A VISIT TO PARIS.

Americans Who Go to the Exposition Will Need Much Cash.

Hotel Rates Raised and Everything Will Have a Fancy Price Tacked On to Fleece Visitors.

Ben C. Truman, well known as a newspaper writer in Chicago, is now in Paris and in a recent letter offers, through the Chicago Chronicle, some suggestions to those contemplating a visit to that city during the exposition. He says:

"The hotels have all raised their rates from 40 to 80 per cent. The Grand hotel is the leading robber of the gang. Twenty years ago a good room could be secured there for six francs per day, candles and attendance included; coffee for two francs, dejeuner a la fourchette, four francs, and dinner for six, including wine. Ten years ago, during the exposition of 1889, the same room was seven francs, coffee three francs, dejeuner five francs and dinner seven, including wine. Now, however, the same room (incandescent light) is 15 francs, coffee four francs, dejeuner five francs and dinner seven, or about $6 per day, and all the meals skimpy—same thing every day; same old poulette and chicken salad twice a day. Can you imagine so prodigious a steal as 80 cents for a cup of abominable coffee and a few counted rolls? The Continental and L'Athanee charge about the same. All the other hotels of account charge about from 18 to 25 francs per day for full board per month or per day—everything is so much per day, even if it is by the month or year.

"And then you are compelled to fee from six to ten people almost continually. Elegant pensions, engineered by widows of 'distinguished and lamented army and navy officers,' are higher priced than the high-rate hotels, while life at a regular pension means taking chances of being starved or frozen to death. Next to the hotels and pensions as freebooters come the stores, that have put up their prices quite 40 per cent.

"Hats and shoes are 50 per cent. dearer than in 1889; neckties that range from 25 cents to 50 cents in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles, range from three francs (60 cents) to seven francs ($1.40) here—and this is the country of silk manufactures! Cotton, linen and woolen goods have nearly all advanced from 20 to 60 per cent. over what they were in 1889. Canes and umbrellas and such from 20 to 40 per cent. Shirts, handkerchiefs and gloves seem not to have advanced so much.

"Druggists' goods have gone diabolically out of all sight of all grades of polite robbery. A prescription that would cost 25 cents in San Francisco is $1 here. An ounce of castor oil is 50 cents, a pint of witch hazel is 90 cents and an ounce of borax 40 cents. Candies, fruit, clarets, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes are the only things that have not been atrociously advanced. Soap, lead pencils, pen, ink and paper have advanced 160 per cent. Omnibus rates are six cents as against four cents some years ago. The only thing cheap in Paris to-day is the cab, which is still only 30 cents from any one point to another within the city, for from one to three persons, or 40 cents per hour for same. I have met a score or more of Americans who had come here to stay for several months, but who are going back on the North German Lloyd steamer of the 18th. All of these go home without making purchases, and none of them will return by the French line. Really, the foreign feeling against the hotels and stores here is intense, and the American and English papers of Paris publish complaints of some kind daily." Truman is an old traveler and knows what he is talking about. It would seem as if the exposition were a good place to stay away from.

EARTH IS GROWING.

This Globe of Ours Is Gaining in Weight at Rate of Five Hundred Tons a Year.

The earth is growing heavier at the average rate of 500 tons a year. The meteors or shooting or falling stars (of which now and again such brilliant displays rejoice the careful watchers) in passing through the earth's atmosphere are burnt up and fall on the earth's surface, occasionally in a heavy mass, but most usually in small meteoric dust. Prof. Nordenskjold, from his great experience, estimated that, from the cause named, 500 tons fall uniformly and steadily over the whole globe in each year, and the observations of Russian scientists yield a similar result. These meteor streams, says another astronomer, are really small planetary bodies, revolving around the sun in fixed orbits by the force of gravity. The earth revolves on its axis at the rate of 1,000 miles an hour, and speeds through space in its orbit around the sun at the rate of 1,000 miles every minute, and in August and November plunges into the very midst of the meteoric stream going in the opposite direction. The rapidity with which they enter our atmosphere, and the friction thus generated, are so enormous that they are set fire to, the smaller ones being consumed and falling in dust, while the larger ones occasionally reach the earth in the shape of meteoric stone or iron.

South Carolina's Coming Exposition.

South Carolina in 1901 proposes to hold a state exposition which will be illustrative of the new departure of that state in the swift development of its material resources. The undertaking has the general approval of the political and business interests of the state.—Chicago Chronicle.

KEEPS LODGERS GUESSING.

New "Quarter-in-the-Slot" Gas Machine Helps in Collection of Board Bills, but Has Its Drawbacks.

About the latest thing in slot machines is the "quarter-in-the-slot" gas meter. The head of the house who contracts for one of these new-fangled contrivances is never bothered with gas bills, for he must, of necessity, pay cash for all the gas he gets. He drops his quarter into a hole in a box connected by a rather delicate bit of mechanism with the meter, and then he lights his gas stove and his gas bracket, and the jets burn away merrily until 25 cents' worth of gas has been consumed, and then there is a sudden and Egyptian darkness, says the Chicago Tribune.

The scheme has its drawbacks. Sometimes the gas goes out at midnight, when there is a party on, and though the host have a pocketful of $100 bills but no quarter in change, he and his guests may whistle for their light.

There is a boarding house on Washington boulevard where the boarders who are not in arrears for room and food are threatening to leave unless the quarter-in-the-slot machine be turned out and one of the old time "work-day -and-night-and -never-rest" meters be put in its place. The landlord is a restless sort of spirit, and forgetful to a degree. He has a habit of going downtown and staying till late at night. As a rule, the gas goes out about three hours before his return. Then one of the servants goes to every room with a tallow dip. She is under orders, however, from the proprietor, to go first to the rooms of those who have forgotten to pay their board, to see if she can raise the price of a new gas supply. Failing in this, the tallow dips are brought into use.

The worst feature of the whole thing is that, when the gas gives out in the middle of the night, and the proprietor is prevailed upon by some of the "night owls" to chip in a quarter for a new stock, it is necessary to wake up every soul in the house to see if anyone has gone to bed leaving the gas lighted. Asphyxiation would speedily follow if this were the case when the new quarter went into the slot. The new machine is warranted to keep lodgers guessing—and moving.

FLOATING STONES.

The Bit of Slate That Prof. Nordenskiold Saw Floating in the Ocean.

Prof. Erland Nordenskjold, the son of the famous Arctic explorer, saw a curious sight last year while rowing in the long and narrow channel of Ultima Esperanza, on the southwest coast of Patagonia. He observed fragments of slate floating on the surface in larger or smaller clusters. There were a great many of them, and at one cast of the net he gathered in about 700 pieces. The stones had evidently drifted out from the beach, which was covered with similar fragments that had fallen from the slate cliffs behind. The surface of the stones was dry and they sank at once if they became wet through the movement of the swell, says the New York Sun.

The fragments contained no air cavities that were perceptible to the naked eye, but a discovery was made that may explain the fact that stone fragments of a specific gravity of 2.71 were floating on a fluid of a specific gravity of 1.

It was found that small gaseous bubbles were attached to the under surface of the floating stones, and these bubbles were also found on stones at the fringe of the beach where they were being continually washed into the sea and went floating away. The greasy surface of the slate fragments also helped to keep them afloat by preventing water from adhering to them.

This unusual phenomenon is of geological interest and may serve as an illustration of the hard problems that often present themselves to geologists. Prof. Nordenskjold believes that considerable solid matter is thus transported for greater or less distances. Thus new strata that are now forming at the bottom of the sea may have a considerable admixture of these fragments representing a far-distant geological age. Perhaps some geologist, centuries from now, may puzzle his head over the question how this foreign material was introduced into the later rockbeds.

The Chief of the Comanches.

The affairs of the Comanche tribe are absolutely controlled by Quanah Parker, who is supreme in everything, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He has the white man's keen perception, and the Indian's cunning. He converses well in English, and away from the tribe he wears the white man's dress. At home he paints his face and dons a blanket. His residence is a large, two-story house, on the southern slope of the Wichita mountains. The rooms are elegantly furnished and carpeted, and his dining table amply supplied with china and silverware. Costly pictures adorn the walls, among them one in oil of his mother. Quanah may as well abandon all hope of a congressional career—he is the husband of seven wives. His last domestic acquisition is a beautiful and charming woman, said to have been purloined from a neighboring Indian, who threatened dire vengeance, but was induced to stifle his anguish upon receiving $1,000 in money and mustangs.

Exports to Africa.

American exports to Africa have decreased slightly in the seven months ending with January, showing that the war has lost us more than it has profited.—Chicago Tribune.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Josephine.

In the matter of the estate of Enoch Moon, deceased, } Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Enoch Moon, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at my office in Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon Dated April 26, 1900. A. C. HOUGH,
Administrator of the estate of Enoch Moon, deceased.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTE TO ASSESSMENT WORK.

To SIDNEY M. MANN:—

You are hereby notified that the undersigned have performed the assessment work upon that certain mining claim situate on Bolen creek, in Josephine County, Oregon, and known as the McCoy Placer Mining Claim, the location certificate of said claim being recorded at page 251 of volume 5 of the mining records of Josephine county, Oregon, and that the portion of said work due from you to the undersigned as your share of said work is as follows, to wit:—For the year 1897, $20 00; for the year 1898, $20.00; for the year 1899, $20.00; and if said sums are not paid to the undersigned at the expiration of ninety days after this notice by publication, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, your co-owners in said mine.

Date of first publication, April 26, 1900.
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RAVAGES OF PLAGUE.

Historical Mortality List of the Dread Disease.

The Scourge of India Dates from the Second and Third Centuries, B. C.—Horrors of the Epidemic.

The following figures convey an idea of the fearful ravages of the bubonic plague from the time of the first historical record of its existence: The history of bubonic plague dates from the second and third centuries before Christ, and two Alexandrian physicians, Dioscorides and Posidonius, who were contemporaries of Christ, have left a description of the disease which leaves no doubt that it was the same as that of modern times. The plague never died out, but it was not until the middle of the fourteenth century that the horrible epidemic known as the "black plague" visited Europe and caused the death of more than 25,000,000 people. The disease was epidemic in London in 1348, 1361 and 1368. In 1352 two-thirds of the academic population of Oxford died of it. It was again epidemic in London in 1400, 1406, 1428, 1472 and 1499. In 1466 over 40,000 persons died of it in Paris. In 1563 it broke out again in London, and the mortality was more than 1,000 per week. In 1572 Lyons lost 50,000 of its population from the plague. In 1575 it visited Venice and carried off 70,000 persons. In 1603 the mortality of another epidemic in London reached 38,000. In 1603 an epidemic in Egypt is said to have resulted in the death of 1,000,000 people. An epidemic in London, in 1625, caused a mortality of 35,000, and in 1636 more than 10,000 Londoners were carried off. In 1656 there was a terrific epidemic which carried off 30,000 in Naples, 60,000 in Genoa and 14,000 in Rome. In 1665 a fresh epidemic in London resulted in the death of 68,500 people. This is the first absolutely accurate estimate on record. In 1679 Vienna lost 76,000 by plague and in 1681 Prague lost 83,000. In 1704 Stockholm had an epidemic, with about 40,000 fatal cases. In 1720 an epidemic in Marseilles carried off from 40,000 to 60,000 people. In 1770 and 1771 the plague killed 300,000 people in Moldovia, Wallachia, Transylvania, Hungary and Poland, and in the same year one-fourth of the population of Moscow died of plague. Since that time there have been frequent outbreaks of the disease, and it has constantly existed in Lower Hindostan and about Constantinople, but there have been no really great epidemics. Coming to recent times, Bombay suffered an epidemic in 1896. In January the mortality was nearly 5,000, and in February, 4,600. The total mortality in the presidency of Bombay has been 164,083. In Puna, last August, there was an average of 160 deaths a day, in a population of 60,000.

It is a remarkable fact that Europeans seem scarcely susceptible to the disease nowadays, and are able to withstand its ravages when infected. During the recent outbreak in Hong-Kong only 11 Europeans were attacked, and the mortality in their cases was but 18.2 per cent. Among Japanese (10 cases) the mortality was 60 per cent., among Portuguese residents (18 cases) the mortality was 66 per cent., and among Chinese 2,619 cases) the mortality was 93.4 per cent.

Dr. George M. Sternberg, L. L. D., in an interesting article in the Geographic Magazine, says:

"I shall have the satisfaction of stating that preventive medicine has made such progress during the past 50 years that there is very little danger that bubonic plague will ever again commit serious ravages in the more enlightened countries of Europe, or that it is a serious menace to the lives and prosperity of citizens of the United States."

Queer Auctions.

The South African auction, which is vogue at the Cape, is a far more exciting affair than its English imitation. Supposing a house is to be sold. The auctioneer rattles 50 sovereigns and cries out: "Fifty golden sovereigns for the man who first bids £5,000." Nobody bids it. After a pause he cries: "Fifty golden sovereigns for the first man who bids £4,900." And so on, until he gets a bid. It by no means follows that the property is sold to this bidder. For the auctioneer is again at it. Suppose that £4,400 is the first bid. Then the auctioneer shouts: "There are 25 golden sovereigns for the first man who has the courage to bid $4,600." Possibly there is no bidder. Then £25 is offered for a bid of £4,550. If there is no bid eventually above the £4,400, the man who has made that offer is saddled with the property. Otherwise he pockets the bonus and has nothing more to do with the estate.

Unique Plan to Exclude Chinese.

Either the queue or the Chinaman will have to leave the mines in British Columbia. The parliament has under consideration a peculiar Chinese exclusion act. The province hesitates to pass a direct act against the subjects of a friendly power, so this will be "an act to regulate the length of hair worn by employes in mines."—N. Y. Sun.

A Memorial of the Centuries.

Colossal crosses are to be erected this year on 19 mountain peaks of Italy to commemorate the nineteenth century of the Christian era. A religious society will have charge of the matter. The crosses will be cut from granite, marble, or whatever stone characterizes each region, and will bear an inscription.—Scientific American.

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