THE WASHINGTON IRVING BUST.

AN UNFAVORABLE ESTIMATE FROM MR. HUNTINGTON—WHEELMEN ON PARK DRIVES.

Daniel Huntington, president of the National Academy of Design, has written to the Park Commissioners, giving an unfavorable opinion of the bust of Irving recently presented to the city by Dr. Joseph Weiner. Mr. Huntington, Edward H. Kendall, of the American Institute of Architects, and John Taylor Johnston, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, constitute a commission to which objects of art presented to the city are referred before being accepted by the Park Department. Mr. Huntington's letter, which was read at the meeting of the Board yesterday, is as follows:

The colossal bust of Washington Irving, temporarily placed in Central Park, does not fairly represent Mr. Irving. In some respects it is like him, but it fails to give a good contour of his head or his dignity and refinement of expression. The bust has merit, but is not so well executed as to counterbalance its radical defects. I regret to say that my opinion is decidedly unfavorable to its receipt by the Park Commissioners.

The opinion of Mr. Kendall, received a short time before Mr. Huntington's, is more favorable to the work, but he says that while it is well executed the resemblance is not considered good by Mr. Irving's relatives. Mr. Huntington was on terms of intimacy with Washington Irving and speaks from remembrance as well as from the art point of view. No word has yet been received from Mr. Johnston.

Dr. Weiner, who has presented the statue to the city, is a physician of long practice here. He is an ardent admirer of the works of Irving and felt that, when there were so many statues in Central Park commemorating great names of the past, Irving, who is so closely associated with the history of the city, should not be forgotten. He had this bust executed at his own expense by Baer, who is regarded as a promising European sculptor. Dr. Weiner has been living in Europe for several years, but returns home this winter. The Park Commissioners say that there has been so much adverse criticism on the statues and busts that have been placed in Central Park, that they desired this one to be carefully considered before action was taken on it. For this purpose the bust was temporarily placed in the Park, near the arsenal.

Several hundred letters have been received during the week by the Department indorsing a petition that requested the opening of Central Park drives to bicycle riders. Now the wheelmen can enter at Fifty-ninth st. and Eighth-ave. and ride along the West Drive to Seventy-second-st., where they pass out to the Riverside Drive. A few of the letters did not favor their request and the Commissioners think that the Park drives are already too crowded to give further privileges to wheelmen.

It was decided to dispose of the old lion, Abraham Lincoln, for two striped hyenas recently brought to this country. The lion is now well along in years, most of his teeth are gone and he passes a greater portion of the time sleeping. He has been in the menagerie since 1871. Superintendent Conklin favors the exchange, as there are several other fine lions in the collection. Lincoln will not be removed until next spring.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

CHANGES IN SHELL FORMATIONS—ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCHES.

BOSTON, Nov. 10 (*Special*).—At the session of the National Academy of Sciences to-day Professor Alpheus Hyatt, curator of the museum of the Institute of Technology, read a paper on "Primitive Forms of Cephalopoda," giving a history of the radical forms among the chambered shells of the ammonoids, tracing evolution from a straight into a coiled and then into a curved shell, which cycle of changes is followed in some cases by a retrogression and degradation of structure resulting in a return to the straight, smooth type. Other papers by Professor Hyatt on "A Case of Evolution in the Migration of Forms" and on "Lituites of the Limestones of Canada," were interesting to biologists, but technical. Professor Hyatt was a pupil of Agassiz and strikingly resembles him in appearance, but unlike Agassiz he is a firm believer in evolution.

Professor Peters of Hamilton College presented a chart of the stars in the group Præsepe, also a catalogue of stars from positions in various astronomical publications. These papers embody the result of protracted and conscientious labor and the astronomers present expressed the desire that they might be published as valuable contributions to astronomical apparatus. Professor O. T. Sherman, of Yale, presented a catalogue of bright lines observed in the atmosphere of Beta Lyrae. This is a variable star. Sometimes all the bright lines are seen; at other times only part of them or none at all, while at times the lines are all dark. Some of the spectra indicate the existence of magnesium and other metals in the atmosphere, in a free and uncombined state. The observations indicate that a triple division exists in the atmosphere, the outer layer consisting of carbon and hydrocarbons which occasionally descend into a subjacent layer of oxygen and undergo combustion and ultimately descend into the third layer where the intense heat again separates the products of the combustion into their chemical elements. This theory completely explains the difficult problem of the cause of variability in the variable stars, since it is obvious that periods of extensive combustion must be attended with bright light which at other times is lacking. The observations were made by using lenses of great dispersive power and diffraction gratings. Professors Pickering and Young commended the method employed.

Dr. W. L. Elkin, of Yale, read a paper on "The Relative Motions of the Pleiades Group," deduced from measurements made with the Konigsberg and Yale College heliometers. He finds the motions of most of the group to be small, although a few stars not belonging to it show a greater relative motion. His method involved an elaborate system of triangulation, whereby he located the principal stars by comparison with four exterior stars, arranged in the form of a quadrangle. The results of combining the measurements tally with such refined accuracy that the probable error in position is believed to be reduced to one part in less than eight million.

Professor B. A. Gould, in commenting on the accuracy of these measurements, stated that he had applied photography to locating the stars of the Pleiades group twenty years ago, but that the accuracy of results by photography could not be compared with these, because of the difficulty of applying such minute measurements to the photograph, at least in the present stage of science.

The afternoon session was private, being devoted to the consideration of the president's annual report to Congress. Professor Alfred Russell Wallace will address the Academy to-morrow by invitation.

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RED STAR LINE. FOR ANTWERP AND PARIS. Sailing from New-York and Antwerp every Saturday. RHYNLAND ..... Saturday, Nov. 13, 6:30 a. m. NOORDLAND ..... Saturday, Nov. 20, 12:30 p. m. Fall and Winter Rates: First cabin, $60 and $75. Excursion, $110 and $125. Second cabin, $45. Excursion, $90. Steerage at lowest rates. PETER WRIGHT & SONS, Gen'l Ag'ts, 55 Broadway.

JAPAN-CHINA. OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL. Steamers leave San Francisco as follows: OCEANIC ..... Wednesday, Dec. 1. GAELIC ..... Tuesday, Dec. 21. OCEANIC, GAELIC, BELGIC. Superbly Appointed—Superior Accommodations. SAN PABLO—Cabin capacity limited. Reservations can be made by letter or telegraph to, and cabin plans seen at, 287 Broadway, New-York, or Room 74 Railroad Building, San Francisco. LELAND STANFORD, President. T. H. GOODMAN, General Passenger Agent.

THE U. S. AND BRAZIL MAIL SS. CO. American passenger line for St. Thomas, Barbadoes, Para, Maranham, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, connecting for Santos, Montevideo and way ports. Steamship "FINANCE," Saturday, November 20. From Newport News, Va., third day after, at 7 p. m. For St. Thomas, Barbadoes, Para, Maranham and Ceara Steamship "BONAVISTA," Tuesday, November 30. PAUL F. GERHARD & CO., Gen. Agents, 84 Broad-st., N.Y.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

FEATURES OF NEW-YORK DEALINGS.

The wheat speculation was a disappointing one in view of the better cable advices and the hope derived from Tuesday's large export demand that a more encouraging movement was in sight. But the obstacles in the way of an advance seem to be the heavy supplies at points of accumulation and the attitude of some of the big Chicago operators. Only 32,000 bushels were taken by shippers and spot wheat was a shade easier. The option market opened with no trace of bullish sentiment and the tendency for the rest of the day was toward lower prices. The close was heavy, a shade above the inside figures and down ⅜ cent for November at 83¾, ½ for December at 85¼, and January at 86⅞, ⅝ for February at 88⅝, and ½ cent for May at 92⅝ cents. The corn markets were featureless. Cash lots were ¼@½ cent lower but the export inquiry was fair—80,000 bushels being taken. The option speculation was weaker and losses were scored, on a steady closing, of ⅜ for November at 45⅝, ⅝ for December at 46⅛, ¼ for January at 47⅜, ½ for February at 48, and ¼ cent for May at 50 cents. Cash oats were a shade easier and losses were made of ⅛ on November at 32⅝ and December at 33¼, ⅜ for January at 34⅛, and ¼ cent for May at 36⅛ cents. The provision markets were stronger; the lard export demand was light, but the options closed with November and the year up 5 points at $6 25; the other months were 3@2 points better as follows: December, $6 24; January, $6 29; February, $6 37; March, $6 45.

The receipts of grain and flour yesterday at New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston were as follows: Wheat, 115,724 bushels; corn, 128,167 bushels; oats, 124,895 bushels; total grain, 368,786 bushels; flour, 53,244 barrels. At Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis the arrivals were: Wheat, 192,572 bushels; corn, 298,961 bushels; oats, 152,564 bushels, total grain, 644,097 bushels; flour, 49,920 barrels.

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 (*Special*).—The strike at the Yards is still hurting business. Orders were never fewer. May wheat declined until it sold at 74⅝; 1½ under the "put" price. The government report was all that was talked of about the corn pit. It showed an increase of 18,000,000 bushels in yield according to the government figures and this made corn weak. May sold down to 43⅛ and closed there at 1 o'clock. The movement here has been largely shut off by the movement east of corn in Ohio and Indiana, which is partly supplying the demand of the East. There was a dispatch from Duluth to the effect that there were 1,200 unloaded cars of wheat on the track there, and dispatches from New-York said that the Russians were selling liberally there. Between 1 and 2 o'clock there was no news except bear news. J. A. Hill offered large lots of December off the curb at 74⅝ cents. Pork dropped under $10 for January on the strike. The tone of the market is getting bearish. On the short afternoon board the dullness of the forenoon continued. Sellers offered January pork at $9 96½ and holders offered only $9 95. It was the same in corn with May 41⅛ cents bid and 41⅜@41½ cents asked, and in December wheat at 84⅛@74½ cents. The close was at 74⅝@74½ cents for December wheat, 41⅝@41½ cents for May corn, and $9 95@$9 97½ for January pork; "puts" on May corn 41⅛ cents, "calls" on May corn 41⅝ cents; "puts" on December wheat 74⅛ cents, "calls" on December wheat 73⅞ cents. The receipts for to-day were 150 cars of wheat, 255 cars of corn and 60 cars of oats.

EUROPEAN PRODUCE MARKETS.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—Produce—Linseed Oil, £20 5s. 0d. @ £20 10s. 0d. per ton. Calcutta Linseed, 40s. 0d. per quarter. Linseed Cake, £6 10s. 0d. per ton. Refined Petroleum, 5 9-16d. @5 11-16d. per gallon. Spirits of Turpentine, 26s. 0d. per cwt.; Sperm Oil, £50 per ton. Rosin—Common, 3s. 7½d. per cwt.; Pale, 6s. 0d. @11s. 0d. Provisions—Lard, 32s. 0d. per cwt. for American. Sugar—12s. 0d. per cwt. for Cuba Centrifugal polarizing 96°, and 11s. 9d. @12s. 9d. for Muscovado fair refining about. Australian Tallow—Rest, 24s. 0d. @24s. 6d.; Mutton, 27s. 0d. @28s. 3d. Cocoanut Oil—Ceylon, £26 6s.; Cochin, £30 0s. American Refrigerated Beef, 3s. 2d. for hind quarters and 1s. 11d. for fore quarters per 8lb by the carcass.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 10.—Provisions—Bacon, Cumberland Cut, 38s. 0d.; Long Clear Middles, 37s. 0d.; Short Clear Middles, 37s. 0d.; Short Ribs, 38s. 0d. Shoulders, 29s. 0d. per cwt. Beef 60s. 0d. for Extra India Mess. Prime Mess, 47s. 6d. for Prime Mess, 61s. 0d. per bbl. Prime Mess, Eastern, 63s. 0d.; Western, 60s. 0d. Lard—American, 35s. Prime Western, 32s. 3d.; Lard Oil, 32s. 0d. Hams—Long Cut, 51s. 0d.; Shoulders, 35s. 0d. Butter—60s. 0d. per cwt. for finest United States. Cheese—American Choice, 50s. 0d. Wheat—Red Western Spring, 6s. 2d. @6s. 4d.; Red Winter, 6s. 7d. @6s. 9d. per cental; New No. 2 Winter, 6s. 8½d.; do. No. 1 Spring, 6s. 8d.; New Mixed Western, 4s. 4d.; California No. 1, 6s. 10d. @7s. 0d.; do. No. 2, 6s. 6d. @6s. 8d. per cental. Produce—Spirits of Turpentine, 27s. 9d.; do. at London, 27s. 6d. per cwt.; Refined Petroleum, 6 3-16d. per gallon. Clover Seed—American Red, 49s. per cwt. Tallow—24s. 9d. per cwt. Fine American 23s. 3d.; Prime City, 23s. 6d. per cwt; Rosin—Common, 3s. 9d.; Pale, 11s. 6d. @0s. 0d. Linseed Oil, 21s. 3d. per cwt. Provisions—American Refrigerated Beef, hind quarters, 5¼d. fore quarters, 3½d. per lb. Hops at London—New-York State, £3 5s. 0d. @£3 10s. 0d. Cottonseed oil, Liverpool make, dull at 19s. 6d.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

A remarkable decrease is shown in the gross amount of fluid held by the National Transit Company on October 31 as compared with the amount on September 30. But the falling of the sediment and surplus account to prov