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Weather Forecast. For Northern California: Partly cloudy Tuesday; light northerly winds.

AN OLD FAD REVIVED.

The spelling reform agitation has been revived, and for some months now we may expect to hear from educators and philologists all down the line, while the educational journals will overflow with essays on the subject.

When the reform is achieved it will be found to have resulted from slow growth, from a gradual change and at first an almost imperceptible one.

There is no doubt, as "Self Culture" well puts it, that if the question "what do you consider the greatest defect of the English language?" was put to a thousand impartial students—and no one can be so impartial as a foreigner learning our language—nine hundred and ninety-nine would answer "the spelling."

It is pointed out also, and with much pertinency, that the intricate and unreasonable spelling of English fosters alien exclusiveness and tendencies among a great part of the immigrant population we receive.

Yet the English language has characteristics which, were its spelling absurdities eliminated, would make it the most desirable of tongues, and one of the most attractive, since it is terse, precise, easy of arrangement and exceedingly expressive.

However, without being led into debate of the details of suggested reforms, we wish to repeat what was said in the outset, that the reform of English spelling is to come about through slow growth.

But the changes in the alphabet will be slight and consist of combinations and modifications without any actual rejections, and these changes will be such only as are necessary to give more common sounds representatives of higher value than those characters now loaded, under the banner of a single design, with numerous and confusing sounds.

The proceedings inaugurated by several counties to recover from the State the percentages heretofore allowed for the collection of the State's share of public taxes, are ill advised and the suits should be discontinued.

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her expenditure upon the line of revenue to be produced by certain taxation, not contemplating such return as is sued for, will assuredly be compelled to recoup from the counties to make up whatever is drawn from the State treasury by reason of the suits referred to. The result will be that the taxpayers will have to bear an added burden, since the percentage to be paid attorneys for recovering the money from the State will be dead outlay and loss.

There are at this time 100,000 cases of la grippe in New York City, and the Board of Health believes that a startlingly large percentage of the patients will die of the epidemic. Yet there has been no intense excitement in the country because of such a terrible threat of death from a single disease in a single locality.

There is another naval constructor in the service of the United States whose name is rarely mentioned, but who has been even more successful than Lieutenant Hobson in raising and putting into service Spanish ships sunk by our navy.

Lieutenant Hobson has telegraphed to a Milwaukee paper, sharply denying the stories about his "kissing beg." He says the facts have been "utterly exaggerated"; that they have occasioned him infinite pain and chagrin; that the facts are that some little school-children who desired to kiss him were permitted to do so; that he saluted a few female relatives who are very close to him; that, on seeing this, a large number of bold women did press upon him and seek to salute him with their lips; that he resisted to the full extent that he could without being ungentlemanly and rude, or making a scene; that he himself arranged so that there could be no repetition of such attempts at Denver.

Mayor Phelan of San Francisco has published a column statement in behalf of the Lieutenant, in which he exonerates him from impropriety, and charges that whatever of immodesty there has been was due to the bold persistence of certain women in public assemblies, who placed the young man in a most delicate and inextricable position, from which he could not escape without gross rudeness, or creating a scene.

Hobson denies that he kissed and hugged women in these public assemblies, and, according to all who talked with him on the subject in San Francisco, he manifested the bearing and thought of a refined young man who would not be guilty of the improprieties charged against him by thoughtless or sensational reporters.

The probabilities are that Hobson has been grossly lied about. He so asserts, and there is no reason for discrediting his emphatic and feeling denial. He is a man of very youthful appearance, and this led a lot of impressionable and immodest women—some moved by excess of emotional patriotic fervor—to conduct themselves toward him as they might toward a boy, and thus brought his name into reproach and caused him intense mortification.

We are impressed with the truth of the Lieutenant's denial, and are disposed to discredit the sensational reports which preceded him. Sensationalism has achieved a temporary triumph, and a worthy young man has been humiliated and wounded in every gentlemanly instinct, to gratify the taste of sensation mongers; or he has been made the victim of their gross and purposefully mendacious reports.

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POLICE WORK.

What is Shown by Chief Dwyer's Annual Report.

Chief of Police Dwyer has submitted his annual report to Mayor Land, showing the number and nature of the arrests made during the past year, and containing other interesting information. Of the arrests made 2,653 were on misdemeanor, and 68 on felony charges.

The total number of meals furnished during the year was 11,773; number of lodgings furnished, 344; money received, \$22. Chief Dwyer recommends the appointment of two more police officers, and offers the following reason for so doing:

"The beats patrolled by my officers are too large, particularly beat No. 6, which comprises all of the territory from Twelfth street to Thirtieth and from A to Z. Owing to the small number of policemen in my department, one officer has to patrol the above named beat.

Chief Dwyer also recommends the purchase of a short barreled shotgun, as an adjunct to the patrol wagon, stating that occasions might at any time arise when it would be necessary to have at hand a more effective weapon than the small arms carried by the officers.

Chief Dwyer notes with regret the death of Officer V. Taylor, in whom he says, the Police Department lost a brave and efficient officer and the city a good citizen.

YESTERDAY'S COURSING.

Sapling Stake Develops a High-Class Youngster. There was a surprise in store for some of the knowing ones who witnessed yesterday's run at Agricultural Park. It occurred in the Sapling stake, in which D. Healy's youngster Black Diamond swept everything before her.

Following are the results of the running yesterday: P. W. Sheehan's Eva S. beat J. Miles' Blue Bell. Dixon Kennel's Charming May beat Rosedale Kennel's Signal.

Third series—Daisy Bell beat Charming May, Promise Me beat Hand Spring, Maid of Erin a bye.

Fourth series—Promise Me beat Maid of Erin, Daisy Bell a bye.

Final series—Promise Me beat Daisy Bell.

First money, Promise Me; second, Daisy Bell; third, Maid of Erin.

PERKINS SCHOOL. A merry gathering was that at the Perkins Schoolhouse on Christmas eve to witness the Christmas tree and entertainment given by the Perkins Unit Sunday-school.

"Snow-Flakes," Mabel Millard and Annie McDermott; recitation, "Rescue of Santa Claus by Admiral Dewey,"

Rollie Warren; recitation, "Santa Claus," Edgar Camp; recitation, "Christmas Chimes," Blanche Millard; recitation, "Half Way Don'ts," Asa Warren; solo, "Christmas Tide," Corda Murphy; recitation, "Out in the Night," Mrs. Lizzie Miller; recitation, "Night Before Christmas," Louis Pugh; "Deliverer's Volunteer," Frank Warren; song, "Christmas," older pupils; recitation, "Santa Claus is Coming," Montie Millard (Santa Claus appears); recitation, "The Stockings," Albert Wadsworth; recitation, "Santa Claus," Henry McDonald and Willie Menke.

HAPPY CHINESE.

They Celebrate Christmas With Much Spirit at the Mission.

No band of jolly tars ever sang, "Fifteen Men on a Dead Man's Chest," "Yo-ho! and a Bottle of Rum!" with more zest and genuine enthusiasm than was thrown into English songs by Chinese vocalists at the Methodist Chinese Mission last night.

The occasion was the celebration of Christmas by members of the mission. The entertainment consisted of recitations, music and a Christmas tree. The chief feature of the program was the musical and vocal story called "The Prophet of Nazareth," which was appreciated by a large audience.

After the literary and musical part of the program was finished the audience partook of a collation that had been prepared, after which they reconvened for an hour, and then dispersed.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission.

The festival of Christmas was well observed at St. Andrew's Mission, Twenty-third and K streets, five services being held during the day. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 and 12 noon, the latter being choral. Good congregations attended the 11 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. services, and seemed to enjoy the well-known Christmas carols sung by the choir. The children had a service to themselves during the afternoon.

Teachers' Examination.

The examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will begin this morning at 8:30 o'clock at the Perry Seminary building, I street, between Tenth and Eleventh.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Postoffice at Sacramento December 26, 1898:

- LADIES' LIST. Allen, Mrs. W. Gehrhard, Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. G. Harney, Miss M. Barnes, Mrs. D. Harney, Miss M. Barrada, Mrs. H. J. Harriman, Mrs. C. Benson, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. A. Bishop, Mrs. E. King, Mrs. S. C. Blackford, Mrs. M. Laurie, Miss A. Calo, Clarice, Mrs. M. Love, Miss Susana Chesterfield, Mrs. G. Mohado, Mrs. M. Clark, Mrs. S. Manerhan, Mrs. J. Conner, Mrs. S. J. McIntyre, Miss E. Lynch & Haley's Skylight beat W. Sam's Pride. Condray & Raught's Daisy Bell beat A. Montgomery's Lass O'Glenzie. Heenan & Walsh's Little Casino beat Woodworth Bros.' Keep Off. Condray & Raught's Handspring beat W. Wickley's Geraldine. Condray & Raught's Maid of Erin beat Ryan & Kyne's Lanky Bob. T. Farrell's Rosie Lee beat Jack's Kennel's Roadmaster. Second series—Charming May beat Eva S., Promise Me beat Van Cloie, Daisy Bell beat Lass O'Glenzie, Handspring beat Little Casino, Maid of Erin beat Rosie Lee. Third series—Daisy Bell beat Charming May, Promise Me beat Hand Spring, Maid of Erin a bye. Fourth series—Promise Me beat Maid of Erin, Daisy Bell a bye. Final series—Promise Me beat Daisy Bell. First money, Promise Me; second, Daisy Bell; third, Maid of Erin. SAPLING STAKE. Hunt & Sullivan's Black Diamond beat Nethercott Bros.' Morning. Sutter Kennel's The Roman beat Pearl & Bennett's Briar Sweet. L. A. Y. Kennel's Fashion Plate beat Heenan & Walsh's Our Jay. Sutter Kennel's Humming Bird beat D. M. Hanrahan's Aurora. Hunt & Sullivan's Primrose beat B. Shortliff's Sissy B. Rosedale Kennel's Alta beat Heenan & Walsh's Brother John. Rosedale Kennel's Blackbird beat Cuddy & Doane's Evening Bee. M. McCarty's Coal Oil Jerry beat Phil Claque's Wild Rose. Bennett's Geyser beat Nethercott Bros.' Jocko. Heenan & Walsh's Sister Mary beat Cuddy & Doane's Rough Rider. Second series—Black Diamond beat The Roman, Fashion Plate beat Humming Bird, Primrose beat Alta, Blackbird beat Coal Oil Jerry, Geyser beat Sister Mary. Third series—Black Diamond beat Fashion Plate, Primrose beat Blackbird, Geyser a bye. Fourth series—Black Diamond beat Geyser, Primrose a bye. Final series—Black Diamond beat Primrose. First Money, Black Diamond; second, Primrose; third, Geyser.

- GENTLEMEN'S LIST. Alber, M. Miller, Theo J. Arnold, C. H. Montoya, Romaldo Arnes, Emanuel Moreno, Carlos Armstrong, A. J. Morris, M. Berges & Garresere Nicholson, J. J. Berdman & Co. Oakey, George Bluet, George Fardola, J. Bonner, Philip Parker, J. D. Brown, Mr. Penderly, F. LeRoy Bruce, J. H. D. Pearsley, Jas. M. Carson, J. F. Pearson, E. M. Carrier, Jas. Perkins, C. A. Garney, W. C. Phelps, R. A. Cesena, Calistro Phelpa, R. Chavez, Rev. E. C. Preddie, Manuel Clayton, F. M. Fritchard, M. S. Clark, F. C. Rankin, C. H. Clark, J. Gundman Rankin, J. A. Coraie, James Robbins, Wright Curry, F. H. Row, F. M. Ellis, Sam. Rouser, William Endicott, Dr. R. H. Ross, Frank Fernandez, Jose Russell, W. R-2 Fitzgibbon, J. M. Ryan, John Scott, Geo. Evering Pocht, J. H. Seiceman, Ed D. Shlig, Jim. Simon, N. B. A. Gold Stein Co., Smith, J. A. Kuttner, Sonne, D. & Co. Gore, Master W. Spenser, Trahe Steinmetz, Chas. Guter, Joseph Strubridge, W. R. Hall, R. B. Sturde, Dock Summers, Chas. Hicks, Will Sullivan, W. A. Hudson, Milt. Van Bell, R. W. Hutchins, C. Vanden Heuvel, H. Johnson, Geo. Velez, Geo. S. Kitchingman, J. Versiko, Sam W-2 Walker, J. F. Kraft, F. V. Wallace, L. E. La Montagne, T. Warnon, F. Marie Robert, Fred Mackinney, E. Wehner, Stephen McKel, L. W. Whitehead, Jas. P. McKay, Wm. Wilson, E. A. L. Messenger, S. S. York, Bernard Mento, John

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