

EMPLOYEES MEET OFFICIALS.

Station Agents of the Northwestern Line Are Organized and Meet Their Officers Every Month.

"The North-Western Bulletin, Devoted to the Interests of the Chicago & North-Western Railway and its Employees" is the title of a publication, the initial number of which has recently come from the press.

The interest manifested by the management of The North-Western Line in these Agents' meetings and the value placed on their expressions, is indicated by the opening paragraph of the Bulletin:

"The papers which have been read from time to time at the meetings of the Station Agents' Associations on the various divisions of the Chicago & North-Western Railway have indicated careful thought and a keen appreciation of conditions."

"They have been of such interest and inspiration to the officials of the road that it is deemed advisable to secure a wider distribution for as many of them as possible."

When the management of a corporation freely declares that the views of their local subordinates "have been of such interest and inspiration" as to call for the trouble and expense of giving them wider distribution among officers and fellow employees it is obvious to all that existing industrial problems are in a fair way to meet a solution along the most satisfactory lines to all concerned.

The employees of the Chicago & North-Western Ry., it seems to the editor, are to be congratulated upon this movement which serves to bring them into closer touch with their superiors, many of whom have grown up with the growth of the road and advanced to places of responsibility from the lowest ranks.

Much of the strength of our railroads today is due to this training, selection and promotion, by which the most humble member of the working staff is encouraged to climb the steps of the official ladder by right of individual merit and hard work, and the modest sheet referred to will go a long way toward establishing an increased confidence and good feeling that means much for employes.

Drunkards in London. About 6,000 drunkards are admitted to Pentonville prison, London, every year, says the medical officer.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3 1/2-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

We never know a greater character unless there is in ourselves something congenial to it.—Channing.

Didn't Know Her Husband.

The late Patrick A. Collins, mayor of Boston, studied law at Harvard. A Harvard man said of him:

"Collins was above all things a friend of progress. The progress of woman delighted him. He liked to see a wife treated liberally and reasonably. Nothing angered him more than to see a coarse, low-witted brute of a man domineering over a woman twice his superior in quickness and intelligence."

"On the subject of household expenses, I heard him tell a committee of women once about a certain home missionary movement."

"In this movement every participant was to contribute a dollar that she had earned herself by hard work."

"The night of the dollar's collection came and various and droll were the stories of the money's earning. One woman had shampooed her hair, another had got newspaper subscriptions and so on."

"The chairman turned to a handsome woman in the front row."

"Now, madam, it is your turn," he said. "How did you earn your dollar?"

"I got it from my husband," she answered.

"Oho," said he. "From your husband? There was no hard work about that."

"The woman smiled faintly."

"You don't know my husband," she said.

Little Hints on Letter Writing.

A letter is written conversation, and should be simple, cordial and with a flavor of personality, like a chat with a friend.

When discouraged, sick, or sad, do not write. Wait until you are feeling gay, and then your brightness will be reflected in what you put on paper.

Never write anything of which you might be ashamed later. Write kindly of everyone and don't make jokes at anybody's expense, for the written word you know may live forever.

Letters are like debts—harder to pay when overdue. Read over your friend's letter just before beginning your reply, and then answer it. Out of the heart letters are the most welcome. Never forget to write your address on the letter, this is an omission which many people fall into, and it is an unpardonable one, for much as they desire a reply to their letter, and much as their friend may wish to reply, it cannot be done if an address is not given to which a letter may be sent.

As to stationery, use plain, unruled paper, folding once to fit the envelope—white, cream, gray or gray blue of good quality are all in good taste. Avoid eccentric shapes and colors, monograms or seals of unusual size, in fact anything conspicuously odd.

Tip to Bottle Makers. A witness in a London lawsuit said: "English bottles are of very inferior make. English firms make them out of old windows and dirty old stuff—in fact, anything. That is one of the reasons why so much trade goes out of the country."

One of the lawyers who spoke at a recent meeting in London of the Royal Courts of Justice Temperance society said that if England were to turn sober the legal profession would be ruined.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Salt costs the producer less than one-tenth of a cent per pound. Uncle Sam's 1904 figures are 27,332 cents for each barrel of 208 pounds.

Even if London's starving hordes learn that England has a \$10,000,000 battleship, their enthusiasm will be moderate.

DON'T DESPAIR.

Read the Experience of a Minnesota Woman and Take Heart.

If your backache aches, and you feel sick, languid, weak and miserable day after day—don't worry. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women in the same condition. Mrs. A. Heiman of Stillwater, Minn., says: "But for Doan's Kidney Pills I would not be living now. They cured me in 1899 and I've been well since."

I used to have such pain in my back that once I fainted. The kidney secretions were much disordered, and I was so far gone that I was thought to be at death's door. Since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me I feel as if I had been pulled back from the tomb."

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Origin of "This Indenture."

Legal documents were once engraved on parchment because paper cost so much more than dressed skin. The parchment was seldom trimmed exactly and the top was scalloped with the knife, hence the term "this indenture." Even where the lawyers have departed from the custom, still obtaining in England, of using parchment for their legal forms, the phrase has been retained.

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English Woman Not Neat.

Time was when neatness had a place in the training of young girls. Now it is left to take care of itself, with consequences which are unpleasant to the eye in the street and irritating to the temper in the home. Setting aside the question of taste, her best friend will hardly say that the Englishwoman is neat.—The Outlook.

Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Death of Faithful Servant.

The following announcement appears in the Geneva papers: "M. and Mme. Edouard Monos regretfully announce the death of their faithful servant, Mlle. Gabrielle Thomasset, who has been in the service of our family for the last seventy-six years in succession."

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow?

Then use Defiance Starch. It will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

Defined.

Credit is money, and what is money? While on a street car I heard a man tell another man this about a young fellow who had some money: "He has money, but he does not know what money is—money is a lever."—Orville Sisson.

The Best Results in Starching

can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

Peddlers Rob Autoists.

Two street peddlers in Bradford, England, bought a horse for \$11.25. It was killed by a motor car one day, and the owner of the car paid them \$115 for the loss. Thereupon a new industry sprang up on the roads of England.

Many a so-called truthful man is merely a diplomatic liar.

Command large fields, but cultivate small ones.—Virgil.

CHINESE LOVE FOR OPIUM

From the recent report on "opium in the orient," made by the United States Philippine commission, are taken the following paragraphs: "There seems to be in China neither a public opinion which controls nor a national life which would antagonize a passion. There is no Chinese race. The family is the unit and the individual is of importance only as part of that unit. Hence arises a kind of family selfishness, a desire to benefit the family regardless of injury done to others. This selfishness acts as a positive force in urging men to sell opium to others of a different family or clan. For it is no matter how many persons are debauched, provided only those of the debaucher's family are not harmed but benefited."

The Chinaman justifies his wrong course "by saying that his first and only duty is to his family; that not only is he not his brother's keeper, but that it is also his highest and paramount duty to benefit his family even though it be by destroying others morally and physically. To him the injury of the many for the benefit of the few may be a righteous duty, provided only that the few are his family."

"It may be said that all people crave a stimulant," continues the report. "But are there no other cravings common to mankind? Are there not cravings for amusement, cravings for food? And what people on earth are so poorly provided with food as the

indigent Chinese, or so destitute of amusement as all Chinese, both rich and poor. There are no outdoor games in China, nor, indeed, any games, except in a gambling sense. Absolute dullness and dreariness seem to prevail everywhere. As these two passions drive the Caucasian to drink, so they drive the Chinese to opium. As an individual may, by habitual toil and attention to business, become incapable of amusement, so a race of almost incredible antiquity, which has tolled for millenniums, may likewise reach a point in its development where the faculty of being amused may have been atrophied and disappeared, so that all that remains of that desire is to spend pleasure in placidity. And nothing contributes so much to this as opium."

"In Formosa the merry Japanese lads to play tennis, football, polo, vaulting and the like, with a view—the Japanese teachers say—of improving them physically and also of developing in them a love of sports which will prevent them from wishing to spend their leisure indoors smoking opium. And the poor who have no leisure? They often have no food or so little that any drug which removes first the pangs of hunger and later the healthy cravings of appetite seems a boon to them. Add to this the feeling of peace and well being that often accompanies the smoking of opium and it is not difficult to see why the Chinese use it."

WONDERFUL CAREER OF ROMAN

The baby born on Sept. 23, 63 B. C., to Caius Octavius and Attilia, daughter of Julius Caesar's sister Julia, was destined to perhaps the greatest career ever filled by mortal man. Placed in the way of it through his being the grand-nephew of the great Julius, the youthful Caius was nevertheless only second to him in the extraordinary talent he manifested.

More than that, the boy and man together make one of the most difficult problems the historian has to solve. As a youth and young man there is no more bloodthirsty tyrant on record than the same Caius Julius, Caesar Octavianus. As a man of mature and aging years there is no ruler more merciful and clement than the Augustus he had then become.

Which of the two was the real man it is impossible to decide. But that there is greatness behind the changes his character assumed, no one denies. It is in one of the most interesting episodes in history that this young man appears at the beginning of his career. His grand-uncle had taken him in hand and given him the best education, in the closet and in the field, the age admitted. But Julius was basely assassinated in the interests of aggrandized wealth in 44 B. C., while the 19-year-old Octavius was in camp at Apollonia in Illyricum. Already a favorite with his soldiers, he declined their escort to Rome, and set forth alone.

RUSES OF THE JAPANESE

Maj.-Gen. von Frobel, a German military expert with the Russian army in the late war, writes of Japanese ruses: "In the middle of February last I was with Rennekamp's cavalry on the extreme right of the Russian army. A flag of truce arrived and handed in several letters written in unexceptionable Russian. One was to Gen. Rennekamp, and contained a polite request that since hostilities did not appear to be imminent, he would allow his officers to meet the Japanese cavalry officers at a picnic. Feb. 20 was proposed for this entertainment, but the Japanese hosts were ready to put it off till a later date if more convenient. The proposed picnic actually took place, and the Russian and Japanese officers met Feb. 21. To understand the point of this little Japanese joke it is necessary to remember that the great Japanese offensive movement began on the 20th, but against the Russian extreme left—not the Russian right. Thus, while both sides were picknicking on the

Liaho they were fighting at the Dal-

in pass.

"At Mukden the staff interpreter had commanded my Chinese servant to assist him in translating the contents of a packet of letters which had just been taken from the bodies of dead Japanese. From these letters it appeared that we had Nogi's army—or at least portions of it—in front of us. We were confirmed in this belief by the Japanese themselves. We were fighting at very close quarters and the Japanese constantly shouted to us in Russian that they had come from Port Arthur."

"I was afterward taken prisoner, and during the whole period of my captivity I remained under the impression that we had been fighting Nogi's army. Judge of my astonishment when at last, on my release, I procured a newspaper and found that Nogi's army had been fighting in an entirely different part of the theater of war, and that we had been engaged with a newly formed army, called the army of the Yalu!"

SPORT IN AFRICAN SWAMPS

"As a pastime during the evenings and nights my men and I fished for crocodiles with line and hook," writes one who has hunted much in Africa. "I had connected the island with the right bank, also, by means of trees cut down on the island and the bank. The trunks of the enormous trees and their intertwined tops formed a kind of river-bar, above and below which gathered numerous reptiles. I had some shark hooks with me. I baited them with large pieces of meat. When over I had a bite from an animal, I gave it a long line, about 150 feet of thin, strong rope. Then ten to twelve of my men pulled for all they were worth, and dragged the crocodile—often weighing 1,000 pounds—to the bank. While the saurian was beating the water with his tail, I killed it with a shot aimed at a spot just behind the head. The dying animal emitted a sickening smell of musk."

FAMOUS MEALS AT WASHINGTON

John Chamberlain, who kept the best restaurant American has ever known at Washington, induced Senator Mahone to try his hand at raising pigs for hams. In Albemarle county the Senator bought 2,000 acres of land. This he had subdivided into tracts of 500 acres each. In one he planted clover, in the next nutmeg grass and in another goobers. In the summer he would turn his swine in on the clover in September, they fed on the roots of the nutmeg grass, and in October the bars were let down for ralls on his peanut patch.

All during the fattening period the pigs were given buttermilk to drink—no water. During December the hogs were killed. The sides and shoulders were sold to the Richmond market. John Chamberlain taking all the hams except those the Senate kept for private use. Chamberlain paid 75 cents a pound and a Mahone ham steak was the chief article that constituted one of Chamberlain's famous breakfast in the capital.

For this meal one was served with some favorite fruit. Then came the ham—fried—with the gravy thick in the dish to be poured on hot boiled rice. With these were given beaten biscuit and waffles and a pitcher of wild honey, and by the time one had finished he was quite ready and willing to shut his eyes and give his soul up to the Master of all Blessings."

When Chamberlain died, Hancock's old place in Pennsylvania avenue attempted to serve similar breakfasts. But the proprietor neither had the hams to cook nor a cook that knew how to treat such a delicacy. And so the morning meal, which made Chamberlain's place famous has got to be a common, ordinary affair of grape fruit and eggs in the nation's capital, just as it has everywhere.

Chamberlain's chief cook was a negro—a former slave, born and reared in South Carolina. And he paid her \$10,000 a year, too.

"Vaudeville."

The name "vaudeville" is understood to be a corruption of Vaux de Vire, the name of two picturesque valleys in the Bocage of Normandy, and was originally applied to a song with words relating to some story of the day. These songs were first composed of one Oliver Basselin, a puller in Vire; they were very popular and spread all over France, and were called by the name of their native place (Les Vaux de Vire).

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In a church in the east end of London the following notice is posted up: "As all the alms-boxes in this church are regularly emptied, it is not worth while to break them open."

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

The New York police force is after a record. It caught a burglar Friday.

Convictions that remain silent are neither sincere nor profound.—Balzac.

A Trite Saying.

It is a trite saying that no man is stronger than his stomach. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery strengthens the stomach—puts it in shape to make pure, rich blood, helps the liver and kidneys to expel the poisons from the body and thus cures both liver and kidney troubles. If you take this natural blood purifier and tonic, you will assist your system in manufacturing each day a pint of rich, red blood, that is invigorating to the brain and nerves. The weak, nervous, run-down, debilitated condition which so many people suffer from, is usually the effect of poisons in the blood; it is often indicated by pimples or boils appearing on the skin, the face becomes thin and the feelings "blue."

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