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A CHINESE REPUBLIC.

The announcement that Sun Yat Sen has been chosen President of the Republic of China puts a new face upon the situation in the Orient and seems render a return to previous conditions impossible. Many persons may be disposed to question the fitness of the Chinese people for that measure of iment which a republic imhem is what a Chinese republic will be and the other is the real character of the people. It does not follow that democratic in the sense that Canada an acre as could be raised on two acres and the United States are democratic. For years to come there must be a very large element of the population which will have no voice in the conduct of the affairs of the country any more than they have had in the determination of the course of events which have culminated in the election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. China will be a republic in the sense that it will not be governed by a dynasty but by a president and cabinet who will be republic opinion. The Manchu dynasty has always been a thing apart from the people. The new government, whether the Republican form is retained or not, will be to a certain extent representative. China will not be ruled from the imperial palace at Pekin by men or women not in sympathy with the great mass of the people, but by a body that will shake itself free from the trammels of ancient exclusiveness and endeavor to keep in touch with the progressive spirit of the age.

The error in regard to the character of the Chinese people arises out of the opinion that the country has had no experience in self-government, whereas the contrary is the case. Self-government has been in vogue in China for many centuries, and to a degree which Occidentals can hardly appreciate .An Englishman who had lived more than a quarter of a century in ... and whose position brought him in contact with all grades of society, said to the Colonist, long before the present movement began, that the outside little the imperial government touched the everyday life of the people. "There is no place in the world," he said, "where there is greater individual freedom than in China," and he added that this universal fiberty of action was what made it possible for so many an area. Their very necessities had compelled the people to act up to the motto of Confucius. Do not unto teen years ago that he said it, that this unappreciated quality of the Chinese people would one day make them the greatest nation in the world. Allewing for some exaggeration in this ceded that the events of the last few weeks have placed the people of China in a new light before the rest of mankind. Japan astounded Europe and America by shaking off her ancient feudal system. Prince Ito once said: 'In' three centuries and without shedfeudal system, a test that required three centuries and incalculable bloodshed to accomplish in England." In China we seem about to witness another demonstration of the amazing quality of Oriental peoples.

FARM ECONOMICS

At the present prices of land and labfarming is more a business than ever it was. We do not assume to be able to tell a farmer how to grow crops, but there are certain elementary principles applicable to all lines of productive industry, and it may do no harm to remind those who till the soil of them. A farmer's capital is his land. To a certain extent his stock and 'machinery may be regarded as capital, but the fundamental capital is the land. An estimate was made some years ago that in the United States fully 25 per cent. of the land that had been cleared for cultivation was not cultivated. It was taken up by buildings, roads, lanes, yards, fence corners and odds and ends that for one reason or another were not or pasture. A certain portion must have houses to live in. their stock and barns not. Whether that is too much or too at which, we have no doubt, the Colonel throughout the winter months

little we shall not undertake to say. will be disposed to smile, for he love Each farmer can answer the question a joke even it his own expens as it affects himself simply by looking round his own premises and seeing what proportion the untilled portion of the tillable area bears to the whole, Whatever that proportion | may be, it represents just so much idle capital, The first point to be made is that all the tillable land should be utilized, if possible. This may seem like a needless thing to say; but just take a look over any farming community and you will by surprised at the amount of capital that is locked up in unproductive tillable areas, large and small.

The second point is that capital should they are seriously thinking of leaving be made to yield the largest possible returns. This is admitted in every other business than farming, but the importance of getting as much as possblie generally recognized. What we need in this country is not so much more cultivated land, but better cultivated but in so doing they will fail to argument, but we shall be met with the ake account of two things. One of suggestion that labor is expensive, and so it is; but we reply that by the highest cultivation and fertilization greater crops can be produced by the same expenditure of labor. If the same numunder a non-intensive system, we have, in the first place, a smaller capital charge against the crop, and in the second place a lower current expenditure, for it costs less in labor to till and har-

principles of farm economics that ought invested ought to be made profit-vielding, if possible; and the labor ought to greatest results from the smallest area. Another principle is that of specialization. It is generally wiser to make one department of agriculture the special feature of farm work. This leads to a concentration of experience in one line. is a fourth principle, the importance of by-products should never be lost sight of. Little things count in agriculture, as in any other line of busitalking about his sales recently, and the stored to as good health as can be ex rerson with whom he was conversing said he supposed the sales of candy did not amount to much. The merchant named a figure that was surprising, and added that most of the sales were in 5-cent lots. Another storekeeper, who sold papers in addition to his regular business, was asked if this trade was worth while. He replied that he had begun to keep the papers simply to accommodate his customers, but he added: preciates the little fractional "by-sales": World could not appreciate how very the farmer too often does not appreciate the little by-products.

does not want them.

and Russia are very strained, and a commercial war seems imminent.

Fielding has been offered his choice of several safe seats in the British House

Odd, wasn't it, that the flag at the sia, should have been cut down by Russian shell just at this particular

The King shot 30 tigers and 13 rhinoceroses on his hunting trip in India. Before this the exploits of Theodore the Restless pale into insig-

"What shall I do with that endless chain prayer?" asks a correspondent. ding a drop of blood we abolished the Say the prayer and then forget about it, is about as good advice as we can

> Montreal is going to have an apple show next fall. Here's a tip to the management: Just fill out the blanks in your first prizes with the words "British Columbia," and save future

> The trouble between Russia and the United States may be thus stated: "You have violated the treaty of 1832," said the latter to the former: and the former said to the latter: "We did; but you should not say so."

> Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb have written to the British papers to say that "the Canadlan city is still essentially uncivilized." Said the man to the bird dealer; "C-c-can that p-p-p-parrot t-t-t-talk?" Said the bird lealer to the man: "Not if you can."

Col. John L. Marsh, who graduated from the New Brunswick University 63. years ago last June, is filling the chair of police magistrate at Fredericton with great efficiency. He must have drunk, not only of the fountain of learning, but of that of perpetual youth.

Col. Hughes having expressed his opinion that there should be a uniform color in the uniforms of the Canadian gests that the color should be orange,

The Russian government is said, to

have regarded Mr. Shuster's statements published in the United States calling upon Persia to dismiss him. Mr. Shyster illustrates a weakness common to many American citizens public positions. He talks too much.

The statement is made that the Mor mons are likely to abandon Alberta. It is alleged that they hoped to become a the outlook in that direction is hopeless the country. We venture the sugges-

preparing to go into the long-distance telephone husiness in Washington Oregon and California. The Postal is afegraphs. We do not know that they are identified except in regard to the exchange of business. Whether or not British Columbia will be invaded we do

reprint his whole letter to a British journal to which we made a reference ter is much too long for our space, and moreover the things in it that are true why we should give undue circulation to his inaccuracies.

Sir William Mackenzie is over in England, where he is said to have raised \$80,000,000 to buy up a few rallways and similar trifles. The Chinese government is at its wits' end to borrow be so employed that it will get the \$20,000,000. The Emperor of that land made the greatest mistake of his life when, at the time of Sir Donald Mann's visit to China some ten years or so ago. he did not strike a hargain with Mackenzie & Mann to run his country.

Franz-Josef, Emperor of Austria, and King of Hungary, has lately been very seriously ill, but is recovering. He is in his eighty-second year, and has been spicuous figures in the world. It is ness. A Victoria retail merchant was good news that he is likely to be repected in the case of a man of his years, for his death at this particular time might create an embarrassing situation in European politics.

> An absurd story has been sent out from Winnipeg to the effect that Mr. Borden is to resign the premiership, to be succeeded by Mr. Robert Rogers, of the Winnipeg Conservative association, which appeared in the Telegram of that city: "Mr. Bradbury predicted that ere long a Manitoba man would be Premier of Canada if all went well and I believe that man is in Ottawa today who will be that next Premier," he added, amid rousing cheers of the meet-

A correspondent writes us to say that we were in error in saying that world, for he says there are two simithat we took the statement as printed United States consulate at Tabriz, Per- from the illustrated periodical in which spondent likens such an error to mis takes in geography which are made in the resemblance. A man may be fora tridge of a certain kind over a certau river, but hardly for not knowing that there is such a river, when he assumes to write about the waterways of the country in which it is.

We hear a good deal nowadays about celebrating the centenary of peace between this country and the United States but it is probable that very few people know what the Treaty of Ghent really was. For the benefit of the unknowing it was an arrangement between Great Britain and the United States by which the war of 1812 was brought to a close, It was negotiated at Ghent, Belgium, by Lord Gambier, Henry Coulburn, and William Adams representing Great Britain and J. Z. Adams, J. A. Bayard, Henry Clay, Jonathan Russell and Albert Gallatin representing the United States. It was signed on December 24th, 1814, ratifications being exchanged at Washington on Feb. 17th, 1815. The treaty declares that there should be a firm and universal peace between the two countries and that the two parties should use their best endeavors to abolish slavery. Provision was also made to refer to a commission matters of boundary disputes.

Rossland will have an "old boys" remion during the progress of the winter carnival, the dates of which are January 15 to February 15 next.

Tom Williams was killed last week at the Emma mine, Slocan, by an explosion. He leaves a widow and family in Wales.

It is expected that a \$50,000 federal building will be erected in Penticton. Efforts will be made to keep the K. & S. railway in continuous operation



And the heartfelt thanks to all our friends for the splendid business that you have given us in 1911.

We are entering upon a new year-1912-and we purpose, with your assistance, to make it the most all round satisfactory year in the history of our business.

We fully realize just how much the measure of our success depends upon our ability to satisfactorily serve you, and to the end of bettering our service, we shall labor unceasingly.

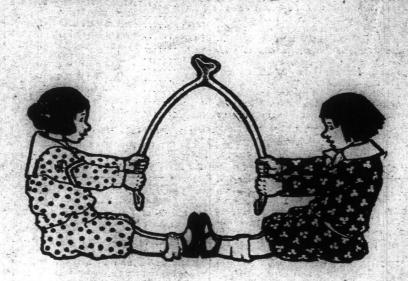
Service improved in every way where improvement is possible, better goods where possible, and prices as low as possible.

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Again, for a splendid business in 1911 we thank you, and trusting to be favored with your patronage in 1912, we are,

Yours truly,

Wenter Bros



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"To Have and to Hold" Your Business is Our year. The year. The astronon the earth in around the s point in its It has no s special time 5 hours, 48 this would no urement, and Europe and use. In esti year, the fract of the solar y is assumed three factors ing time, but numerically. midnight to convenience This subdivi and its origin a day the ea its axis, bat take it quite Another fact around the ea the earth are sun. A com lunation, as and 12 luna 111/4 days sh earth to revo month, which does not corr sion of time tion whatever is of Orienta as a division of which we l never used until a late pe In dealing time, we mus

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