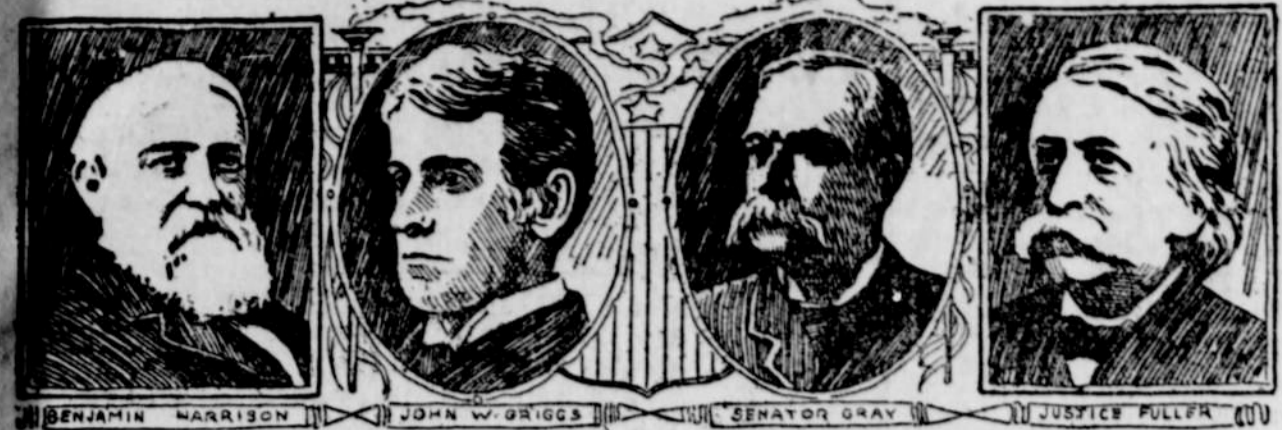


THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF ARBITRATION.



Benjamin Harrison, Melville W. Fuller, John W. Griggs and George Gray, the gentlemen named by the President as the members of the American International Board of Arbitration, are not only eminent citizens of the United States, but are peculiarly competent for the important work they will have to do should the peace conference at the Hague produce more than theoretical results, says a Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald.

SONG.

The sunlight on the hill, dear, The black storm on the plain, Be these as Fate shall will, dear— For sunlight or for rain. This thought alone can thrill, dear: "We shall not meet again!"

ABOUT A MINX.

MISS BETTY MAYNE had been back in Lindenthorpe for a week, and for a week Lindenthorpe had been shocked. Miss Mayne had been home for the sea and the sea-bored homesick, left behind when her aunt carried her up to London years before, and friendliness was in her heart toward them. Instead of receiving the same, she had been met with envy and jealousy and all uncharitableness.

shore, "Is that Miss Griggs over there?" He followed the direction of her finger and saw that most of the congregation were assembled in groups about the shore. "This indeed," he groaned, "an Mrs. Griffin and I whole Sunday school watching us. I think that we should be getting back."

"Don't let me keep you," she said. "It is not keeping me. 'Tis only—" he looked about him for an excuse. "Zip me! 'T is—"

"What do you mean?" "I see you!" said Mr. Attenborough. "It's come up—"

WILHELMINA'S WOOING. How the Queen of Holland Met and Won Her Prince.

Some interesting particulars of Queen Wilhelmina's courtship and betrothal are supplied by the Paris correspondent of the London News. Although the Queen of the Netherlands made the acquaintance of the Grand Ducal family at Cannes, she did not, it appears, see her betrothed till she went last year to Berlin.

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HAD CHANGE READY FOR THE LARGE BILL.

Mild-Mannered Passenger Who Had Presented the \$10 Note to Many Times Finds It Accepted at Last—The Unlooked-for Sequel.

The pet aversion of the average street car conductor is the man or woman who gets into his car with "nothing smaller" than a \$5 or \$10 bill. Usually he can't change it without depriving himself of the small coins needed in his business.

Finally the fat conductor fixed up a plan to defeat the man. "I'm going to take \$10 worth of pennies with me from now till he gets on my car," he told the other conductors.

MAN EATERS OF PATAGONIA. Peril of a Ship's Crew from the Big Cannibals of South America.

The British steamer Westhall is at Pigeon Point, on the Delaware River, discharging a cargo of nitrate of soda from Liqueur, on the west coast of South America, says the Philadelphia North American.

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An Inventor. A New York man has turned out his 127th patented invention, consisting of a finger-ring that cuts twine and erases marks on a package.

Some men are brave in great dangers and cowards in little ones.

CUBAN CENSUS REPORTED.

Interesting Review Recently Published by United States Bureau.

It is doubtful whether so complete a census was ever taken in Cuba as that which constituted the first official act of this government. The American flag had no sooner been raised over Havana than preparation for the taking of the census began.

One of the first acts which impressed the Cubans with the sincerity of this country's promises was the appointment of Cubans for this first work to be undertaken. It was a natural and correct supposition that the Cubans could conduct the census taking with better success than could foreigners.

Mark Twain lays great stress on the pause just before the point, in the use of which he regards Artemus Ward and James Whitcomb Riley as the greatest adepts. For instance, Artemus Ward would say, eagerly, excitedly: "Once knew a man in New Zealand who hadn't a tooth in his head"—here his attention would die out; a silent, reflective pause would follow, then he would say, dreamily, and as if to himself: "and yet that man could beat a drum better than any man I ever knew."

Embassador Choate was recently the guest of Canon Scott, the rector of Lavenham, Suffolk, which boasts one of the finest and oldest parish churches in England. While going over to the church, Mr. Choate was much struck by its beauty, and, American fashion, kept asking his host the age of this and the other thing.

That night when the fat conductor had turned in his money and report he assembled his expectant colleagues in the power house and began: "I done it good to the old guy with the ten-spot! Didn't do a thing but unload the pennies on him and done it before a whole carload o' passengers! Maybe they don't give him the laugh! I'll bet he don't spring no more big b—"

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Verbs from Proper Names. We say "to mesmerize," "to galvanize," "to gullitone," "to macadamize," "to gerrymander," "to merchandise," a verb of recent invention.

Relics of Irish Lake Dwellers. An interesting relic of the lake dwellers of Ireland has just been added to the Science and Art Museum of Dublin in the form of a crannog, or elevated dwelling.

Co-operative Railways in Australia. Victoria, Australia, has built seven local railways on the co-operative principle.

Gigantic Pocketbooks. The Swedes and Norwegians carry their loose cash in immense pocketbooks; some of these have been in use for two or three generations.

Canada's Increasing Exports. The exports of butter, cheese, eggs, bacon, hams, mutton, pork, apples, oat, peas, wheat, flour and potatoes to Great Britain from Canada has more than doubled since 1896.