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HALF CLAD ISLANDER SPOOLS FINE SCENERY.

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—The South Sea Islands have been ridiculously overrated, according to a statement made here recently by Mrs. Whitney Sperry, San Francisco society woman and globe trotter, who has just returned from a 75,000 mile jaunt, including a tour of the Orient, the South Seas and the Antipodes.

Mrs. Sperry said she visited the South Sea Islands expecting to find a land of dreams and romance. "I found beautiful scenery ruined by fat, half-naked men and women," she continued. "There was every sort of mixture of race and drink. Prices were three times higher than they should have been. The place was full of half-dressed artists who have 'gone brown' and everything I ate gave me indigestion. The food was responsible. The South Sea Islands have been ridiculously overrated."

In Java, Mrs. Sperry said, husbands may be plucked from the trees, bushes and the roadside. There are not human wrecks or doddering derelicts, but fine, handsome and charming men from Holland who go to Java to make their fortunes.

"The best is so intense that most women refuse to live there," Mrs. Sperry went on to say, "so the only alternative these men have, if they wish to exchange single blessedness for harnessed cussedness, is to marry the native woman. So you see what a golden opportunity there is for single white women."

"In Hongkong I met many American and English women stranded with 50¢ a cent, whose real reason for going to China was to get married. Most of them were more than thirty years old and more or less unattractive. They had heard, incorrectly, that

there were so many more English and American men than women in China. Once there they couldn't return. Java should have been their goal."

Mrs. Sperry entertains a bitter and hearty grudge against those writers who have painted glowing word pictures of the South Seas and the maidens thereof. She says: "I received the biggest disappointment of my life when I landed in the South Sea Islands. The scenery is beautiful, yes, but nothing startling. Java is more beautiful. And those beautiful maidens are heavy of, they are fat, nearly all of them, and sloopy. Voluptuous, yes, but oh, so broad! There are derelicts of every race and nation, gone to seed. Of course there is quite a col-

ony of writers and artists, but even a large number of these have gone to seed. What struck me particularly was the number of white men, educated and cultured, many of them successful writers and painters, who have married the native women."

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Produce and Provisions.

(Trade Review.)

Codfish—During the week the schr. LaBerge sailed from Bay Bulls to Gloucester with 3,652 qts. salt bulk fish, while the schr. Phyllis L. Westover left Twillingate for Halifax with 1,201 brls. herring and two casks seal oil, shipped by the estate of W. Ashbourne.

The reports brought by the Sagona show that the Labrador fishery turned out far better than the most sanguine anticipated, and most people think it is not very far removed from that of last season. If the foreign markets were up to the normal this would be good news for exporter as well as fishermen, but under present conditions it is hard to say whether the intelligence will redound to our benefit or otherwise. During the week, besides the 20,000 qts. shipped to Italy and Spain by the two steamers, there were also exported 4,200 qts. by the Silvia to New York for the West Indies and Italy.

Cod Liver Oil—Though common oil is coming in fairly good quality, not much refined oil is yet finding its way into the market, as it was late this year before refiners went to work. Most of them began in August, but it is thought by those closely conversant with the business, that as much oil will be produced this year as last, and what oil has been manufactured we hear is of very good quality, a fact which redounds to the credit of the Marine and Fisheries Department, the regulations it has formulated, and the care and assiduity of the Inspectors who are men of ability and experience in the business. The oil is expected to realize well this year, and most people think an active and profitable market will take all the goods we can afford, as a result of the very favorable impression our oil has made on the scientific men and experts who have visited here and published very flattering reports on it. The Government Inspectors, it is understood, will make a special effort this year to see to it that nothing but the best quality will be put on the market, because the prospects were never better for a revival of the trade and a restoration to its former high position amongst the articles of export which Newfoundland produces.

Common Cod Oil—The prevailing tone is steady, and prices were generally well sustained, and some reports state that special inducements were offered to get ahead of the other men. Only a few hundred barrels have reached this market as yet, but we are likely to see a larger supply in the near future. Boston and New York are taking all they can get, but we see small shipments being carried to the Furness Line wharf for shipment to Liverpool, which certainly proves that English buyers are ready to pay top prices.

Lobsters—Small parcels of lobsters still come citywards the past week for suppliers mostly, as well as some for sale, but the bottom is out of the market, at least for the present, and the future for the goods is very uncertain. Those who look forward to a smart sale of their goods at reasonably profitable figures, have been sadly disappointed, and it is feared that a considerable proportion of this year's pack will be left on the hands of their owners. The few sales that have occurred were not of a nature to afford much encouragement, prices necessarily depending on the condition of the markets in Europe which are undoubtedly in bad shape. In conversation with one wholesale handler of lobsters, he stated that

neither England, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden or Denmark can handle our lobsters at present. As all know their currency, especially that of the latter five countries, have sadly depreciated, and people who used the goods in pre-war days cannot now touch them, as they must now pay from four to five times more than they paid in normal times for them. As regards the American market they will not touch our lobsters unless we stand behind our goods in the matter of quality and from the way in which some packers handle what they take, this cannot be done by those dealers who have a reputation to lose.

The American people will pay a Number 1 price for AI goods, but ours have been too often found wanting as to value and they refuse to buy except with gilt-edged security as to the condition of what they receive. A negligible quantity of lobsters was shipped by the Canadian Sapper to Montreal.

Salmon—Nothing worth while is transpiring in this market either, and the general impression is that, no business of any volume will occur before the late fall and early winter months. It is not unlikely as we stated last week, that an effort will be made to place our canned salmon in the foreign markets soon and there is no reason why a fairly decent business could not be done in this article. We certainly should be doing better than we are with it.

Flour—The easy condition of the flour market, a feature of last week, still continues, but most dealers say it will not likely continue much longer, everything pointing to an early upward swing of the market. Though undoubtedly a great crop of wheat was garnered in Canada, as well as the United States (importers tell us that estimates now place Canada's at from 300 to 375 millions of bushels), the quality of the wheat will be much inferior to that of last year, deterioration having been caused by the bad weather prevalent just before the grain was cut. It is in fact computed by men well versed in wheat growing and marketing that owing to the poor quality generally of this season's crop, the loss in flour equivalent will amount to at or near 10 per cent. of the total crop, while some of the largest milling concerns in the Dominion hazard the assertion that it will take six bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour instead of five, which under more favorable conditions would be required for the purpose. Good flour, it is alleged, will soon be a very scarce article, as most of our local orders have been placed for October milling. No heavy stocks of flour are now held here and prices for the next few weeks are likely to advance quickly before any great quantity of new shipments come this way about the middle or latter part of October. The imports for the week were 357 brls. by the Rosalind from New York and 250 brls. by the Digby from Boston, a total of 1,398 brls. The same prices hold, viz. Bos Flank, \$24.50; Bos Packet, \$26.50; Family Special, \$19.50; Boneless, \$19.50; Boneless Light, \$18.00.

Beef—The best market still continues good, and there is considerable activity in the trade in this commodity, while a firm tone is promised for the future. This article has also advanced by about \$1.00 per barrel the past week or ten days, and considerable consignments are coming by each steamer with others in proportion for the future. The imports of beef during the week were 713 barrels by the Rosalind from New York, and 985 by the Digby from Boston, a total of 1,398 brls. The same prices hold, viz. Bos Flank, \$24.50; Bos Packet, \$26.50; Family Special, \$19.50; Boneless, \$19.50; Boneless Light, \$18.00.

Sugar—There is at present not much sugar in the local market, in fact some dealers say that as compared with what is normally required, we have hardly enough to go round, so that there is a possibility of a famine in this article of trade. During the week prices advanced by about 25 cents or about \$1.00 per 100 lbs. from the lowest point yet quoted. The shipments coming this way are not heavy and granulated fetches \$8.00 per barrel wholesale in St. John's. The new season's raw sugars will not be ground before the late

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by about \$1.00 per barrel on the most popular grades, and to-day the figures vary from \$22.50 per brl. for Spare Ribs to \$27.50 and \$28.00 for the better class of goods. By the Rosalind from New York this week, there were landed 210 barrels, the only shipment to hand.

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fall, and much of it will be processed in December, so that between this writing and the arrival of the new goods we must, perforce, buy much dearer sugar than we have been getting for some time past. Some 1,730 packages of this article were imported last week, 1,480 coming by the Rosalind from New York and 300 by the Digby from Boston.

Oats—Pools of all kinds are at present very high in the Canadian and other markets, and cannot be replaced to-day at the present Newfoundland quotations. Oats are now considerably dearer than they were a few weeks ago, though not much has been gleaned as to the opening prices for Prince Edward's Island new crop. The Rosalind landed this week 1,480 bushels of oats, the prices of which locally vary from \$3.50 to \$3.80 per sack, according to quality.

Friday's Big Amateur Night at Crescent

BIG LIST OF NAMES HAVE BEEN SENT IN.

Friday night marks the first Amateur Contest to be held at the popular Crescent Theatre. A great list of performers will be presented quite a large list of names have been sent in to Mr. Harrington and at the box-office—they consist of musicians, dancers, vocalists and comedians, that an enjoyable entertainment will be given goes without saying. There will naturally be a rush to seats a timely warning is to be sent and get there early. This is going to be one of the biggest events of kind ever staged in the city. Mr. Harrington, the popular singer will be in charge of the affair and he intends giving each and every contestant a square deal. The cash prizes are being given by management for the best talent. Besides the contest there will be the usual bill of pictures and songs with an entire change of program. Keep Friday night open for the show at the Crescent.

Band Concert, Bannerman Park by Mount Cashel Band, aid of Child Welfare, Wednesday, Sept. 19.—Sept. 21

Drapery, ties and bouffant effects are fashion's favorites.

—By Bud Fisher

MUTT AND JEFF

MUTT HAS A HUNCH HE'S BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED.

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