

Santa Claus will have no inconvenience with his sleigh this winter in Broken Bow.

Cable communication from Honolulu to the president by way of the cable across the Pacific is predicted today.

The shortest day of the year having been past the lengthening process will now be appreciated by the busy west just now.

Talk of an electric light plant is being quietly engaged in. The best light for the least money is what the people of Broken Bow want, without bonds or royalty except to the municipality.

The members of the Custer county Editorial Association should arrange to be on hands at the semi-annual meeting to be held in January. This will be a meeting of importance and all should be present.

The trouble between Venezuelan Government, Great Britain and Germany is to be arbitrated. President Roosevelt has been requested by the contentious governments to accept the position of arbitrator.

We understand that telephone connections with the B. & M. depot of this place has been discontinued on direction of the rail road company. Just why the citizens of Broken Bow should be deprived of this luxury when other cities are not, we do understand. No doubt there are those who abuse the privilege and make many unnecessary calls, which has had its influence in having the telephone connections removed.

There is no probability that a law can be enacted authorizing the leasing of the public land to cattle men for grazing, that will at the same time preserve the public interest and protect the rights of the homesteader.

fence it would be difficult to convince him that any part of his range could be utilized to better advantage by a homesteader. Upon the other hand there would be those either for the purpose of revenge or blackmail would insist on homesteading land within the enclosure of a ranchman when the land would wholly be unfit for agricultural purposes.

Flattering Vote of Confidence. When President Roosevelt proposed to Great Britain and Germany that they submit the Venezuelan matter to The Hague tribunal they proposed in reply that he do the arbitrating himself.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Do not let rubbish of any kind lie underneath the trees. It harbors vermin. A yard or lawn always looks barren without some ornamental trees and shrubs.

People Who Cannot Make Fires. The Papuans of the Malay coast of New Guinea are still in the most primitive state. They are wholly unacquainted with metals and make their weapons of stone, bones and wood.

A Too Common Attitude. A small girl who had just begun to attend school brought home a pumpkin seed and told her mother that the teacher said that, although the seed was white, the pumpkin would be yellow.

First Ohio Canal. The construction of canals was begun in 1825, and by 1832 400 miles of navigable canals were completed.

VERBAL ALIASES.

WORDS THAT GET TOO FAMILIAR TO SUIT SOME TASTES.

The Scientific Fad of Clothing Old Things in New Terms—Some Words the Meanings of Which Are Commonly Misunderstood.

When the report was recently circulated that a prominent public man had lost his life through accidentally inhaling a quantity of carbon dioxide, the man in the street began at once inquiring what carbon dioxide was.

As a matter of fact, carbon dioxide is merely another name for carbonic acid gas, one of the products of combustion and a constituent of atmospheric air.

Carbonic acid gas is known by several different names, as, for instance, carbon dioxide, carbonic oxide and carbonic anhydride.

Consumption as a name for a terrible and widespread disease is known and understood by practically every man, woman and child in England.

And as with consumption so with most other complaints. A quarter of a century ago even eminent physicians were content to speak of smallpox, of typhoid fever, of lockjaw. Today they are called variola, enteric and tetanus respectively.

Most people now living can remember the time when bacteria were known generically as animalcules—a not very strictly scientific definition, perhaps, but one easily understandable, and conveying, moreover, a distinct idea to any one of ordinary education and intelligence.

That of course could not be tolerated. Imagine a bacteriologist using a word which conveyed any meaning to anybody outside his own charmed circle! The idea is both degrading and preposterous; so he set to work forthwith and invented a whole host of terrific verbal aliases.

He called them, for example, schizomycetes, neuromuskelzellen, megacocci and polymorphonuclear leucocytes, as well as half a hundred other things; while for the chemical substances incidental to the science he invented such delightful terms as "tetrahydroparamethoxyquinoline" and "tetramethyl-diamido-triphenyl-carbinol-oxalate."

The change from the real meaning to that given it in popular, present day phraseology can easily be traced. Anything very wet will reek in frosty weather; so the wetness has been assumed to be the real characteristic of reek.

Then there is "lurid," which nine people out of ten use in an entirely wrong sense. Ask a man what color lurid is, and he may answer correctly, but the chances are that he will say, "Red flame, orange or bright yellow."

Of course, lurid means smoky or dull color. London fog is lurid. Thick, suffocating smoke is lurid.

Lurid and livid are almost synonymous. Livid flames are flames choked and hidden by smoke. A lurid sunset is not a brilliant one, but one dull and gray and cheerless.

Of course, the use of verbal aliases is not an absolutely new departure. It is only that we of this generation in our wild strivings after novelty have so enormously increased and multiplied them. The taste of our grandfathers and great-grandfathers lay rather in the direction of using over and over again two or three long and uncommon words.

HAD NO FAITH IN SIGNS.

He Was an Enemy of Superstition, With an Exception.

Mr. Holley looked at his grandson with a mixture of amusement and reproach on his shrewd old face. It was dusk in the barn, a time for confidences. "I dunno where in all the earth you got such notions, sonny," the old man said.

"And you don't believe there's any harm in a bird's flying into the house or breaking a mirror or seeing a black cat, grandpa?" asked the little boy earnestly.

"All foolishness," said the old man, with a reassuring pat of the hot little hand. "I'm glad you've talked it out with me, sonny. Now, you just put it out of your head, and I'll tell you what I'll do. When we go up to the house, I'll give you a little, old penny I've been saving for you for a lucky piece.

"Do they really bring luck, grandpa?" asked the little boy. "Course they do," said Mr. Holley firmly.

Swelling the Unsuccessful Ranks.

A great many men have been left behind because of their listlessness, their easy going ways. They were too slow. Opportunities would not wait for them. They would have taken advantage of them, would have succeeded, if the chance had not hurried by so fast.

Siamese Reporting.

Siamese reporters are not quite so deft as our own specimens, says the London Globe, but they have a fine impressionistic touch which charms the jaded fancy. Here is an account of a murder from that happy land.

All or None.

Busy Merchant—Well, sir, what do you want? Timid Youth—Y your daughter's hand. Busy Merchant—Can't give it to you, sir. Either take her entire or leave her. We are not doing an installment business.—Chicago News.

What It Was Like.

Miss Bostonwick—Did you go to the Wagner concert? Mr. Poker—I did. Miss B.—What was it like? Mr. P.—Like Browning set to music.—Town and Country.

A Chicago man has produced the theory that Venus de Milo never wore corsets because she had no arms and couldn't possibly have hooked them to gether.

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A sallow complexion, dizziness, biliousness and a coated tongue are common indications of liver and kidney diseases. Stomach and bowel troubles, severe as they are, give immediate warning by pain, but liver and kidney troubles, though less painful at the start, are much harder to cure.

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