

Devoted to Our Own Locality--We Labor for Its Interests.

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PANG QUESTION

Why Should the Richest Country in the World Have Panics? Who Can Answer?

Wanamaker's paper the Originator published at Philadelphia, Penna., says: This poor, unfortunate, down-trodden nation only produced seven billion, 700 million dollars' worth of farm produce this year and nearly twice as much wheat as any other country in the world; enough corn, wheat, oats and chickens to put \$100 in the pocket of every man, woman and child within its borders.

In 1906, the latest year for which statistics are available, we produced more gold and silver combined than any other country in the world. Every year since then the output has increased until now the world does not produce, but little more than twice as much as the United States alone.

This year the prairies of Kansas and Nebraska, Texas and New Mexico yielded a crop of grass that has never been known to be more rich. And from Dakota to the Mexican line the great flocks of cattle march over three million strong into Kansas City and Chicago, alone. It is fair to estimate that there was nearly a whole head (latest census 69 million) for every man, woman and child in the United States; almost twice as much as every one could eat.

Sitting here, in our little upper corner of the East, so many people complain that our world of finance is being over-strewn with every little flurry of the street; that our nation is burdened with more than she can bear.

We do not seem to realize in this vast country of America that we haven't even cut the trees nor built the roads.

Seven billion, seven hundred million dollars in a farm harvest alone, and yet scarcely a mentionable part of this has ever been touched with a plow. Indeed, over 500 million acres are not even surveyed.

Down in Texas, in Nevada, Colorado, up in Montana, cattle men standing guard over their living wealth are as far out of touch of civilization as the ship at sea. Around them sweeps an area of hundreds of miles of plain and seldom, mountain and ravine, with pasture even the sight of a human abode. All rich ground, fallow to the plow, waiting for the seed.

Out in Nevada, college men leaving the western coast tramp into the deserts as fully expectant of finding gold as they have been before of finding knowledge in their classic halls.

This poor, down-trodden nation, so rich that the poorest of us would be well-to-do to any European peasant; this little handful of 80 million men and women could be lost in India, Russia or China or scattered thru Europe like a hopper of grain in a plowed field. This handful of population carrying the wealth of the world in its pockets set up a terrible cry of alarm a year ago when somebody overturned the ink-pot and got things black.

It's time to forget that incident; doubly time. The best New Years present we can give ourselves is a new determination to roll up our sleeves and go to work.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. C. E. Conley, editor of the Michigan Christian Herald, will preach on Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will preach the last of the series on "Five Last Things." "The Last Invitation."

The meetings are being held from night to night and the attendance is good and the interest increasing.

The singing of W. E. Prouse is attracting much attention. He has a magnificent voice and sings with great clearness and distinctness. His spirit of earnestness and devotion is adding greatly to the meetings.

The use of the stereopticon is greatly adding to the interest of the meetings. The illustrated songs are especially fine. On New Year's evening the famous song "The Holy City" will be sung and illustrated by 18 beautiful colored slides.

New Years day will be given up to the annual roll call and business meeting.

If you will take Foley's Orino Laxative until the bowels become regular you will not have to take purgatives constantly, as Foley's Orino Laxative positively cures chronic constipation and sluggish liver. Pleasant taste. Sold by all Birmingham druggists.

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List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on December 26, 1908:

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And fill this heart with true poetic fire.

Of its wonderful merits, it heals up wounds well,
But it won't wash clothes.

It is sold at twenty-five cents per pair,
But they are made larger than when he began.

While the smaller size sells for ten cents in a dozen,
But it won't wash clothes.

James W. Cobb and Chas. J. Shain are handling it here to your mutual gain,
And it does its work with might and main.

But it won't wash clothes.
Frank W. Floyd, sole proprietor here, is spreading its sale both far and near,
And it rapidly sells, for the price is not dear.

But it won't wash clothes.
Then here's the old Exchange Bank 'Tis no one but the greatest crank That has not very early learned The money must be money earned For nickels early grow to dimes.

You save 'em up in easy times And ere the fact is scarcely known Your dimes have into dollars grown We step within the pleasant place And Cashier Whitehead's genial face Gives us a welcome warm and kind.

We question him and quickly find That a few cents is what they pay On savings, and your turn away And register a solemn vow That you'll begin right here and now To save the nickels that you get And put them here and maybe yet.

You will be rich, for each one knows That here is where the money grows For safety you need have no fear, As it has been here many a year.

Wholesome and true as silver— We're sure that there could be no worse— But under Cashier Whitehead's care Your cash will always be safe there— Insurance and loans, we wish to state You can also get here at a very low rate.

CHAS. J. SHAIN.
Now Chas. J. Shain, Pierce and Myrtle street,
Has a stock of groceries hard to beat While his nice, fresh produce helps fill up the bill.

Two with provisions help fill up the bill.
His stock is fresh and unsurpassed And carries many that we date.

And sold in lots at a living rate. In fruits he keeps what the seasons demand,
So out of that season he keeps the goods canned.

And when you want goods in the eat- ing line Get them here and you will get something fine.

His drug stock, too, is very complete And a clerk is there to each customer greet.

Shows us candies, perfumes, notions, Patent medicines and bottles of healthful tonics, far-famed pills "Sartin" sure to cure your ills.

While candies he keeps fresh and clean And a larger stock we have never seen.

Of school books, too, his line is complete And his fine stationery is a rare treat. Geographies, histories, wooden rulers You can find anything that you want for school.

J. R. BLAKESLEE.
As we journey along o'er life's voyage Beset with the cares of the day, What a blessing to find a good harbor Before we are lost in the sea.

J. R. Blakeslee's large store we find here, sir,
Which has furnished a harbor for trade To the people who dwell here about us.

And great hardware bargains has made. He has stoves and ranges to suit you The world's most famous make.

And the Ruby stove for a heater That surely will capture the cake. And if you are thinking of building And builder's hardware may need

Visit Blakeslee's hardware store. The best and finest platina ware He also offers you.

Varnishes for your woodwork. And Frant's most famous paint. That people use from year to year Without the least complaint.

He keeps the best goods to be got In any good hardware store. And a tin shop in connection To give odd goods repair.

He has given satisfaction. And who could ask for more? You always can be satisfied At Blakeslee's hardware store.

A. R. PARKS.
Old Mister Hubbard went to the cupboard To get his poor dog some meat. But the dog had been there before, I declare.

In search of something to eat. So he put on his things, his bangles and rings.

And said: "We will go on some And he started away at the break of day For the market of A. R. Parks.

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The beef and pork steak, and the sausage they make At prices that are not too strong. Made him look up and smile and laugh all the while

As he took some nice fresh meat along. The meat that they sell will surely please well.

For the finest of hoveys they buy; And if you want meat that is fresh and sweet.

This market's the right place to buy. Another fine card is their home-made lard.

And sugar cured ham that they sell And the rosters and steak a nice dish make.

To tickle the palate as well. For ten years or more he has been in this spot.

Waiting upon the trade With his large canned goods stock And prices both low and good of the highest grade.

JAS. W. COBB

The next place we enter While walking down this way Is Jas. COBB'S drug and groceries, Which has grown from day to day.

He has pushed along his voyage, Doing well by everyone. Making friends of everybody.

And their verdict is "well done." He has drugs and patent medicines To cure your various ills.

Which he offers you at prices That will save you doctors' bills. He has staple fancy groceries, Sugars, coffee, sassafras tea.

That he offers at the public All at prices sure to please.

He has fruits and nuts in plenty. And performs the daily kind, In bulk or handsome tins.

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And tobacco, too, you know. "Not how much, but how good is his motto.

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When they are up in line. He has surprises for the old folk And narrow seats for beaux Who horses want that drive them loose.

As everybody knows. So when you want a drive And want a nice turnout. Visit E. A. Parks's place. You'll get it without doubt.

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- Figs, Best California, 20c
- Halawi Dates, 10c
- Oranges, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c
- Lemons, 30c dozen
- Glaze Cherries, Pineapple, Ginger, 15c, 25c box
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