

TO HELP OUR TRADE

American Chamber of Commerce to Be Established in London.

Trade Relations of the United States Demand the Advantages of a Commercial Association—Need of the Iron Business.

It seems possible now that an American chamber of commerce will be established before long in London. The rapidly growing colony of American business men here has been wanting something of the sort for a good while, and at last definite steps are being taken to that end.

According to B. O. Hobson, the London representative of the Iron Age, there is no branch of American trade in England to which the advantages of a commercial association of the kind proposed appeal more strongly than to the iron and steel manufacturers.

There is no doubt about the benefits that would accrue from an organization of the kind we hope to establish," said Mr. Hobson in an interview.

"In the beginning, in order to popularize American trade here, it is essential that our traders should know each other. If American trade is to be a real factor here, American traders must help each other.

PROVING A SUCCESS.

Scheme inaugurated a Year Ago to Make College Entrance Examinations Uniform.

The report of the college entrance examination board of the middle states and Maryland has been issued by the secretary, Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia university.

TORTOISES EAT MUSKMELONS.

Farmer in Indiana Territory Makes His Fruit and Makes a Most Remarkable Discovery.

G. Carson, a farmer near Eau Claire, Ind. T., was on the streets the other day and said: "I wish there was a market for tortoise. If there was I would be in good shape financially in a little while.

To make sure that he was not mistaken in the melon thieves, he now and then dropped a muskmelon in the box where they are confined and he says they rush upon it and eat nearly as fast as a hog.

A Washington Church. At the communion services in one of the Presbyterian churches in Washington one Sunday recently the bread and wine were passed by two admirals, a general, two supreme court justices and a former secretary of state.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE UNSAFE.

Experts Declare That the Immense Structure Is in Great Danger of Collapse.

The dangerous condition of the Brooklyn bridge has not been half said in the few words which District Attorney Philbin gave out concerning the report of the two experts employed by him to examine into the strength and safety of the structure.

Only a few more tons of weight massed together on the bridge would make it unsafe, according to the convincing figures which District Attorney Philbin now has in his hands.

Edward Durvee, Jr., the chief expert employed by Mr. Philbin, found the bridge full of defects, some serious.

Mr. Durvee's report calls for material changes in the construction of the present bridge structure. The suggested improvements will cost less than \$1,000,000, and the report says that the bridge can be made perfectly strong for the sum named.

OXYGEN NULLIFIES POISONS.

The Pure Gas Found to Be Antidote for Morphine, Strychnine and Arsenic.

The discovery that pure oxygen is an antidote for many poisons is the startling result of experiments now in progress in the Berlin Institute of Physical Diagnosis, under the direction of Dr. Hegerin.

The health authorities of Berlin are keenly interested in the experiments on account of the possibility of saving the lives of suicides by this means.

FINDS GENUINE CORREGIO.

A Resident of Rochester, N. Y., Buys Supposedly Priceless Gem from Cypriote.

Under the accumulation of dirt gathered during hundreds of years Rochester (N. Y.) artists and connoisseurs have discovered in a painting purchased from a wandering band of gypsies years ago a genuine Corregio, a production of priceless value.

CAME FROM ASIA.

Scientist Who Has Visited Cliff Dwellers' Ruins of Mancos Canyon, Determines Origin of Race.

Leopoldo Batres, a scientist representing the government of Mexico, in Durango, Col., on his way to Mexico for a visit to the cliff dwellers' ruins of the Mancos canyon.

URGE PREACHING IN SCHOOLS.

The general conference of the German Evangelical synod of North America, in session at St. Louis recently, adopted a resolution which seeks to give the ministers of the Evangelical church and other Protestant denominations the right to enter public schools for certain periods each week to instruct the children in Christian doctrine and principles.

Will Teach Lord's Prayer. Hereafter children in the Cleveland (O.) public schools must study the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Twenty-third Psalm.

Newspapers in United Kingdom. The daily circulation of newspapers in the United Kingdom rose from 60,000 copies in 1801 to 700,000 in 1850, and now reaches 3,500,000.

CABLE TO FAR EAST.

Company Incorporated to Lay Wire to Philippine Islands.

Will Be 3,500 Miles in Length and Will Connect with Hawaii—John W. Mackay at the Head of the Enterprise.

To complete the needed link in a group of cable systems which will then girdle the globe and carry out one of the most important national projects announced in President McKinley's last speech—cable connection with our new possessions in the Pacific—are the announced objects of the new cable company just incorporated in Albany, N. Y., with a preliminary capital of \$100,000.

Among the numerous trunks and boxes that were removed from the white house containing the personal effects of Mrs. McKinley and the late president was a wooden box of considerable size filled to the top with campaign and committee badges and ribbons.

CAMPAIGN BADGES CALORÉ.

Collection Which Late President McKinley Had Made Covers His Campaigns and Trips Over Country.

William Barrett Ridgely, whose appointment as comptroller of the currency has just been announced, said he could not do better than try to keep the office up to the standard established by the three Chicagoans who preceded him—Lacey, Eckels and Dawes.

RIDGELY PROPOSES REFORM.

New Comptroller of the Currency Says Subtreasury System Should Be Changed.

Mr. Ridgely placed himself on record as opposed to the subtreasury system and in favor of a United States bank. The first, he said, tied up money when it was most needed by the commerce of the country, and the other contributed to easy circulation at all times, thereby tending to ease financial stringency.

BAKERS TO HAVE A SCHOOL.

An Institute to Teach Important Cookery Has Been Incorporated at Chicago.

The degree B. A. may mean "baker of arts" instead of bachelor of arts before long, if Childow institute, of Chicago, which has added a bakery to its curriculum, meets with the success which its promoters expect.

WINE AT QUARTERS.

A London publisher has started a fine art quarterly, whose subscription price is \$50 a number, or \$100 a year.

REBUKED BY PRESIDENT.

Severely Chides a Young Man for Attempting to Take His Picture on Church Steps.

President Roosevelt found time Sunday to administer a much-needed rebuke to a photographer who attempted to take his picture on the church steps, and the president did the talking himself in a way which delighted all those who heard it.

"This is God's day," said the president. "You are defiling it and disgracing yourself and your profession. If you have not respect for the day and are obliged to work, then at least you must respect God's day. You shall not take pictures on the steps of a church if I can help it."

The police heretofore will arrest anyone attempting to take a picture of the president at short range or in such a way as to annoy him.

OLD KNOB AND HINGES.

Taken from Doors of the White House They Are Priced as Valuable Relics by Old Servants.

The iron hinges on the door of the cabinet room, which have turned to admit into the presence of the president scores of cabinet ministers and many thousands of official visitors during half a century, have been removed.

DANGER CLASH IN THE ARCTIC.

Danger That Baldwin and Wellman Expeditions May Meet as They Are Covering Same Route.

William S. Champ, private secretary of Mr. Zeigler, who has reached New York, brings an account of the first stage of the Baldwin-Zeigler expedition.

FOREIGNERS IN JAPAN.

At the end of the year 1891 there were 9,540 foreigners in Japan. At the same period of 1899 the number had increased to 10,019.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

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WAR ON THE SPIDERS.

Effort Made to Clear Out the Insects at the White House.

Insect the Portico Fronting the Executive Mansion and Are Hard to Dislodge—Fire Hose Used Upon Them.

One of the curious preparations made for the advent of Mrs. Roosevelt at the white house was the cleaning out of the spiders which infest the portico. Those who are familiar with the executive mansion are aware that the great portico, which is such a pronounced architectural feature of the building, is extremely high, running up to the roof, the cornice of the portico being on a line with that of the roof itself.

During the absence of the President and Mrs. McKinley this summer the ceilings of the portico and the tops of the columns were fairly taken possession of by spiders. The white house attendants, knowing that the historic mansion was to have at its head, for the first time in many years, a young and energetic housekeeper, determined to get rid of the spiders before she came. Therefore, they rigged up a section of fire hose and made an extraordinary effort to wash down the spiders and their webs.

Hence the old officials predict that before Mrs. Roosevelt has become fairly accustomed to her surroundings she will step out on the portico and demand that "Old Jerry," the ancient African who looks after such things, shall "drive out those horrid spiders." Almost every mistress of the white house for a quarter of a century, they say, has issued the same command, but the spiders know as well as anyone else it takes a scaffolding to get old Jerry or anyone else up to the roof of the portico.

CIGARS MAY KILL KING.

Condition of the Throat of Edward VII. Is the Source of Much Anxiety.

The condition of King Edward's throat is causing him increased anxiety and inconvenience. The London Chronicle bears from a reliable Windsor correspondent that early the other day Mr. Felix Semon, the noted throat specialist, who was appointed physician extraordinary to the king immediately upon his accession, was secretly summoned from London to Copenhagen to make an examination of the king's throat.

WILLIAM S. CHAMP.

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Mr. Champ accompanied Mr. Baldwin in charge of the supply ship as far as Franz Josef Land to assist in establishing the headquarters of the expedition there. Everything was more favorable for the dash to the pole than Mr. Baldwin had dared expect, Mr. Champ said.

PRESIDENT TELLS CAVALRY HORSE.

President Roosevelt continues to provide for ample physical exercise, and his present plan includes a daily horseback ride as long as the weather remains pleasant. Col. Roosevelt, as a matter of habit, wants a big, smashing horse which will carry him all over the city and out into the Maryland hills.

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