday, in the beautiful suburb of Clifton, were enacted the closing scenes which result in depriving Clifton of the citizenship of the Hon. George H. Pendleton. The day was a disagreeable one, but the announcement of an auction of the household property of George H. Pendleton, at his late residence, was sufficient to draw an assembly of not innumerable, but of considerable wealth, if not number, that often seen in the brilliant concert room. Not only did Clifton turn out in force, but Mount Auburn, Walnut Hills and the very heart of the city had representatives of the best society.

Gradually England herself has come to pay less attention to the value of Constantinople as a safety to her route to India. Ever now, when Russia is endeavoring to gain Turkey as her ally, the statesmen are not so terrified as they were in the days of Palmerston, when they were in the days of Palmerston, when they were in the days of Palmerston.

THE CONTEST FOR THE PERSIAN GULF.

The same writer goes on in an interesting way to show that the aim of Russia in Central Asia is not so much to menace or to invade India as to get possession of a coast line on the Arabian sea. We give place to his deductions: "For generations," he says, "Russia has been striving for maritime expansion. An immense empire without a single unrestrictive connection with the ocean."

RUSSIA'S MARITIME OUTLETS.

The Story of Her Attempts to Reach the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. New York Herald.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of the Afghan "sandbox" dispute between Russia and England, it is certainly interesting to glance at Russia's unceasing and so far fruitless attempts to get free approach to the ocean on the southern confines of her empire. In the north she has the Baltic, which is, however, closed up for six months in the year. On the shores of the West or Pacific, indeed, she commands the whole stretch of the Asiatic coast from the 47th to the 43d degrees of north latitude, while she has skillfully rounded off her possession in that quarter of the globe by obtaining from Japan, in 1875, the cession of the southern half of the large island of Saghalien.

THE GATEWAY TO THE BLACK SEA.

But in the south the Russian "Colossus" has striven in vain for centuries to secure free and unobstructed passage to the ocean. The entrance to the Black sea is commanded by Turkish batteries on the Bosphorus, past which her war ships are forbidden to pass. To open up this route to the ocean, or to gain complete mastery of it, has been and possibly is now Russia's never-resting aim.

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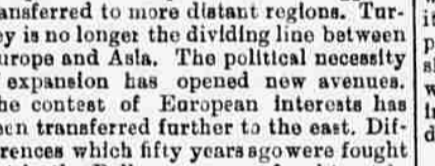
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