COMBINES AND TRUSTS ACROSS THE BORDER. Continued from Page Five.

"We want to benefit the public," said one stable owner, talking of the proposed combination, "but I do not believe this combine can cut fare rates even if it cuts expenses. Finally, it ought not to if it could. The cab-hiring public belongs to the wealthy class and doesn't stop at present rates. The general public won't hire if you cut rates in half. It costs us a large percentage to keep hotel stands, where you have to turn over as high as 20 per cent. of profits to the hotel or pay a sum down for your stand. One hotel I know got \$4,000 a year for stand privileges. It's ruinous, and the cooks and waiters and all have to ride free, too, and as for the hotel proprietor he rides all the time at your expense. I'm for organization every time."

The North American Commercial Company, which proposes to purchase, acquire and manufacture raw agricultural products of the United States and the West Indies and to sell the same, and purchase and operate factories and agencies, was incorporated with the Secretary of State at Albany yesterday. Its capital stock is placed at \$14,000,000 of which \$10,900,000 is to be preferred stock and \$4,000,000 common stock. The principal business office is to be in Brooklyn. The incorporators are Charles Eorda, who has 250 shares of the preferred stock; Jay Lester, 150 shares, and Paul Eugene Jones, 100 shares. Paul Eugene Jones is a lawyer with an office at 215 Montague street, Brooklyn. He said yesterday that the company was well under way and had \$50,000 to begin with. He did not think there would be the least difficulty in obtaining all the money necessary The shares, he said, were to be \$100 each.

"The company," he continued, "has just been incorporated. Charles Borda will become the president of the company, and I, his attorney, will be the secretary, Mr. Borda and his associates own, or have options upon, some 20,000 acres of sugar and coffee lands and plantations in the West Indies. The Bordas are among the largest and wealthiest land owners in the island of Puerto Rico."

Mr. Jones also said that negotiations were now pending for the acquisition of certain mining properties at Santiago in Cuba and Naguabo in Porto Rico, Mr. Borda, who is a Perto Rican has an office in the same building with Mr. Jones.

Another announcement which comes from New York is, that the American Pptteries Company has concluded arrangements with the Homer Laughlin China Company of East Liverpool, O., for bringing it into the big potteries combination. This, it was stated, will give to the American company the control of 57 per cent., of the potteries City and District Savings Bank N. Taylor of Knowles, Taylor & Knowles, the leading pottery concern of the country, is to be the president of the American Potteries Company. Itsentire business will be managed by a board of directors composed wholly of practical potters. Those interested in the company state that it will be the aim of the management to insure the eventual manufacture of china, porcelain and other wares of so high a grade as to reduce importations of foreign goods.

ing either ordinary water, carbonated waters, or alcoholic beverages. The more one eats generally the more one drinks, and the greatest eaters are 1 generally the greatest drinkers. drink be prohibited, she amount eaten is less-indeed, on the above very greatly depends the secret of the "Schweininger cure" for obesity. It is a well-known fact that if the appetite is weak and the mind and nerves are somewhat relaxed, a drink of water will excite the appetite and stimulate both brain and nerves, and this is due directly to the fluid and not to alcohol contained, for we und these facts the same in abstainers.

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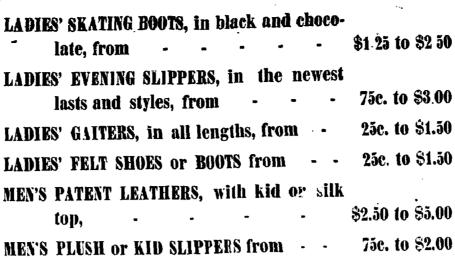
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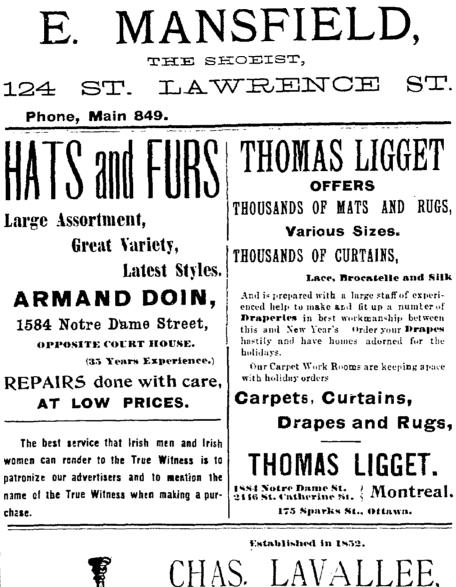
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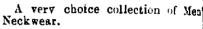
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According to the testimony of a missionary recently returned from Tibet, butter half a century old is one of the table delicacies of that country. The native Tibetan thinks it necessary for butter to "age," to "ripen," to acquire a "boquet,j' as connoisseurs of wines call it, or a haut gout, to use a French term for the evidence of far advance along the line of decomposition. Ripe butter the missionary found very disgusting and nauseating, but only because his taste for butryic acid was not fully developed.

The Good Health Magazine in commenting on the matter says:

Butter fifty years old is neither better nor worse than old cheese, meat with a gamey flavor, "finnan had-die," saur kraut, and a dozen other dishes that often appear on the tables of men and women who claim to be much higher in the scale of civilization than the benighted natives of Tibet. The average bill of fare needs expurgation and renovation and disinfection, to cleanse it from the strong taint of savagery of which it still savors.

To drink or not to drink during meals has always peen a subject which has caused a great deal of discussion in the household.

In an interesting and somewhat historical article, Dr. C. A. Ewald of Berlin discusses this mooted question at some length. He considers soup, because of its small percentage of nourishing material, merely as fluid. He states that, aside from is directly taken as drink, much fluid reaches the stomach during a meal, through the sauces and from the water percentage (both natural and by cooking) of the meats, vegetables, etc. Most people feel the necessity of adding more fluid to the meal by drink-





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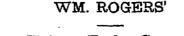
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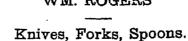
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