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WORLD GLIMPSE.

Late last week occurred the demise of "Fighting Bob" Evans. Never before did that grizzled veteran of the seas meet a victor. Honora came worthily to him, but did not spoil the fiber of his sterling patriotism. At about the same time there occurred an unexpected and regretted death of a respected and honored foreigner, Mr. Alfred Tenneyson Dickens, son of the author of David Copperfield. He was here for the purpose of interpreting his father's works. He was sick but a few hours.

Would-be inventors are always plentiful, but the could-be ones are a very scarce article of commerce. Plenty of people there are who can make an egg stand on end after they are shown the trick. Coiners of new words are not numerous; we mean intentional coiners, but once in awhile there is a new one produced with aforethought. Miss Ella Flagg Young of the educational department of Chicago has invented three, and it yet remains for her to see if the people of American speechdom will grant her a patent. Much of our grammatical erring is found to be because there is no third person singular pronoun of the common gender. Trying to disguise the sex of a speaker one oftener than otherwise says: "I saw the person and they told me thus and so." Now Miss Young would say: "I saw the person and he'er told me thus and so." "He'er" means "he or she" and "His'er" stands for "his or her," while "Him'er" is for "him or her." See? Let's try it on a sentence, thus—"A principal should conduct his'er school that all pupils are engaged in something that is profitable to him'er, where the pupil is required to use knowledge in doing his'er task."

Or, "The man or woman who would have his'er mind best informed should have his'er friend send him'er the Evening Observer. He'er would enjoy it immensely."

The railway yards for a little while this week looked very metropolitan; there were tracks full of passenger, baggage and mail cars filling many a long siding. Here the storm-stayed passengers could find entertainment and all the comforts and delights of the season; but how monotonous must have been the storm-stuck hundreds up on the sky-line at Bacon or above the clouds at Telocasset! Did ever any crowd of mortals want to get down to earth more than they did? It could have been harder to endure were it not for the general bon hommie of the average American, Ople Reed, for example. To be sure, there was the chronic grumbler who saw everything through blue glasses, and was always

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"THAT BARNYARD RAG."
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laughed at for his noise. Yet there is the inevitable sad side to all such accidents. Funerals are delayed, telegraphic calls to the bed-sides of the sick or the dying cannot be answered in the manner desired; weddings have to wait, mails arrive too late to save the deal that the money in the registered pouch would have amply cared for; and the eternal HE became enraged because the eternal SHE did not answer his destiny-making letter, and silly HE went off and became engaged to another hasty HER and the aforementioned SHE went into hysterics for awhile and then in revenge married the first HIM who proposed. What awful wrecks a snow-bound train makes of some things!

This is the day for the young lad and for Mr. Old Timer. The lad says he never had so good a time in all his life. Mr. O. Timer thaws his snowy heels and paints the stove brown while he tells how much worse the storms were 87 years ago this month when he first came to the inimitable Grande Ronde valley. We bear patiently with both; they are alike absolutely harmless.

The high school management is doing a magnificent thing for the aesthetic training of the students in getting before them high class art and selections of the music of the masters. Copies of some of the greatest paintings of the world are there displayed, and busts of the great of our nation Prof. Stout is doing more than seeing that the books of the curriculum are studied. He, by this plan of object lessons is familiarizing all the school with the best and the greatest and unconsciously (to themselves) creating in them a knowledge of high ideals. One of the lackings of the schools heretofore has been an appreciation of the best. There is yet a tendency to the cheapest; a ten-cent pleasure forgotten soon as heard makes ten-cent people and gives them ten-cent ideals and view-points of life. Patrons of the school and friends of education and of the young would do themselves a kindness to make up social afternoon school visiting parties and look in on the students. Another feature of the "big house on the hill" is to have some successful person address the student body every Tuesday morning. This should be a popular feature for the patrons and the friends. It would help and encourage the students and be of an unexpected benefit to themselves. If these same loving parents had some blooded horses or other stock in process of training or development, not only would they be interested in the man who was caring for the animals but they would see the dumb wards pretty often. How much better are the children than the animals!

Big folks, gather up your knitting and go to school some day. Go by singles, by companies, in platoons, in files. Go and see. Who's too old to go to school?

THE COURT OF COMMERCE.

If the newly-created court of commerce does not cease in its nullifying of the acts of the interstate commerce commission, there is likely to be serious consideration given by congress to the bill which has been introduced by Senator Poindexter to abolish the court of commerce. The dissatisfaction has been confined largely to the west because the decisions of the court of commerce have affected that territory particularly, but there is a growing sentiment that the court of commerce is severely hampering the interstate commerce commission and if the sentiment continues to develop there is no doubt but that a determined effort will be made to rid the government of this department.

In introducing his bill, Senator Poindexter who is a republican insurgent, said: "With one or two exceptions, the commerce court, in every important case where the petition was filed by a railroad, has enjoined the orders of the interstate commerce commission. The Spokane case was carefully considered by the commission for years. Conclusions were tested by application to actual business before being ordered into effect. And yet the raw commerce court, without special experience, on a brief hearing, enjoins this carefully considered and thoroughly tested order."

It will be admitted that the court of commerce is not as familiar with transportation problems as the interstate commerce commission. The members of the former organization have not the training nor the experience to justify any acts that will paralyze the latter, at least until the members of the court of commerce are in a position to know more about transportation. The interstate commerce commission is a recognized power for good in the government and the people will have something to say before they allow the court of commerce to destroy the very able work that the interstate commerce commission has been doing to secure fair treatment to the railroads, shippers and general public

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The judicial training of the members of the court of commerce is not calculated to make them experts on questions of shipping rates, passenger fares and the like, and the judicial attitude they assume in disposing of some of the propositions brought before them is not convincing proof that they have reached the stage where they may override the decisions of the expert intrastate commerce commission and still obtain good results for the parties involved. To abolish the court of commerce would not deny the railroads an opportunity of appeal to the courts. They always have that right and always will.

WONDERFUL ECHOES.

Effect Produced by a Pistol Shot at a Lake in Bavaria.
Probably the finest echo which the world knows is in the cathedral at Pisa, where the leaning tower is. Sing two notes and there is no reverberation. Sing three and they are at once taken up by the walls of the edifice, sweeled, prolonged and varied till they seem as a divine harmony from some majestic organ.
There is a cavern in Finland in which, if you test your lungs to the top of their capacity, there will answer you such terrible roarings, moanings and mutterings that you will be glad to rush out in absolute terror.
The cutting down of trees in a certain locality on the Hudson river spoiled a splendid echo. A word shouted there was repeated forty-two times.
Undoubtedly the most extraordinary natural echo in the world is to be heard by the side of a small lake in Bavaria. On one hand rises a perpendicular cliff several thousand feet high, while on the other side is a dense forest. If a pistol is fired on the lake the woods send back a faint echo that gradually dies away, but presently it is heard from the cliff, continually increasing in power till it bursts over one's head like a deafening peal of thunder.—Pearson's Weekly.

MECCA THE SACRED.

A Shrine That Draws One-seventh of the Human Race.
Although one of the most inaccessible cities on earth, Mecca each year has visitors in such numbers that it must be ranked in this particular with London and New York. Even the world's metropolis on the Thames can boast no such cosmopolitan character as is imparted to this mysterious city in the wilderness of Arabia by the myriads of pilgrims who, at the cost of incredible pains, annually crowd into its confines.
This city is the oldest place of resort in existence, yet of all the millions who have visited it not a score of Christians are known to have come out alive. No flag of citizenship would save a man's life were he known to be a Christian within the sacred precincts of the city where the prophet himself decreed that no unbeliever should set foot.
Of the 225,000,000 Moslems in the world only 15,500,000 live under the Turkish flag, yet most of them acknowledge the sultan of Turkey as their caliph, the successor of the prophet. As Mohammed shrewdly foresaw, the Mecca pilgrimage binds together his disciples into a unity which could be effected in no other way.
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