





OUR WINES AGAINST THE WORLD.

California Will Have a Full Exhibit at the Bordeaux Exposition.

The viticultural commissioners have decided to make an exhibit of California wines and brandies at the exposition which is to be held at Bordeaux from the 1st of May next until the 1st of November.

Secretary Scott received a cable dispatch last week from Bordeaux to the effect that the Societe Philomatique has accepted the terms offered by the viticultural commissioners that California wines and brandies will be accorded a full and complete representation at the forthcoming exhibition.

This is the first opportunity which has ever been accorded local wine growers and distillers to display their products in Bordeaux. During the last two years substantial recognition has been accorded California wines and brandies in various European centers.

"California wines have already received splendid recognition from foreign experts. We intend to carry the battle right into the heart of the wine producing district of claret in France. Five years ago an effort to convince the bottlers of France that California wines were worthy of their recognition might have been hopeless. There are, however, in this district of claret men who have in view the production of the very highest types of wine, whether of these types be claret, Burgundy, Rhine wine or any other kind. These people know that we have an area of country suitable for wine growing as large and as varied as all of the countries of Europe outside of Russia.

"We want to put samples of all of our wines before the countries of the world, and we have never before had such an opportunity as is now presented in the Bordeaux exposition. We do not claim that we do not want to lose to all countries that we have at least as good wine as can be shown by any country. All that we ask is an equal and fair chance with any country, and I think it is fortunate for the state that the means exist for having such a comparison without any undue expense to the individual winemakers. The commission intends to collect all of the samples. The samples will be sent out and the cars will be taken that fair-play is all concerned. All that we are waiting for is for complete particulars at the expense."—San Francisco Chronicle.

BY RAIL TO THE YOSEMITE.

Five Hours by Electric Road in Place of Four Days by Stage.

Chicago capitalists, in conjunction with others in New York and California, may undertake an improvement in the Golden State in the shape of an electric road which will involve an expenditure of \$2,500,000. The projected road is to run from Merced in the San Joaquin valley. As planned it is to continue from that town into the heart of the Yosemite valley, a distance of 100 miles. A. F. Hatch, one of the Chicago men interested, said recently that few things in connection with the project were definitely settled except the plan in a general way.

"The purpose," he said, "is to furnish modern transportation facilities into the Yosemite. At present visitors have the railroad either at Merced or Raymond and travel by stage into the valley. It is a four days' journey for the road trip and a laborious mountain climb for a horseman. Under the same distance could be traversed under some conditions in a few hours. Development of the trip, many people visit the region. By an electric road the journey will be shortened to the point of a comfortable car. It is proposed to equip the road for freight traffic in connection with passenger business. I know the carrying of freight by an electric road is an experiment, but it has been done, and we think it can be accomplished regularly, successfully and profitably."—Chicago Tribune.

HE HAD HEARD ENOUGH.

How Senator Palmer Fooled His Old Friend the Judge.

An old Republican judge from Illinois on his way west from New York stopped over in Washington long enough to have, as he intended, a little talk with his old friend, Senator Palmer. When he came to a committee room he was rather full of the judge, entered and he felt a little awkward. Still, after changing the senator's hand in a grip of friendship, he said, with a grin:

on a cart along the street. The men were apparently talking to himself. They exchanged the remark: "Does he know, old fellow. I will take the short-cut." Arriving at the Rue de Bondy, he deposited the packing cases in the warehouse of a merchant named Roux. The detectives concealed themselves in the warehouse for the night. At about midnight a man issued from the packing case. He was provided with a set of wrenches for the purpose of demolishing the lock of the safe. The operation took a long time, but at last the door flew open, and the robber filled his pockets with gold and silver. He withdrew once more into the case, which closed upon him.

The detectives were in no hurry to handcuff the thief, but awaited the return of his satisfactor. In the morning he presented himself to the way the case and was arrested before entering the warehouse.

The detectives placed the case on a handcart and dragged it to the office of the police commissioner. On the way they acted the part of the accomplices. When the man in the box inquired, "Ja, that you?" a detective replied: "Yes, old boy. I'm here to help you. I will take the short-cut." This ingenious robber was greatly surprised when he arrived at his destination to find himself in the presence of a police commissary.—Paris Letter.

The New Emperors of Russia.

Russian society as distinct from the court circle proper is not very clad at the czar's marriage with the German princess. They would have preferred as their future empress the Princess of Montenegro. To begin with, the princess had grown up under their own eyes. She belongs to their own nation, and her father's name is very popular. The hero of Dalgiano is a kind of minor hero. Furthermore, the aristocracy would have looked upon that marriage as the beginning of the fulfillment of the romantic idea of "Russia for the Russians." What they dislike above all is the idea of German influence becoming once more predominant at the Russian court. They were absolutely at peace in that respect with regard to the new dowager empress. The daughter of Denmark did not owe the Germans much good will, and she is honest enough not to disguise her feelings.—St. Petersburg Correspondent.

Say Mount Finster Snakes and Steams.

The exploring party has fully confirmed the previous statements of Mount Ranier in the last two months. For the explorers are now camped at the side of the mountain over half way to the summit and have actually seen great volumes of smoke and geyser of steam coming from the crater. The top of the mountain was fully five miles away, and jets of steam like geysers shot upward 200 feet or more, and farther to the right a column of densely black smoke rose from the crater in fitful curls to a height of several hundred feet. This news was brought by a homing pigeon.—Seattle (Wash.) Dispatch.

Another Coup to Individual Caps.

The Warren Avenue Baptist church has dissolved the matter of individual communion caps, and upon the recommendation of the committee appointed on New Year's day it was voted to adopt them. Deacons Wentworth and Sawyer and Mr. C. M. Barnett were chosen to select the caps. The church has about 700 members.—Boston Herald.

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