

VALUABLE POINTERS.

Furnished to Americans by Our Consuls in Foreign Countries.

Keep Merchants and Manufacturers in This Country Informed Regarding Conditions and Needs in Markets Abroad.

Not one of the least of the many duties of the consuls of the United States in foreign countries is to frequently supply through the state department information that will tend to advance the interests of the American manufacturer and merchant abroad.

Consul Monaghan at Chemnitz in Germany is steadily increasing her trade with Mexico and that for 1896 it amounted to more than in 1895, when it was 16,300,000 marks.

Consul O'Hara at San Juan del Norte has sent to the state department a long report of the sale of bicycles, typewriters and other articles in Nicaragua.

A report has been received at the state department showing to what extent the weaving industry has been followed in Japan. In 1896 there were 949,123 looms with 1,042,866 persons engaged of whom 985,016 were women and girls.

Consul Morris at Ghent, Belgium, has reported to the state department that a new system has been discovered for rendering flax so as to destroy the microbes which are injurious to the cellulose matter in the flax.

Consul Atwell reports to the state department from Roubaix, France, that there is a good market throughout northern France for California dried fruits, particularly prunes, dried peaches, raisins and candied fruit.

FAMINE THREATENS IRELAND.

Lamentable reports continue to pour in to London from all parts of Ireland of the havoc already wrought among the crops, and as the weather still is most unpropitious all hope of saving the remnant of the harvest is fast fading away.

The English press is beginning now to realize the situation, though it is maintaining its gravity. The St. James Gazette says: "The potato has failed everywhere and there is something to excite the alarming language of those who are beginning to talk about a great famine, but distress on that scale is no more likely than another invasion by barbarians."

The "professional agitator" has made no prediction in the present instance. The cry has come from the people all over the country. English tourists are writing to the press describing the ruined harvest they have everywhere seen.

A LUCKY STRIKE.

Parties Boring for Water in New Mexico Find a Gold Mine. Capt. J. H. Hutchinson has arrived at Santa Fe, N. M., from Golden South, Santa Fe county, and reports a remarkable gold discovery on government land and a half mile west of that place.

The story of King Arthur and his round table is a myth, although what purports to be the round table is still to be seen in a south of England town.

French Criminality. A Roman woman in full dress in A. D. 300 wore bracelets from wrist to shoulder, gold bands on her ankles, and a ring on every finger and on every toe.

PREACHER'S AWFUL SIN.

Galesburg Church Bent in Twain by Minister Who Smokes. Tobacco has been the cause of a church split in Galesburg, Ill., which has absorbed public interest.

Last Sunday a candidate for the vacant pastorate in the church appeared in the person of Rev. Hamilton W. Spence, of Grand Forks, N. D.

Grasping this horrible suspicion, he proceeded to circulate a petition, which was signed by many of the church members, asking the reverend candidate to state his views on the tobacco question, which he frankly did, admitting his love for a social cigar, though disclaiming being a slave to the habit.

But this was not the end. The session of the church, its governing body, felt that the action of the petitioners had been hasty and that their ministerial god had been insulted by his unauthorized investigation into his habits.

GOLD IN SOUTH SEA.

Formidable Expedition Leaves San Francisco for Solomon Group. A gold-hunting expedition, regarding which considerable secrecy was maintained, left the city on Friday for the South Sea islands, where, in the Solomon group, are said to lie almost inexhaustible mines of gold quartz.

Capt. Alexander MacLean, who conducted piratical raids on the Gilbert islands and who was one of the boldest raiders of the Pribilof seal islands several years ago, is in command. He has gathered around him a galaxy of gun fighters who will shoot at the drop of the hat and who, in addition to the arms and ammunition carried in the schooner's outfit, are individually armed to the teeth.

For years the cupidity of traders to the Solomon islands has been excited by the display of crude gold ornaments worn by the natives of these islands. Several expeditions have endeavored to land on the islands to find the source of the gold worn by the natives, but hostile demonstrations have driven the gold seekers away.

NOT EMPOWERED TO BUY.

Naval Board in Receipt of Many Offers of Armor Plate Plants. The naval board appointed to inquire into the question of establishing a government factory for the manufacture of armor plate at the navy department office, and, with reference to the many offers of plants and sites, decided that its orders gave it nothing whatever to do with the selection of a site or the purchase of a plant.

POLECATS INTERRUPT WEDDING.

Unpleasant Little Animals Appear at an Inopportune Time in Alabama. A wedding ceremony was rudely interrupted near Andalusia, Corington county, Ala., the other night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown, prominent residents of that neighborhood.

The ceremony was to have been performed in a large parlor, back of which was a dining-room, where huge tables were loaded with good things to eat. On account of the mild weather all doors and windows were open.

POPE MAY LIVE FOR YEARS.

Physician's Announcement Does Not Please Those Who Want Changes. The pope's attending physician declares that Leo XIII. will see the twentieth century. The announcement has been decidedly unpleasant to the papal initiators of changes in Rome, who are in a complete state of stagnation.

Etiquette in Sweden. In Sweden, if you address the poorest person on the street, you must lift your hat. The same courtesy is insisted upon if you pass a lady on the stairway.

Ancient Roman Women. A Roman woman in full dress in A. D. 300 wore bracelets from wrist to shoulder, gold bands on her ankles, and a ring on every finger and on every toe.

ATTACKED BY A CATAMOUNT.

Animal Killed Just in Time to Save a Boy's Life. Tom Morris and Fred Allen, while hunting in the Bee creek bottoms, three miles northwest of Carey, Kan., killed the first catamount which has been seen in Montgomery county for ten years.

The boys left the city early in the morning in search of squirrels, which abound in great numbers in the heavy timber skirting Bee creek. Morris was armed with a 32-caliber rifle, while Allen carried a No. 16 shotgun.

When Allen came upon the catamount stretched out at full length on the limb of a tree, and, calling Morris to his assistance, Allen pulled his gun (which was loaded with small-sized squirrel shot), and blazed away at the sleeping animal. The big cat, which was hurt just enough by the shot to be thoroughly enraged, sprang upon Allen with a savage growl and pinned him to the ground.

BOSTON DIP IN FAVOR.

Dancing Masters Decide to Make Popular This Terrestrial Step. At the session of the American Society of Professors of Dancing at Boston the other day the various dances that are before the society for its approval and proposed reforms in the methods of dancing were discussed.

The "Boston Dip" received a deal of attention because of the abuses that it has suffered and it was decided to popularize it. The "dip" was illustrated to the delegates by President Gilbert in the manner in which it is danced by the better dancers.

That part of the dance in which the dip is executed is made with a long step, one step to a measure. The male dancer starts the step with the left foot backward. The second measure is a step backward with the right foot, turning slightly upon the heel with the third count of the second measure, getting forward with the left foot, the right finishing with the last two movements of the waltz step made upon the third count of the measure.

Many movements particularly adapted to children's classes which would serve as educational dances, producing graceful and easy bearing, were discussed.

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AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

Woman Waits That Length of Time for the Man She Loved. F. P. Nicke, a merchant of Arcata, Cal., has just married an Ohio girl to whom he has been engaged for 21 years. Nearly a quarter of a century ago Mr. Nicke went east. Returning through the village of Lancaster, he alighted from the train to converse with acquaintances on the station platform.

Andorra. The little republic on the border of France and Spain, is going to give up its picturesque isolation. It now has a telegraph line connecting it with the French system, and a carriage road is being constructed to take the place of the mule track over the Pyrenees, which for ages has been the only means of access to the town.

Brier Root. The best brier root, from which pipes are made, comes from France and Italy.

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COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLEARING-HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÈANS.

Table with 2 columns: Description of financial instruments and their corresponding values.

MARCHÉ DE LA NIE-ORLÈANS.

The Cotton Exchange a rapport aujourd'hui les ventes de 2,300 balles et 3,500 à arriver. Le marché est facile.

Table listing market prices for various goods such as sugar, coffee, and other commodities.

MARCHÉ DE NEW-YORK.

Table showing market prices for various commodities from New York.

ACTIONS ET BONS.

Table listing prices for various stocks and bonds.

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MARCHÉ DE SEMERANG.

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MARCHÉ DE SURABAYA.

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