

FROST ON THE PUNKIN.

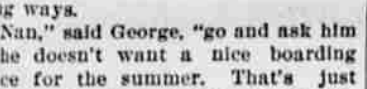
When the frost is on the punkin and the folder's in the shock...

AN'S KINDERGARTEN

Every I was thankful I am this minute," said Nan Gray, as she threw herself in an easy chair on the piazza.

GEN. CIPRIANO CASTRO.

Who Has Fought His Way to the Presidency of Venezuela?



GEN. CASTRO.

Counting the People by Machinery. Our first census, made in 1795, showed the population of the United States to be five million...

Sorry He Said It.

There are so many things in this wicked world we would rather not have said. Mean things, spiteful things, unfeeling things, reckless things...

Look Him at His Word.

"That's one of them agents what sells clocks on a credit wants to see you right off," said the new farm hand.

Australian Railroad Fares.

The railroads of Australia have never discovered that it is possible to take up tickets on the train, hence the passengers are locked in the cars to prevent any of them from stealing a ride...

ABOLISHING THE GRADE CROSSING

THIS is the story of how Chicago dealt with grade crossings, mainly condensed from the Chronicle. Fifteen years ago Chicago was intersected in every direction and at all possible angles with railroad tracks.



ENGLEWOOD AND WENTWORTH AVENUES.

The roads do not deny that if the thing could be done it would be a valuable thing for both sides, but the roads also declined to consider the proposition in any guise.



ILLINOIS CENTRAL AT 55TH STREET.

It was discovered to the deep disgust of the companies that they could be forced to alter any grade named and also be forced to foot the bill.



WEST LAKE AND ROCKWELL STREETS.

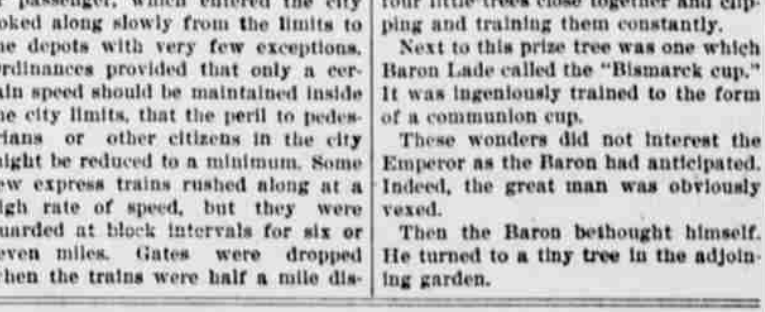
The city sent warning after warning and even threatened to begin the work itself. Then the last legal act of the fight was commenced; injunctions were applied for.

Under the administration of the elder Harrison a determined effort was made to get at the matter in a businesslike manner. The roads at first merely laughed at the idea as a visionary plan utterly impossible of accom-

plishment. They held that neither they nor the city could afford the expense even if they could stand the interruption to their ordinary business while their tracks were being elevated.

Not an inch of track has been established according to the new grade without a persistent fight in which all the skill, foresight and acumen of the companies has been expended.

Seven years ago every train, freight or passenger, which entered the city poked along slowly from the limits to the depots with very few exceptions. Ordinances provided that only a certain speed should be maintained inside the city limits, that the peril to pedestrians or other citizens in the city might be reduced to a minimum.



SUBWAY, 53TH ST. BOUL. UNDER P. F. W. & C. RAILWAY.

But here, your majesty," he said, with unctious, "is a tree that will eclipse these and all others. I have called it 'Wilhelm der Grosse.' Your majesty can see that the letters are already partly formed."

SMALLEST REPUBLIC.

Two and a Half Square Miles, with a Population of Sixty. The smallest republic in the world is that of Tavolara, an island about five miles long, with an average width of a little more than half a mile.

This beginning inspired the people and authorities with reason to feel that the grade crossing would have to go. It also taught the railroad companies that all they could do would be to fight for time; they must all get in the bandwagon in the end.

In 1893 a change in plan was inaugurated. It was decided to go at the roads in detail, taking one or two at a time, drawing up ordinances on engineering schemes agreed upon between the city engineer and the experts of the roads.

ADULTERATE IT THEMSELVES.

A process has been invented and patented in Brazil for preparing coffee in tabloids by a system of compression. It is argued that not only will there be less expense in exporting coffee in this form, but that the customer will be more certain of thus receiving for his use the pure, unadulterated article.

YOUR DOG SEEMS TO FOLLOW YOU WITHOUT ORDERS.

"Your dog seems to follow you without orders." "Yes, he wouldn't take any orders from me. He's been in the family long enough to know the real boss."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SMOKELESS POWDER COSTLY.

Half a Million Dollars' Worth Proved to Be Worthless.

The vastly increased expense of a military establishment under the more scientific methods now employed is sharply illustrated in the discovery that about half a million dollars' worth of smokeless powder for seacoast guns turned out to be worthless, through an unexpected deterioration in its quality.

REVIVES A SCANDAL.

Wedding Brings to Memory an Affair Such as Often Stirs Army Circles.



Second Lieutenant Frank E. Bamford, of the Fifth Infantry to Mrs. Mae O'Brien, widow of the late Lieut. Michael J. O'Brien, of the same regiment.

The scandal occurred at Fort McPherson, Ga., early in 1897. Lieut. Bamford, while engaged to marry Miss Nina Romeyn, daughter of Capt. Henry Romeyn, of the Fifth Infantry, paid such marked attention to Mrs. O'Brien that the betrothal was summarily broken by Capt. Romeyn.

AN ENDLESS CHAIN.

Some weeks ago a gentleman left a small package at the home of a young lady upon whom he was making his first call. He wrote him a note telling her he had left it. He wrote her one telling her he was still there, and that she might appropriate it to her own use.

BIG BEN'S TONE.

Whatever complaints may be made against the tone of Big Ben, the famous London clock, and musicians say it is a terribly bad "E." at any rate, every one will acknowledge that the clock in the House of Commons tower is a wonderful timekeeper, not varying a second in time all the year through.

TIMOTHY'S MISTAKE.

Timothy Knockdown, the auctioneer, took his wife for a seaside trip to Margate.

THE SECRET OF GOOD LOOKS IS OFTEN A GOOD STOMACH.

On the second day of their visit Mr. K. evinced a strong desire to return home. "And pray for what reason, Timothy?" angrily inquired his better half.