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CURRENT COMMENT.

W. C. N. CABR, United States Minister to Constantinople during the administrations of Presidents Polk and Tyler, died at Ashland, Va., recently of paralysis.

MR. WHISTLER, the artist, it is said, was recently invited to an evening party in London by a shoddy family, whose head fancied that he really derived his fame from being an accomplished whistler.

GREAT forest fires were reported on the mountains in the vicinity of Tamaqua, Pa., and the air was dense with smoke. The mountains for a distance of ten miles was one continuous sheet of flame. There was some fear that the fires would become as extensive as two years ago, when the entire population was compelled to turn out and fight the flames.

THE total value of exports during the twelve months ended March 31, 1898, were \$965,566,929, and during the preceding twelve months \$745,711,014, a decrease of \$219,855,915. The value of the imports for the twelve months ended March 31, 1898, were \$914,728,674, and for the preceding twelve months \$929,242,700, an increase of \$14,514,026.

THE Berlin Foreigner Zeitung, in a special article treating of the German iron industry, asserts that the imposition of an additional duty of one mark per one hundred kilograms upon pig iron has resulted most unfavorably. It has prevented healthy competition and served to benefit a particular interest instead of the whole country. The paper presents an elaborate array of figures to prove its argument.

A RECENT dispatch from Dublin, Ireland, says: "It has just become known that a missing chapter house, which was buried during the great fire here in the thirteenth century, has been discovered by some workmen who were excavating underneath Christ Church Cathedral. In the chapter house were beautifully carved effigies, coats, files and marvelous specimens of architecture. The discovery has created quite a sensation."

A RECENT dispatch from Pittsburgh, Pa., says: John Jarratt, ex-president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, and Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire iron master, have in contemplation the organization of an immense cooperative mine and bank. The stock is to be taken by members of labor organizations exclusively, and no person will be permitted to have more than two hundred dollars' worth of stock. If the scheme is successful stores will be started in a number of cities in different parts of the country.

THE collection of internal revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1898, were as follows: From spirits, \$54,091,702; from tobacco, \$20,136,618; from fermented liquors, \$19,062,569; from miscellaneous, \$12,978,888, making a total of \$106,270,277, an increase of \$2,971,018 over the collection for the corresponding period of the last fiscal year. The increase was \$292,214 on spirits, \$1,284,191 on tobacco, and \$394,613 on fermented liquors. The aggregate receipts for March, 1898, were \$14,082,685, greater than the receipts for March, 1897.

A CORRESPONDENT at Washington says: "There is no longer any doubt in the minds of the President's friends that he is to be married in June to Miss Folson. Those who are intimate with him talk freely on the subject when they call at the White House, and several Senators have asked permission to tender their congratulations which the President has not declined, but has received with a smile. One old gentleman who called upon him commended him for his good sense in 'going directly to the nest' to get a bride, which seemed to please the President immensely."

A NEW West Texas industry has started at Cottulla, LaSalle County. It is a nut-country, covered with miles and miles of prickly pear. A local firm is under contract to ship to Tyler, Tex., a number of car-loads of the nut. A factory has been erected there in which it will be crushed, threaded and dressed. It will be used as a lubricant, its oil for rope and the husk for paper, of which latter it is calculated that a very strong, iron article will be produced. This is the first car-load of the vegetable nut shipped. It is only anterior to its use as a food for cattle, or for the tanning of skins, and in furnishing water in times of drought, of which fluid it contains great quantities.

COMMISSIONER SPARKS, of the General Land Office, was reported as completing the organization of a special board of review, the duties of which will be to examine and report to the Commissioner upon all applications for patents to public lands. Its examination will have special reference to the test evidence of fraud. The board will consist of fifteen or twenty of the more expert clerks of the General Land Office, detailed for this special service, and such cases as receive a favorable report from this board the Commissioner will certify to the President for patent. The field force in the West has recently been increased by twelve newly appointed special agents, eight of whom will give their special attention to the detection of fraudulent entries. The other four will look after the interests of the Government in timber trespass cases.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Glenned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL. In the Senate on the 23d the bill passed granting the right of way through the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth to the Leavenworth, Northern & Western Railway, was passed. The bill was reported by the committee on the 21st, and the bill passed on the 23d. The bill passed on the 23d.

Business failures for the seven days ended April 22 numbered for United States, 109, Canada, 75, total, 184, compared with 110, and 69, respectively, for the corresponding days of the week ending April 15, 1904. Town, sixteen miles south of Helena, Ark. broke on the Arkansas side and in a short time a channel forty feet wide had been worn away by the escaping water. Thousands of acres of fertile cotton lands were reported overflowed.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. The Hon. J. M. McKim, died at New York, N. Y., on the 21st. He was 84 years of age. He was a member of the New York State Assembly and was a prominent politician. He was a member of the New York State Assembly and was a prominent politician.

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