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Politicians and political wisecracks, of whom there are a great many in Washington just now, are absorbed in the subjects of tariff tinkering, cabinet making, electing the speaker of the Sixty-first Congress and in the prospective contests for a number of important Senatorships.

The tariff tinkers are having their hearings in the new House Offices near the south end of the Capitol. There, at a round table on an elevated dais, is sitting the chairman and members of the Ways and Means Committee, taking evidence, as it is called, i. e. they are hearing from the various "interests". Each interest is willing to have a reduction of the tariff on all manufactures except its own.

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ble that Mr. Burton of Ohio, Mr. Fowler of New Jersey or Mr. Boutwell of Illinois may be elected instead of Mr. Cannon.

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DEATH COMES AS DOVES COO

Sick Mexicans Abandon All Hope When They Hear the Birds.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Charles M. Cunningham, a dentist of this city, has recently returned from a trip through the domain of President Diaz, and he tells some interesting things about the quaint customs of the natives.

It is a tradition among the Mexicans that once a fever accompanying an attack of pneumonia seizes them, it is necessarily fatal, and because of this all medicine and all physicians are waved aside and the Mexican usually dies. A dove brings the story of death in its weird cooing, according to the belief of the natives, and many who have been seized with the fever who otherwise might have recovered have succumbed, owing their belief in the tradition.

Dr. Cunningham visited the City of Mexico, and was in the National Palace, the seat of government. Although Old Mexico has the name of being a republic its form of government is that in name only he says, for the entire country is a one-man power, and the one man is President Diaz.

Word is given out that certain State and municipal officers have been elected," says Dr. Cunningham, "but really they have only been appointed, for Diaz and his colleagues see to it that only the friends of the President are chosen for office. The Government is more by the military than by the people. They have a good soldiery, and the natives seem to be satisfied to have it thus."

One of the customs to which the natives of Old Mexico still adhere is the practice of wearing blankets about them, even in the heat of the summer. On June 24, Dr. Cunningham photographed a group of these as they sat out in the sun and wrapped themselves in their warm blankets.

Oxen are still in use throughout the country as beasts of burden, and their service is equally as much in demand as are the donkeys which are also extensively used. The driveways leading up to the National Palace, instead of being paved with cobblestones, as is customary in most places, are lined with the knee joints of goats. These animals are slaughtered for various purposes, and as no one has yet discovered another use for their knee bones they are thrown into the driveways and form a rude pavement.

On a festival day the town band of Estatlan, a small village, went through the streets in a wagon drawn by a team of oxen, making a picturesque scene.

NO "OBEY" IN MARRIAGE.

Bride Halts Ceremony Till Bridegroom Agrees Word Be Omitted.

Laramie, Wyo.—"Nixey on that word 'obey' Judge. I don't like it and I won't have it in this ceremony," said Miss Lillian Wilcox, while she was being married to Elmer Cole of Elmira, N. Y.

"You be sure and leave that word 'obey' in, Judge, I want it there." "Stop it, Judge, I won't marry him," said the bride, as she jerked her hand from that of her intended husband. Then the two adjourned to an adjoining room to discuss the matter.

Cole is a travelling man and Miss Wilcox is from Colorado Springs. She was visiting in Laramie and Cole came here to see her. Then they decided to get married.

For half an hour the bride and bridegroom were closeted and now and then one or the other could be heard protesting. Then they came out and asked that the ceremony continue.

"You can leave out that 'obey' Judge," said Cole. "We have decided to do without it."

BULL MARKET ON CATS.

Japan Has Discovered That They Are Real Eradicators of Plague.

Washington, D. C.—As a result of discoveries by the marine hospital scientists and health officials of the Japanese Government, there is about to be a strong bull movement in the cat market. It has been proved that the feline family is immune from bubonic plague and that the most effective way of eradicating the disease from Oriental countries is to scour the earth for pussies and wage war to death on rats and chipmunks.

These little animals are the medium through which the disease spreads most rapidly, and it has been found that cats devour infected specimens and grow fat on them. As a consequence, Marine Hospital officials advise all who have "Tom-accies" with four sound legs and good eyes, to "hold them for a raise."

Paul Jones's Sword on Exhibition.

Washington, D. C.—John Paul Jones's sword, a fine Toledo blade, which he carried throughout the Revolutionary War, was placed on exhibition in a case just outside the office of the Secretary of the Navy. The hit rests on a small block of wood taken from the Ranger, the ship which flew the American flag which was first saluted by a foreign power—in Quiberon Bay, Feb. 14, 1777.

WORLDWIDE PICTURE HUNT.

Search for a Painting Stolen From the New Zealand Academy.

Once more a stolen painting is being sought all over the world where pictures are sold. This time it is not an old master nor a work of the highest monetary value which the owners are seeking, aided by art dealers and artists and by professional hunters of stolen goods.

The missing canvas is a landscape by Benjamin Williams Leader, R. A., an English painter who loves his art so well that even his recreation he takes in pursuing his professional work. The canvas is entitled "Southward From Surrey's Pleasant Hills."

It measures 5 feet by 4. Only its salient features can be suggested in its small reproduction herewith, but the interested people who have learned of its loss from the far colony of New Zealand will be on the lookout for a stray painting suggesting these lines and this composition, if such a picture appears in this country.



THE STOLEN PAINTING.

"Southward From Surrey's Pleasant Hills" was exhibited at the Royal Academy, probably in the year 1903. It is now the property of the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts at Wellington, New Zealand. It was exhibited at the New Zealand International Exhibition at Christchurch in 1906-'07. It is valued at \$2,500.

On April 11 or April 12 last the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts was broken into and the canvas was cut from its frame and stolen. Since then no traces of it has been found, and when the local authorities of New Zealand were unable to get any track of it the worldwide search for it was instituted.

Mr. Leader, the painter of "Southward From Surrey's Pleasant Hills," has been exhibiting at the Royal Academy since 1854. He was born in 1831. He received a gold medal at the French exhibition of 1859 and in the same year was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He took a medal at Chicago in 1893.

Too Much Muscle.

It is a curious fact that perfect health is not consistent with high muscular development, according to a writer in the Metropolitan Magazine. Professional athletes and all men who acquire phenomenal strength seem to lose in length of life and activity what they gain for a few years of record breaking powers.

"I was privileged to see, on several occasions, Louis Cyr, the Canadian giant, who broke all weight lifting records. He weighed 320 pounds, and was all solid bone and muscle. I saw him hold his wife out at arm's length with one hand. I saw him raise a 300 pound barrel from the floor to his shoulder, using only one hand and arm. I saw him get down on all fours under a platform bearing 4,000 pounds of big men selected from the audience, and he raised the platform with his mighty back. Yet this mighty man was muscle bound and crippled at 37, when he should have been at the height of his wonderful powers.

Kennedy, the oarsman, who won a diamond belt for lifting with his hands from the floor absolutely without apparatus, a 1,000 pound weight, was used up and crippled before he was 40. Dowd, professional strong man and teacher of athletics, wore himself out and died at 47."

How Alaska Indians Fish.

I saw Indians on the Chilkat River fishing day and night. The fishermen walked along the bank carrying a pole on the end of which was a barbed steel hook.

Tossing the hook end of the pole into the stream he turned it so that the elbow rested on the bottom. Then he gently drew the pole back and forth, and when he felt a fish strike the shaft he knew that a salmon was probably crossing over the pole, so he gave it a quick jerk, drove the hook into the fish's side and hauled it up on the bank.

This is called snagging salmon.—Forest and Stream.

High Priced Joy.

A bottle of whiskey was recently sold for \$20 at Ohakune, New Zealand, which is forty miles from the nearest saloon. One man bought two large nips for \$5 each, and the remaining contents of the bottle were put up for auction and knocked down for \$20.

Without Wires.

A young inventor of Lyons, France, is said to have solved the problem of the transmission of electrical energy without the use of wires.

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HERE AND THERE. William F. Hill, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, has gone to Europe to attend the International Institute of Agriculture, which will meet in Rome on November 20. Mr. Hill was appointed one of five American delegates by President Roosevelt, who at the time complimented him upon his work as a member of the original Congress of Representatives of the different nations, that adopted the protocol making possible the permanent institute at Rome. Ambassador Lloyd C. Griscom will be the chairman of the American delegation at the meeting. Mr. Hill expects to return home in time to preside at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange, which is to be held at Altoona, on December 8.

Scranton is rejoicing over its magnificent new Lackawanna Railroad station, and now expects to get a new hotel to match the station. A real estate firm of that city has purchased the old Scranton home, where Colonel G. W. Scranton, now deceased, resided. The purchase price was \$105,000. It is located near the new station of the Lackawanna Railroad, and it is expected that it will be used as the site for a magnificent new hotel.

The first sleeping car experiment in this country was made upon the Cumberland Valley Railroad of Pennsylvania, between Harrisburg and Chambersburg. In the winter season the eastbound passengers arrived in Chambersburg late at night by stage coach and as they were exhausted by a fatiguing trip over the mountains and many wished to continue their journey to Harrisburg to catch the morning train for Philadelphia, it became very desirable to furnish sleeping accommodation aboard the cars. The officers of this road fitted up a passenger car with a number of berths and put it into service as a sleeping car in the winter of 1836-'37. It was exceedingly crude and primitive in construction. It was divided by transverse partitions into four sections and each contained three berths—a lower, middle and upper berth. This car was used until 1848 and then abandoned.

Wilkes-Barre is trying to save its attractive river common by riprapping the river bank to keep it from being eaten away by ice and floods. The work of riprapping has been completed, and in some places the common has been widened 40 or 50 feet in the process.

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