

MEXICO, THE LAND OF MANANA.

Special Correspondence.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb., 1907.—I do not know who first called Mexico "The Land of Manana" (tomorrow), but certain it is that he could have little dreamed that the epithet of reproach or contempt which so glibly rolled from his tongue, could in a few short years have become a title of honor, for an honor it is, indeed, to be ranked as one of the coming nations of the not distant future.

To be sure, this is a rather big claim to make for a country which, notwithstanding its nearness to "Uncle Sam's" domains, is at present far less known and appreciated than many of the uttermost parts of the earth. The rosy light of investigation which precedes the dawn of conviction, has at last begun to illumine the eastern horizon and we may hope soon for the advent of the sun of prosperity in all his glory upon this land, for so many years the abode of ignorance, superstition, poverty, and revolution. It being an undisputed fact that all permanent prosperity and progress must necessarily be based upon a solid foundation, the question naturally arises as to what nature has done for Mexico that ever she should hope to become a factor in the world's progress.

Britain with her cheap fuel and numerous harbors and lying as she does next door to the great industrial na-

tions of Europe, owes as much, or more, to nature, as she does to the undiminished thrift and energy of her inhabitants. Germany, too, great as her people undoubtedly have become, owes more, unquestionably, to her great mineral wealth and her favorable situation with respect to the commerce of Europe, than to any, or perhaps all, other causes combined.

Robust France or sunny Italy of their glorious climate, despoiled Switzerland of her snowy alps or Egypt of her Mother Nile, and what are they?

Here in this despised land of Manana we have all these nations rolled into one. In size, yes; in natural resources? yes. What, then, do we lack? Our Sierras have no peer even in the lordly Alps; our climate and soil have no rival in extent and fertility even in Egypt; "the granary of the ancient world," or on the runkled plains of Lombardy; What? Europe to match our wealth of forests and mine? From the great, unbroken forests of pine in northern Mexico, stretching for hundreds of miles along the backbone of the continent, to the almost priceless forests of ebony, mahogany, and rosewood of the south, we find a range of almost every variety of useful plant life that has ever become the servant of mankind.

Since the time when even tradition is lost in the obscurity of antiquity, a stream of the precious metals has been poured forth from nature's storehouse, yet but a small portion of the country has ever been prospected. Billions of dollars have enriched the coffers of na-

tions, but the stream still goes on undiminished.

Within the past few years also we find copper coming into prominence as one of the mighty factors in the industrial life of the nation. With a production of copper too insignificant to mention a few years ago, today Mexico stands second only to the last, young "giant of the north" in its output of the red metal, and if the tremendous demand for copper keeps up its present force, as all indications point to its doing, we can but faintly guess what the future has in store for this republic. Twenty to twenty-five million dollars is no insignificant production of gold, for a nation which but a few years since was so torn with dissension and revolution as to be a laughing stock among the nations, and yet gold mining is just in its infancy.

IRON AND COAL.

If it is a fact, as claimed by political economists, that deposits of coal or other fuel, in connection with iron, are at the basis of all industrial prosperity, then, indeed, is our country a favored region. The state of Durango, alone, has a deposit of iron ore in the form of a huge hill of metal, estimated by experts to contain not less than four million tons, practically in sight. This is but one of the iron fields, and while as yet no great coal fields have been developed, there is an abundance of oil for fuel and an unlimited water power to be had for the asking.

THEODORE MARTINEAU.



MRS. JANE R. MUIR.

Respected Nauvoo Veteran Who Died During the Week.

At 2:15 p. m. Feb. 14, Mrs. Jane R. Muir passed peacefully away, the cause of death being general debility. The end of her long and useful life came at West Bountiful, which had been her home since her arrival in Utah, in 1848, except for two years during the period she lived in Salt Lake City. She was a noble and good woman, filled with faith and true to her friends, who saw but little, if anything, in her walk and conversation that was not above criticism. Her husband, William S. Muir, to whom she was married Jan. 1, 1844, preceded her into the eternal world 10 years ago.

Mrs. Muir was born Jan. 10, 1822, in Logie, Parish of Logie, Scotland. She came to America with her husband the year of their marriage, being Latter-day Saints, and they settled in Nauvoo. In the exodus of people from that city, Mrs. Muir remained at Council Bluffs with her two children, while her husband went with the Mormon Battalion to California. During his absence the children died. At her death she was survived by eight children. The funeral will be held Sunday, commencing at 2 p. m., from the West Bountiful meetinghouse.

All in the Way She Was Trained.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell, the famous pastor of the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, in a lecture delivered in New Haven not long ago, predicted wonderful progress in rapid-transit facilities in the near future, and at the same time deprecated the slowness of present railroad travel. To illustrate this point Dr. Conwell told an amusing story, of a woman who was traveling with her

child. The train was delayed by many tiresome and seemingly unnecessary stops, and when the conductor was collecting fares the woman refused to pay for her little girl.

"That child is old enough to have her fare paid," said the conductor, very sternly.

"Well, perhaps she is old enough now," replied the woman, "but she wasn't when the train started."—Harper's Weekly.

LEPROSY IN COLOMBIA.

Consul P. P. Demers of Barranquilla believes that a recent report to the Colombian government from Dr. Julio Manrique, chief physician of the national lazarets, may interest American scientists.

The number of lepers in Colombia, according to the census taken upon different occasions, has never exceeded 4,000, the greatest part of which is now isolated in Cana de Loro, Agua de Dios, and Contratacion. Leprosy in Colombia, as elsewhere, attacks by preference the destitute element. Cases are rarely found among the classes living with hygienic care. The percentage of lepers with relation to the total population of Colombia is 1 per 1,000, which is less than in any other tropical country. Doctor Sauton, a celebrated expert and author of a treatise on leprosy, upon visiting the department of Cauca, found that less than one-fourth of the reported cases of leprosy which he examined there were genuine, the balance being syphilitic. The sick which are sent to lazarets are first examined by expert clinical physicians whose diagnoses are proved by bacteriological examination.



MRS. WILLIAM DREISOW.

NEWLY DISCOVERED SERUM CURES PNEUMONIA.

From Derby, Conn., comes the information that a newly discovered serum, called "anti-pneumococcus," has been used in treating pneumonia, with remarkably satisfactory results. The first patient to be subjected to the treatment was Mrs. William Dreisow, 81 years of age. When Dr. George L. Beardsley was called the patient's pulse was 128 beats a minute, respiration 35 and temperature 103.5. One lung was congested and the other badly diseased. Injections of anti-pneumococcus serum were made beneath the shoulder blade and in three hours great improvement in the patient's condition was observed. In eight hours her pulse was 137 and temperature 101. A second injection was then given and she continued steadily to improve, although chronic asthma aggravated the case. After nine days her pulse and temperature became normal. The serum is the discovery of Prof. Pane, of the Na-



MRS. HANNAH WILD.

A short sketch of the life of Sister Hannah Wild.

She is the daughter of John and Mary Calvary Bluns.

On bearing the Gospel as taught by the L. D. S., her parents embraced the same and crossed the great water for America with their 9 months' old babe.

On arriving in America, they journeyed to the city of St. Louis. Her father being a mason by trade, obtained employment in that city, where for several years he was superintendent of the levees, being placed along the Mississippi river.

During their sojourn in St. Louis, an epidemic of cholera broke out and the mother and sister were taken from the family with this disease.

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