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When as conservative, so observing and so able a man as Henry Clews, one having such large facilities of observation not only of public sentiment but also of the interior workings of the big corporations, says that "by means of further combination they might be able to exercise an influence that would by corruption or other means threaten the supremacy of the Government itself," there must be a very real danger.

Call and time loans advanced in the New York money market last week, the former going as high as 5 per cent. The surplus reserve of the New York banks has lessened heavily, and gold exports to South America still continue. Funds sent to the West to "move the crops" have not yet returned, and the indications are that the money market will be firm for some months to come.

One explanation of the nearly exhausted reserve of the New York associated banks is that the rural and provincial banks which usually have large deposits in the New York banks, are drawing heavily upon them in order to meet home demands.

Speaker Cannon delivered a speech, Friday night, in which he indulged in somewhat vitriolic language. He applied the epithet "liars" to sundry persons, and then stated that Herman Ridder, editor of the Staats-Zeitung (New York city) and president of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, once offered him the support for president of "the great publishing interest"—that is, the newspapers—if he would recognize some member of the House to move a suspension of the rules and offer a bill putting print paper on the free list.

Mr. Ridder who is one of the most reputable of newspaper men and whose personal veracity is unquestionable, states that this alleged talk with the Speaker never occurred, that he never offered him the newspapers' support or even that of the Staats-Zeitung and that the Speaker's story "is absolutely false and ridiculous."

Many like just a suggestion of onion in mayonnaise or other salad dressing. This may be brought about by putting just a tiny piece of onion in the vinegar.

Tipped embroidery can be cleaned by rubbing the surface with a piece of bread a day or two. Use a small piece with the crust on and throw away as soon as soiled.

A handy kitchen device is a double flour sifter which makes it possible to sift the flour twice with no more effort than would be expended in sifting it once.

IS "SOMETHING DOING"?

There is evidently "something doing" in both telephone and express circles. For several months, there have been rumors of a coming consolidation, or perhaps combination, of the four great express companies—Adams, American, United States and Wells-Fargo—but nothing definite has yet leaked out.

In the telephone field, much in the line of consolidation has already been done. The so-called "parent company", the American Telephone & Telegraph, has absorbed a number of its subsidiary companies—that is, those in which it held partial or entire control.

It has long been reported that a consolidation or combination of the A. T. & T. with one of the great telegraph companies was either in contemplation or actual progress, and it is now stated, with apparently a foundation of fact, that the A. T. & T. has purchased the voting rights of the Gould stock in the Western Union Telegraph Company, on a basis of 5 per cent. dividends to be paid the head of the Gould family, beginning in 1910.

The purchase of Western Union voting rights by the A. T. & T. apparently clears, or is intended to clear, the deal from possible interference by the U. S. authorities acting under the anti-trust law.

GROOVED RAILS! WHO SAID SO?

Oh Yes, to be Sure There is a Groove, But—

Special Unit Rail for Purpose of Appearances to Bridgeport Only, is Being Laid in Main Street.

Railroad men who have been in the contracting and railroad business for years are smiling when they discuss the grooved rail situation in Bridgeport. One man who has been in the railroad business for years said today that it was amusing to see how everyone of the wisecracks who was shouting for grooved rails a few months ago were apparently pleased with the kind of tracks the street railroad company had laid between Golden Hill street and East Washington avenue in Main street, when laid.

He declared that he was most surprised to find that Mr. Samuel H. Wheeler and the business men who had demanded grooved rails like they had seen in other cities had not seen it that they got the kind of rails they had in mind.

The rail which was made this statement did not care to have his name used because of the position he holds. A farmer reporter who had been in the city for some time said in Bridgeport. He replied: "Why, it is a heavy T rail with a flange or ear on it to give it the appearance of a grooved rail. The rail laid here is undoubtedly a specially rolled bit of steel for Bridgeport only."

"The grooved rail that is best known in this country is called the 'Tribby' rail, and you can form a pretty good idea what it is like by looking at the grooves in the tracks of the special grooved rail in Main street and Hill street. This track is grooved with a narrow slot to carry the flange of the wheels and to prevent the wheels of heavy vehicles from being caught in it."

"For wagon traffic the T rails as laid in Fairfield avenue between Main and Water streets are better than the 'flanged rails' laid later in Main street north of Golden Hill street. The flange which protrudes from the side of the rail is much lower than the bed of the rail and although it makes a groove the slot is so broad and deep that it can fill up with dirt, but as for taking the lip of the wheel the grooved rail might as well be on a tree somewhere. Just take a look at the way the new tracks have worn since cars have been run over them. The wear is only on the bed or top of the rail where it is on a T rail and where the company wants the wear to come."

"There is still cut there for heavy trucks to get caught in and a man with a light buggy traversing it can lose a wheel easier than if T rails were being traveled."

"It is apparent that whoever the merchants had looking out for their interests in the grooved rail matter did not know where it is considered a grooved track in New York, Philadelphia or Springfield, Mass."

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In some cities, if manufacturers had been given so large an increase in their assessments as was agreed upon amicably in Derby, they would have threatened to move their industries elsewhere.

The new figures in Derby, therefore, indicate an advance in public spirit which is more than commensurate with the tax increase. Probably one secret of the increase being accepted without open rupture lies in the fact that it was made proportional all along the line instead of one concern being boosted and another let go.

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one and they have had to feed their cattle liberally. Then the cost of handling milk has increased. I expect that the price will go to ten cents before it drops below nine. Some of the producers have been giving up the business because, under the prevalent conditions, they have not been able to make even expenses."

SHIP LOAD OF PINK CAMELS FOR SHRINERS Animals Will be Used in Great Class Ceremonies of Nov. 22—Past Potentates Will Boss.

A ship load of mauve and pink camels for the fall ceremonial session of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was discharged this morning at the city wharf. The animals will be cared for until the night of the session, Nov. 22, by E. Stewart Sumner.

The work in connection with the initiation of a class of about 50 candidates who will be led to the oasis of Pyramid Temple over red hot sands, will be conducted by the past illustrious potentates of the temple, all of whom are living, with the exception of the late Thomas Crittenden. They are no less than Theodorus B. Bercher, Charles D. Wilson, J. Reed Popple, M. D. Hugh Stirling, John M. Hawley, Thomas H. Macdonald, Merle C. Cowles, David M. Trearlin, M. D., Charles D. Davis and Henry Seer.

All of the nobles are informed that the bill of dress consists of an open front shirt and a fez cap. A warning is given against wearing the fez outside of the hall.

Headed by the new Shriners' band, under the leadership of Frederick E. Brown, the nobles will leave Eagles' hall at 10:45 o'clock and proceed to the Stratfield Hotel, where a banquet will be served at 11 o'clock.

The Arab is prepared for the event. Wee is to be those who for the first time hear the rustle of the breezes of the desert as they are whisked through the beard of the prophet.

Notice has been received that Frank Lator, in the "Candy Shop", who was nominally in charge, however, under the auspices of the Arab Patrol, will not appear until Dec. 6. The performance will be given at Jackson's Theatre to raise funds for the Imperial Council.

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