

A NORWEGIAN WORD.

Origin of "Budstikken," Which Means "Spreading the News."

This peculiar word is frequently found in Scandinavian communities as the name of a newspaper, such as St. Cloud Budstikken. It is a Norwegian word, 1,200 years old at the least and has a very peculiar origin.

In those days, when the coasts of Norway were ravaged by pirates, the inhabitants had to resort to all sorts of devices to warn those at a distance of the approach of these piratical craft. When one was seen on the horizon a man went up to the top of a mountain, where he lighted a beacon fire. This could be seen for a long distance and was known to be a warning. When it was seen in the distance another fire was lighted on another hill until all over the country fires blazed from every hilltop and the people prepared to defend themselves.

They also had a system of messengers. The man who first sighted the sail would take an arrow and send it to his neighbors. From town to town this arrow was sent until all were warned. These were rather primitive ways of telegraphing, but were so effective that in the course of twenty-four hours all Norway knew of the approach of pirates.

This system of spreading the news was called "budstikken," and when there were no more pirates the newspapers became spreaders of the news and so were appropriately styled "budstikken."—Exchange.

WESTMINSTER HALL.

Its Bargain Counters, State Trials and Coronation Banquets.

Westminster hall, whose old gray walls have seen coronation banquets and state trials, used to echo with the bargains driven at shops or stalls which at one time fringed its walls like a modern bazaar. These were kept by booksellers, toy dealers, sempstresses and milliners. The rents and profits went by right to the warden of the fleet. An engraving of the busy scene was made by Mosely and prints taken therefrom by Gravelot before 1773 showing how—

In hall of Westminster Sleek sempstress vends amidst the courts her wares.

In "Tom Brown's Amusements" (1770) we read: "We enter into a great hall where we are surprised to see in the same place men on one side with baubles and toys and on the other taken up with fear of judgment. In this shop are to be sold ribbons and gloves, towers, headresses, etc. On the left hand we hear a nimble tongued painted sempstress with her charming treble invite you to buy some of her knickknacks."—London Mail.

A Fair Offer.

It was a political meeting in the east end of London, and the M. P., an exceptionally popular man, was addressing his constituents. The politician in question rejoices in a luxuriant crop of hair. The audience was sympathetic for the most part, but there was one man in the front row of the audience who made numerous interruptions. He was a coal heaver, apparently, and had but recently been hearing coals.

"Get your hair cut!" he shouted during a most pathetic passage in the candidate's speech. The well known catch phrase seemed particularly applicable, so a good many of the audience laughed.

But the M. P. was equal to the occasion.

"I will make a bargain with that gentleman," he said. "I will get my hair cut if he will get his face washed."

There were no more interruptions.—London Express.

Her Resignation.

"Papa," she said, "I am very angry with Geraldine."

"What's Geraldine done?" asked her father.

"Why, I told her a secret last summer," said the little girl indignantly, "and she has just told me she's going to tell it."

"That's very wrong of Geraldine. Has she any excuse?"

"Why, I told her it was wicked to tell a secret, and what do you think she said? She said, 'Oh, I know, but I've resigned from that secret.'"

"Papa," she concluded earnestly, "you can't resign from a secret, can you?"

The mental processes of children are past finding out.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Made Him Cautious.

Mr. White—I understand, Smathers, that your church is about to go into court to sue certain delinquent worshippers for pew rent. Brudder Smathers—Yassah, only I doesn't call folks dat won't pay de Lawd der honest debtedness wuhshipas. Mr. White—What do you call them? Brudder Smathers—Ne'm mind, sah; ne'm mind what I calls 'em. I called one of 'em what I called him dis mawnin', and he knocked me in de head wid a rock.—National Monthly.

Shopping Up to Date.

"No, none of these hats suggest my personality at all. You see, I'm a great race power, adore drama, read classics in the original, sympathize with the woman's movement, travel a good deal and am intensely temperamental. The hat I want must convey all this"— satire.

Looking Forward.

Friend—Have you named the baby yet? Proud Mother—No; we must be very careful to give him a nice one, because there will be so many named after him when he becomes president.

A Father's Last Question.

A New York business man suddenly said to his daughter, "Helen, have I been a good father to you?" "Certainly you have. Why do you ask such a question?" she answered. There was no reply, and the girl, turning, saw that her father's head had fallen forward on his breast. She went to him and found that he was dead. It was only a case of heart failure, with nothing supernatural about it. Yet sometimes it seems as if Death sent a secret messenger ahead to warn the spirit of his coming, and the soul thus warned rises and awaits the Presence standing. No one could ask to die with a kindlier thought in mind than that which this man had, nor can every daughter cherish so sweet a memory.—Youth's Companion.

Megaphones in Oil.

Robert Heurt, the well known painter, was discussing in New York a very mediocre "old master" for which a Chicago promoter had paid an exorbitant sum.

"The man is content with his bargain," said Mr. Heurt. "I'm sure of that. To a millionaire of that type, you know, an 'old master' is merely a megaphone for his money to talk through."—Exchange.

Pested on Architecture.

A woman listened with intense interest to a lecture on Cologne cathedral and at the end shook the lecturer's hand and said:

"Oh, thank you, sir, for your illuminating remarks. I often wondered where our colonial architecture came from. Now, of course, I see that it comes from Cologne."—Exchange.

Advice on the Highway.

"Be a speedway," said Brother Dick-er, "but understand well how to slow up. Reason so many folks gets pitched over de fence into de briar patch er life is kaze dey dunno dat de fence is dar ontel dey hits it. So watch out whar you is an' how is you!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Transferred.

"I hope you liked the pie, Henry," ventured a young wife, casting an anxious glance at her husband, soon after dinner. "I bestowed great pains on the crust."

"I thought you did, my dear," he said, "for I've got the pains now."

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High School Notes.

Last Friday the Heptonian Literary Society held its midterm business meeting. Officers for the coming semester were nominated and other business transacted, after which a very pleasing program was presented. The society is made up of three classes of the high school and each class is taking its turn in giving the program. Last week's was given by the Seniors and very much appreciated.

County Superintendent Notson visited the high school Friday and was very much pleased over the progress being made. He made a fine talk to the assembled classes that will inspire them to better work in the future.

Although the contest given by Patterson & Son created considerable interest there were not as many compositions handed in to the judges as they would have wished.

The winners of the fountain pens are: Arthur Crawford, Senior; Walter Yeager, Junior; Henry Cohn, Sophomore and Grace VanVactor, Freshman. The winner of the pen in the Commercial department was Cecil Hale, for the best Rexall announcement.

Caterpillar Engine Arrives.

The Holt Manufacturing Co., of Walla Walla, who are the owners of the Joe Ornduff place about six miles north of Lexington, are going to try the experiment of plowing with a caterpillar engine for motor power. The outfit arrived at Lexington on Monday evening and was taken out to the farm Tuesday. It has a ten-plow attachment, and plowing by this kind of a machine will get over a lot of land, providing the soil does not prove to be too soft. The experiment is awaited with much interest by people of the neighborhood.

Land Cases Heard.

Bert C. Thomas and Paul B. Power, special agents of the government in the land office department, have been in Heppner all week, engaged in taking testimony in several protested homestead proof cases. Numerous witnesses have been examined for the purpose of convincing the government officials that the claimants were acting in good faith and making bona fide proofs on their claims. The passage of the Borah-Jones bill in congress will likely do away with a lot of the red-tape in getting title to government land by the settler, and incidentally it may also lessen the incentive to fraud as many impossible requirements now placed upon the homesteader will be eliminated.

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O. P. Hendricson departed for Albany on Tuesday and expects to remain in the Valley for a couple of months, at least, hoping that the lower altitude will restore him to health. He is somewhat improved and was able to undertake this trip without fear of any serious results.

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