

The Observer.

Since Mr. Carnegie endowed the Simplified Spelling Board the other day, the newspapers and magazines have been teeming with arguments for and against the proposed reforms in spelling. The protagonist of the spelling reformers is Mr. Brauder Matthews, who writes about the reform in the last issue of The Outlook. In reply to the stock argument of the opponents of spelling reform, viz., that we need to keep the old spellings in order to preserve the historic identities of words, Mr. Matthews contends that the old spellings are not old neither are they etymological, but were born of the caprice of ignorant and careless foreign printers in the sixteenth century. At that time no fixed rules of spelling prevailed, but in time the printers had their way, and a more or less uniform system of spelling based upon the capricious usage of the printers became established. In the eighteenth century Dr. Johnson had an excellent opportunity to do something to restore some of the older and simpler forms of spelling, but instead of doing that, he used his opportunity to give greater currency and authority to the irrational and cumbersome spellings of the printers. Mr. Matthews reminds us that there is good Elizabethan authority for such forms as "sovrain," "controller," "forrain," "dett," "dout," "iland," "dellite," and "ake." Had Dr. Johnson made an intelligent use of his opportunity, he might have saved us from the present way of spelling these words, but as he happened to know more about the Latin than about the English language, he thought it necessary to endorse those forms of spelling which seemed to bear the greatest resemblance to the Latin words from which they are derived. Thus the "b" in "doubt" and in "debt" suggests "dubito" and "debeo." In the case of sovereign and foreign he wrongly supposed that these words have some connection with "regnum," and so gave the weight of his endorsement to the unetymological and utterly superfluous "g" which encumbers these words. More can be said for the "g" in "deign," for that word is connected with the Latin "dignus." But so is "disdain," which we never spell "disdeign."

The Observer has just been looking over an old book published in London in 1658, to see what he could see in regard to the way they spelled words at that time. On one page, taken at random, out of 110 words only eight are spelled differently from what they would be spelled to day. Really only five, for one of these occurs four times. These spellings are "bee," "lyes," "aimes," "findes" and "prophesie." Other spellings picked out here and there at random are: "Prophane," "theefe," "beleieve," "summe," "soyle," "commandement," "speakes," "grosly," "howle," "worldinesse," "foal" (fool), "pittious," "tugge," "decaies," "threatning," "evill." Less than five per cent of the words vary from the present way of spelling them. In general the changes in the spelling of the foregoing words have been in the direction of greater simplicity. Despite Dr. Johnson's influence, the general tendency for the past two hundred years has been towards greater simplicity in spelling. The logic of the situation is therefore with the reformers. Provided they do not ask too much they are reasonably sure to get what they ask. Fifty years hence it will appear as strange to see such forms as "aesthetic," "maoeuvre," "programme," "cigarette" and "catalogue," as it is now to see "publick," "telegramme," or "toilette."

One of these days the Observer will stop writing "though" and "through." That is, he will stop writing the final "ugh." That perhaps will make the chief say "Ugh!"

The Portage Store.

W. L. Dixon, proprietor of the Portage store, desires to inform his patrons and the general public that he is offering special inducement in canned goods for the next thirty days. Read this:

Tomatoes, 10c; Good California Peaches, 16c; Mince Meat, 8c; Corn Sc; Finest String Beans, 16c; Best Seeded Raisens, 11c; Seven bars Oak Leaf Soap, 25c. Other goods in proportion. Call me on 'phone.

W. L. DIXON,
Near Portage Bridge.

C. B. Howard & Co., have the only large stock of shingles in the county at the present time. RED CEDAR from the Pacific Coast and WHITE CEDAR from Wisconsin.

C. B. Howard & Co., have received from the Pacific Coast what is perhaps the finest lot of RED CEDAR shingles that ever came to Cameron cou.

BEAUTIFYING EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

A Southern Woods to be Transformed Into a Paradise—More Than a Million Plants and Trees Used.

[BY FRANK EBERLE.]
NORFOLK, VA., April 21, 1906.

Artistic landscape engineering and gardening is rapidly transforming what was but a rough scope of woodland into a paradise of beauty. Art has been brought to the aid of nature in accomplishing the greater landscape work of the Jamestown Exposition. Natural forests are utilized where available and massive trees are being transplanted to carry out the plan of the work and conform to the general arrangement of streets, buildings, and other Exposition improvements.

More than a million plants, shrubs and trees are already in place on the grounds, covering many varieties from the budding plants just opening into life to a giant five oak whose age is estimated at nearly a thousand years. This veteran oak, the king of the transformed forest, was a large tree when America was discovered and its spreading branches will afford shade and shelter to thousands of Exposition visitors.

The arranging of the grounds necessitated the draining of more than a thousand acres of land in order to guard against any possibility of malaria. Streams had to be bridged and great trees had to be transplanted and in many instances had to be carried on rafts across tide water for many miles. An old apple orchard which occupied part of the ground needed by the Exposition had to be removed. Instead of being destroyed it was dug up and the trees transplanted around a thirty-five acre drill ground to provide shade and add beauty to the surroundings.

The Exposition avenues are to be rendered attractive by five rows of trees, two of apple, two of red maple and one of pin oak. All open spaces are to be covered with trees, shrubs and flowers; and flowers and shrubs will be planted along the walks. The creamy white magnolias and lillies, the bright goldenrods, roses and other flowering plants and trees, will mingle their colors with the various shades of green furnished by the ivy, the maple, the oak, the pine and the bay trees.

Ferns in endless variety are to be seen along the beds of flowers, and luxuriant palms will play an important part in beautifying the landscape. Towering high above the roses, lillies, lilacs, jasmine, magnolias and multitudes of other shrubs and trees stand groves of pines along the water courses.

The tree growth had an important influence on the building of the Exposition, for the streets and roadways on the grounds have been made to conform to a great extent to the location of the trees in order that an attractive landscape setting may be given to the buildings wherever possible. Some of the walks will be bowers of beauty under natural arbors of scuppernon grape, Virginia creepers and other trailing vines.

The fence around the grounds two and a half miles long, is in itself a thing of great beauty. It is eight feet high, made of farm wire and barb wire. The entire fence is covered with Japanese honeysuckle blooming all Summer, with thumpet vine with their long scarlet flowers and with the magnificent crimson ramble rose. Thus, the beauty of the Exposition grounds may be seen on every side, even the fence being a sight to arouse admiration.

Prosperous Business.

Dennis Donovan, proprietor of the Emporium House, was an early caller Tuesday morning and planked down the long green for his PRESS well into 1907. Mr. Donovan conducts an orderly and careful business. In addition to his regular trade he manages an up-to-date restaurant and furnishes oysters by the measure or count. Telephone your order—he'll do the rest.

Gibson Pictures Free.

The Buffalo Courier is giving away with each copy of the Sunday Courier a beautiful picture by Charles Dana Gibson, the world renowned artist. These pictures are similar to those sold in art stores for \$2.00 apiece. The whole series will make a splendid collection for art lovers.

Dog Lost.

Liver and white pointer. Disappeared on April 17. Any information concerning same will be appreciated by
10-2t. D. W. DONOVAN.

Governor Calls For Prompt Aid.

Governor Pennypacker issued the following proclamation: In the name and authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

An overwhelming and heart-rending calamity has fallen upon the city of San Francisco and neighboring towns. Homes and property are gone, and the bereft people are helpless amid desolation and want.

Now, therefore, I, Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor of Pennsylvania, call upon the citizens of this Commonwealth to express their sympathy by sending out of the abundance of their means commensurate contributions to their kindred in distress, and I appeal to all corporations, associations and individuals alike to act with promptitude.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the city of Harrisburg, this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and thirtieth.

By the Governor,
SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER.
ROBERT W. McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Final Examinations—Senior Class E. H. S.

Mr. John Schwab, of Cameron, conducted the last of the above named examinations last Saturday. The other examiners appointed by the school board, namely, the county superintendent and the local principal of schools had previously done their work. The class roll, is as follows: Edna E. Auchu, Ethel B. Day, Vera M. Geary, Ruby A. Heideck, Ida A. Hertz, Julia A. Hogan, Elizabeth A. Lechner, Vera L. Olmsted, Edna R. Palmer, T. Linn Strayer and Anna M. Welsh—eleven members. The first honors were won by Vera Olmsted and the second by Elizabeth Lechner, who are thus valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

The commencement exercises will be held on the night of Tuesday, May 15, at the opera house. By decision of the school board no admission will be charged to these exercises this year.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on the Sunday night preceding by the Rev. J. M. Robertson of the Episcopal church.

Catch-up Trip.

Last Saturday Melvin Chadwick had rather a dangerous and exciting ride, while hauling T. F. Moore's camp supplies from the barn at the rear of his residence on Sixth street to the depot. After filling the wagon with the regulation camp equipments the horses took fright and started down the hill, through the lots and over fences, strewing the way with bed mattresses, etc. A cask of catsup was scattered along the route. When the stuff commenced to fall Chadwick went along and landed astride the wagon tongue, holding on for good life until the team was stopped at the foot of the hill. It certainly was a miracle that Chadwick was not killed.

Regal Shoes in Emporium.

You are invited to call upon our representative, Mr. J. MICHAELS, who will be at the New Warner, April 30th, all day and evening, prepared to fit you perfectly in Spring and Early Summer Styles of the famous Regal Shoe.

Mr. Michaels carries a complete line of the latest styles of Men's and Women's Regals—exactly the same models that are now on sale in our 114 exclusive stores in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and all other large cities of the country.

You can be fitted perfectly in either \$4 or \$3.50 models. We guarantee it,—and we stand back of the shoes likewise.

REGAL SHOE CO., Inc.,
No. 113 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Offering at Emmanuel Church Next Sunday Morning, for the San Francisco Relief Fund.

In common with the other churches of the town, Emmanuel Church will devote its offering next Sunday morning to the Red Cross Relief Fund for San Francisco sufferers.

Base Ball.

An adjourned meeting of the base ball association will be held at Council Room, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Let every lover of the great American game be present.

Building Stone.

John Rutz is prepared to furnish and deliver good building stone, on short notice.

JOHN RUTZ.

JUDGE MAYER SERIOUSLY ILL.

Hon. J. C. Johnson received a telegram at 2:45 this p. m. from Col. Cossyell, of Philadelphia, stating that Judge Mayer was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition and little hopes for his recovery.

GENEROUS RESPONSE.

The generous response of the citizens of Cameron county for the sufferers of San Francisco and other towns was prompt. Already \$400.00 has been wired to the State Red Cross Society by First National Bank. It is the desire of the committee having the matter in charge to make another remittance at an early day, so let one and all contribute at once. The following are the contributors as far as reported:

First National Bank, Emporium, Pa., \$100.00; B. W. Green, \$10.00; Emporium Water Co., \$25.00; J. P. Parsons, \$5.00; A. Brady, \$10.00; Emporium Iron Co., \$25.00; S. S. Smith, \$5.00; Cash, 50 cts.; F. X. Blumie, \$10.00; Jos. Lechner, \$2.00; C. F. Farley, \$1.00; Ralph Hemphill, \$1.00; M. C. Tullis, \$5.00; F. V. Hellman, \$2.00; Geo. J. LaBar, \$5.00; R. C. Dodson, \$1.00; W. B. Thompson, 50 cts.; Cash, 25 cts.; Jno. D. Logan, \$2.00; F. Shives, \$2.00; Mrs. C. G. Schmidt, \$5.00; W. H. Cramer, \$2.00; J. H. Day, \$5.00; L. Taggart, \$3.00; C. L. Butler, \$1.00; H. S. Lloyd, \$1.00; In Memory of Olive Claire Shaffer, \$5.00; J. Harris, \$1.00; Metzger's, \$5.00; Ed. Blinzler, \$1.00; W. G. Bair, \$1.00; A. A. McDonald, \$1.00; J. C. Johnson, \$10.00; H. H. Mullin, \$5.00; Balcom & Lloyd, \$5.00; H. A. Zaps, \$2.00; M. F. Lucore, \$1.00; I. O. Overhiser, \$1.00; Chas. Seger, \$1.00; R. M. Overhiser, \$1.00; R. Seger, \$5.00; J. A. Kinsler, \$1.00; M. Murphy, \$1.00; Thos. Galagher, \$2.00; Alex. McDougall, \$2.00; T. P. Moore, \$2.00; W. G. Gilbert, \$5.00; Wm. McDonald, \$1.00; Furnace Supply Co., \$5.00; A. F. Vogt, \$1.00; Jas. J. Dougherty, 50 cts.; S. E. Murry, \$1.00; Henry Kraft, \$1.00; Barclay Bros., \$100.00; F. F. Blunker, \$1.00; N. Seger, \$10.00; S. D. McDonald, \$1.00; O. R. Barnes, \$1.00; Independent, \$5.00; Tompkins & Norris, \$3.00; F. D. Leet, \$1.00; Ora O'Dell, 50 cts.; Jno. Edelman, 50 cts.; John L. Johnson, \$5.00; W. Klappenbach, \$1.00; J. C. Kiba, \$1.00; Jno. Costello, \$1.00; C. F. Johnson, \$2.00; Emil Peterson, \$1.00; August Johnson, 50 cts.; Emporium Milling Co., \$25.00; D. C. Hayes, \$1.00; Jno. Cummings, \$1.00; M. M. Larrabee, \$5.00; J. E. Smith, \$5.00; Cash, 50 cts.

Each individual subscriber will receive a receipt from the First National Bank.

The Lecture.

The lecture on "Odd Fellowship" at the Court House, last evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Rev. Hart, of Harrisburg, who is Grand Warden of the Odd Fellows, is an ardent worker. The musical program rendered by the new orchestra, Miss Walker and Prof. Eriss, was pleasing and cordially applauded.

Local Red Cross.

A local branch of the Red Cross Society was organized in Emporium yesterday, with the following officers: President, Burgess R. M. Overhiser; Vice President, J. F. Parsons; Treasurer, B. W. Green; Secretaries, I. K. Hockley, H. H. Mullin; Finance Committee, Josiah Howard, J. F. Parsons, H. H. Mullin, N. Seger, R. M. Overhiser, B. W. Green, I. K. Hockley, A. Brady, T. B. Lloyd, C. F. Barclay, J. E. Smith, L. W. Gleason. The branch will work in connection with the State Red Cross.

Branching Out.

Chas. L. Butler, who has been an honored and respected citizen of Emporium for twenty-two years—one of our most intelligent and clean business men, as well as a dyed in the wool Republican, has branched out in business, having purchased the Chas. Little wagon and blacksmith shops at Port Allegany and taken possession of the same. He now has several men in his employ. Mr. Butler's property and family being here we hope he may continue to make Emporium his home, for he and his estimable family have so long been identified with Emporium that our citizens should be sorry to part with them. Our Port Allegany friends will find Chas. L. Butler an upright, honorable business man, honest as a gold dollar and a good workman. We wish him well.

Business Men Organize.

The Cameron County Business Men's Exchange was organized at the New Warner, Emporium, Pa., Tuesday, April 17th, 1906. Those in attendance and enrolled as members were: Hon. Geo. J. LaBar, F. D. Leet, Alex. McDougall, Geo. H. Gross, F. V. Hellman, M. T. Hogan, Jos. A. Kinsler, W. F. Lloyd, R. R. McQuay, Chas. Diehl, Jos. Newton, Jos. Lechner, F. S. Coppersmith, E. S. Murry, M. C. Tullis, of Emporium, and State Secretary A. M. Howes, representing the Retail Merchants' Association of Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 9 p. m. by Chas. Diehl, Sec'y pro tem.

State Secretary Howes outlined the benefits to be derived and plans of organization of the auxiliaries of the State Merchants Association. A rising vote was unanimous that an organization be formed, to be known as the Cameron County Business Men's Exchange. It was unanimously agreed the entrance fee be \$1.00 until July 1st, 1906 and \$5.00 thereafter and that the dues be 50c monthly. It was unanimously agreed that the State Secretary be requested to furnish a revision of the Erie constitution and by-laws for use of this organization. The meeting then proceeded to elect a President and four Vice Presidents, viz: President, F. D. Leet; 1st Vice President, Chas. Diehl; 2nd Vice President, A. McDougall; 3rd Vice President, F. S. Coppersmith; 4th Vice President, M. C. Tullis. On motion it was resolved to refer the election of Secretary and Treasurer to the officers elected with a power to select. On motion the selection of a meeting place was referred to Executive Council with power.

On motion of Chas. Diehl, duly seconded and carried it was resolved to make application for membership in the Retail Merchants Association of Pennsylvania.

Matters touching on the future of the organization were discussed, after which the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p. m.

CHAS. DIEHL,
Acting Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

On motion of F. S. Coppersmith, seconded by M. C. Tullis, Chas. Diehl was elected Secretary.

The President appointed Geo. H. Gross 4th Vice President.

On motion of M. C. Tullis, seconded by F. S. Coppersmith the constitution and by-laws be subject to revision at any time.

On motion of Geo. H. Gross, seconded by F. S. Coppersmith, Hon. Geo. J. LaBar was elected Treasurer.

On motion of F. S. Coppersmith, seconded by M. C. Tullis, the secretary was instructed to furnish type written copies of the duties of each chairman of committee.

On motion of Chas. Diehl, seconded by F. S. Coppersmith, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Gamble, of firm of Gamble, Ghune & Co., of Bellefonte, Pa., for a donation of \$2.00.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—F. S. Coppersmith, W. F. Lloyd, Frank J. Lewis, S. E. Murry, R. M. Overhiser.

Credit—M. C. Tullis, T. H. Norris, J. F. Parsons, J. E. Smith, J. O. Brookbank.

Entertainment—Geo. H. Gross, Fred Seger, W. H. Cramer, H. S. Lloyd, Jasper Harris.

Trade Abuse—B. Egan, C. F. Barclay, M. T. Hogan, R. R. McQuay, O. B. Barnes.

Publicity—Hon. Geo. J. LaBar, H. C. Olmsted, Frank Shives, R. C. Dodson, Jos. Newton.

Charities and Advertising—A. McDougall, G. F. Balcom, S. P. Kreider, Geo. H. Smith, W. R. Sizer.

Insurance—Geo. Metzger, Jr., Jos. A. Kinsler, E. D. Blinzler, Hon. L. Taggart, H. A. Zaps.

The organization of our merchants for self protection is a move in the right direction.

Every business man in Cameron county is earnestly requested to be present at the meeting to be held at City Hall, Tuesday, May 15th.

Society Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Judd and Mrs. Lizzie Hinkle delightfully entertained a large party of lady and gentlemen friends at what last Friday evening. The occasion was very enjoyable.

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY, Showers. SATURDAY, Fair
SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS First National Bank,

EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business April 25, 1906.
\$822,765.96.
You need not worry about your money, from earthquakes, fires or robbers, if you have it de in this Bank.

Prize Speaking Contest.

A prize speaking contest in which seven girls of the High School will contest for prizes aggregating ten dollars will be held in the Opera House on the night of May 14, preceding commencement. The people generally are invited to be present. A small admission will be charged to pay for the hall and printing. Watch for announcement later.

Taken Big Contract.

Thad F. Moore, of this place, one of the most successful lumber jobbers in this section of the state, has closed a contract with Elk Tanning Co., and Central Lumber Company to cut, peel and ship the lumber and bark on large tracts of land on Mix Run and other streams. The contract will take several years to complete the work. Work has already commenced on five miles of railroad from mouth of Mix Run, connecting with A. V. R. R. Mr. Moore and crew started on the new work last Monday.

Extensive Repairs.

The Emporium tannery, owned by Elk Tanning Co., is undergoing extensive alterations, the plant being changed to a lime plant. A monster new gas engine is being installed in the engine room, in addition to the large one now in use. While the new system may do away with part of the beam men, the alterations will give employment to more men. The hair will be washed, dried and shipped. Supt. Eick is busy with the new work. Gilbert Seaver, of Ridgway, is in charge of the work.

Farm For Sale.

The undersigned offers his farm, consisting of forty acres, located on Huston Hill, for sale at a bargain. Farm all improved, with good buildings and fine orchard; well and spring water. The entire farm is underlaid with two veins of coal, as well as adjoining farms. Will sell complete with machinery or lease farm and sell stock implements, etc. A bargain for some person on or before June 1st.

A. H. BARR,
Sterling Run, Pa.

Destructive Fire.

William Winslow, who resides on the old homestead on Johnston Hill, about two miles from Benecette, met with a serious misfortune and accident, last Saturday evening. When feeding and caring for his stock for the night he carried a lantern, which exploded, setting fire to the barn. In his effort to save the stock he was seriously burned and is now under Dr. Love's care. The entire contents of the barn—seven horses, three cows and all farming machinery and tools—were burned. It is a severe loss. We have no information as to amount of loss.

Barn and Ice House Burned.

The former lively barn and ice house owned by D. C. Hayes, but used principally for storing vehicles and tools, was destroyed by fire Friday morning, together with one new buggy, filled ice house and implements. The total loss is \$500.

Nurse Wanted.

A good able-bodied lady nurse to take care of aged couple and their home. Must be competent. Apply to Rev. J. M. Robertson, Emporium.

Fill Out This Blank and Forward Your Contribution to the Relief Fund

FOR the convenience of readers of THE PRESS the following blank form of subscription and remittance of funds to The Red Cross Earthquake Relief Fund is printed. Money should be sent by check, draft, postoffice or express money order.

The First National Bank Earthquake Relief Fund,
Emporium, Pa.

Enclosed find check, draft, money order, } for \$
as my contribution to The Red Cross Earthquake Fund for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake and fire at San Francisco. One dollar may save a life.

(Signature)

(Address)