

PEOPLE OF MODERN GREECE

Enterprising and Thrifty Descendants of the Ancient Hellenic Race.

UP TO DATE IN ALL ESSENTIAL REGARDS

United States Minister Francis Talks of to Country to Which He is Accredited While in Omaha.

The first Anglo-Saxon who ever wrote a history of the world gave Greece nearly the whole front of the book, then repented of his generosity and gave it not even a honorable mention thereafter.

Where Phœbus dwelt and Hellas sprung, And burning Sappho loved and sung.

New Life in the Country.

Now, however, there is hope anew. Greece may get back into the book.

Charles S. Francis, who for two years past has been United States minister to Greece, Romania and Serbia, and who goes back there this week, was in Omaha last Wednesday and told of the interesting changes he notices between the Greece of today and the Greece of thirty years ago.

When I was first there nearly every Greek wore the fustianella, that garb of loose blouse and short skirt and sandals that has changed little since the time of Pericles, nearly 500 years before Christ.

Believe in Baths.

Every summer many of the wealthier Greeks go to the continent—usually to the baths, for they are still sticklers for hygiene and firm believers in the efficacy of water as a beautifying agent.

The wealthy Greek is not the product of generations, but frequently of one generation. Their business ability is exceptional and some from small beginnings amass fortunes in time to enjoy the benefits in old age.

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Woman's Wonderful Memory.

Mrs. Schlemmer, it is a fact, realized the doctor's wish for a wife who could repeat the list of words—the most remarkable feat of memorizing that I ever heard of. The doctor would suggest a line or two of Homer, selected at random, and she could proceed to the end without referring to the book. She lives now in the palace presided by the doctor, and is of the most beautiful women in Greece, she is, too, still beautiful. Beauty never ceases to be a principal object there and comely face and figure are always preserved carefully and artfully—not by women alone, for Alcibiades, the ancient dandy, is not without successors.

Interest in Europe.

Lively interest is taken in European affairs, partly, perhaps, because of the relationship existing between the royal families. King George of Greece is the son of King Christian of Denmark, his sister is Queen Alexandra of England, his son married Emperor William's sister, his sister is the wife of the czar and his wife is the daughter of the dowager czarina. Although I was not in Greece at the time, I know the illness of King Edward must have been a most absorbing topic.

Roumania and Serbia.

In Roumania the most interesting topic at present is the success of the plan of Prime Minister Sturdza to wipe out the Quadrilateral of England, his son married Emperor William's sister, his sister is the wife of the czar and his wife is the daughter of the dowager czarina.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets

My troubles started during my girlhood, when Mrs. F. J. Greer, of my home street, Akron, O., told me not to worry about it. From that time I did not see a well day. I suffered at every monthly period with terrible headache, irritation of the spine and pains in my head. I had seen through my life and ovaries all the time and constant backache. One doctor would say something about my diet, but they only relieved me. I then wrote to Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, four of "Golden Medical Discovery" and five vials of "Pink Pills." Have had a single symptom of my old trouble so far. Can sleep good, work hard and eat solid substantial food without distress.

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Loafing Around Hotels

"I wish you would have some new pens put on the writing table," said a well-dressed man to the clerk of an uptown hotel.

"Certainly, front!" and a boy was called and instructed to attend to the matter.

"Now, wouldn't you think that he was our star guest?" asked the clerk, quoted by the New York Tribune.

The clerk told about the various kinds of "star guests" he has seen in all hotels and said that they were a source of expense to the hotels, but that they helped to distribute the hotel stationery and occasionally some of their friends left a dollar there.

"The man with the long hair over there," said the clerk, pointing to a distinguished-looking man who lolled in an easy chair with an air of proprietorship.

"The mild coffee, coffee which have nearly or less body and the finer flavors, as distinguished from the Brazil coffee, of which the chief characteristic is strength, are of various kinds.

"The way in which the retail consumer is charged for coffee is a veritable swindle," he said to a New York Post reporter.

"One of the worst swindles, I should say, that any trade can show. Coffee will bring as much at retail as it did when the grocer carries cost twice as much as they do now.

"Here, you understand, I am talking of the trade in the east, the better class of trade in the eastern states generally the consumer demand a better grade of coffee than is drunk in the south and west, though the latter sections show a larger consumption, in proportion to population, than does the east.

"Including all the grades sent from that country, the coffee of Brazil form about 75 per cent of the total imports of the berry into the United States.

"Of the other mild coffees, the Bogotas, from the Magdalena river valley of Colombia, and the Porto Rico, both have a flavor which is fine, although positive, and at the same time that both are coffee drinkers in this section of the country require.

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No-Pay Guests Who Make Themselves at Home.

him that he must stay away. He asked no questions, but he understood why. I am sure, however, that his place as a blotter puffer has been filled."

In the winter these hotel loungers make the public rooms their club, and in warm weather they cannot be distinguished from the regular guests in the fresh air parts of the hotels.

"Of course," said the clerk, "if we would allow every one to make our house his headquarters we would soon have no room for our guests, but we do not. Our 'blitters' are reputable people, who have no business to occupy their time with old men whose day has passed or men who are waiting for something to turn up, and I am sure that they are all honest people, even if they do occasionally take a few pens and other articles of stationery or the daily papers."

"This class belongs to a hotel as much as that other class which consists of men who stand around the ticker all day figuring how much money could have been made if a certain amount had been invested on a certain stock. These people never speculate, because they have no money, but they haunt the hotel ticker, and live in hopes some day to play the game again which they understand so much better now than they did when they played it before."

"Another of the heavy-bodied coffees, Costa Rico, is sold in larger quantities than any other coffee in the world, and is nearly so much as the other grades in times past, while Bogotas and Mexicans are in growing demand. Porto Rico coffee is coming into wider favor, too, while the imports of Mocha show some falling off.

"The mere recital of the qualities of these coffees and the prices at which they sell at wholesale green will be enough, probably, to bear out the contention that the consumer who buys at retail buys his coffee much too dear. Take Java, for instance. Generally speaking, the brew from that berry lacks body, though it has a delicate flavor. Java must be mixed with Mocha to give the decoction sufficient body.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Two hundred bonfires are to be lighted on the high and mountainous slopes of the shire on the opening night of Old Home week in the middle of August.

For nearly thirty-five years, Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire practiced as a physician in Concord. Even after his long career in the legislature, he was a member of the medical societies and numerous valuable treatises from his pen have been published.

Delaware courts have treated some corporation officials to a somewhat disagreeable surprise. About three years ago the Thomas & Davis Wall Paper company was formed. John Thomas, the general manager, was voted a salary of \$15,000 a year by the directors, other officials setting handsome figures. Dissatisfied stockholders in the concern complained against such exorbitant salaries, and now the courts have decided that Mr. Thomas is to have \$1,000 a year, other salaries being cut in proportion.

As the Johnstown mining horror will naturally set many persons asking about the Johnstown flood, and comparing the date of the calamity of May 31, 1889, in that flood 2,142 persons perished, 123 wives were made widows and 42 children were rendered orphans or half orphans. The Johnstown relief fund aggregated \$2,912,046, which was distributed to the sufferers in the Conemaugh valley alone. The balance going to the relief of districts immediately contiguous to it.

"In 1607," says the Four Track News, "Henry Hudson urged his little Dutch boat, the 'Half Moon,' up the river that the Indians made wild and the 'Half Moon' which the English afterward christened 'the Hudson.' He courted the Indians, who were wild and anchored the 'Half Moon' of the bank, near where now stands the city of Albany. Others had discovered the river before his day, for French, Portuguese and Dutch had pushed the prow of their boats into the lower stream as early as 1524-30, but to Hudson belonged the honor of navigating the stream for any considerable distance. And yet it is considered that the name of that early navigator has been unjustly bestowed upon 'the American Hudson.' The name is rather a puzzle, for the centennial of the coming of Henry Hudson is now taking tangible form, though the nature of the observance is as yet undecided."

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