

Spanish Influence on Language of the West

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fact that New Orleans was formerly occupied by both the Spanish and the French.

The Green Mountains are inseparably associated with Ethan Allen and other distinctly American patriots and yet the extent of French influence in that section is indicated by the fact that those mountains have given their name to Vermont under a French form.

Pittsburg although of peculiarly English derivation, reminds us of its original name Fort Dukess and of

Braddock's defeat, while Nova Scotia recalls its ancient French name Acadia and the tragedy of Evangeline.

The French-Canadian trappers roamed extensively over the great west and French words peculiarly characteristic of this region have become incorporated into our language, such as prairie, butte, coulee, cascade and alkali, which have a distinct local flavor, while the habits of those couriers are suggested by such words as trail, portage and cache.

The original names of many Indian tribes have been superseded by such French designations as Coeur

cause one of the first parties of Americans in this section were drowned at those falls in the Snake river.

The advent of Americans into this region was the result of the great tide of Anglo-Saxon civilization which has spread over the area once occupied by the French and these names and words of French origin so widely scattered over the country are but flotsam and jetsam of the tide which preceded it.—Reproduced from the Oregon Historical Society Quarterly.

Must Do Farm Work.
The O. A. C. School of Agriculture announces that in order to receive degrees in agriculture all students will be required to have had experience in the work in which they are majoring. This experience may have been secured either before entering upon the course or during its progress by working during college vacations in conformity with this ruling a large number of students of agriculture have spent the present summer in working on farms, either in horticulture, field crops, animal husbandry or dairying.

The oat yield of the western mountain farm country is reported to have been heavy this season, most of the land averaging from 50 to 60 bushels to the acre.



A Very Busy Bucker at The Round-Up

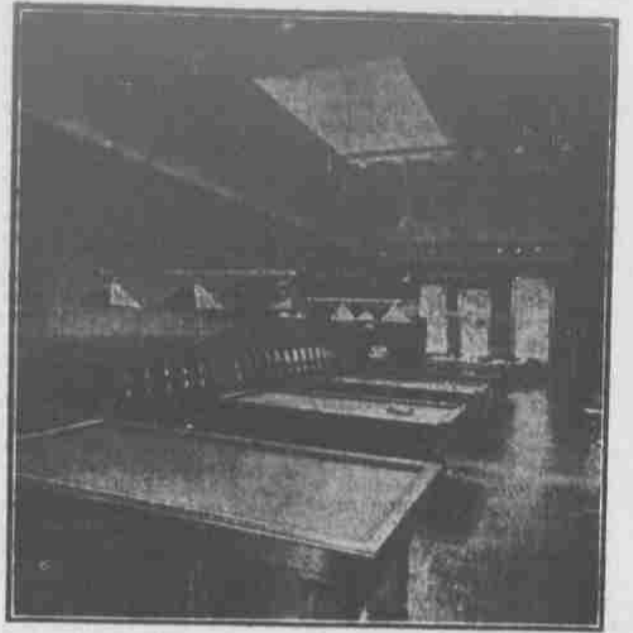
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D'Alens, Nez Perce and Pend d'Oreille while the French spelling for Spokane and Willamette is the cause of amusing blunders by many a tenderfoot from the effete East.

It sometimes happens that a borrowed umbrella is not returned until the original owner is able to recognize its identity with difficulty, and the same appears to be the case with our English word "free-booter," so associated with the ancient buccannars of the Spanish main, because as the result of French spelling and French pronunciation it has returned to us under the form of filibuster so altered that even its mother tongue can scarcely recognize it.

This however has been doubly re-vengeful by the Indians who have committed similar atrocities upon two French words, their attempt to pronounce the French word for English to designate the first white settlers in Massachusetts having resulted in Yankee, which would appear to indicate that the red men are not adepts in regard to correct French pronunciation, which is also illustrated by their having adopted Siwash as the Indian-French for savage, which they doubtless regarded as a very honorable designation.

American Falls in Idaho might appear so distinctively patriotic as to preclude any possibility of French influence, and yet it originated in the early days when practically the only white men in this region were French-Canadian trappers and was given be-

Bertha Blancett, Was Almost Champion Cowboy

By one of the ironies of fate a cowgirl, none other than Bertha Blancett, champion woman rider of bucking horses in the world, almost won the gold belt offered for the champion all-around cowboy last year by the Police Gazette. After leading her in sight of the trophy which is coveted by all cowboys, this ironical fate in a single moment put it out of her reach.

On the last lap of the last day of the three day cowgirls' relay race, she lost her chance. Her horse bolted over the track fence and, before she could put him back in the race, she had been relegated from second to third place, thereby losing seven points. As it was, Sammy Garrett won the belt by a margin of only three points. Mrs. Blancett had won the cowgirls' bucking contest and took points in the standing cowgirl race, besides in the relay race.

When the belt was put up as a trophy, no one ever thought that a woman would be a formidable rival for it. But the cowboys forget that this is a suffragette age and that a woman is a factor to be figured in any race. Unless the cowboys look to their honors this year, Bertha will be wearing the still more handsome all-around championship belt which has been put up this year.

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