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DISCUSSES USE OF "SHALL" AND "WILL"

SCOTCH-IRISH INFLUENCE

Famous Philologist Gives Some Interesting Facts Regarding Origin of Use in Middle West

Both Scotch and Irish have for several centuries employed "will" in the first person of the future tense instead of "shall," and that accounts for "will" in the sections west of the Atlantic seaboard, originally settled in large part by Scotch and Irish, according to Prof. George O. Curme, of the German department of Northwestern university. The Scotch and Irish also brought a strong "r" with them. This "r" was strong even in the final position.

In early colonial days the strongest stream of immigration into our country was from the southeastern part of England, so that the pronunciation of the Atlantic seaboard would naturally be different from that of the western states. One of the outstanding features of eastern pronunciation is the dropping of final "r."

Not American
This feature is not American but was brought over by the early immigrants from the southeastern part of England. Both Dr. Curme and his associate, Prof. Hans Kurath, agree on many of these historical features in the pronunciation and use of English in the United States. They are now collaborating on a three-volume English-American grammar that will deal with the historical development of English and American pronunciation and expression and will treat at considerable length how English is spoken at the present time in the different parts of the world.

Scotch-Irish Influence
"As to the usage of 'will' and 'shall' in the first person," said Dr. Curme, "we have found that the Scotch and Irish for centuries had the common usage of 'will,' and as these folks emigrated to America in the early days, many of them sought the middle west for their first homes. Hence, in the middle west, and in sections of our east, where Scotch and Irish first settled, 'will' has the preference over 'shall.' Witness the usage of words by the late President Woodrow Wilson whose English was excellent. He was of Scotch ancestry and therefore in speaking and writing often employed 'will' in the first person. But as the middle west has become more populous and has gained commercial supremacy, the usage of 'will' by its inhabitants, the descendants of those early Scotch and Irish, has become increasingly general and now it is a question of who shall set the grammatical standard, east or west, English descendants of the east or the great numbers of Scotch and Irish folks of the middle west? Ultimately even the dictum of grammarians who lay down the rule that 'shall' is to be preferred over 'will' may be over-ruled by usage.

Use of "Gotten"
"On the use of the word 'gotten,'—it was in the old days commonly employed. I have examined English books of the time and do not find 'got,' but always 'gotten.' Later, the English changed the form to 'got' and we often followed suit, but 'gotten' was undeniably the form used in the old days both in England and America, and in America 'gotten' is still a common form even in the best literature."

Prof. Curme is no antagonist to the occasional use in colloquial speech of slang phrases, either. He says slang is natural when one desires to be comfortable and be at ease. Then one often employs slang as one puts on slippers and house coat when one wants to relax.

GENERAL RELIEF AT CONGRESS CLOSING

Also Satisfaction That Spectre of Extra Session Appears to Be Laid

Triumph over the adjournment of the 70th Congress, few days of that body's session flared a possible extra session for the country for a possibility of an extra session being at least to be expected in a way closing hours, despatched in the way, all thought as out of the attention is centered on the opening of the Congress which takes place on the 5th of this year. The new speaker will be Nicholas P. M. Roebuck, of the most important of the organization of the senate is, in fact, in doubt.

If Smith and Vare are seated it is generally assumed that the Republicans will organize that body, but in this connection it can be said that even if both men are unseated the Democrats are not as yet making any positive claims as to what they are going to be able to do.

JURY FINDS LAIN IS GUILTY AS CHARGED

Employee of Construction Co. Is Held to Have Abetted Illegal Voting

I. G. Lain, employee of the paving concern headed by I. D. Lain of Bloomington and Waukegan, last week was found guilty of aiding and abetting in illegal voting by a jury in the county court. The jury deliberated three hours.

The charges were couched in two counts, 4 and 5, with other counts of voting taken into consideration.

The verdict came as a surprise. A disagreement at the worst was anticipated, according to Waukegan newspapers.

The basis for the trial dates back to Dec. 13, 1926, when Highland Park voted on bond issues, amounting to \$80,000, for the purpose of making certain public improvements.

The state charged that I. G. Lain voted several employees under him, and that some of these were not citizens.

Mexico, having had a few revolutions of her own, feels able to contribute expert advice as to how those of other countries ought to be conducted.—Washington Star.

The manufacture of almost \$300,000 worth of buggy whips in this country last year indicates that all women are not yet using pistols.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.



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RAPID TRANSIT CO. HAS BIGGEST YEAR

REPORT IS INTERESTING

Chicago Lines Carry Total of More Than 228 Millions of Passengers in 1926; Other Facts

Business of the Chicago Rapid Transit company in 1926 exceeded in volume that of any previous year in the elevated railroads' history, according to the annual report of the company made public today.

A total of 228,812,766 customers were carried on the lines, an increase of 12,767,191 or 5.91 per cent, over the previous year. In December the lines transported 20,980,331 customers, the greatest number ever carried in a single month.

The substantial increase in business was made possible through the intensive use of the company's property. "Station platforms were increased in length and 17 car trains were placed in operation on most of the lines during the year."

Extensive Operations
The company operated a total of 57,486.8 car miles during the year, as compared with 54,525,633 car miles in 1925. The average rate of fare received was 8 1/2 cents. Passenger revenue was \$18,891,988, an increase of \$1,162,231. Gross revenues, inclusive of the amount received from fares and from non-operating revenues, amounted to \$20,420,659, an increase of \$1,138,771. Net income for the year was \$1,117,632, an increase of \$73,231. Dividends paid on the company's prior preferred stock amounted to \$375,740. Taxes amounted to \$663,456, or were approximately four and one-half times the amount paid to the company's stockholders.

Important Improvement
Important improvement work done by the company in 1926 included ex-

tension of Rapid Transit lines service to the western suburbs of Maywood, Bellwood, and Westchester, this being accomplished through a trackage lease with the Chicago Aurora and Elgin railroad whereby use is made of the latter's tracks; practical completion of extension of station platforms, so as to permit of eight-car train operation; the starting of construction work on the new \$250,000 Wells Street Terminal building, which will be of great convenience to West Side residents and the letting of a contract for the first unit of new shops to be located at Niles Center.

BIRTHS OUTNUMBER DEATHS IN COUNTY

Report for 1926 Is Issued by State; Waukegan Figures Also Given

Births far outnumbered deaths in both Waukegan and Lake county last year according to official statistics just given out by the state department of public health.

There were 465 births in Waukegan as compared to 278 deaths. In Lake county there were 1,476 births and 914 deaths. During 1925 there were 416 births and 214 deaths in Waukegan. During the same year there were 1,525 births and 813 deaths in Lake county.

This shows that the birth rate in Waukegan jumped from 18.9 per cent per 1,000, to 20.9 per cent in Waukegan, while the death rate also increased from 9.7 per cent to 12.5.

In Lake county the birth rate dropped from 18 per cent to 16.9, while the death rate jumped from 9.5 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

It won't be long now until the average American will be more interested in what Babe Ruth and Roger Hornsby are doing than in what Mussolini and Calles are pulling off.

"Philadelphia has a stadium left on its hands after the Dempsey-Tunney fight," says the University Kansas. "Why not start a college?"—Kansas City Star.

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