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#### LONDON, MONDAJY, FEB. 22. FOR A NEW WELLAND CANAL.

The volume of traffic through the Canadian canals has grown rapidly in the past few years. The total for the season of 1907 was 20,543,638 tons, which was about double that of 1906. the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals | coast, but to the people of the repub-

the abolition of the canal charges, but powder to last the navy two hours. the natural advantages of the Canadian | The lesson in this for the people creasing proportion of the export grain instead of trying to stir up strife betraffic from both countries. In his an- tween their own country and the now nual report, the deputy minister of powerful nation of the Orient, they Welland Canal to a depth of 25 feet in ernment has made with Tokio. the reaches, and 22 feet on the lock gate sills, with a corresponding increase of width. Vessels using the Weiland Canal at present are restrict. ed to 255 feet in length, and 44 feet beam, whereas to make a remunerative voyage from Lake Superior to Lake Ontario eastern ports, boats should be capable of carrying 7,000 to 10,000 tons. The Welland should accommodate the largest vessels using the Sault canals. The passage through It would occupy only seven hours if it were enlarged as proposed, and the

number of locks reduced to seven. In all probability a new or improved Welland Canal will be the next great national undertaking after the completion of the transcontinental railway. The Georgian Bay Canal project, which would cost \$100,000,000, is too heavy a burden to be shouldered in the immediate future, although it will be real-"ized before many years undoubtedly.

#### SPELLING REFORM.

P. Betts, in his letter of the 20th inst., seems to misunderstand The Advertiser's ground and purpose in its article of the 21st ult. We were simply stating and briefly commenting upon the various theories that have been put forward to account for the published decision of Drs. Pyne, Seath and Goggin, to introduce a lengthened spelling of the "arbor," "labor," "honor," class of words in the new text books.

With regard to the reason reported to have been given by Dr. Seath to, who died on Saturday, was a very himself, namely, that we are not wealthy man. He was the first mer-Americans, we ventured to express chant in Toronto to use a full-page the hope that he is not foolish enough, newspaper advertisement, and this he (certainly the Ontario people are not did against the advice of George Brown, foolish enough), to avoid the better of the Globe. He had a keener sense way of doing a thing simply because of the value of advertising than the the better way is an American prac- man who had advertising to sell, and

by the history of spelling in the On- the moral? tario text books. Chief Superintendent Ryerson, advised by a council of public instruction, comprising such day celebrating Washington's birtheminent scholars as Dr. McCaul, day. Lincoln bids fair to supplant president of Toronto University; Rev. Washington as the supreme national Dean Grasett, Archbishop Lynch, hero. The former was distinctly racy Hon. Justice Morrison, Rt. Rev. Dr. of the soil, while Washington resem-Fuller, Rev. Dr. Jennings and Senator bled an English squire. Lincoln is McMaster, in or about the year 1868, called the savior of his country, peradopted a standard of orthography for haps with a touch of exaggeration, but the proposed new text books, prefer- Washington's title as the father of his ing the "or" ending of the large class country is unassailable. Without of words in question. For forty years the text books and most of the news- have collapsed for want of a soul. papers have accustomed us to this spelling. The Latin and old English writers spelt these words in the shorter way, that is with "or.' So do the leading professors of English philology in Oxford and Cambridge at the present time. In favor of the "our" spelling, which is an imitation of a French form, we find a number of English journals-not all of them. lucky, and, having funds in hand, they however; the London Nation is an exception—and it is alleged, a consid- said Wiggins. erable portion of the English aristo-The allegation reminds one when Will Honeycomb was out in the night?" taunted in the Spectator Club with his irregular spelling his defense was that he spelled like a gentleman and not like a scholar. Introducing the "u" into the words in question certainly cannot be charged to scholarship.

When simplification is carried as far as practicable the burden of learning our irregular spelling will still be heavy enough upon our children. going most of the night now." Their friends will welcome any measure that tends to lighten the burden and they correspondingly resent any action that has the contrary effect.

The recklessness of California politicians gives the impression that they would hail with delight the embroilment of the United States in a war with Japan. They appear to think that the country's fleet is equal to any emergency, and that its army is silence! capable of rapid expansion. These fireaters are now being told some plain truths. One reliable military authority informs them that the nation has not one-quarter of the ne- political, cessary men to handle its coast defenses. Another reports that even if

deficient in ammunition. As a result West Point, many regiments are short all are controllers of politics, commerce WESTERN ADVERTISER WEEKLY of competent officers, while the commissariat is in bad shape, and the medical service is very poor, at least hree hundred more doctors being needed.

This testimony as to the country's npreparedness was confirmed recently by Mr. Leslie M. Shaw, ex-secretary of the treasury, who, in a speech at the merchant marine congress, change.

"The Japanese can put 200,000 of their fighting men in Hawaii in thirty days. It would take us two years to get an equal number there: As a spectacle, our sixteen battleships starting around the world was magnificent, but when you remember that it was accompanied by and depending for coal and supplies on twenty-seven colliers and supply vessels floating foreign flags, which would have deserted it and left it nelpless at the first smell of hostile powder, the parade does not appear quite so impressive. A battleship without coal is as useless as a battleship without powder."

This doubtless was a revelation not The quantity of grain carried through only to the jingoes of the Pacific to Montreal in 1907 was 635,573 tons, lic generally, as was also Mr. Shaw's compared with 404,935 tons in the further statement that all the powder milis in the United States could One factor in this growth has been in thirty days make only enough

water route are drawing to it an in- and legislators of California is that, railways and canals, Mr. M. J. Butler, should loyally do their duty in upstrongly urges the enlargement of the holding the treaties the federal gov-

> The collapse of the ice palace in Montreal through soft weather is a much better advertisement for Canada than the ice palace itself.

The spelling innovators in this country are those who are trying to restore the letter "u" in a large class of words after it has been in official and general disuse for forty years. They are on the defensive, not the advocates of the established usage.

The whirligig of time has brought May." queer changes in British politics. Two sons of the late Lord Salisbury are fighting the Unionist organization on the fiscal question, while Winston Churchill, the son of the leader of the Tory democracy of twenty years ago, is the platform giant of the Liberal hour.

The death of "Knoxonian" is a loss to the pulpit and the press of Canada. He seemed to have been born with pen in his hand. Although we laugh at Dogberry's dictum that reading and writing come by nature, there are some men to whom writing is as natural as his pen only in good causes, and for years he entertained and instructed a much wider constituency through the press than he could reach from the pulpit.

The late Philip Jamieson, of Toronhis faith in printers' ink was justified The flunkeyism theory is supported by results. Is it necessary to point

> Our neighbors to the south are tohim the American revolution would

#### "HIS SUPERIORITY." [Chicago News.]

acknowledge your superiority? Wedderly-"Only when she has a lead pencil that requires sharpening."

#### SECOND THOUGHTS BEST. [Youth's Companion.]

The two tramps had been particularly discussed plans for the night's shelter. 'We can sleep under a roof if we like,'

"Sure we can," responded Higgins, "but somehow these lodging houses make me nervous. Supposing a fire was to break "You've got it right," agreed Wiggins, dolefully "It's no place for us; they'd turn the hose on us in a minute!"

#### ILLUMINATING. [Cleveland Leader.] "How's your new kid?"

"Don't you find that a baby brighten p a household wonderfully? 'Yes, indeed. We have to have the ga

#### NO CURLING HEREAFTER. [Toronto Star.] The positive statement of the Calgary

preacher, who says there will be no UNCLE SAM'S UNPREPAREDNESS the certainty that there can be none in

#### NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE. [Lippincott's.]

Wife-Is there any difference between fort and a fortress? Husband-Not much except of course that a fortress must be harder to

A PERIOD OF TRANSITION. [Cincinnati Enquirer.] est doubt in the mind of any man that political, commercial and financial affairs in this country are in a state of transition, and that the machinery of the had been married before, but despite

guns in position, and, in addition, is suited to the new and more potent forces of the present time, and must give place to forms and methods, to reforms and of the falling off in the attendance at betterments, that the people, who after and finance, desire and will have. The age demands better results for the masse and insists upon the limitation of the power of the few in all political, commercial and financial affairs.

## SURPRISING HIM

[Cleveland Leader.] "How conscientious you are?" 'What makes you think so?" "You always call the clerk's attention to it when he gives you too much

"Oh, I do that to see him look shocked at his carelessness and my honesty."

#### HOLLAND'S WAY.

[Detroit News.] In Holland there are few able-bodied paupers. There is a tract of public land containing 5,000 acres, which is divided into six model farms, and to one of these is sent the poor person applying for public relief. If he voluntarily serves till he learns agriculture he is allowed to rent a small farm for himself and be what is called a free farmer. Every pauper who is thus reclaimed to honest regular industry is so much gain to the state. There is also a forced labor colony, where beggars and vagrants are sent and made to do farm and other work whether they like it or not.

#### A SPIRIT. [Clinton Scollard in Ainslee's.] Mine are the buds of hope

Upon the vine: Mine is the morning's cope Of sapphire stain; Mine is you grassy slope That's beryline: And mine the warm white rain,

I am the throb that stirs The daffodil; The sap within the firs-A living core; Take heed, my worshippers!

The rainbow skein

I am the thrill Of song that runs before By crest and shore! In every vein of earth

I pulse, I leap; I cause all beauty's birth-The joy thereof; When once were death and dearth (The long white sleep) Through me, beneath, above,

Are life and love!

#### BREAKFAST MONTHS.

[Harper's Weekly.] A traveller stopped at a hotel in Greenland, where the nights are six months long, and as he registered asked a question of the clerk: "What time do you have breakfast?" From half-past March to a quarter to

#### MARATHON ORATORY.

[Guelph Mercury.] Lincoln could give an oration in 266 words, but the average member of Parliament cannot get through a decent introduction to a speech in less than an

WOMAN'S WAY. [New York Press.] The saintly thing about a woman is how she can adore a man that nobody

#### A DIFICULT POSITION. [Success Magazine.]

wkward squad, commanded thus:

'Halt!' put the foot that's on the

#### and remain motionless." SHE KEEPS HIM GUESSING.

ground beside the one that's in the air,

[Chicago Daily News.] She has her moods, I must confess, They keep me guessing all the while, And with a cruel fickleness She deals alternate frown and smile. The sweetest thing she's apt to say, Her looks, I think, are more than kind That's just the way she feels today-Tomorrow she may change her mind.

Now she is distant, hard and cold: To speak, indeed, I hardly dare For fear I may be overbold; She has a very freezing stare. It doesn't do to get too gay, Humility is best, I find,

That's just the way she feels today-Tomorrow she may change her mind. When she is pretty mean to me Her disposition gives me hope,

And when she's gracious as can be Then with the darkest doubts I cope. Her will I'm willing to obey, But what it is I've not divined; That's just the way she feels today-Tomorrow she may change her mind. SNOW SHOVELLING.

[Montreal Herald.] Without being disloyal to the climate, householders have a right to complain who, after twice shovelling out drifts made by the east wind, have to come back at drifts made by the west wind.

## PRICE OF NEWSPAPERS.

[Montreal Gazette.] N.J., have raised their price from one cent to two cents a copy. Paper, wages, and the cost of collecting news have all London, is in attendance on L. H. been going up and cutting down the profits, and in some cases cutting down the number of newspapers. When publishers undertake to get more for what costs them more they have commercial justification.

#### OVERLOOKED. [Washington Star.] No medals grace nor songs extol The stout suburban hero

Who chops the wood or carries coal With the temperature at zero. THE SILENT STATESMAN. [Washington Star.] you may find the

agreeing with your opinions."
"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum, "and until that day comes I am going to be mighty careful about expressing them." THE BUSTER BROWN IDIOCY.

## [Edmonton Bulletin.]

Ottawa papers are lawing about the right to use Buster Brown supplements. Both should be restrained in the interests of juvenile sanity. There was a time when Buster Brown under the population. The ratio of divorce to spell of J. F. Outfocault was put through marriage 20 years ago was one to some really laughable antics. Now a dozen copyists are making him the pretext for cartoons which are neither humorous nor harmless, which in numberless cases verge on the vulgar and in many accomplish the idiotic. Buster or his traducers were dead.

#### HIS SILLY QUESTION. [Cleveland Leader 1

Him-Am I the first man you were ever engaged to Her-Don't insult me. You know per fectly well that I am twenty-one years old. Do I look like a lemon?

An odd wedding, which took place in fenses. Another reports that even if preceding centuries has become antiquation their similarity of names were in it had men enough it has not got the ed and obsolete, no longer responsive nor way related to each other.

## FUNERAL OF THE IN POLICE COURT

#### Magistrate Love Had a Busy Account of It as It Appeared in Time This Morning.

Joseph Murray and David Armfor being drunk. "Where did you get your liquor?" asked the court.

ed they were in a local hotel in an in- ton's funeral: toxicated condition

"Being Indian listers," said the court "I must deal with you as such. If you don't like being on the list, you know you can go out of town, and really, I think the town would still manage to keep going all right without you. Armstrong was remanded a week for sentence, as he has not paid a previous fine. Murray, not having \$10 to pay his fine, was sent down for three weeks.

Couldn't Keep Away. John Matthews got drunk on Saturhe was arrested again for being disoreration of them the court bailed him ness, thus to mortal eyes fallen! to appear in a week. If he takes the Yes! fallen! fallen! discharged.

told to go to the stonepile. "There is no work there just now," he said, "but I will go out of town and last sad honors to the benefactors of morning. try and find some.'

Separation Arranged. George Beswarick and his wife arranged a separation. Mrs. Beswarick was to get \$4 a week, but last Saturday night her husband only left \$1 for her at the police station. Mr. Moule was instructed to write and tell Mr. Beswarick that he must pay more

to allow him to do this.

promptly.

#### A Wages Case. The case of C. Parke Stone, charged

vages, was left over, as neither party appeared. A young man charged with stealing fruit was bailed for a week to give him a chance to take the pledge, as he was

drunk when the theft was committed.

#### CRAFT TURNED TURTLE

Motor Boat Struck Log While Going at Great Speed.

New York, Feb. 22.-While being given a speed test, the Standard, a Price McCormick, ran into a submerged log or other obstacle and capsized off One Hundred and Seventy fifth street in the Hudson while going A young captain, who was drilling the at a rate of between 25 and 30 miles an hour yesterday afternoon. The craft turned turtle and the four men were plunged into the icy river.All

were taken on board a tug which was standing near. Eric Pearson was caught under the engine when the boat upset, and was badly used up when halted, the infantry marched toward taken aboard the tug. The obstruction the Mount and formed their linespierced a hole in the bottom of the the clergy, the Masonic brethren and boat just aft of the engine, and some the citiens, descended to the vault, planking was torn loose. The motor and the funeral service of the church was clogged with salt water.

The Standard has been entered in the name of the Thousand Islands and the sounds echoed from the woods Yacht Club in the annual power boat and hills around. races of the International Sporting Club of Monaci, and last night it was fanty - the cavalry, and 11 pieces uncertain whether repairs could be artillery, which lined the banks of the made in time for the craft to be ship- Potomac back of the Vault, paid the ped on Saturday, as had been planned.

## WATFORD.

Watford, Feb. 20.-Mrs. Wm. Brown, Petrolea, visited Watford relatives H. Nash, London, spent a day at his president and general - will triumph ome here this week Miss Bessie Watson, who has been of his glory will illuminate the future seriously ill, is now better. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Sarnia, visited relatives here this week.

Miss Stella McIntyre, Dorchester, is the guest of D. Roche. Dr. Geo. Hicks was in St. Thomas

this week Mr. L. H. Cook is very ill with Mr. and Mrs. E. Lamont spent a

few days this week with relatives in Twenty-Two Chinese Found Half-Toronto. Miss Annie McLaren has returned from a visit to friends in Toronto. H. McConnell, Moosejaw, and The newspapers published at Newark, Miss Gladys Taylor, London, were the guests of E. Lamont this week. Miss Maude Roche, trained nurse

Cook. In stepping from the door of her the misfortune to fall, resulting in a broken hip.

Mr. Archie Hone returned to Regina on Tuesday. Dr. A. Saunders has returned to his home in Shiloh, Ohio, after attending the funeral of his nephew, the late Ivan L. Hone. Miss Eva Benjafield has returned to

#### her home in Wanstead. DIVORCE IN UNITED STATES.

Detroit, Feb. 22 .- "If the present ratio of divorce continues, in 100 years a legal separation will be the fruit of every marriage," prophesied Father Thomas Livingstone, in his concluding lecture on marriage Sunday night in St. Peter and Paul's Jesuit Church. St. Peter and Paul's Jesuit Church, stated that they had crossed the of its spelling would not be simply "During the 20 years from 1889 to Mexican border at El Paso, but re-difficult—it would be well-nigh imwere 12,000,000 mar-1906, there riages; out of this number 1,000,000

three times as rapidly as that

secure divorces.

seventeen; in 1906 it was one to twelve; 20 years from now it should be one to eight: 40 years from now one to five; 60 years one to two. "About two-thirds of these It is time vorces are procured by women. Desertion is the cause of 38 per cent; cruelty of 21 per cent; infidelity 16 per cent; drunkenness 4 per More than 12 per cent of them occur during the first year; after first five years are passed, they are comparatively rare. While they are found among persons of every oc-

> among actors and saloonkeepers.' New York State alone spent \$73. 000,000 for education last year. To maintain public schools the states and territories spend annual sums ranging toward the New York dgures

## a Paper of January 4, 1800.

Detroit, Feb. 22. - On this, the strong, two Indian listers, appeared 177th anniversary of the birth of before Magistrate Love this morning George Washington, it is interesting to read an account of the funeral of the great statesman and general, as printed in an early nineteenth century news-"I was sick and I got it at home," paper. Mrs. Kennedy, 47 Montcalm said Armstrong. Murray had dropped street east, has in her possession a in to see him, and the first thing the copy of the Ulster County, N. Y., Gamen knew they were well enough to zette, dated Jan. 4, 1800, which conbe out on the street, and when arrest- tains the following report of Washing-

#### Washington Entombed.

George Town, Dec. 20. On Wednesday last the mortal part of Washington the Great, the Father of his Country, and the Friend of man, was consigned to the tomb with solemn honor and funeral pomp.

A multitude of rersons assembled from many miles around at Mount Vernon, the choice abode and last residence of the illustrious chief, There were the groves-the spacious avenues the beautiful and sublime scenes, the noble mansion-but, alas! day night and was allowed to go on the august inhabitant was now no Sunday morning. Last night, however, more. That great soul was gone. His mortal part was there, indeed; but, derly and drunk. Matthews has a wife ah! how affecting! how awful the and eight little children, and in consid- spectacle of such worth and great-

pledge, as he promised to do, he will be In the long lofty portico where oft the hero walked in all his glory, now Stephen Newans, the man who stole lay the shrouded corpses. The counrubbers a couple of weeks ago, because tenance, still composed and serene, he said he could find no work, was seemed to depress the dignity of the spirit, which lately dwelt in that lifeless form. There those who paid the his country, took an impressive-a The case was enlarged for a month farewell view.

On the ornament at the head of the offin was inscribed SURGE AD JUDICIUM-about the middle of the coffin GLORIA DEO - and on the silver plate.

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON. Departed this life on the 14th Decem-

ber, 1799, AET 68. Between 3 and 4 o'clock the sound of artillery from a vessel in the river firing minute guns awoke afresh our by Welber Vail with non-payment of solemn sorrow—the corps was moved ody melted the soul into all the tender ness of woe. The procession was formed & moved

on in the following order: Cavalry-

Infantry-With arms reversed. Guard-Music-Clergy-The General's horse, with his saddle, holsters and pistols.

Simms Ramsay, Pall-bearers. CORPSE. Gilpin,

Marsteller, Little. Mourners. Masonic Brethren. Citizens. When the procession had arrived at the bank of the Potomac, where the family vault is placed, the cavalry

was performed. The firing was repeated from the vessel in the river, Three general discharges by the inlast tribute to the entombed commander-in-chief of the armies of the United

States and to the departed hero. The sun was now setting. Alas! the son of glory was set forever. No-the name of Washington - the American over death! The unclouded brightness

The same paper contains reports of the announcement of Washington's Mr. W. J. Howden is seriously ill death made in the House of Representatives; the Senate's expression of sym pathy and the reply of President John

## SMUGGLED IN BOXCAR

Adams.

Starved and Thirsty. San Luise Obispo, Cal., Feb. 22 .-What is believed to be an organized Saturday evening's issue, offers plan to smuggle Asiatics into this coun-i most singular argument in favor of has been unearthed, as a result the proposed innovation to insert of the discovery of 22 Chinese in a vowel into "honor," "color," boxear in this city yesterday. The is that there is no such thing as most peculiar feature of the discov-phonetic method of spelling the Eng- a ton from the Pacific, 79 pounds, and residence, Mrs. James McManus had ery was that the Chinese were in a lish language; therefore, he argues, we a tnn from the Dead Sea 187 pounds. bonded car, sealed with the Govern- should change these words from thei ment stamp. The car was billed from nearly-phonetic forms, "honor, Algiers, La., where it left on Feb. 10 or," etc., to less phonetic forms, "hor for San Francisco. Owing to num- our," "colour," etc. You can safe erous landslides and washouts the car wager that he never taught school

> the Southern Pacific. yards today. Conductor Page heard instead of more difficult. voices in it. In response to a question water in the pidgin English of the respondent inform us which starved Chinese taken out. All had port, advocate, public, fused to give any further information. of from San Francisco.

## OBJECTS TO EULOGY.

New York, Feb. 22 .- "I make a point of order," was the interrupting criticism from an excited man in the body of St. Bartholomew Church on Madison avenue yesterday, while the Rev. President Roosevelt in a sermon to the Sons of the Revolution.

The occasion was the nineteenth annual church service of the society. Mr. Grant had just referred to Pres ident Roosevelt as one of the four great presidents, when the interruption

All eyes sought the individual who

had made the objection, but few saw im as he did not rise from his seat. Instantly there were cries of "Be

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eulogy

SIX MEN KILLED. Delmar, Del., Feb. 22.—Six men were killed and several injured by a collision of train No. 49, New York and Norfolk express on the Delaware Railway, with a yard engine in the

Kathryn Osterman.

Kathryn Osterman, who will be remembered in this city by her clever for instance, or in the pit where the performance of "The Girl Who Looks -a band of music with mournful mel- Like Me," will return to the Grand where the greater part of the stone Opera House on Wednesday evening, has been laid, consider that they are The cefever comedienne will be seen paying taxes for the full assessable in the delightful comedy of love and clear street, and my contentions are laughter, "The Night of the Play," that they should not be imposed up which is said to be even better than on as described. her offering of last season, Miss Os-block, Grosvenor, between Wellington terman will have the assistance of an and Waterloo, has been an eyesore for terman will have the assistance of an excellent company including William excellent company including William Williams, Edgar Post, Charles Worthington, Guy Sampsel, Gavin Harris, been left in. To get it put in pre-Sada Werteim, Belle Theodore, Eliza- sentable condition under a city bybeth DeWitt and Edna Ward. The law the ratepayers in the early part story of "The Night of the Play" is of last summer presented to the counthat of an ambitious woman who cil a petition for curbing, on both writes a play and tries to keep the sides, fully signed, and later the defact from her husband. She seeks the benture bylaw was passed to de produced, and this naturally makes been made to comply with the wishes the poet's sweetheart jealous. This, of the petitioners, but instead, they with the husband's jealousy, cause all get piles of stone to look at, and walk sorts of complications, and the wife and drive over, that may not be regets her husband and her friends into moved when the year closes. sorts of trouble. The fun is of the rich, clean and crisp order, the bottom of the elevated lawn, on Miss Osterman is said to be delight-

## fully funny in the part.

Practice for Tuesday's festival of the city hall, and a very delightful en- Teachings," taken from the Nation, tertainment is assured. The first half London, England. In said article is of the programme consists of play- a statement that is absolutely false, ground games, in which girls from which I wish to correct. nine of the public schools take part, as well as a group of sixteen boys was left with five sons and at least of from Victoria school

ing from the public schools, from the had to plan to make ends meet to Collegiate Institute and from the kin- supply food and clothing, but it was dergarten staff, as well as a few interested outsiders Two Hungarian dances, the Russian haymakers' dance, and a Cossack dance, will be given by the Misses

Belton, Croden, Ellwood, Ferguson, Greer. Stevely and Tune. These folk games furnish the foundation of all the best music. zens are reminded that the festival is by the London Playgrounds' Association, which is desirous of quipping playgrounds this summer different sections of the city. plan for reserved seats opened

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Phonetic Spelling. To the Editor of The Advertiser: The champion of the "u" in you

was delayed on the coast division of because such experience would have disposed him to act, if at all, in the While passing by the boxcar in the direction of making spelling easier But is it true that there is no such

who was in the car, he received an thing as a phonetic method of spelloffer of two dollars for a bucket of ing English words? Will your cor-Chinese. The sheriff's office was following words taken from his letnotified, the seals broken and 22 half-ter are not phonetic: Permitted, suplarge canteens, but which during the perate, doctors, difficult, children? The long journey had been drained of truth is that if there were no phoevery drop of water. One of them netic words in English the teaching possible. I, for one, am thankful that They were placed in the county jail I have never been called upon to learn and are being held awaiting the or teach the more unphonetic forms "The divorce rate has increased arrival of immigration inspectors of honor, color, doctor, author, governor and scores of other similar

words If any further proof were needed to show that your correspondent never taught spelling it would be found in his extraordinary assertion that it is just as easy for a child to learn "h-o-n-o-u-r" as "oner." Nobody has proposed to spell "honor," "on-er," but Percy Stickney Grant was lauding if the latter spelling were permitted it would not be one-fourth so difficult to teach as "h-o-n-o-u-r"; indeed, it would require no teaching at all for the sight and sound of the word would stamp the spelling on the child's mind

without conscious effort. PEDAGOG. London, Feb. 22.

A Grosvenor Street Protest. To the Editor of The Advertiser: In your issue of the 19th inst., unquiet," "Get out," and a score of der the heading of "Who Owns the The would-be objector took Streets," it is represented that in the heed of the cries and subsided, the in- action I have taken to prevent a resicident ending right there. Rev. Mr. dential block of a public street being

Grant quickly continued with his, made a dumping ground by our board of works of a hundred cords or more of stone, I am seeking to deprive a number of roor men, with families to support, of employment. Far from it, will say my intentions are much to the contrary. I fully recognize the charitable intentions of our city council in making the grant of a thousand dollars to relieve the prevailing railroad yards here, about 2:50 this distress amongst the unemployed. But in carrying out the project I think it could have been possible for the city engineer to do so without infringing on the rights and privileges of the residents adjacent to the north gravel pit, when the stones are being

procured. I venture to say that if any of the parties instrumental in putting the stones where they now are had been esiding where the writer happens to live, some other means would have been sought to disrose of the stone when broken, some near vacant lot stone is being taken from. The taxvalue of their property, including a

assistance of a poet to get the piece but up to the present no move has

W. McNAUGHTON, Grosvenor street, city!

The Home-Life of Jesus.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: In The Advertiser of Saturday, Feb. layground games, folk games and 13, there is an article entitled "The lances, is being carried on daily in Home-Life of Jesus Reflected in His

three daughters." Jesus was the only The second half consists of national son of a virgin, who remained a virolk dances, those taking part com- gin after his birth. No doubt Mary only for Jesus, her Son, and herself, not for seven other children, as the writer of the article would have us believe. If there had been brothers and sisters, why are they not mentioned in the Gospels by name? Bible writers were very careful to name each and every child, and their children's children. again should their names be omitted? Further, why was Jesus so anxious regarding his mother that He charged St. John to care for her, if she had so many sons and daughters? I write this, for many reading the article might credit it with truth. while it is certainly false, as far as the brothers and sisters of Jesus are concerned, for He had none, though (His and Mary's) poverty may have suggested to the Saviour the great lessons he taught-ratched garments, lost coin, leaven in the bread, plow ing, sewing, etc.

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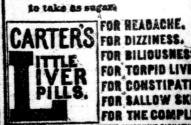
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