

Dutch merchants have opened a chamber of commerce in London, to which 400 members belong.

The coining of the longest word in our language is credited to Mr. Gladstone, "disestablishmentarianism."

Of the patients in the leprosy asylum at Lahore, India, 33 per cent. are believed to have been habitual hemp-drug takers.

In the herring season, which extends from the middle of August to the end of December, the fishing boats of Yarmouth, England, caught 525,378,800 herrings.

Dr. L. A. Van Wagner, of Brookfield, has invented a device which is to be attached to the telephone which will give indication if there has been any call during the absence of the attendant.

During the first nine months of 1904 Germany's imports amounted to \$1,124,070,000, exceeding those of the corresponding period of 1903 by \$33,201,000.

Two of the by-products of sugar factories are utilized in France—the pulp from the presses and the drained treacle, or the molasses from which no more sugar can be obtained by the ordinary processes of crystallization.

The agricultural expert attached to the German consulate general at Cairo reports that American steam plows are being successfully used in that country.

An extensive camphor forest is said to exist on the borders of Szechuen, Kweichow and Hunan Provinces, China. It is said to extend 100 miles, but it is only recently that the natives have begun to produce camphor for the market in that locality.

Active preparations are about to be commenced in the construction of the big circular cofferdam which is to be sunk around the wreck of the battleship Maine as she reposes in the harbor of Havana.

English, French and Spanish are the principal languages spoken in Santo Domingo, English and French being especially spoken along the coast.

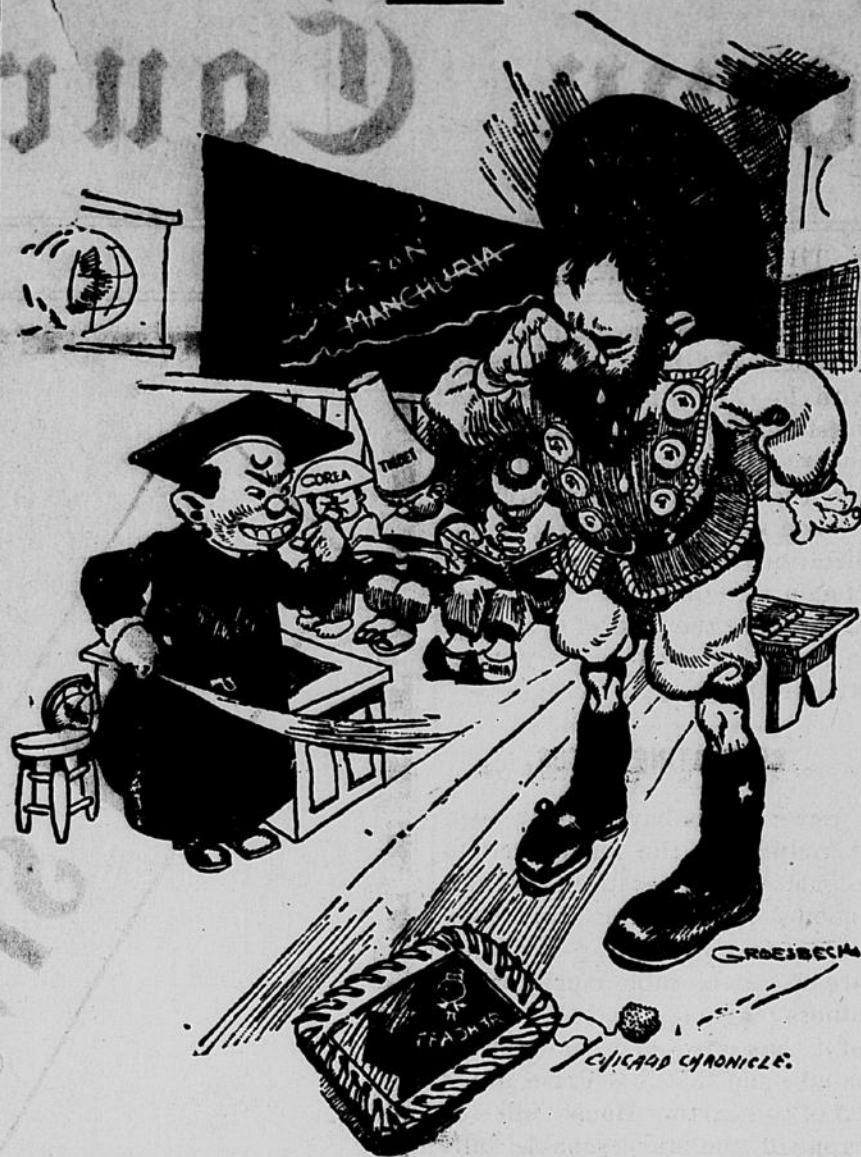
It does not look as if we shall get out of coal, at any rate this winter. It is estimated that beneath the earth's crust there are about 8,000,000,000,000 yards of coal at depths available for the use of man.

The latest plan of the advocates of spelling reform is the urging of a universal phonetic alphabet based upon the present Roman letters—that is, international agreement that the letter should have the same sound in every language.

In 1898 the largest known and at the same time the most complete Brontosaurus skeleton was discovered about three miles west of the Bone Cabin quarry.

Thousands of people are handling certain articles daily without any idea of their dangerous nature. The ordinary soda water siphon, for instance, is a bomb, and an exceedingly powerful one to boot.

THE LITTLE SCHOOLMASTER OF THE EAST.



Little Schoolmaster—It's a Shame to Whip This Boy So Often When He Has So Much Trouble at Home, But He Must Learn His Geography Lesson.

GENUINE WINTER VISITS THE SOUTH

A MANTLE OF SNOW AND SLEET COVERS WIDE AREA IN THAT SECTION.

Cold Wave Is Very Extensive—Mercury Drops to 46 Below in Montana—Fear Expressed That Losses of Live Stock Will Be Heavy.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4.—The general cold wave probably reached its southernmost boundaries Friday and spread a blanket of sleet and snow over the central south.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—From the Rocky mountains to the Alleghenies, and from the south line of Kansas and the latitude of Cairo, the north shivered under zero cold Thursday.

Throughout the entire northwest it was the coldest day of the winter. Havre, Mont., held the record, where 46 below zero was recorded.

Live stock in the pens at the stockyards at Kansas City suffered from the severe cold, and a few head froze to death.

Convicted of Manslaughter. Chicago, Feb. 2.—Victor Roland O'Shea was convicted of manslaughter Wednesday, his victim having been his wife, who was Amy Hogenson, daughter of Emanuel Hogenson, an architect.

Leaves \$100,000 to College. Boston, Jan. 31.—Rev. Father Edward S. Welch, who died in Washington a few weeks ago, bequeathed \$100,000 to Boston college.

SWAYNE'S ANSWER.

Judge on Trial for Impeachment Justifies the Acts with Which He is Charged.

The senate continued the consideration of the joint statehood bill, with Senator Nelson as the principal speaker.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The post office appropriation bill occupied the attention of the house the major portion of Wednesday.

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Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate Friday, after transacting its routine business, resumed the impeachment case of Judge Swayne.

Hits the Packers. Washington, Jan. 31.—The supreme court of the United States Monday decided the case of the United States vs. Swift & Company, known as the beef trust case, charging conspiracy among the packers to fix prices on fresh meats.

The Public Debt. Washington, Feb. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business January 31, 1905, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$989,929,619.

Many Made Homeless. New York, Feb. 4.—Five houses have been destroyed by fire and 36 families made homeless by a fire in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

Alderman Goes to Jail. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 31.—Alderman Jacob Ellen, found guilty a year ago of receiving a bribe from Lant K. Salsbury, who was working in the interest of promoters of a proposition to install for the city a water plant, was Monday sentenced to a fine of \$300 or four months in jail.

TEN WOMEN ARE HURLED TO DEATH

SLEIGH IS DEMOLISHED BY A TRAIN NEAR TOWN OF ARKPORT, N. Y.

Street Car and Passenger Train Collide at Grand Rapids, Mich., and Six Persons Are Injured—Serious Mishaps Elsewhere.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A passenger train on the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railroad Wednesday night crashed into a sleigh containing 13 women, killing seven outright and so seriously injuring the remaining six that three of them died after being removed to the hospital.

The following were killed outright: Mrs. Mary Gillette, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. Eugene Shaw, Mrs. Joseph Hallett, Mrs. C. C. Graves, Mrs. Bert Moore and Mrs. Ruth Patchen.

Mrs. J. Coats, Mrs. Fred Green and Mrs. Fred Boughton died at the Mercy hospital.

The injured are Mrs. F. R. Rowley, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Wallace Clark.

Members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church went to a farmhouse near Arkport to spend the afternoon. It was nearly dark when they started on the return trip to the city.

The driver pulled up his horses, but he could not check the heavy box sled quickly enough, and when it came to a standstill the box of the sleigh was directly across the railroad track.

Train Strikes Street Car. Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 2.—Six persons were injured, four probably fatally, Wednesday night, when a Grand Rapids & Indiana north-bound passenger train crashed into a street car on the West Leonard street crossing.

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Flames Damage Institution at Buffalo—Panic Among Inmates—One Life Lost.

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Give \$30,000,000 to Sisters. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—The four favored children of the late multi-millionaire, Charles Lockhart, each of whom was left many millions of dollars by his will, to the detriment of Mrs. W. S. Flower, a daughter, whom he cut off with the income of \$300,000, have decided to assist their less fortunate sister, and each brother and sister will hand over to Mrs. Flower \$7,500,000, making her fortune \$30,000,000, the same as their own.

Railroad Arraigned. Washington, Feb. 4.—"Flagrant, willful and continuous violations" of the law during the past five years is the way in which the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad is arraigned in a decision promulgated Friday by the interstate commerce commission on the "alleged unlawful rates and practices" of that road in the transportation of coal and mine supplies, involving also the Colorado Fuel & Iron company.

Turf Plunger Dead. Asheville, N. C., Feb. 2.—George E. Smith, "Pittsburg Phil," the well-known turf plunger, died Wednesday in the Winyah sanitarium. Smith had been in poor health for a year or more. He was about 40 years old.

A Bad Fire. East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 4.—Six of the largest office and store buildings here were destroyed or badly damaged by fire early Friday and several persons were injured. The property loss is estimated at \$265,000.

Centenarian Dead. Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Tilghman Craigie is dead at Quakake at the age of 102 years. She spent her life on a farm and was the mother of 14 children.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Feb. 4.

Annie Stenni shot and killed her lover, John Davis, at Vaughn, W. Va. Jealousy is said to have been the cause.

Charles Martin was killed in the Hecla branch of the Calumet & Hecla mine at Calumet, Mich., by falling rock.

Postmaster James M. Hobson, father of Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, died at his home in Greensboro, Ala., at the age of 68.

The Excelsior rolling mills at Marysville, Kan., were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$150,000; insurance, \$75,000.

Frank Barrett, aged 45 years, the oldest printer in active service in central Illinois, died at Peoria, Ill., from heart trouble.

One person was killed and five wounded as the result of a feud over a line fence near Rhine, seven miles west of Abbeville, Ga.

In a fight at Dunlop, W. Va., William Hamlet was shot and killed and three other men wounded. Three men were arrested.

Rev. James Henry Darlington, D. D., rector of Christ church, Brooklyn, was elected bishop of the diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.

The sanitary authorities of the Panama canal zone government have undertaken the sanitation of the cities of Panama and Colon.

Thomas M. Exley, of New Hampshire, chief clerk of the paymaster general for many years, died in Washington from a complication of diseases.

John B. Hale, ex-congressman from Missouri, and for many years a leading member of the bar, died suddenly at Carrollton, aged 74 years.

The attorney general has rendered an opinion in which he holds that drawbacks may be allowed on exported flour made in part from imported wheat.

James Sebery, one of four men caught in the act of robbing the Brooklyn navy yard, was shot and instantly killed by Private Laurence T. Milton, a sentry.

Two children were burned to death, and William McCarron sustained burns which will prove fatal in a fire which destroyed his home at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The sawmill of Anton Brucken, six miles from Madisonville, Ky., was blown up by the explosion of the boiler, and James Hendricks, aged 29, was instantly killed.

Escaping coal gas from a stove in the cabin of the Lehigh Valley railroad barge Aetna, lying at a North river pier, New York, asphyxiated Mrs. Sarah L. Van Brunt.

The Gasconade county courthouse, one of the finest county buildings in the state, was burned at Herman, Mo., causing a loss of \$50,000. All the county records were saved.

Robert E. Armstrong, assistant secretary of the treasury, has tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt to take effect on March 5 next, and it has been accepted.

In the presence of a number of prominent members of the bar, Hon. Robert W. Taylor was installed at Cleveland, O., as judge of the federal court for the district of northern Ohio.

Representative W. L. Nolan, of Minneapolis, introduced in the lower house of the Minnesota legislature a law establishing the whipping post as a means of punishment for wifebeaters.

Announcement of the gift of \$1,100,000 to Union theological seminary was made in New York by Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, president of the faculty, who declined to reveal the name of the donor.

Fifteen stores were destroyed by fire at Stafford, Kan. Total loss, \$50,000. The town was saved by a sacrifice made by J. L. Ball, who permitted a back fire to be started in his building on which no insurance was carried.

Mrs. Walter McCasland and infant child were burned at Mount Vernon, Ind., by the mother's clothing catching fire from an open grate. In her struggles the clothes of the child were set afire. Each lived but a few hours.

The pupils of many public and private schools met in Warsaw and decided to demand the introduction of the Polish language, or otherwise they will not return to school. This is significant as indicating the introduction of the nationalist movement into the economic agitation.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 4.

Table of market prices for various commodities including LIVE STOCK, SHEEP, WHEAT, CORN, BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS, CATTLE, HOGS, and GRAIN.

CHICAGO.

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MILWAUKEE.

Table of market prices for various commodities including GRAIN, CORN, OATS, and BUTTER.

ST. LOUIS.

Table of market prices for various commodities including CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, and BUTTER.

INVENTIVE INGENUITY.

An Austrian railway mechanic has discovered a process by which the smoke of warships can be entirely concealed from view.

A clock which seems to be pre-eminently adapted for the sick-room or hospital is the invention of Prof. Hirth, of Munich. It consists merely in the depression of a button, which cuts in a small electric lamp placed under the dial of an electrically-illuminated clock, throwing the shadow of the face and its hands upon the ceiling in a highly magnified state.

The man with the flowing mustache has not been forgotten by the inventor, despite the fact that the many mustache cups that one time or another have made their appearance on the market, all proved pecuniary failures.

A French electromotion company has produced an electric carriage in which the use of pistons, chains and gearing for transmitting motion to the driving-wheels is entirely dispensed with. In this new machine the motors and the wheels are described as being one and the same thing.

PERSONS IN PARTICULAR.

Within 100 miles of York, Pa., live six sisters who have outlived their husbands. With one exception all were born in this country.

Richard C. Adams, hereditary sachem of the Delaware Indians and a descendant from Chief White Eyes, who aided Washington in his campaign in Pennsylvania, has just published, for complimentary distribution among his friends, a souvenir volume of "Poems and Reflections on the Ancient Religion of the Delaware Indians."

A grandson of Gen. Shrapnel, who invented, in 1804, the missile that has cut such a figure in the Russo-Japanese war, is endeavoring to obtain from the British government some, at least, of the \$30,000 his grandfather spent for the benefit of his country, receiving for that and his invention no recognition, and dying poor and brokenhearted, after the manner of inventors.

Constable W. D. Currence, of Valley Head, near Elkins, W. Va., was 82 years and 8 months old last week, when he went to Elkins to take the oath of office as constable of Mingo district for the fourth term, having already served 12 years. "Uncle Billy," as he is familiarly known, still gets over the mountains of his district as spry as ever and brings the offenders of law to justice in short order.

A FELLOW FEELING.

Why She Felt Lenient Towards the Drunkard.

A great deal depends on the point of view. A good temperance woman was led, in a very peculiar way, to revise her somewhat harsh judgment of the poor devil who cannot resist his cups and she is now the more charitable. She writes:

"For many years I was a great sufferer from asthma. Finally my health got so poor that I found I could not lie down, but walked the floor while others slept. I got so nervous I could not rest anywhere.

"Specialists told me I must give up the use of coffee—the main thing that I always thought gave me some relief. I consulted our family physician, and he, being a coffee fiend himself, told me to pay no attention to their advice. Coffee had such a charm for me that in passing a restaurant and getting a whiff of the fragrance I could not resist a cup. I felt very lenient towards the drunkard who could not pass the saloon. Friends often urged me to try Postum, but I turned a deaf ear, saying: 'That may do for people to whom coffee is harmful, but not for me—coffee and I will never part!'

"At last, however, I bought a package of Postum, although I was sure I could not drink it. I prepared it as directed, and served it for breakfast. Well, blither as I was against it, I must say that never before had I tasted a more delicious cup of coffee! From that day to this (more than two years) I have never had a desire for the old coffee. My health soon returned; the asthma disappeared, I began to sleep well and in a short time I gained 20 pounds in weight.

"One day I handed my physician the tablets he had prescribed for me, telling him I had no use for them. He stayed for dinner. When I passed him his coffee cup he remarked: 'I am glad to see you were sensible enough not to let yourself be persuaded that coffee was harmful. This is the best cup of coffee I ever drank,' he continued; 'the trouble is so few people know how to make good coffee.' When he got his second cup I told him he was drinking Postum. He was incredulous, but I convinced him, and now he uses nothing but Postum in his home and has greatly improved in health." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."