

CITIES OF ENGLAND.

Making Rapid Strides in Providing Street Railroad Facilities.

Have Heretofore Been the Most Backward in This Respect... Municipal Socialism Seems to be Abroad in the Land.

United States Consul Boyle, at Liverpool, has communicated to the state department some very interesting information respecting the great change that has taken place in England in the matter of street railways.

Referring to the subject of electric street railways, Mr. Boyle says that the first line was started in Liverpool a few days ago, and describes the equipment. For the benefit of American manufacturers of electric plants, fittings and rails, the consul sets forth the best means for these to put themselves in position to secure valuable contracts.

IRON TRADE WITH CANADA.

United States Capturing the Market Despite the Tariff Favors Great Britain.

The preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain has not worked particularly well in Canada, according to figures transmitted by United States Commercial Agent Hunt at Palmerston. For the four months ending October 31 the Dominion has been allowing British goods a preference of 20 per cent in import duties.

ENDLESS CHAIN OF PRAYER.

Started by Religious Enthusiasts—What It Will Amount To in the Twelfth Series.

Religious enthusiasts at Philipstown, Putnam county, N. Y., have started an endless chain of prayer. The plan is to write five copies of the prayer and to mail a copy to five friends, earnestly asking each to read the prayer aloud and then write five copies and mail them to friends.

A NEW CABINET PORTFOLIO.

Michigan Representative Who is in Favor of Having the Mining Interests Represented.

"There is no reason why the mining interests of this country should not be represented in the cabinet," said Representative Crump, of Michigan. "Their interests are of as much importance as those of the agriculturists, and the president should have an adviser to look after the interests of the people engaged in mining pursuits."

RETURNS TO PATAGONIA.

Prof. Hatcher, of Princeton University, to Continue Search for Rare Fossils.

Prof. John Bell Hatcher, of Princeton, has gone back to Patagonia to continue his search for rare fossils and explore the interior of the country. He expects to be absent three years. Two years ago he entered the country, but ill-health forced his return to Princeton this fall. A month's rest was all he would take.

Prof. Hatcher's trips are made with only two Indians as guides. Every trip up the country means a voluntary exile from the world for six months. He lives and works with his old guides, never seeing a white man from the time he leaves the coast until his return. He was the first man to introduce an American wagon into Patagonia, carrying the parts south and building the wagon himself.

STUDENTS ALL INDIGNANT.

President Harper, of Chicago University, Vigorously Objects to Editorial Comment.

President Harper threatens to suppress free editorial expression of student opinion in the University of Chicago Weekly, the student publication at the university. In a letter written a few days ago to the managers of the organ he requested that a more severe censorship be placed on the editorials of the paper, and intimated that if such a course was not followed he would take steps to have the paper discontinued.

OPERA VENTURE BY DE RESKE.

Tenor Will Establish It on a Grand Scale in Paris—Consent of Success.

Jean De Reske arrived at New York the other day and said it was true that he was going into opera on a grand scale in Paris. He said: "Musicians and opera lovers in Paris have long desired me to undertake just such a venture, and now we are forming a stock company, which will propose capitalizing at 5,000,000 francs and the shares will be 500,000 francs each. Judging from the interest expressed in the project before I left Paris we shall have no difficulty in placing our stock. The site of the proposed opera house is in the Place Vendôme. On the top floor I shall have a conservatory, elaborately fitted up, where it is my plan to instruct a few pupils in singing. I shall select my pupils with great discrimination, for my teaching will be but a detail of the scheme."

PROFESSIONAL DINERS-OUT.

Few Women Who Come Under This Head, But None Are to Be Found Among the Men.

There are a few women in Washington society who are such accomplished diners-out that they constitute a sort of reserve corps to supply the absence of an original guest who by sickness or a sudden call from town falls a hostess at the last moment. At this time Miss Jones is invited to balance the company as an uneven number is not to be thought of at a dinner party.

CHRISTIAN MINISTERS IN VARIOUS LANDS.

There is one Christian minister for every 900 of the population in Great Britain, one in every 114,000 in Japan, one in 165,000 in India, one in 222,000 in Africa and one in 437,000 in the Chinese empire.

INDIA'S INCREASE IN POPULATION.

The population of India increases at the rate of 3,000,000 annually.

IT PROVES A SUCCESS.

Practical Test of the Andree Steering Gear for Balloons.

Trip Made from England to France Over English Channel—Thrilling Experiences of the Aeronauts.

A dispatch to the New York Times from London says: The London Chronicle publishes an account from its correspondent sent on a balloon trip across the channel, showing that the Andree steering gear was tested with perfect success. The sail used was 18 feet square instead of 13 feet, the one used in land experiments. The aeronauts took their course when the 200-foot trail rope was in water and found they had deflected three points, or about double what obtained on land in Essex several weeks ago. This was not surprising, for the frictional resistance of the trail rope in water was immense. Another test gave the same result, but this time the balloon descended within two feet of the waves.

To keep the balloon at even altitude was a task of the greatest difficulty, and owing to cold air on the water, the sun-heated gas cooled with lightning rapidity, demanding constant expenditure of ballast to prevent falling into the sea.

The balloon again rose 2,300 feet, but dropped behind a thick cloud, the sudden eclipse caused a rapid descent, and in a few minutes the balloon touched the ocean. A wave struck the car. It was an exciting moment for the aeronauts, their gum boots being filled with water. Percival Spencer, the famous aeronaut in charge, promptly threw out ballast, and saved himself from the situation.

The balloon rose 7,000 feet, after clearing the French cliffs, and landed safely amid Norman peasants four miles east of Havre, having in five hours covered 150 miles, of which 75 miles were over sea.

MARCHIONESS IN WORKHOUSE.

Wife of Marquis of Donegal Seeks Assistance Because of Destitution.

The marchioness of Donegal ate her Christmas dinner in a London workhouse. Ill, miserably clad and apparently in acute destitution, she applied the other day for admittance to the Great Northern hospital, from which place she was removed to the Islington workhouse infirmary. She explained that she was homeless and not willing to communicate with her wealthy friends or with her husband, who is suffering from pneumonia.

The story of the life of the marchioness is painful. She left her husband in 1873 and in 1889 instituted separation proceedings, with which counter charges of misconduct were made. Unsavory details of their conjugal life were also bandied about. The marchioness failed to obtain alimony and has since received assistance from friends. She was last heard of in May of the present year, when she broke her leg in a hotel elevator and was taken to a hospital.

The marquis has had a troubled financial career. He was declared a bankrupt in 1869, with liabilities estimated at \$438,815. He then said he considered he was justified in raising half a million of money in view of the fact that he had prospects of succeeding to an estate of \$500,000 a year. But owing to the entail he only succeeded to \$180 a year. He was mixed up in financial notation this year, when he lent his name to a company prospectus, which caused the Star to criticize him as "a peer with a record of disgracing the order to which he belonged."

A ROMANTIC CASE.

Miss Beattie Cannon and a Former Sweetheart Reunited by the Fortunes of War.

Miss Beattie Cannon, niece of the Illinois congressman, has been married at Washington to John Herbert Osborne, an attaché of the war department. They were children together in Montezuma, Ind., and later were betrothed, but became separated by force of circumstances. Miss Cannon came to Washington some time ago and secured a berth in the navy department. Young Osborne traveled extensively throughout the west and had lost sight of his old sweetheart. When the war broke out he enlisted in the signal corps from Indiana, and at its conclusion was detailed for duty in the war department, where he met Miss Cannon once more, renewed his attentions, and succeeded in having the wedding day set.

POSTAL SERGEANTS.

Postmaster Gordon Would Have Congress Create New Grade Among Letter Carriers.

Upon the recommendation of Postmaster Gordon the post office department has decided to recommend to congress the passage of a bill providing for the grade of sergeant among the letter carriers. These officers will be chosen from among carriers of five years' service or more and their pay will be \$1,200, an advance of \$200 over the present maximum. They will possess no real authority except as inspectors to investigate complaints. President Parsons, of the Letter Carriers' association, who happened to be in the department when the decision was made, was favorably impressed with the idea.

SANITARY MEASURES IN DUBLIN.

Since 1879 more than 3,000 houses have been detenantened and closed in Dublin on account of their unsanitary condition.

Bulletin Financier.

Mardi, 17 janvier 1899.

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

Table of exchange rates for various locations including New Orleans, St. Louis, and New York.

Table of market prices for various commodities like flour, sugar, and oil.

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Bulletin Commercial.

Mardi, 17 janvier 1899.

Les prix suivants de café sont ceux du Board of Trade.

Table of coffee prices for various grades and origins.

Table of market prices for various types of flour.

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