

**HOW TO PRONOUNCE.**

**Aeronaut.** Pronounced a-er-o-naut, the first being the strongly accented syllable.

**Again.** Not agane, but agen. The usual sound of the diphthong ai is that of long a. The principle exceptions are in said, saith, again and against, where it has the sound of short e.

**Aggrandize.** The first syllable, ag, is the strongly accented syllable, not the second. In the word aggrandizement, however, it is better to accent the second syllable, yet there is some authority for accenting the first.

**Agriculturist.** Not agricultu-ral-ist.

**Albino.** The i here should be pronounced like i and not like e.

**Albumen.** The second syllable receives the accent, not the first.

**Alcoran.** The first syllable, al, receives the accent, and is pronounced like "al" in alum.

**Algebraist.** The later editions of both Webster's and Worcester's dictionaries put the accent on the first syllable of this word.

**Alias.** The first syllable, a, receives the principal accent.

**Alien.** A word of two syllables only. It is pronounced ale-yen, not a-li-en.

**Allegiance.** The best usage makes this a word of only three syllables.

**Allopathy.** This word is divided thus: al-top-a-ty, and the second is the strongly accented syllable. Allopathist is divided and accented in like manner.

**Allude.** Care should be taken to make the u of this word a clear u.

**Ally.** This word and its plural, allies, are accented on the second syllable.

**Almond.** The l is silent.

**Alms.** The l is silent, and the a has its broad sound as in father.

**Altercation.** The first syllable here is pronounced like al, in alum. The first syllables of alternate and of alternative are pronounced in like manner.

**Alveolar.** The first syllable receives the accent, the third syllable, o, being barely touched.

**Always.** This word should be pronounced as it is spelled, and not al-wus.

**Ameliorate.** This is a word of four, and not of five syllables, a-meel-yo-rate.

**Amenable.** The second syllable is me, not men.

**Anchovy.** The second syllable, which is cho, receives the accent.

**Ancient.** The first syllable is pronounced ane, not an.

**Andiron.** The last syllable is pronounced urn, not ron.

**Angel.** The second syllable of this word is jel, not jul. —N. F. Voice.

**THE TOBACCO TAX.**

There is neither justice nor good politics in the suggestion that the democrats of the House pass the Cowles Bill repealing the tobacco taxes in order to "reduce the surplus revenue and relieve the public finances."

If a mere surrender of revenue be the object it would be far better to abolish entirely the duty on sugar. This is an article of universal necessity, which would be cheapened to consumers—representing every family in the land—by a repeal of the tax. Tobacco is not used by one quarter of the population—counting women and children—and is a luxury or a vicious indulgence, according as you look at it. The main revenue from the internal tobacco tax is derived from licenses to manufacturers, dealers and peddlers. The repeal of these taxes, including that of eight cents a pound on the leaf, would not cheapen tobacco to any consumers. Even the high appeal for a "free chaw" would not be realized. The tax is too small to affect the price of a plug or a package.

To repeal the small remnant of taxation upon tobacco, while leaving untouched the war taxes on the food, fuel, clothing and shelter of the people and on the essentials of manufactures, would be had political economy, rank injustice, and therefore an anti-democratic policy. As part of a necessary compromise the repeal of the tobacco tax may be justified. As an independent measure it cannot be.

The Astrologers of the Emperor of China's Court, seventy-eight in number, have made the weird discovery that the recent fire in the Imperial Palace at Peking was an evil omen, intended as a warning against the inroads of Western inventions. The Emperor has therefore prohibited the further extension of the Tientsin railway. Not since the days when, as Charles Lamb relates, the Chinese roasted pigs by burning private houses has the Celestial mind formulated anything in the line of undesigned humor so funny as the Emperor's decree.

The richest man, probably, in the British house of commons is Mr. Isaac Holden, member for the Kelghley division of Yorkshire. He made his money by inventing improved wool-carding machinery, and his income is about \$1,000,000 a year. He is two years older than Mr. Gladstone and quite as active.

A wooden coffin has been discovered in the crypt of the parish church of Linares in Spain bearing the following strange inscription: "Herein lies the pretended corpse of Francisco Pizarro." It was found to contain a corpse which had been carefully "mummified," and which was clothed in a garment of violet cloth. The countenance is said to be remarkably like the portraits of Pizarro and it has a pointed beard like his. One of the hands was detached and lay near the body, while the hand reposed upon the breast.

By the death of Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria, the brother of the Emperor, Archduke Karl Ludwig, becomes the heir to the throne. The late Crown Prince was not distinguished for much, although he essayed literature and was something of a huntsman. His domestic infelicities prevented him from attaining popularity with his people.

**STATE LEGISLATURE.**

Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The reading of bills and reports of committees was the principal business. The governor's veto of the Portland water bill was read. Dawson's firemen's bill passed the senate and was read first time in house, also Looney's vagrancy bill. In the house the report on Geer's Chinese pheasant bill was adopted. Among new bills were, for mining bureau, taxing church property, increasing power of railroad commissioners, several personal bills and some more wagon road appropriation bills.

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