

A UNIQUE WAGER.

Won by Astor Over a California Redwood Dinner Table.

Incredulous Englishmen Convinced of the Immense Size of Some American Trees After Losing \$25,000 in a Bet.

William Waldorf Astor has won a wager of \$25,000 by giving a long expected dinner to 27 persons, seated around a table, made from a single cross section of a great California redwood tree.

Nearly two years ago Mr. Astor had a discussion with Gen. Owen Williams about the size of California trees, the Englishman not believing that they grew to such enormous sizes as Mr. Astor asserted.

At great expense Mr. Astor had a section of a gigantic tree sent to him from California. It measured 81 feet in circumference.

Four weeks ago a section of the tree was turned over to a firm at Aylesbury and polished it highly. As it was impossible to get the table into the house, a large marquee tent was erected over it in a little glade of the Half Moon wood.

No cloth was spread over the polished surface, but it was prettily decorated with wild flowers by young Miss Astor, while beautiful candles cast a soft light over the costly silver plate and china.

INCREASING ENORMOUSLY. Report on the Amount of Exports for the First Nine Months of This Year.

Exports for the first nine months of this year show a healthy increase, and a large decrease in imports is recorded.

According to the bureau of statistics the exports for September indicated that this year will show the largest export record in the history of the government.

INJECT SERUM TO BRAIN. Successful Test of New Operation for the Relief of the Dread Tetanus.

A new operation for the relief of tetanus has been tried at the Central hospital in Paterson, N. J. The patient was Aaron M. Hemion, a young man of that city.

AGED RIDE TO CHURCH. Brooklyn Pastor Adopts Novel Plans to Get Parishioners Interested.

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Great Strength of the Oyster. The oyster is one of the strongest of creatures, and the force required to open it is more than 1,300 times its own weight.

PROCLAMATION TO CUBANS.

Gen. Wood Issues a Provisional Declaration of Independence.

Gen. Wood, military governor pro tem. of the department of Santiago, has issued a proclamation in ten sections, which is a provisional declaration of independence.

The first article guarantees to the people the right of assembly for the common good and to apply to those in power by petition or remonstrance for the redress of grievances.

The second section guarantees the right to worship God according to individual conscience, provided there is no interference with any existing form of worship.

The fourth section, dealing with criminal trials, invests the accused with the right to be heard himself or by counsel and to have compulsory process to secure the attendance of a witness in his behalf.

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GRAZED BY SHELLS. Battleship Indiana's Narrow Escape from Destruction in the Santiago Fight.

An examination of the bottom of the Indian in dry dock revealed an elongated, trough-like dent, perhaps two inches deep, in the plates of the starboard bow, about four feet below the water line, made by a heavy shell falling at the end of a curved trajectory, that had struck, glanced and burst, says the Army and Navy Journal.

INDIANS FEAR NEW RIFLE. Pillagers Do Not Like the Way That the Krag-Jorgensen Shoots.

The Krag-Jorgensen rifles with which Uncle Sam's regulars are armed are weapons of great interest to the old hunters and sportsmen who have gathered at Walker from all sections, says the Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune.

WHICH IS THE BETTER GUN? War Department to Investigate Merits of Our Army Weapon and That of Spain.

The war department has ordered a board of officers for the purpose of determining the relative value of the Krag-Jorgensen gun, of the American army, and the Mauser rifle, of Spain.

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ADDED TO OUR NAVY.

Spanish Warships That Are Being Utilized by Uncle Sam.

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The effective strength of the United States navy has been increased by eight useful war vessels which recently flew the Spanish flag. Five of these are now attached to Admiral Dewey's squadron, two are credited to the North Atlantic station, and the last is the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa.

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