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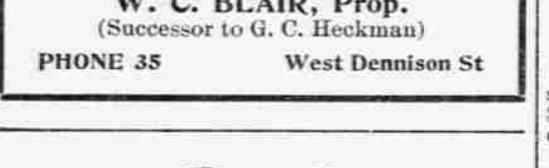
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AMERICAN CONSULS.
Their Duties Are Misunderstood by Many of Our Citizens.

In almost every city and town in Europe—or all over the world, for that matter, if the city is of any size—there is an American consul or consul general. And, while the office of these functionaries is commercial in reality, looking after the imports and the exports between our country and others, still they take a friendly interest in American citizens traveling and are always ready to go out of their way even to be obliging in personal things. I explain this somewhat in detail, says an experienced traveler in the Delinicator, as so many people, especially women, seem to have a notion that a consul is created for their special benefit. And one of the most serious troubles these men have is with those who if their money runs short expect the consul to furnish them with some and often get insulting and threatening if it is not done. The same may be said in regard to our ambassador, for, while their positions are political and diplomatic, their offices are always open, and any information is always cheerfully given in case an American is in difficulty.

There are always certain public reception days at the homes of our consuls and our ambassadors, to which it is not difficult to obtain invitations. In fact, it is often announced in the daily papers that Americans in general are welcome, say on days like Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, and so on. In this way it is possible for one to see something of the lives of one's compatriots away from home.

A CUSTOM HOUSE TALE.
The American Who Landed in Germany With a Box of Candy.

Germany is jealous of the foreign candy maker and exacts a rigorous toll upon anything in the shape of confectionery that comes across its borders. Ignorant of this, one of Uncle Sam's sons disembarked from a liner at a German port carrying in his hand a five pound box of candy bearing a New York trademark. At sight of the box the Teutonic customs officials exhibited marked activity and prepared to seize upon it.

"Not for mine," said the American. "I won't give up a sou. I'd rather eat the stuff here and now." He opened the box and commenced to dispose of its contents without delay. Everybody in sight was offered a handful. Nobody declined except the customs officer, who said blandly that he had not a sweet tooth. The traveler himself ate many pieces. It was not long before the official seized the traveler by the arm.

"The gentleman," he announced, "will accompany me to the bureau, where we'll make out his bill for duty. Come. It is at the other end of the dock."

"Never," said the American. "You have no right to charge me duty. I didn't bring it in. I'll see my consul right away, and he'll send a big fleet and bombard this blooming town."

"Softly," said the officer. "You'll pay duty, all right. There are fifteen witnesses to prove that that candy of yours was consumed on German soil." The duty was paid, and the consul has not as yet been consulted.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Ancient Enamels.
It is certain that glazes having the composition of good enamels were manufactured at a very early date. Excellent glazes are still preserved, and some of the bricks which have been found among the ruins of Babylon have been ascribed to the seventh or eighth century B. C. The glaze on the Babylonian bricks was found upon examination to have a base of soda glass, or silicate of sodium. Glazes of a similar character were also manufactured by the Egyptians as early as the sixth dynasty. There can be little doubt that the Greeks and Etruscans were also acquainted with the art of enameling.

BURIED ALIVE.
The Mode of Death Selected by a Chinese Murderer.

Rough justice as it is administered in most parts of China is sometimes tempered by individual tastes, as an incident printed in one of the China port journals attest. A man in Suchien, condemned to die, preferred to be buried alive, and his wishes were carried out to the letter.

During the famine two brothers who lived in Suchien fought desperately to stave off starvation from their families and bad blood arose between them. At last the elder brother sold his father's coffin for food. When he refused to divide the proceeds with his younger brother the latter chopped off his head with a cleaver.

TORTURED TO DEATH.
The Horrible Fate of a Number of Regicides.

The lot of the regicide when caught is not usually a very enviable one. To be hanged is the least he can expect. Perpetual solitary imprisonment is a far more dreadful fate. It drove Bressi, the assassin of King Humbert of Italy, to suicide, and it transformed Luochini, who murdered the empress of Austria, into a hopeless imbecile. Among the plotters implicated in the murder of the late shah of Persia one was tortured to death in prison, while another was incased in wet plaster of paris, which on setting slowly crushed the life out of him.

An Ancient Suez Canal.
It is certain that in ancient times a canal connecting the Mediterranean and Red seas did exist. Herodotus ascribes its projection to Pharaoh Necho, 600 B. C. The honor of its completion is given by some to Darius, by others to the Ptolemies. How long this canal continued to be used we do not know, but, becoming finally choked up by sand, it was restored by Trajan early in the second century A. D.

His Prayer.
O'Connell had got a man off at one time for highway robbery and at another for burglary, but on a third occasion, for stealing a coaching brig, the task of hoodwinking the jury seemed too great for even his powers of cajolery. However, he made out that the crime was committed on the high seas and obtained an acquittal. The prisoner lifted up his hands and eyes to heaven and exclaimed, "May the Lord long spare you, Mr. O'Connell, to me!"—Argonaut.

Thought He Was Smart.
The Man With the Gun (boastfully and cynically)—I have been engaged to at least a dozen girls. Miss Sweet Girl (looking annoyed)—And always been unlucky in love, eh? He—Oh, I don't know, I've never married any of them. What?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Not Attractive.
"Was it a case of love at first sight?" asked the sentimental girl. "It couldn't have been," answered Miss Cayenne. "When they first met he was wearing football clothes and she had on her motor car costume."—Washington Star.

The Sign of Wedlock.
She—What is the proper formula for a wedding announcement? He—I know what is ought to be. She—What? He—"Be it known by these presents."—Baltimore American.

INDIANOLA.
W. R. Starr of McCook transacted business in town, Friday.

George Newland of Lebanon was in town, Friday.

Alma Noe of Danbury visited in town, Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Lee and wife were McCook visitors, Sunday.

Jim McCallum of Okeene, Oklahoma, arrived here, Sunday morning, for a visit with folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith returned home, Sunday morning, from Oklahoma, where they have been visiting the past few weeks.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church had a cement walk put in at the church.

Miss George visited at her home in Cambridge, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Schoonover visited at her home in Oxford, Saturday and Sunday.

A. D. Burress and wife attended the quarterly meeting in Bartley, Sunday.

S. R. Smith was in McCook, the first of the week, on business.

A nice rain fell here, the first of the week, and broke or badly bent the hearts of the dry weather "prognosticators."

Mr. Hyatt of Holdrege was in town on business, Tuesday.

C. S. Quick shipped two car loads of hogs and one of cattle to St. Joe, Tuesday evening.

Fred Chessmore is having a dwelling house built south of the depot.

News reached here, Wednesday morning, of the death of James McClung at the home of his son Frank of Montana.

C. L. Walker stopped here, Wednesday morning, on his way to Bartley where he will do some papering.

The council, at a meeting Tuesday evening, granted saloon licenses to the following persons: Clark McClung and Charles H. Hyatt; and a license was also granted to John McClung to operate a pool and billiard hall.

The old hill, north of town, commonly known as Zion or Gospel hill, which was for several years supposed to be good for use as post holes and the growth of weeds, has at last become the property of men with sufficient enterprise and brains enough to foresee its advantages as a suitable site, and the improvements they are making are indeed pleasing to behold and the time is not far distant when it will be the most beautiful residence portion of our city.

John Maisel and Will Fritz attended the dance in Maywood, last Saturday night.

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FATHERS AND MOTHERS, ATTENTION.
Do you know that many of the boys in this town, some as young as six and seven years of age, are seen every day smoking cigarettes and pipes? Boys fifteen years of age, that we know of, can go into cigar stores in McCook and buy tobacco, without any trouble whatever, and they supply the smaller ones. When the law prohibits such a thing why do not the fathers and mothers see that the law is enforced. If they would make an investigation among the boys they could get all the information they wanted and by taking it to the proper officials the law would be enforced. Let us all work together to save the boys now from this deadly habit. Don't put it off; look into it at once.

Cigarettes, they're deadly. It's not the tobacco, its the acrolein produced by the burning paper that does the harm. And let me tell you, acrolein is one of the most terrible drugs in its effect on the human system. The burning of ordinary cigarette paper always produces acrolein. That is what makes the smoke irritating. I really believe it often makes boys insane. We sometimes develop acrolein in the laboratory in our experiments with glycerine. One whiff of it from the oven drove one of my assistants out of the building the other day. I can hardly exaggerate the dangerous nature of acrolein, and yet that is what a man or boy is dealing with every time he uses an ordinary cigarette.—Thomas A. Edison.

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