

*New Speling* is more thoro—a system embodying and reflecting the “linguistic habits” of our language (see Platform, plank 14). Tho new, it requires no new letters. Tru, it uzes four improved forms (ı, ɑ, υ, δ) none of which ar new: for υ is another form of u already in regular use; while ı, ɑ, δ, ar *restored* from the Anglo-Saxon period. For ı is dotles-i restored (in use before the year 1200) with a macron dropt on it to make it clearer and beter diferentiated from i-with-a-dot; δ is Anglo-Saxon crost d, a form that shud hav been dropt never, and which Old Norse, as modern Icelandic, retains in ful use to this day; while ɑ is a modernized shape of an e-form in use in Old English, stil seen in inscriptions in churches and in printers’ fancy type. It may be described as e and ı conjoind, or as ɑ with the horizontal stroke of e drawn thru it. Now ɑ is not quite this, being an *e*-form. Let us hav a ful e-form produced, which wil be when funds ar forthcoming. Wil readers suply the wherewithal? The improved e-form shud be beter than either ɑ or ê. If so, it may, on trial, supersede them.

**PROGRES AMONG PRINTERS.**—Under this heding in our preceding issue we noted signs of progres in a clas comonly quite conservativ. A second edition of the *Stylebook of the Chicago Society of Proofreaders* (Ben Franklin Co., 232 Irving av., Chicago, 20 c.), which was noticed in these colums for October, and which is fast becoming authoritativ among cisatlantic members of the craft, has this holesale, holesome and comendabl change:

“We recomend adopting the National Educational Society’s simplified speling of altho, catalog, decalog, demagog, pedagog, prolog, tho, thoro [-fare, -ly, -ness], thru [-out].

“We also recomend adopting speling chemical terms as revized and adopted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Some ar givn in the *International*, more in the *Century*, stil more in the *Standard*; while all ar in the latest edition of Gould’s *Dict. of Medicin*.

“Folo decisions and rules of the U. S. Board of Geographic Names, as uzed in Government printing, in speling names of cuntries, cities and localities. These decisions ar folod in U. S. Official Postal Guide, in the *Century Cyclopedia of Names* and in the *Appendix to the Standard D’y*.” *The Practical Printer* (monthly, 25 cents a year, Saint Louis, Mo.) in its May number signified its adoption of the twelw words recomendod by the N. E. A. It givs the long list, some hundreds in number, uzed by the Funk & Wagnals Co.

#### NEWS-NOTES AND COMENTS.

—*The Medical World* (44 pages monthly, 1520 Chestnut st., Philadelphia, \$1 a year) we read thru regularly with more than average satisfacion becaus it contains so many revized spelings. This is its second year in that cours. Here ar

specimens from its May number: thruout, sulfid, overlookt, developt, thoroly, enuf, slufing, chlolid, morphin, tho, overtaxt, passt, increast, askt, quinin, increast, ceast, diminisht, furnisht, mixt, purchast, workt, thru, presst, nurst, bichlorid, nitrat, altho, hyoseyamin, niter, bleacht, strychnin, sulfat, acetat, thoro, publisht.

—Dr E. B. Andrews, superintendent of Chicago scools, “favors the recomendation” of the N. E. A. in its adapted reformd speling, namely,

altho	demagog	prolog	thorofare
catalog	pedagog	tho	thru
decalog	program	thoro	thruout.

Mr Andrews sent a circular to that efect to principals of scools who in turn notified teachers to enforce the suggestion. Editorial coments in the Chicago pres, including even the *Tribune*, hav been unfavorabl.

—In our preceding issue the types had a “Judge A. Tait” as a member of the Fonetice Council forty years ago. Judge Alfonso Taft, of Cincinnati, O., is ment. He was Atorny-Genral in President Hayes’ administration; later, minister to Austria.

—Colleges genrally now giv a course in fonetics, fones being the elements of languages much as the elements in chemistry combine to form substances. Toronto University has a lecture each week (Friday noon) during term. Prof. Fraser givs nearly twenty such, taken by students in onors in Modern Languages of the first year—above thirty in number. These lectures ar on Pure Fonetice as distinguisht from Aplied Fonetice (like Pure and Aplied Mathematics). Aplied Fonetice, the orthoepy of a givn language, is expected separatly in the cours on that language. In the May ritn examinations (Prof. F. examiner) ten questions wer put. Here ar five: 1. Define “voice.” Describe the parts of the larynx immediatly concernd in its production, and explain their action. 2. What is the difrence between a voiced and a whisperd vowel? Illustrate by diagrams. 3. Giv one exampl, in a word, of each of the foloing clases of consonants: (a) Front open voiceles; (b) Bak open voiced tril; (c) Lip nasal. 4. Describe carefully the formation of the r sound of Italian or Spanish. By what name is it uzualy known? . . . 10. Transcribe fonetically the English word “pusillanimity” and the French word “pusillanimité,” marking stres, dividing both words into sylabls, and refering to any difrence of principl in sylabl division.

—Judge Joel Myers, of Oberlin, Ohio, died there 16th Feb., aged 79. His activ career was mainly political. A liberal contributor to *THE HERALD*’s type-fund ten years ago, he yet aids, while it livs, a caus whose helpers ar too few. He tho’t the alfabet shud be much enlargd—its own symbol for each wel defined sound; and this, too, without reference to how other nations employ these symbols.

—*Kitchen French* (Ben Franklin Co., 232 Irving av., Chicago, Ill., 25 c.) truly “fils a want long felt.” No other dictionary givs hal so explicitly terms in culinary art. When yu go to Paris, take this as constant companion. It is a small French-English and English-French dictionary of words and frases uzed in French cookery, as to which most dictionaries giv very poor satisfacion.

—Hon. Josef Medill was born in New Brunswick in 1819. Tho Canadian-born, he erly lost his pro-British sentiment, becoming editor of a great daily, the *Chicago Tribune*, noted for its delight in “tail-twisting.” He did much to bring Abraham Lincoln to the front, and was the last of the war editors. The *Tribune* all along was, while Medill held the helm, noted for stanch advocacy of amended speling, of which himself was mainspring. On 2d Sept., 1879, *The Tribune* appeared thruout in speling amended according to