



President Taft has decided to send William J. Calhoun, a lawyer of Chicago, to Peking, to represent this country. Mr. Calhoun takes the place left vacant when Charles R. Crane was ousted. The new minister has filled several diplomatic posts satisfactorily to this government.

## RICH GOLD MINES

Those in Santo Domingo Said to Rival King Solomon's.

Nearly Every Known Mineral is to Be Found in Dominican Republic, According to Consul's Report.

Washington.—Having received numerous inquiries regarding mining and minerals in the Dominican republic, Consul Ralph J. Totten of Puerto Plata has prepared a general outline of the information obtainable.

The most important of the useful modern mines are gold, silver, iron ore, copper ore, lignite, salt and petroleum.

Gold is the only mineral that has been worked to any extent. In the time of Columbus the Indians paid tribute in gold and in the year 1498 the records show the following mines or placer workings: La Vega, the Cibao, the San Cristobal and the Buenaventura. A considerable quantity of gold is at the present time washed from the sands of the Yaque, Verde, Bao, Jataa and Moa rivers and their tributaries by the country people with the most primitive apparatus. It is claimed that women often obtain two or three ounces of gold per week in this manner. Lodes and gold-bearing quartz are mentioned in some of the old reports, but no record can be found of any attempt to work these mines scientifically. In fact, none of the mining men now in this country claim to have located quartz veins that would pay for the working.

There are no doubt some gold deposits, not only in the river beds, but also on the hills, that have never been worked, and there is probably considerable gold remaining in the old workings that could be saved by modern machinery and dredges. The conditions for working are good, there being abundant water and sufficient fall for drainage in most parts of the gold country. A great drawback is the extreme difficulty encountered in getting machinery to the interior, on account of the entire lack of wagon roads.

This office has record of four companies or individuals now in this country, in the central or northern portions, engaged in prospecting for minerals or in developing prospects previously located. One company is installing up-to-date machinery and dredges for thorough exploitation of its property. It has been compelled to transport all machinery, tools and supplies 35 miles on pack horses and over roads that seem at first glance to be practically impassable.

As to the value of the mineral deposits, experts who have looked into the matter show considerable difference of opinion. Don Juan Nieto y Barcarcel, was sent by the Spanish government in 1793 to study the mines and lodes of gold, silver, copper, iron, alabaster and emeralds. Some of the old partially worked mines, he asserts, were of extraordinary richness. He finished his report by saying: "I can compare this lode to that of Tarnish, from which Solomon drew the gold which he employed in the ornamentation of his temple."

Mr. W. P. Blake, geologist and mineralogist, sent by the American government in 1871, also reports the existence of considerable mineral wealth in paying quantities. On the other hand, Sir A. E. Geike, the well-known English mineralogist, after making an 18 months' investigation of the mineral resources of the island, reported

that this country, in his opinion, was a geological curiosity shop, containing scattered samples of nearly every mineral, but none in sufficient quantities to be of commercial value.

The fact remains that no mining proposition in the Dominican republic of late years has proved successful, although nothing has been attempted with abundant capital and with modern methods and machinery.

### WORKS 79 YEARS ON A FARM

Employee Believed to Hold the Record for Long Service on Hampshire, England, Estate.

London.—A presentation has been made to Robert Waterman, foreman on the home farm of the Hursley estate (Sir George Cooper's), Hampshire, on his retirement at the age of 79.

He served on the Hursley estate for 52 years, had walked to and from work 32,000 miles and was always punctual.

His record has been beaten by Cornelius Medley, employed by Wilfrid Ashley, M.P., on the Broadlands estate, Romsey, where he has been in service 79 years. Six others have been on the estate for 53, 52, 50, 47 and 44 years, while three others have records extending over 43, 43 and 41 years.

## Returns After Many Years

Story Like That of the Prodigal Son Is Revealed by Chance in New Jersey City.

Trenton, N. J.—Capt. Edward A. Waldt of the medical corps has been reunited with his family here after an absence of 20 years, and the accidental meeting with his mother in a prominent thoroughfare in Trenton reveals a story like that of the prodigal son of old. It was followed by a re-union with his childhood sweetheart, the culmination of which will be marriage.

Mrs. Charles P. Waldt, the mother, and Miss Alma L. Alexander, the bride-to-be, are to-day the happiest women in Trenton, according to the story.

When only 13 years old Waldt ran away from home. Before leaving he confided to his playmate that he would return some day and marry her. At that time Mrs. Waldt and her family resided in Erie, Pa., as did Miss Alexander, who was adopted when a child by Capt. Waldt's parents.

The runaway boy was more successful than is usual with prodigals. He reached Chicago and got a job with a doctor, who took a great interest in the boy, sent him to a medical college and paid his expenses for four years.

When the Spanish-American war broke out the young doctor quit hospital work to accept an appointment as assistant surgeon in the United States army and fought the fever in Cuba.

When success crowned his efforts and when he was permitted to return to the states he visited his former home in Erie. He found he knew only a few inhabitants, and also discovered to his dismay that his relatives had left the city. Before he discovered their whereabouts he was ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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Once within, however, the eyes are dazzled with the elegance which, even in the unfinished state, is everywhere apparent. The doors are of rare parquetry design, with the elegant "rug finish." This design runs through living room, dining room, hall and parlor, though no two rooms are floored in the same design.

The baseboards, door facings, etc., are of curly fir, with the grain brought out clearly in deep red mahogany stain. Fine pressed beadwork adorns all the corners, giving a sense of rich- ous richness. The walls are white plaster, their sharp con- trasting sharply with

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In the basement heavy glass doors separate the apartments, which are well finished in cement floors and white, hard-plastered walls. Through- out the basement the hinges, door-knobs, etc., are of brass as good as is usually found on front doors of ordinary houses.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

ing through State street when he came face to face with his mother. He instantly recognized her, and a street scene the like of which has never been witnessed here followed his greeting of "Mother, don't you know me?"

It wasn't forty-eight hours afterward when Miss Alexander, who was still living with his parents, consented to become his bride. Waldt intends to continue in Uncle Sam's service.

### LARGE COWS SENT TO INDIA

Four Specimens Standing 5 Feet 4 Inches at Shoulder Are Found After Great Difficulty.

Liverpool.—The four largest cows in Great Britain have left Liverpool for Calcutta in the steamship Hlatorian, consigned to an Indian maharajah, who ordered them more than a year ago from Messrs. Keymer, his London agents.

When the order was given it was directed that the cows must stand 5 feet 4 inches at the shoulder and measure 14 feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the bony part of the tail. Animals of this great size are not easily found, and it has taken the agents just 16 months to get together four cows of the requisite measurements.

A campaign of advertisements lasting several months was first tried, but without success, many farmers declaring that it would be impossible to fulfill the order. Inquiries made in Italy and Switzerland were fruitless. The cows were eventually obtained in the Midlands and Yorkshire. They are all shorthorns. One of them is exactly the size required and the others approach it within an inch.

They left for India stabled in specially made boxes. The identity of the maharajah who has ordered them has not been made known.

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### STATS OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, O.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 4th day of December, A. D., 1888.

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### A Remnant of the Dark.

A colored man died without medical attendance, and the coroner went to investigate.

"Did Samuel Williams live here?" he asked the weeping woman who opened the door.

"Yassuh," she replied between sobs. "I want to see the remains."

"I is de remains," she answered, proudly.—Everybody's Magazine.

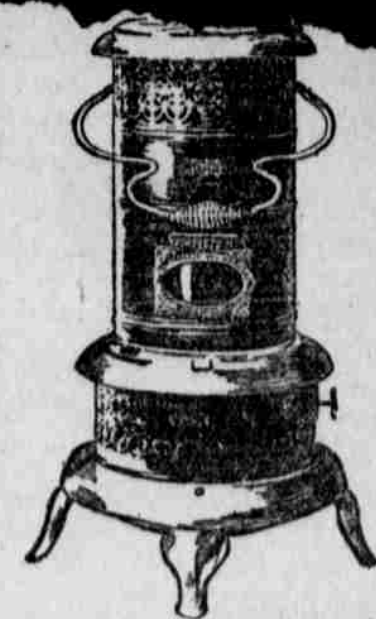
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