TOPICS OF THE TIMES. | scaffold was a short one. Primarily the blame rests with the parents. Had SPOKANE NORTH YAKIMA IDAHO ADVERTISING

Commente and Criticisme Based Open the Happenings of the Day-Histori-cel and News Notes.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER-

ESTING ITEMS.

A Brooklyn church, yearning for peace on earth, has abolished the choir.

The weight of expert opinion seems to be that spelling correctly is a gift, the same as spelibinding.

stones at one another there is sure to be a great shattering of glass.

We often hear of a middle-aged man, but never of a middle-aged woman. A woman is either young or old. George Kennan is bearing up un-

der the repeated misfortunes of the Russians as well as could be expected.

The man who thinks a good deal of his wife should not attempt to conceal assertions and others like them which his thoughts when he is alone with her.

A New York man is learning to talk without a tongue. This is new; but many people have learned to talk without brains.

Andrew Carnegie has now given away more than \$100,000,000. Hurrah for Andy. May he not stop till he makes it a billion.

It is comparatively easy to discover the germ that produces disease. The real trick is to prevent the germ from discovering his victim.

An excited doctor has run a pin through the mump microbe. It will be a great triumph when they coral the stone bruise microbe.

Many a candidate who thinks he hears the voice of the people calling to him, discovers later on that he has responded to a false alarm.

Sir Charles Dilke will now be voted the loveliest man in all England. He has come out flat-footed for the admission of women to parliament.

Another trained nurse has married a millionaire patient. The training of ourses in some quarters seems to be a comprehensive sort of tuteinge.

A great many people devote their best thoughts and energies to bringing prison reforms who never give a thought to the man that never did anything to merit imprisonment,

The geological discovery that the western mines of the United States can produce unlimited quantities of radium follows closely upon the heels with impunity the boy enjoys no such of the discovery that radium is not good for anything.

America has begun to set the styles of the world in wearing apparel, as well as in freedom. An English shoe manufacturer with branch stores in many large European cities is making came down upon him with the comshoes on the American model because customers demand them.

they given him a fair chance he could then blame himself for his wrongdoing. His father and mother sent him to the gallows. The lesson of his misspent life is for parents: Begin the education of your boy before he is born-with yourself. During a discussion at the Chicago Woman's Club Professor Arnold Tompkins of the Chicago Normal School said: "A man should dress well-so should a woman-but not too well; he Cascade Steam Laundry When trust magnates begin shying should write well, but not too well, and he should spell, but not too well. The press recently criticised high school pupils because they were poor spellers. It was the highest compliment ever paid to them, because it

portant things in education than good

say, of little difference of opinion

among persons of experience in the

world's work. It is a fair conclusion

also that where slovenliness is encour-

aged in one branch of study its influ-

ence is likely to be felt in others, and

if there are occasionally instances from

which it appears that poor spelling and

broad general culture are not incom-

patible they are to be taken as curl-

ous exceptions. Furthermore, when

we are informed that there are more

important things in education than

good spelling we are entitled to a bill

of particulars; also to proof that inac-

dence of devotion to the more impor-

nent. When a gentleman defended his

pronunciation of Alexandria with the

accent upon the "I" by an appeal to

the authority of Richard Bentley, Parr

ment that he (Parr) and Bentley

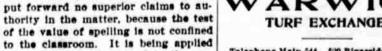
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proved they were in better business." Another speaker indorsed this notion SPOKANE by declaring that there were more im-

spelling, and that the time was coming when the poor speller would no longer be considered illiterate. From these

proceed from the mouths of school teachers we may infer that a contempt Wolverton Block, cor. Riverside and Mill. for spelling is being rather assiduous-

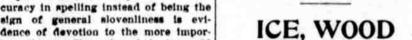
ly cultivated by a considerable number of our modern educators, and the SPOKANE, . . WASH. question arises whether they are not THE inviting contempt for themselves. It is to be noted, moreover, that they can



every day in business and in the professions. The high school boy who is assured by Professor Tompkins that the censure of his errors in spelling is in fact a compliment may find that

the more he justifies such compliments the more difficult it will be for him Always in the lead in the matter of lunch to secure the favorable attention of ons, short orders and wet goods. those upon whom he depends for employment. That is a phase of the sub-ject that is of very great practical im- SPOKANE DRUG portance, and that admits, we should

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tant things. Upon the whole, it would seem that the high school boy is getting slops when he needs discipline, and if a professor may defy the rules privilege. In this connection a story that is told of Dr. Parr, an eminent 120 Madison Street, English scholar and educator, is perti-





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Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews says that the President's race suicide theory is a good one but that it can be overworked. Dr. Andrews says that ten children is too many. A few more bits of wise advice and the American people may yet learn how to regulate their family affairs.

Public opinion has turned against lynching so steadily of late that the action of the Colorado sheriff who, single-handed, stood off a mob at the point of his pistol represents a popular new fashion in officers of the law. A few more such instances of determined official fidelity and courage will greatly help to cure the lynching babit.

The frequency of the remarks that Russia and Japan will get rich out of their war shows the long life of a popular misconception. Countries at war get poorer with startling rapidity. War does three things which make a nation look prosperous: It makes a scarcity of labor; it taxes the future for an indefinite period and spends the tax money at once in lavish sums; and it enables a handful of cap-Italists to reap vast fortunes out of the profuse expenditure of money, This true statement of the case cannot too early be mastered.

Verestchagin, the Russian painter who has devoted his life to depicting the horrors of war, with the intention of abolishing the cruel curse of the ages, was on board the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk. He died in carrying out the cause to which his art was dedicated-the securing of peace to the world. He was only in the military camps and upon the murderous engines of sea battle to study realities so as to present to the world the scenes inseparable from war. It was his hope that, when the nations saw what they were fostering in the military spirit, they would revolt from it and bring about a new reign of peace on earth, good will to men. The war canvases of Verestchagin have been forbidden the galleries of Russia and of Germany by more than one decree. They were feared for the effect they would have upon the masses.

George Collins, a young man, was hanged in St. Louis recently. A few hours before his execution he said in an interview with a newspaper reporter: "My parents never gave me a show." Nor did he say this because of pique, nor to justify himself. As revealed by his life's history what he said was true. The boy did not get a fair chance at life. In fact his parents gave him no chance at all. His father and mother were unfit for parenthood. They allowed their son to grow up in the streets. There was no home athaosphere nor influence nor training. The only training was in the direction of evil. Very early in life young Collins came into conflict with the police. They pronounced him a bad lot and finally had him sent to "the reform school. In this school Collins simply took a post graduate in vice. After thus fitting himself for a criminal career he was released to prey upon society. The road to the

but that the gentleman had better stick to the ordinary usage. So Dr. Tompkins may spell as he pleases, but Factory S. 207 to 213 Washington Street he ought to refrain from making a laughing stock of his pupils.

******* A COMIC TTAGEDY.

John Banvard, who afterward be B. came famous as the painter of a great panorama of Mississippi scenery, set out in his boyhood, in the early thirties, to travel down the "Great Water" in a flatboat with a number of companions. They built their boat on the Wabash, and were to pay their way by exhibiting dioramic views in the cabin at landings. Unfortunately the candle-lights were not then shin ing through the sycamores along the SPOKANE, - - WASH. Wabash, and before the adventurers reached a settled region they ran out of provisions. In the woods they could find nothing but papaws, luscious at first, but quickly cloying. For two days, wrote the sixteenyear-old Banyard, we had nothing whatever to eat but those awful papaws. The very sight or memory of one made me shudder. Then, on a joyful sunny afternoon, we approached Shawneetown, Ill., on the Ohio river, where we were advertised to exhibit. As we came in we could see on the bank a crowd of the people. Some carried chickens, some eggs. some 508 Riverside Ave. Spokane, Wash. yams, some potatoes, some "side-meat" (bacon) and some corn meal. Our dinner was in sight, for all those things were intended as payment for admission at the door, and all were "good." Our stomachs hungered and our mouths watered for the feast; but alas!

we were too eager. Working our boat toward land, we ran upon a reef and stuck fast. Every effort to set us free failed. Darkness came on, and before our eyes our "house" disbanded and went home, carrying our supper with it.

Discouraged and forlorn, we turned to our bag of papaws for what consolution we could find, then went to sleep. In the night we floated free, and at daylight were in the woods again, eight miles below those luscious provisions. That was one of the most wful tragedies of my life.

Advice to Toast-Givers.

The toast is really a short address. Here, more than ever, brevity is the Curtains, Portiers, Window Shades golden rule, says Benjamin A. Heydrick in the Chautauquan. One other suggestion may be helpful; in giving a toast, be yourself. Don't try to give a toast like this humorist or that master of epigram; give your own kind of speech. But you reply: "I'm not a wit, I'm just a plain person, without any brilliancy at all, and I don't see why they put me down for this toast anyway?" Well, the people who put you on knew you were not brilliant, and do not expect brilliancy from you. And it is much better to appear as a plain Is person who is making a plain speech than as a plain person who is trying to be brilliant and not succeeding.

Some mothers save slipper soles and spoil children.