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Attempts at English

A Harvard linguist, complained of the supposed backwardness of the American student, recently referred to "the stultifying effect of our accentric spelling." This came somewhat unexpectedly from a Cantabrigian, but it was advised. A report on the examinations in English for admission to the college shows an extraordinary capacity for error in the sub-freshman. Does the private world spell as badly as the youth at Harvard's door? If it does, our illogical orthograph cries for reform, and not all the conservatism that exists should nullify a national edict.

Last June there were boys in the entrance examination who wrote "received" and "prejudice" "interlectual," "phamplet" and "rhtyum." Words commonly mispronounced were readily misspelled "coenside," "cruilty," wickid;" and words like principle and principal, accept and expect were generally confused. But in proper names the distortions of the examined reached their worst. If McCauley, Anderson and Sir Joshua Renals strike the reader as odd, what of Physche Pyche, Physh, Syche, Physyce, P syce, Cyce, Cykey, and Physic?

These letless, however, betray something worse than poor orthography. They prove a sheer lack of association with facts nominally part of the undergraduate's equipment. Yet the fault is not altogether with the undergraduate. He is simply exhibiting a superficiality which is one of the penalties of national extravagance—a superficially written large in a college curriculum usually so extensive that no subfreshman could honestly expect to master it. —Chicago Post.

Announcement

I desire to state to the voters of Highland Park, that at the solicitation of my friends I am a candidate for the office of Mayor, and will appreciate to the fullest extent the support of all those who can reconcile themselves to vote for me April 16, 1907.

I have no platform to outline, or promise to make, other than to say it is my earnest desire to work in harmony with the City Council for the best interests of all of the people all of the time.

Respectfully,

A. Robertson.

Announcement

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth Ward of the City, of Highland Park, and if elected will do all in my power to represent the people for the best interests of the ward and city. I respectfully solicit your support and vote.

Byron J. Stevens

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Council Proceedings

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. On communication from Joseph Leuer, asking permission to lower the sewer service on his property, lot two, block one, the request of Mr. Leuer was granted, subject to the inspection and acceptance of the City Superintendent of Sewers.

Communication from property owners adjacent to ravine which starts in Mr. O. H. Morgan's residence lot and runs easterly to the Lake, objecting to said ravine being used as a sewer and asking that the nuisance be stopped, was referred to the Sewerage Committee.

Board of Local Improvements recommended and submitted for adoption ordinances for the construction of water mains on Shokie and St. Johns Avenues; also on West Street, on St. Johns Avenue from the southerly line of Moraine Road to the north line of Vine Avenue.

An ordinance concerning the sale and delivery of milk, cream and similar substances, regulating the conduct of dairies, providing for their inspection and for the licensing of venders of milk and cream, was submitted for consideration.

Report of Judiciary Committee favorable to the conducting of a Shooting School in the city by Mr. Powell.

Council adjourned to meet Thursday, April 18.

Important, if True

Is the following inference of "Champion of Fair Play"—liquor dealer's organ, correct? We quote from issue of April 6th, headed "Sunday Closing:"

"The election also expresses the will of the people on Sunday closing in no uncertain tone. Both Mr. Busse and Mr. Dunne were of the same mind on the question, and there was no other alternative for those who advocated the closing of saloons on Sunday, but to vote for the Prohibition candidate, Brunbaker, who advocated Sunday closing. What was the result? Out of a total vote of 336,006 only 5875, or one in sixty, voted for him. Truly Chicagoans do not want saloons closed on Sunday."

If the above is correct then a fair conclusion is that there must be a great many Christians in Chicago who want the saloons open on Sunday, or there are only 5875 Christians in that great city.

Illinois Inventors

The following patents were issued this week to Illinois inventors reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington D. C.

J. H. Angle, Freeport, Focusing cloth; J. S. Barnes, Rockford, Fountain pen; W. F. Barnes, Rockford, Grinder; R. C. Fingall, Aurora, Pane-attaching means; W. B. Garrett, Ashton, Electric-sign; G. G. Glass, Hoopston, Can-feeding mechanism for canning machines, Hainsfruther, Winchester, Separable fastener; H. G. Hewitt, Georgetown, Penny-collector; H. J. Houtsinger, Rock Falls, Trap; N. Kiner, Marseilles Harrow sulky; M. W. Lauer, Wilmette, Reinforced partition; F. R. McBerty, Evanston, Signaling system for telephone exchanges; J. Mahill, Walnut Grove, Road grader; E. P. Moore, Streator, Combined wire stretcher and fastener; A. P. Sands, Maryville, Truck; M. Sarvalla, DeKalb, Combined can and jar opener; B. M. Steele, Peoria, Grain weighing machine; V. Winquist, Freeport, Match holder and lighter.

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