

AMERICAN CONSULS.

Their Duties Are Misunderstood by Many of Our Citizens. In almost every city and town in Europe—or all over the world, for that matter, if the city is of any size—there is an American consul or consul general. And, while the office of these functionaries is commercial in reality, looking after the imports and the exports between our country and others, still they take a friendly interest in American citizens traveling and are always ready to go out of their way even to be obliging in personal things.

A CUSTOM HOUSE TALE.

The American Who Landed in Germany With a Box of Candy. Germany is jealous of the foreign candy maker and exacts a rigorous toll upon anything in the shape of confectionery that comes across its borders. Ignorant of this, one of Uncle Sam's sons disembarked from a liner at a German port carrying in his hand a five pound box of candy bearing a New York trademark. At sight of the box the Teutonic customs officials exhibited marked activity and prepared to seize upon it.

Ancient Enamels.

It is certain that glazes having the composition of good enamels were manufactured at a very early date. Excellent glazes are still preserved, and some of the bricks which have been found among the ruins of Babylon have been ascribed to the seventh or eighth century B. C. The glaze on the Babylonian bricks was found upon examination to have a base of soda glass, or silicate of sodium. Glazes of a similar character were also manufactured by the Egyptians as early as the sixth dynasty. There can be little doubt that the Greeks and Etruscans were also acquainted with the art of enameling.

The Living Present.

He that hath so many causes of joy, and so great, is very much in love with sorrow and poeivishness who loses all these pleasures and chooses to sit down upon his little handful of thorns. Enjoy the blessings of this day if God sends them, and the evils of it bear patiently and sweetly, for this day only is ours. We are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to the morrow. But if we look abroad and bring into one day's thoughts the evil of many, certain and uncertain, what will be and what will never be, our load will be as intolerable as it is unreasonable.

Fountain Pens.

It is a popular fallacy that fountain pens are quite a modern invention. As a matter of fact, an old work of reference published in 1795 contains an illustration of a fountain pen, the appearance of which is very much like those sold at the present time. Its construction, however, was somewhat elaborate and clumsy, the pen consisting of various pieces of metal which had to be screwed and unscrewed before the pen could be used.

A Pessimist.

Agent—How long do you intend to remain in Washington? Reformer—Until congress passes a couple of necessary laws that— Agent—Geel! You don't want to rent a house. You'd better buy one.—Washington Herald.

An Undercut.

Ruby—Charlie took me in to dinner the other night. He and Fred tossed up, and Charlie— Beryl—Lost, as usual. Will he never learn better than to gamble?—Kansas City Newsbook.

THE LONE STAR RANGERS.

Courageous Men Who Are Loyal Guardians of the Law. "When in Austin, Tex., a few weeks ago," said J. D. Robey of Memphis, Tenn., "my attention was directed to a party of about a dozen men—big, husky fellows—most of them under thirty years, who were tramping along Congress avenue, not in a swaggering way, but with a kind of rolling, salubrious gait that seemed to differentiate them from ordinary citizens.

An Unusual Bit of Wrecking.

Robert Reid, the artist, is about to attempt an unusual feat in the way of "wrecking" in the near future in the Fifth Avenue hotel. He is going to direct work of taking down from the ceiling of the great hall on the second floor of the dismantled hostelry two circular mural paintings that he did for the hotel about fifteen years ago. Decorations of this kind are first painted on canvas in the same manner as any ordinary oil painting and then are fastened to the wall surface by a "paste" of white lead. When this lead becomes hard, the canvas practically becomes a part of the wall, and that is where the difficulty of removing a decoration of this kind comes in. The "wrecker" who is to do the work for Mr. Reid is no more certain that he will be able to get the two panels off without damaging them than the artist is, but they are both hoping for the best. In spite of the number of years the decorations have been on the ceiling they still preserve their original brilliancy of coloring.—New York Press.

Rat Extermination Virus Wanted.

Consul Maxwell Blake, at Dunfermline, reports that a movement has just been inaugurated by the commercial and scientific associations of Great Britain for the extermination of rats, which are very destructive to property. The consul adds that it would appear that the United Kingdom offers to American exporting chemists an attractive market for the sale of some rat destroying virus, harmless to other creatures, but spreading contamination and death to its own kind. Owing to the spreading by rats of trichinosis among swine, the German imperial chancellor has issued a recipe for the extermination of the rat in any district where trichinosis occurs.

The Pneumatic Tube.

A novel experiment to demonstrate the practicability of a pneumatic parcel carrier was recently made in Chicago. The "parcel" shot through a short length of sample tube was a thirteen-year-old boy. He traveled at the rate of sixteen miles an hour and was in no way the worse for the journey. J. M. Masten, superintendent of the railway mail service, and Postmaster Campbell of Chicago witnessed the experiment as representatives of the postoffice department, which is looking into the device. The inventor declares that with a tube between New York and Chicago mail can be shot from one city to the other in seven hours.

Objected to the Cradle.

The German emperor is said to have protested against the expenditure of \$1,200 on a cradle for the baby heir to the duchy of Saxe-Coburg, the cradle being profusely trimmed with real lace. "Had it been for a princess it would have mattered less," remarked his majesty, "but how can a warrior fit to be a German prince come out of such a cradle, decorated at the cost of a year's salary of an official or professional man?"

The Favorites in Japan.

Our referendum among the leading personalities of this country on the question, "What is your opinion of the great men of Europe and America?" has resulted as follows: Washington and Napoleon are the greatest favorites, after whom come Hannibal, Caesar and Charles XII. of Sweden. Among the most disliked are Brutus, Cromwell and Darwin.—Nihonoyubi Nihonjtu, Tokyo.

Put Up or Shut Up.

If you don't like the tone of this paper, tell us in a letter containing a dollar bill, the price of a year's subscription. Otherwise keep still, as it's none of your darned business.—Spring Hill (Kan.) New Era.

ANCIENT RING SEALS.

The Sacred Beetle and Beasts of Isis or the Pharaohs. Among the rings found in ancient Egyptian tombs are many which evidently antedate the period slightly anterior to the celts. This, however, is debatable ground, the deceptive morass of conjecture rather than the solid earth of fact. But we feel the latter beneath our feet when viewing the massive gold Egyptian signet rings with revolving cylindrical bezels of indigo colored porcelain or the deep blue porcelain rings bearing a bust of Isis or of one of the pharaohs in full relief. The former represent the primitive seals in use when the Israelites were bondmen and before the pyramids were built. The latter were the common adornments of the prototypes of the modern fellahin when Solomon was in his glory.

ABYSS OF OCEAN.

Effects of the Fearful Pressure in the Depths of the Sea. More than half the surface of the globe is hidden beneath water two miles deep; 7,000,000 square miles lie at a depth of 18,000 feet or more. Many places have been found five miles and more in depth. The greatest depth yet sounded is 31,200 feet, near the island of Guam. If Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, were plucked from its seat and dropped into this spot, the waves would still roll 2,000 feet above its crest. Into this terrible abyss the waters press down with a force of more than 10,000 pounds to the square inch. The stanchest ship ever built would be crumpled under this awful pressure like an eggshell under a steam roller. A pine beam fifteen feet long which held open the mouth of a trawl used in making a cast at a depth of more than 18,000 feet was crushed flat, as if it had been passed between rollers. The body of the man who should attempt to venture to such depths would be compressed until the flesh was forced into the interstices of the bones and his trunk was no larger than a rolling pin. Still, the body would reach the bottom, for anything that will sink in a tub of water will sink to the uttermost depths of the ocean.—Brooklyn Eagle.

How Pythons Settle Quarrels.

It was in October, 1894, that the big python at the zoo fell into the deplorable error of swallowing his companion, a snake only a few inches shorter than himself. A similar disaster is reported from Bombay, where for some years two large Indian pythons had occupied a cage in the museum of the Bombay Natural History society. There was some misunderstanding between them over a partridge, for they were found so tightly entangled in each other's coils that the utmost endeavors of peacemaking keepers failed to effect a separation, and they were left to settle the matter according to their own lights. Next day there was only one very stout python visible. These large reptiles evidently know but one way of settling a quarrel.—London Sketch.

His Parting Shot.

The late Catholic Bishop Raphoe, Ireland, used often to tell this story with much enjoyment. "I was suddenly called," he said, "from my home to see an unfortunate sailor who had been cast ashore from a wreck and was lying speechless on the ground, but not quite dead. 'The life's in him still, your reverence—be stirred a little,' so I stooped down and said to him, 'My poor man, you're nearly gone, but just try to say one little word or make one little sign to show that you are dying in the true faith.' So he opened one of his eyes just a wee bit, and he said, 'Bloody end to the pope!' and so died."

Every Bird a Weathercock.

"Where's the wind?" scoffed the sailor. "Why, look at the birds. They'll tell you. Don't you know that every bird's a weathercock? Stop moistenin' your finger and holdin' it up," he went on in a tone of disgust. "The practice ain't hardly cleanly. Look at the birds is all you got to do, for every bird sets with its head always straight at the wind. Every live bird in a tree is as reliable a weathercock as them dead birds on the spires."—New York Press.

A Retreating Chin.

Nothing weakens a face more than a retreating chin. Unfortunately comparatively little can be done for it. It can be remedied to a certain extent in childhood by rubbing from the throat up and out, holding the head well up during the process. Sometimes, too, the trouble may be caused by the way the jaws close on account of the position of the teeth, and a good dentist may often be of help. Bandages worn round the chin at night, so placed that the lower jaw is forced forward, will sometimes remedy the defect slightly, especially when begun on quite young children.—Exchange.

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP

Public School Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year Ending June 1st, 1908. Table with columns for various school expenses and receipts, including tuition, salaries, and materials.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, etc., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Jefferson county, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale or outcry at the court house in Brookville, Pa., on FRIDAY, JUNE 5th, 1908. At 1.00 o'clock p. m., all the following described real estate, to-wit: All the defendant's right, title interest and claim of, in and to all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in Beaver township, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, the southwest corner of the place, on the Jefferson and Clarion county line, thence north along said line and other land of I. J. Swartz in Clarion county, one hundred and seven (107) perches to a post; thence east forty (40) perches to a post; thence south one hundred and seven (107) perches to a dogwood; thence west forty (40) perches to the place of beginning; containing twenty-five (25) acres and allowance of six per centum. Bounded on the north by lands of Wayland and Brosius, on the east by lands of Mrs. C. W. Dill and heirs of John C. Smith, deceased, on the south by lands of heirs John C. Smith, deceased, and on the west by the aforesaid other land of I. J. Swartz. Being the same land Charles C. Gaskill, executor, conveyed to George Keck by deed dated October 12, 1890, of record in the Recorder's office of Jefferson county in Deed Book No. 6, Page 225, from whom it passed to his son John Keck, who by deed dated October 14, 1897, of record in the Recorder's office of Clarion county in Deed Book No. 13, page 8, conveyed the same to said I. J. Swartz. Land in good state of cultivation and underlaid with lime and coal; good spring water. Seized and taken in execution and to be sold as the property of I. J. Swartz, at the suit of H. & F. Blandy, for the use of Benjamin Keck, executor of John Keck, deceased. F. I. No. 30. CORBETT.

TERMS:

The following must be strictly complied with when property is stricken down: 1. When the plaintiff or other lien creditors become the purchaser, the cost on the writs must be paid, and a list of liens, including mortgage searches on the property sold, together with such lien creditor's receipt for the amount of the proceeds of the sale or such proportion thereof as he may claim must be furnished to the sheriff. See Purdie's digest, 9th Ed., page 446. *Smith's form, Page 384. 2. All bids must be paid in full. All sales not settled immediately will be continued until two o'clock p. m. of day of sale at which time all property not settled for will again be put up and sold at the expense and for the purposes aforesaid. All writs staid after being advertised, the cost of advertising must be paid. GRANT SCHEAFNOCKER, Sheriff. May 7, 1908.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Friday, June 19th, 1908, by W. B. Alexander, E. M. Queen, Charles M. Milliren and John O'Hara, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of natural gas companies," approved the 29th day of May, A. D. 1885, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called the Sutter Oil and Gas Company, the character and object of which is for the purpose of producing, dealing in, transporting, storing and supplying natural gas to consumers in the various townships and boroughs in the counties of Jefferson and Clearfield, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto. G. M. McBRIDE, Solicitor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1908, the Mahoning Power Company filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna county its petition praying for a decree of dissolution, and that hearing upon said application for dissolution has been fixed by said court for the 15th day of June, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons interested may attend and show cause against the granting of the prayer of the said petition if they so desire. WELLES and TORREY, Solicitor for Petitioner.

If you have anything to sell, try our Want Column.

The First National Bank OF REYNOLDSVILLE. Capital and Surplus \$175,000.00 Resources \$550,000.00. OFFICERS: J. C. KING, Vice-Pres.; K. C. SCHUCKERS, Cashier; JOHN H. KAUCHER, Pres.; DIRECTORS: J. C. KING, Daniel Nolan, J. S. Hammond, John H. Kaucher, Henry G. Deible, John H. Corbett, R. H. Wilson.

THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED BANK IN THE COUNTY The Peoples National Bank REYNOLDSVILLE, PA. Capital and Surplus \$120,000.00. Resources \$500,000.00. Semi-annual interest allowed and compounded on Savings Accounts from date of deposit, having most liberal withdrawal privileges. Drafts and Money Orders on all parts of the world. Officers: W. B. Alexander, President; F. D. Smith and August Bauldauf, Vice-Presidents; F. K. Alexander, Cashier; F. P. Alexander, Assistant Cashier. Directors: W. B. Alexander, L. P. Seelye, F. D. Smith, D. L. Taylor, August Bauldauf, Amos Strouse, W. C. Murray, Dr. J. C. Sayers, W. Harry Moore, James H. Spry and John O'Hare. OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS. THE PEOPLES BANK BUILDING.

CLOTHCRAFT THE manufacturers of Clothcraft Clothes long ago foresaw that the easiest and best way to increase the demand for their garments—was to make them honestly and be honest with their customers—the wearers. To put the best possible value in their garments and sell them at a moderate cost to money, rather than at a greater profit to a few—was their endeavor. This is why Clothcraft Clothes are such big values at such moderate prices. \$10.00 to \$25.00 BING-STOKE CO.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD BULLETIN REDUCED RATES TO WESTERN CITIES. For the benefit of delegates attending the sessions of the bodies enumerated below and others desiring to visit the cities of the west, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to place on sale to all persons excursion tickets to the various meeting places at a considerable reduction from the usual fares. CHICAGO, ILL. American Medical Association, June 2 to 5. Tickets sold May 28 to 30, good returning until June 12, inclusive. LOUISVILLE, KY. International Sunday School Association, June 15 to 23. Tickets sold June 13 to 17, good returning until June 26, inclusive. CHICAGO, ILL. Republican National Convention, June 17. Tickets sold June 12 to 16, good returning until June 27, inclusive. DENVER, COL. Democratic National Convention July 7. Tickets sold July 1 to 4, good to return until July 17, inclusive. CLEVELAND, OHIO. International Convention, Baptist Young People's Union of America, July 8 to 12. Tickets sold July 6 to 8, good to return until July 15, inclusive. ST. PAUL, MINN. Imperial Council, Mystic Shrine, July 13 to 18. Tickets sold July 9 to 11, good to return until July 25, inclusive. COLUMBUS, OHIO. Prohibition National Convention, July 14 to 16. Tickets sold July 10 to 13, good to return until July 24, inclusive. INDIANAPOLIS, IND. National Convention, I. A. O. H., July 20 to 25. Tickets sold July 17 to 19, good to return until July 31, inclusive. TOLEDO, OHIO. National Encampment, G. A. R., Aug. 31 to September 5. Tickets sold August 27 to 3, good to return until September 15, inclusive. DENVER, COL. Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., September 19 to 26. Tickets sold 15 to 17, good to return until September 30, inclusive. The Pennsylvania Railroad maintains a comprehensive schedule of fast express trains to Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Louisville, Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo from the principal cities of the east. Full details of the reduced fare arrangements for these conventions and the through western train service may be obtained of any Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Agent. The Star's Want Column never fails to bring results