

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Anticipation Bill Receives a Boost From Certain Dealers in Futures.

(Special Correspondence.)

Interest in the anticipation bill has been revived by advice received from Germany recently. This bill, which is intended to prevent speculation in food products for future delivery, has received some favorable consideration in other congresses, but the present house committee on agriculture shelved it early last winter. While the passage of a similar law in Germany may not have the effect of reviving the measure in this congress it is more than likely to bring it up in the Fifty-fifth congress, possibly at the special session which President McKinley is expected to call.

### The German Law.

First.—No exchange can be established without the consent of the government, which, through a commissioner, will exercise a continued supervision over its actions and dealings.

Second.—A court of honor is created, which may exclude persons from the exchange after due trial. Judicially declared bankrupts will be excluded for at least six months, and permanently if the bankruptcy was fraudulent.

Third.—When the listing of stocks or bonds is applied for at the exchange, a committee will investigate and decide whether they may be admitted. Before this is done a prospectus must be published, giving all particulars of the securities, and stocks will not be admitted until one year after the entry of the firm name in the commercial register nor before the publication of the balance sheet for the first business year. All persons signing a prospectus are legally liable for the correctness of its statements and must make good any loss or damage resulting from false, misleading or omitted statements, and are liable to criminal prosecution.

### Dealings in Futures.

Fourth.—All dealings in futures are prohibited unless the parties to the transaction are entered in the exchange register. Registration costs \$35.70 and an annual fee of \$5.95. The register is public. The entries are also published. Persons not registered have no legal claims against each other by reason of any term transactions.

Fifth.—Dealing in futures in grain and mail products or stocks of mining and manufacturing establishments is entirely forbidden.

Sixth.—Whenever habitually and for selfish purposes induces in experienced persons to speculate on the exchange in articles outside their sphere of business will be punished with imprisonment and a fine not exceeding \$3,570.

Seventh.—With the exception of the paragraph referring to the exchange register, which became operative Nov. 1, this law will go into effect Jan. 1, 1897.

### Another View of the Matter.

There are two sides, of course, to this question. The Produce Exchange was created to facilitate the handling of agricultural products after the harvest and to distribute them over the entire year as the necessity arises. In future, when the farmer, after the harvest, offers his crops to the dealer, the latter must be very cautious in naming a price because he has no facilities of protecting himself by "future" sales. The new law will not prohibit a dealer buying "long" grain from a farmer or another dealer if the bargain is consummated privately at the farm or the office of the dealer, but it will not allow the terms of such bargain to be recorded publicly. Thus the dealers will have no scale of prices except for "cash" grain, a fact which will prevent them buying freely, and therefore may exercise a depressing influence on prices, especially after the harvest, when the pressure and necessity to sell are greatest.

### Alarm in Germany.

The German dealers are much alarmed, believing this law threatens the very existence of the exchanges and may wipe out Germany's influence and importance in the international markets and induce German capital to remove to foreign countries.

The export of grain from the United States to Germany will also suffer, they say, because the German dealer cannot now buy great quantities at a time, for the reason that he cannot cover himself in advance by sales for future delivery.

Another interesting feature of the law is the establishment of the exchange register. Speculation in stocks or other farm products than grain is allowed, provided the parties to the transaction enter their names in the exchange register. As the register is public, secret gambling on the exchange by private individuals must cease.

### May Not Stop Gambling.

German dealers say this will not stop gambling; that speculators will transfer their attention to the bourses of Paris and Vienna. A similar law would be more effective in the United States because Paris, Vienna and London are too far away to be available for speculation by the class of people the German anticipation law seeks to protect.

The results of Germany's experiment will be watched here with eyes wide open and we may expect to see the results used to bolster arguments for and against the anticipation bill in the next congress at least. CARL SCHOFIELD.

### The Newest Stationery.

The newest thing in stationery is pure white paper, with the windmills and water scenes of Holland stamped on it in the genuine delft blue. There is also some remarkable red paper for those who desire remarkable things. As a rule, well bred women avoid extreme styles in stationery and select either white paper or cream blue or gray shades. The billet and octavo sizes are most popular, though a great sheet that folds twice and is thrust into a green envelope has been rapidly gaining favor recently.

## WOMAN AND FASHION.

Lace Fichus, Boleros, Yokes and Collars. Gem Bracelets—The Bicycle Girl's Latest Fad.

Lace dress accessories are an important feature of the present fashion. Lace enters largely as a trimming both with and without the assistance of other material. Very novel and useful are the fichus and collars that transform a plain bodice into a dressy one. The old time fichu in brussels applique lace is especially



Yoke Collar. Bolero. Lace Fichu.

cially useful in rendering a high bodice festive enough for dinner or evening wear. The shape suits most figures.

A novel yoke collar in point d'herse is worthy of especial notice. It is slashed in such a manner as to make the collar sit well on shoulders of any width and open sleeves more or less voluminous.

The popular bolero is also a subject for real lace. Made in point d'herse lace of rich and attractive design this accessory is indeed a dressy and becoming affair. The little pointed revers give a happy finish to this stylish jacket of the latest fashion.

Some of the new lace collars are wired to form an Elizabethan ruff, and set off a dainty head poised on a pretty neck to perfection.

### Is It a Call or Not a Call?

In the matter of returning calls some mistakes are not infrequently made in this wise: A lady returning a call is accompanied by a friend with whom she is driving, and the two go in together, not that both intend to pay a call, only the one, and this one introduces her friend. Should this unpremeditated visit be looked upon in the light of a call or not? Is the query that rather troubles the recipient of it. One authority says the inference is no; it was a chance introduction only, made as a matter of convenience, and this is no doubt the reason why it is not the rule to make such introductions, save under exceptional circumstances.

Another difficulty with regard to calling is the doubt as to whether, when returning a first call, it is allowable or even advisable to be accompanied by a relative who may happen to be on a short visit. On this head, however, no uncertainty need exist, and a relative might unquestionably accompany the caller and be introduced to the lady called upon as a matter of course, although in the event of cards being left consequent upon receiving the intimation of "not at home" the name of the relative should not be pencilled on the card or her card left, as, being a visitor only at the house of her daughter or sister, she is outside of the call altogether.

### Gem Bracelets.

Bracelets, so much worn abroad, are growing in favor here. The single stone bracelet presents one style. A novel design consists of a broad woven gold wire chain longer than the ordinary bracelet. At one end is a slide through



FASHIONABLE BRACELETS.

which passes the remaining end, so that the bracelet may be made large or small at will. From the pendant end hangs a charm.

Very graceful are the gold chain bracelets, with alternate pearls and turquoise set at intervals in the gold links. Hoop bracelets set with pearls, or pearls alternating with diamonds, represent popular styles. Sometimes the bracelet becomes an ornate affair, with its brilliant scrollwork and gem clusters.

### The Bicycle Girl's Latest Fad.

Decorative bicycles are being utilized for room decorations. The New York Herald assures the world in general that golden mural wheels will greet the eye in the drawing room, silvered chains that once groined with dust and grease will be draped on the mantelpiece, and every part of a bike's anatomy, ribbed and ornamented, will serve a decorative and useful purpose. The front forks of a wheel apparently contain no elements of beauty, and yet, when ribboned and decorated with little brass hooks, form a very convenient article from which to hang button hooks, glove buttons, etc. The handle bars may be utilized for batracks, or, if the young woman wishes to manufacture a chair with a back like nothing else, it would be a matter of small difficulty to do so.

A collection of lamps is a fad, and there are used in fetching fashion, after having been grotesquely gilded, to assist in the illumination of a bicycle house party.

The German wire nail industry in Rhenish Prussia, Westphalia and Silesia has experienced such an extraordinary development in the last 15 years that, besides supplying the enormously increased home demand, the export has increased 250 per cent.

## FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

The aristocracy of Britain is now a stable.

Coffee is the national beverage of the Boers in the Transvaal.

Nearly \$800,000 worth of articles are pawned in London weekly.

The soap of Queen Victoria's household costs nearly \$300 a year.

Nearly 10 per cent of the recipients of the Victoria Cross are military doctors.

The dome of St. Paul's is about as many feet high as there are days in the year.

The British museum has cost Great Britain \$11,000 a year in the last 142 years.

In proportion to its size the horse has a smaller stomach than any other quadruped.

There are two violet farms in the United States, both managed entirely by women.

Every hare on an English farm costs or wastes annually as. 6d. every rabbit, 3 shillings.

Nearly every English flagship carries eight and every cruiser four fully qualified divers.

A toilet club for dogs has been established in Bond street, London, where dogs may be shaved, washed and beautified.

When celery is not as crisp as it should be, put it in very cold water, and a slice or two of lemon and let it stand an hour.

Barcelona is the center of the manufacture of cigarette paper. Two houses alone produce 180,000 reams a year, valued at \$60,000.

The annual aggregate circulation of the newspapers of the world is estimated to be 18,000,000,000 copies, requiring 781,350 tons of paper.

A well known oculist says that opera glasses, which may be hired in most theaters, frequently become the medium for spreading very serious eye diseases.

Among the four longest lived birds are the olive and the yew—both evergreens. The maximum age of the former is 2,000 years and of the latter 3,850.

If an express train, moving at the rate of 45 miles an hour, were to stop suddenly, it would give the passenger a shock equal to that of falling a height of 64 feet.

Some one has calculated that the postmen of London walk, together, something like 48,860 miles per day, a distance equal to twice the circumference of the globe.

The Japanese obtain intoxicating beverages from plums and from the flowers of the motherwort and peach. The Chinese actually produce an alcoholized drink from mutton.

For a felon steam it. A good way is to let the steam from the nose of a locomotive strike the felon—not so near as to burn the flesh, but hold it there till the pain ceases.

The olive tree attains to a great age. It may continue to bear fruit for many hundreds of years, but the average life of the cultivated tree is thought to be from 100 to 150 years.

A New York statistician has, after careful study and inquiry, reached the conclusion that the consumption of wheat in this country is a little less than four bushels per capita.

The Japanese for two or three centuries have made paper cloth which by wear washing. It is much more expensive than cotton or linen and is therefore less employed as a textile fabric.

The olive tree forms one of the chief agricultural resources of Tuscany. It is estimated that about 270,000 acres are devoted to its cultivation, and that an average crop of olives yields about 6,700,000 gallons of oil.

In full bearing an acre of olives will produce on an average about 64 gallons of oil a year. One year the quantity may be very much greater, but the following year, after a full crop, the trees will probably bear little or no fruit.

Marion Jones, wife of Li Hung Chang, is said to be very beautiful and looks not more than 30, although she is 50. One thousand attendants and servants answer her beck and call. Her feet have been compressed until she is unable to walk more than a few yards at a time.

The most beautiful and finest filigree silver in the world is made at Delhi. The lacelle silver made at Malia is also very much admired by collectors.

This delicate handmade silver is made in a number of other places and comes from Norway and Sweden as well as Paris and Florence.

A French chemist has discovered that the eggs of certain species of fish are enveloped in veritable silken cocoons. Since the learned Frenchman began his experiments in this line (in 1894), he has found seven different species of fish that produce eggs from which a fine quality of silk may be woven.

Charles I. in the twelfth year of his reign, determined to restore the mantle of the Order of the Garter to its original color, and it was accordingly worn on the installation of the Prince of Wales of a rich celestial blue. The surcoat and humeral were retained or reason. The hat was of black velvet, as before.

### A Timely Friend.

With perfect propriety may we call that excellent remedy, Salvation Oil, a timely friend. This liniment rapidly cures rheumatism, neuralgia and pains, when other remedies fail. Mr. Jno. M. Hall, Ashland, Va., writes: "I suffered with rheumatism in the ankle and the muscles connected therewith. Salvation Oil at once relieved the soreness, reduced the swelling, and cured the pain. No other liniment that I ever used did me so much good."

## SHORT NEWS STORIES.

At the Horse Show—A Deer at a Dinner. A Stamp Collector's Profit—Warrior's Grow Plagued.

He could hardly have been more than 8 years old, and, with his hand clutching his mother's skirt, he walked backward through the "house" gazing in open-eyed wonderment at all that he saw.

"Say, ma, does one man own all the horses?"

"No, dear; everybody owns a different horse. Walk straight, now!"

"Say, ma, can I get a horse?"

"No, dear. Be quiet and walk straight!"

"Say, ma, who is that funny man, with a piece of glass in his eye?"

"Hush, child! Don't ask so many questions. And walk straight!"

The little fellow turned around and walked at his mother's side in silence for a few moments.

"Say, ma, what are those people sitting up there for? Can't they walk around?"

"They're in boxes, dear. Walk straight! Do you hear?"

"Say, ma, can I have a box?"

No answer. Then the boy turned around and clutched his mother's skirt with both hands.

"Say, ma," he cried plaintively, "I want a box!"

"Keep still! You can't have one!"

A four-in-hand rattling around the ring caught his eye.

"Say, ma, can I have a ride on that stage?"

"No, child. Walk straight!"

"Say, ma, what have they got all the horses here for?"

A fat man in the throng burst into a roar of laughter, whereupon the woman gave her offspring's arm a jerk that nearly pulled it out of its joint. And she said:

"Walk straight! Do you hear?"—New York Journal.

### A Deer at a Dinner.

"Dear me, so thick Mr. Matheson may be found everywhere," the spectators' papers say. A local paper up in that state proves it by printing the following story, sent in by a correspondent at one of the neighboring settlements:

"Mr. John Sturgeon gave a party at his place last Tuesday night. About 30 couples were present, and all appeared to enjoy themselves, especially the newly engaged couple from Leavenworth Bridge. They had a dance in the kitchen, and it was so warm that both side doors were open. Abe Lenear played the fiddle, while his brother Sam did most of the calling off."

"About 1 o'clock the shepherd dog belonging to Robert Simmons, a neighbor of Mr. Sturgeon, was heard barking, but no attention was paid to it, till all of a sudden Miss Alice, the daughter of Sturgeon, who was standing in the doorway, looking off after a net, appeared and dodged back so quickly that she set down in Abe Lenear's lap. The next moment a great big buck deer plunged through the door, across the room and out of the opposite door, with the Simmons dog close to its heels. One of the deer's horns hit the side of the door and made a dent half an inch wide and a quarter of an inch deep. The deer's hoofs struck the floor twice, and in each place the deer they made was plainly seen in the wood. No one has ever heard the like of that before."

### Want to the Dogs.

Bishop Williams of Marquette, Mich., was recently invited to serve his alma mater, Cornell university, as university preacher. He did so, coming from the synod of the Canadian church at Winnipeg and bringing this story with him: "There was a missionary bishop there," said Bishop Williams, "who had been six weeks in coming, most of the way by canoe. He rose and began by saying that he would speak for himself and for a brother bishop who, unfortunately, could not be present. He was sorry to say that his brother's gloom had gone to the dogs. A general gloom followed these words. He went on to say that the bishop had found so many inquiries after religion among the Eskimos north of Hudson bay that he had to build a church. 'As there was no wood, he used whale's ribs for rafters, covering them with tanned walrus hide, and so made a church to hold 80 persons. All went merry as a marriage bell for a time, until the dogs grew famished and ate the church.'—Troy Times."

### A Stamp Collector's Profit.

When the receiving teller of the Bank of British North America in Toronto, was appointed, he had to give a bond of \$10,000. It was not easy to do. He did not like to go to a surety company and had no friend to help him. He thought of a few old stamps that he had collected when a boy. He had been told that some of them were valuable. They had been lying in his old drawer for 20 years.

Getting them out, he was surprised to find a wealthy philatelist, who applied that he would pay \$10,000 for the lot. Taking the lot to the bank, he offered it and the stamps in his bond. The bank accepted and he had the collection looked up in its vaults for \$10,000. He valued a week ago was estimated at \$35,000.—New York Press.

### A Life Saved.

Marvelous cures of throat and lung affections are made daily by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Miss Annie Swan, Petersburg, Va., writes: "My brother was attacked by a bad cough and cold, and it was thought he had consumption. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup was used, and to our great surprise it made him well and hearty. There is no better cure in the world than this Syrup." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

Ripans Tablets at drugists.

Ripans Tablets cure headaches.

## DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondence.

### Penn. Van.

The funeral of Cornelius McCarthy of Brannon was held from St. Michael's church in this village on Saturday last.

Rev. Angelo Lugano, who returned recently from a visit with his aged father in Italy, expressed himself as highly pleased with his trip, and relates many interesting facts about his voyage.

Angelo sailed from New York in July last and had a smooth and pleasant voyage. On the vessel was a poor Italian woman in the last stages of consumption, who together with her family was returning to Italy, as she wished to return to Italy to die. The family were in destitute circumstances, their passage having been paid by friends in this country, and Father Angelo was much edified by the generosity of the passengers, only two of whom were Catholics, who raised the money for this needy family. On his arrival in Italy Father Angelo was given a grand reception by the people of his native place, and was treated with honor and consideration by the authorities. In August he visited St. Peter's at Rome, and while at Rome obtained an audience with Pope Leo XIII., who authorized him to give the people of Penn. Van his blessing.

On Sunday last Father Angelo gave a very interesting and instructive description of his journey to Gibraltar and St. Peter's. On Friday the children of St. Michael's parochial school gave Father Angelo a copy, and were presented with articles blessed by the Pope.

### Coldwater.

Two weeks ago it was published in the papers that the Forty Hours would take place at Coldwater Nov. 13th, but for several reasons it was postponed; therefore they will begin Sunday, Nov. 23.

Last Sunday being the feast of St. Cecilia, Rev. Father Stant offered up the holy sacrifice of mass for the members of the choir for their faithful services in the past. The singers were very much pleased for the kind remembrance.

Miss Frances Lempert, member of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, Rochester, has taken temporary charge of the choir of the Holy Ghost church.

### Denver.

Blasen McDonald, confessor, a large class at St. Francis de Sales church on Sunday morning last. Before administering the sacrament the bishop spoke briefly on the importance of receiving the sacrament which was to make them stronger in their religion. After the ceremony he again spoke to the class on the danger of immorality and asked them to take the total abstinence pledge until they had reached the age of 21 years. All the members of the class did so.

The bishop was assisted by Very Rev. Dennis W. A. McDonald and Rev. St. V. A. McDonnell. The sponsors were Mr. Thomas D. Rogers for the boys and Mrs. Thomas D. Rogers for the girls. The Union presented at the last mass. The choir, under the direction of Prof. Heister, rendered excellent music for the occasion.

On Tuesday morning at half-past two o'clock, at St. Francis de Sales church, occurred the marriage of Frank Cohn, of Auburn, to Miss Sarah DeVanney, of this city. Miss Clara Hickey acted as bridesmaid and Matthew DeVanney, brother of the bride, as groomsmen. Rev. Father McDonald performed the ceremony. The wedding was a very quiet affair, and the bride and groom were dressed in simple and elegant attire. The bride wore a white gown, and the bridesmaid in brown, carrying pink roses. After the wedding the bride and groom proceeded to the home of the bride on West Avenue where a delightful repast was served, which was partaken of by about twenty guests, all relatives of the bride and groom. The wedding gifts were beautiful and consisted of a large quantity of silver pieces. The newly wedded couple took their departure on the afternoon train for the Lehigh Valley for New York city, where they will remain for a week or two. The happy couple have the congratulations of all their friends in Denver and Auburn. After their return they will build a new home on Cherry street in Auburn.

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