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GENERAL EASTERN NEWS.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Railroad Blockade Ended.
ST. PAUL, April 8.—The St. Paul and Sioux city branch of the Chicago and St. Paul railroad, was opened at noon to-day through to Sioux city, having been blockaded since February 3d, and this afternoon trains were able to run clear through. Large amounts of freights have accumulated.

Desperado Killed.
JACKSON, Mich., April 8.—A desperado named Lynch, in the penitentiary, knocked down the keeper and with three fellow-prisoners attempted to escape. He was shot three times, by the guard who discovered him, and killed. The rest made little resistance.

The Dead-Lock.
WASHINGTON, April 8.—Democrats and republicans alike declare that they don't intend to abandon their position in the senate. Two hundred and sixty-five nominations await action, and five treaties. It is stated that there is some probability that the republicans will go into executive session to confirm the most important nominations some time next week, but should an attempt be made to select certain men for confirmation the democrats would probably resist and insist upon taking nominations in their proper order.

John Brown's Widow.
NEW YORK, April 8.—The widow of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, is in Washington seeking government position. A Boston special to-day says that a subscription has been opened in her behalf at the office of ex-Senator Brooks.

Significant Straws.
Standard St.

About twenty-five or thirty men came down from Olympia yesterday en route to the Yakima river region to engage in driving logs on that river to provide timber, ties, etc., in aid of the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad in the direction of the sound. They were engaged in this occupation last year, and expected to renew their contracts this season. Gen. Sprague met them in this city and sent them back, informing them that the company will do no driving on the Yakima this year. Several indications point to the fact that the present managers of the Northern Pacific railroad are not so confident of winning in their present contest with so powerful an antagonist as Villard. A gentleman of intelligence from Tenino informs us that the people of his section have little hope of a western terminus of the Northern Pacific railroad at the sound, at present at least. In its Wall street gossip, the New York World of the 22d has the following to say on the subject: "The Northern Pacific project of issuing the remaining \$18,000,000 has a very strong flavor of speculation about it. A very large short interest has been cultivated recently in these stocks and the impression now is that it was this unissued stock that was being sold, and that this issue comes in very handy to save those who had sold short. The stock went off when it became generally known that this block had been added to the stock, which at its best will not be able to represent a paying road for more than a small part of the year."

Statistics recently submitted before the commercial club of Boston show that the value of the manufactured products annually turned out by Massachusetts is \$600,000,000, against \$100,000,000 of all other productions of that state.

Word Building.

One among the many neatly printed and very interesting pamphlets which we found upon our table for review when we returned to our sanctum last Sunday, is a report of the fifth annual meeting of the Washington Territorial Teachers Institute, convened in Seattle August 17th, 1880. The first thing to attract the attention is the elegance of the work, a fine sample of the Art Preservative, from the office of Mr. J. E. Clark, Olympia, secretary of the Institute. The pamphlet contains one hundred pages, literally crum full of sensible ideas, valuable to the fraternity of teachers. We regret that we have room for an extract only from the address of Mr. R. C. Kerr, of Port Townsend, upon the subject: Word Building.

One of the most magnificent edifices on this continent is Girard's college, in Philadelphia, built entirely of white marble; its snowy walls, its massive columns, its marble stairway, its roof of stone and glass, make it a perfect model of architectural beauty and usefulness. Suppose now that the professors there, whenever they wanted anything in the college, instead of going in by the doorway, should pull a block or two of marble out of the wall, and go in that way—and keep doing this all their lives—would you not say that they acted foolishly? Well this is just the way we get our knowledge of the English language, under the present system of instruction. Webster and other lexicographers have built a magnificent structure out of the English language, and every time we want a new word, we tear the whole side out of that grand building just to see how it is spelled and defined.

The broad open gateway into this palace is the knowledge of the radical or root words; but we unwisely persist in trying to climb in some other way. To give an illustration of our subject, we will take some words in common use; take the word heart. The ancients believed that the heart was the seat of sense and reason; and it may be for what we know—it acts queerly sometimes. Well, the Latin name for heart is *cor*, or *cordis*. *Ac* means to, *con*, together; *dis*, separate; *re*, again. Hence

Ac cordis, yielding the heart to agreement; *dis* cordis, hearts together; unity, or harmony; *re* cordis, hearts separate; disagreement; *re* cordis, to put upon the heart again; to re-member.

There are many other words from the same root, as according, concordance, discordant, recorder, courageous, etc., etc., but these are enough for the illustration. After you have learned the root, you will always know this word in its different dresses, wherever you meet it. Have your pupils learn words in this manner; let them define, or give synonyms for the words, and write sentences with these words in them, and they will soon become very proficient in the English language. But perhaps some of the pupils may think these words too hard for them; then let us take up an easier word. Call up one of your pupils, Johnny—you will have four or five Johns in your school-room—and tell him to write his name upon the black-board. Then define it for him; tell him that John means "the gracious gift of God." Now let us see how many words we can form out of this word John. Find how it is spelled and pronounced in the different languages.

English—John. Spanish—Juan. Danish—Jan. Welch—Evan, Owen. German—Hans. French—Jean, Zhan. Russian—Ivan. Italian—Giovanna. Me in Scotch and ap in Welch is equivalent to son in English. Ville is from the French and means a town. Kin means little.

John's son—Johnson—the son of John. Johnstown—where the Johns live. Little John—a small man named John. Johnny—diminutive of John. St. John—a good or holy John. Jack—diminutive of John. Jack's son—Jackson—the son of Jack. Jacksonville—where the Johns live. John kin, or Junkin—a little John. Jenkins—a little John. Jenkinson, Jenkinson—the son of John. McJohn—son of John. Jon or Jones—old way of saying John. Jonesville—where the Johns live. Evan—John. Evanson—John's son. Evansville—where the Johns live. Ap Evans—Evenson—the son of John. McOwen—McGowan—John's son. San Juan—St. John.

There can be as many words formed out of Hans, Jan, Ivan, Juan, etc. By this time the boy begins to think there is no end to the words made out of his little name. Now have we any

little girls named John! They will think not; but really we have some little girls called John, only we do not pronounce it in that way. Jane, Joan, Joanna, Jean, Jeanno, Jennie, and Jeannette, are all feminine forms for John, and mean "the gracious gift of God." We have many Johns among the girls. There are many phrases in the English language derived from John; such as, Jack in boots, Jack at all trades, Jack-o'-Lantern, Jack in a box, and many others.

Now, the other words of the English language are like these: many words are formed from the same root. Whenever the pupil has learned this root, or radical, he has learned all the words built or formed out of this root. These radicals are the key that unlocks to us this magnificent structure called the English language. As there are only about one thousand of these radicals, and as it is much easier to remember one thousand words than it is to recollect one hundred and fourteen thousand words, this must be the easiest, the shortest, and the best way of learning the English language.

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