

ATTRACTIVE SIGN.

A Painter's Blunder Causes a Milk Dealer Much Annoyance.

His Choice of Words, While Perhaps Truthful, Was Not Businesslike or Profitable to the Milk Dealer.

When President Monaghan, of the Wisconsin Milk company, Chicago, wants any sign painting done hereafter, he is going to write out the wording of the signs himself, and then watch the workmen closely to see that they "follow copy" literally.

"What'll I say on 'em?" queried the painter. "It doesn't matter much," replied President Monaghan, "so long as the lettering is big and bold. I should think something like 'Wisconsin Milk company, Dealers in Pure Milk and Cream,' would be about right, but I'm not particular, so long as it is attractive."

Mr. Monaghan had business among his customers in the country, and went away for a week. When he returned he found the building covered with an "attractive" sign—so attractive, in fact, that all the neighboring firms were giggling about it, the street was jammed with the teams of draymen who stopped to laugh over it, and some of Monaghan's business rivals had photographers there taking pictures to circulate among consumers of dairy products. The sign read:

WISCONSIN MILK COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS OF PURE MILK AND CREAM.

Twenty minutes later a crestfallen painter was at work striking out the word "manufacturers," while the irate Monaghan watched the job from the sidewalk, and made burning comments on the idiosyncrasy of sign painters in general, and one in particular.

QUEER ANIMAL FOR ZOO.

Cy De Vry at Lincoln Park, Chicago, at a Loss to Classify a Late Acquisition.

Keeper Cy De Vry, of the Lincoln park zoo at Chicago, has another lodger. He doesn't know how to classify it, though. It is a little, grayish, cinnamon-colored, weasel-shaped animal, with a body as large as an ordinary cat, a face that resembles a bear's in miniature, and a tail not unlike that of a monkey. It has an intelligent face, with large, bright eyes.

De Vry thinks it is a whole menagerie in itself. "When we bought it," he said, "we thought we had a plain Milwaukee honey bear, but I have learned, to begin with, that it comes originally from Brazil. In face and construction of body, as well as in color, it resembles the bear, but it has the tail of the monkey and its mode of living is much like the monkey's, climbing about in the treetops. In another way it takes after the elephant, as its tongue is long and performs functions similar to those of the elephant's trunk. It eats anything from honey to eggs, insects and the blood of birds, which its remarkable activity enables it to kill. It goes under the names of kinkajou, honey bear, Mexican weasel, manariri, gumbumbani, cochumbi."

The little animal was bought recently by the Lincoln park commissioners from the heirs of a Milwaukee man.

A GOOD PEDESTRIAN.

Secretary Hay Indulges a Habit He Evidently Contracted While Sojourning in London.

Secretary Hay, who is one of the richest men in Washington, is the pedestrian of the McKinley administration, and, although he owns several handsome equipages, and the government furnishes one for his convenience, he rarely uses them, and always walks home from the state department. After he has laid down the cares of state and before dinner he indulges in a brisk constitutional of an hour's duration. His stride is rather long, and he walks with a dash and swing which furnish him excellent exercise. His carriage is decidedly English, and, while the new secretary is an American to the core, and does not aim to imitate the British, he undoubtedly contracted the pedestrian habit while in London. It is rather becoming, and many admiring and envious eyes follow the vigorous and talented diplomatist as he swings gracefully along the capital's fashionable thoroughfares.

QUEER BIT OF SPIRIT.

M. Trouillot, late French minister for the colonies, has been the victim of a queer bit of spite, the baristers of his district having disbarred him by virtue of a forgotten law that forbids any lawyer from accepting a salaried position. As the French ministers are all paid officials, and many of them are lawyers, a general application of the law would be disastrous.

THEFT OF TWO HOUSES.

A London plumber is under arrest for stealing two houses. He was two months at work testing them down and taking away the material, without anyone interfering with him. It was only when the owner went to look at the houses himself that he found they were gone.

RIVERS OF VICTORIA'S REAM.

The British empire embraces 2,000 rivers.

TO SHORTEN HER NAME A BIT.

Miss Domiciellyl Yanuszkiewicz Is to Wed Adam Belazarus at Chicago.

After thinking the matter over Domiciellyl Yanuszkiewicz, of Chicago, concluded to change her name. A marriage license has been taken out in which she is the party of the second part. The party of the first part reveals in the name of Adam Belazarus. It isn't much of an improvement as to sound over that of the fair Miss Yanuszkiewicz, but it is shorter. One does not have to take a half holiday in order to write it.

Mr. Belazarus will probably call her "Dom" for short. Or, as this contains the suggestion of domus, or master, he may choose rather to address her as "Ciel," which holds a hint of Heaven in the Latin tongue, and if a young bride were not heavenly, what adjective may be properly applied to her?

When the wedding takes place there will surely be trouble, if an English-speaking justice undertakes to pronounce the names. "Do you, Adam Belazarus, take Domiciellyl Yanuszkiewicz, etc.," will sound more like a sawmill in operation than the cooing of the white doves of Venus.

The answer to Shakespeare's anxious query: "What's in a name?" would in the case of Miss Domiciellyl Yanuszkiewicz be "the whole alphabet," speaking with approximate correctness. Of course, a few characters are left out, but this is unavoidable and, should not be considered to the prejudice of the young woman.

Adam is 28 years old, according to the marriage license papers, and Miss Domiciellyl Yanuszkiewicz is two years his junior. This is the ideal age for marriage, and both will probably be happy in spite of their names.

A STATUE OF LONGFELLOW.

An Association Purposes to Erect a Suitable Memorial in the National Capital.

The executive committee of the Longfellow National Memorial association, formed for the purpose of erecting a statue of the poet in Washington, has issued an appeal to the public for subscriptions to accomplish this purpose.

The committee estimates that \$35,000 will be needed to procure a statue worthy of the poet and the site. The smallest contributions will be welcomed. As almost every American home where the inmates love good literature, says the appeal, contains a copy of Longfellow's poems, it is hoped that the response may be both prompt and generous.

The Riggs national bank of Washington has consented to act as financial agent of the memorial association, and checks may be made payable to it.

President McKinley is an honorary regent of the association. Chief Justice Fuller is president, while Secretary Hay, Senators Hoar and Wolcott, Speaker Reed and many other prominent men are associated with the movement.

TO MAKE MAINE SOUVENIRS.

Armor Plate from the Warship to be Transformed at Springfield, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., is on the eve of becoming the center of a new industry—the manufacture of battleship Maine souvenirs.

A firm in New York has got hold of a number of the armor plates from the vessel destroyed in Havana harbor, and it has, anyhow. They will be shipped into Springfield soon, via New Orleans, to the Springfield iron works, and then the souvenir work will begin.

The rolling mill will be started to flatten the plates into thin sheets. A stamping machine will then work the sheets into scarf pins, watch charms, buttons, "lucky pieces" and so on through the range of souvenirs. The dies are already prepared and waiting for the plates.

DISLIKES SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

Secretary Long of the Navy Rarely Attends Them Unless Official Etiquette Demands.

Secretary Long rarely attends social functions unless official etiquette demands, although possessed of a large share of this world's goods and his position in society well established. The secretary is an excellent story teller, has quite a reputation as a speaker, is a general favorite because of his sunny disposition and bright repartee, and is always a welcome visitor. Notwithstanding his wealth the secretary apparently does not squander much of it on hats. He wears a peculiar shaped silk hat of a type not quite modern and has either worn the same head covering since becoming a member of the cabinet or keeps a large stock of the style on hand.

No Such Thing as Depravity.

Forain, the French caricaturist, was recently asked whether he found depravity the deeper among the rich or the poor. "There is no such thing as depravity," he replied, with all the distaste he could put into his voice. "At the top it is the diseased nerves; at the bottom hunger."

Electricity Vs. Steam.

At a recent meeting of electric engineers in Cologne, the conclusion was arrived at that there was little chance of electricity superseding steam on railways.

Rubber Heels to Soldiers' Shoes.

India rubber heels are to be attached to the shoes worn by French soldiers. It is claimed that they decrease the fatigue of marching.

Sea's Claim on Sailor Men.

One sailor in 236 is lost at sea.

A SHORTER ROUTE.

New and Practical Canalway for Inter-oceanic Connection.

Well-Known Civil Engineer, John F. Lebaron, Who Has Worked on Old Niagara Canal, Discovers a Better Course.

John F. Lebaron, a well-known civil engineer, declares, in an interview at Cleveland, O., that while engaged as an engineer on the old Niagara canal he discovered a new and practical route for the inter-oceanic connection.

"I was one of the engineers in charge," said he, "and became thoroughly acquainted with the territory, and when I discovered the new and more practical route I at once laid it before the men who were backing the enterprise. But they were pledged to put the canal through on practically the route they had laid out, and did not act on my suggestion, and furthermore did not want anything said of the new and shorter route."

When congress acted on the matter, and the president assigned a commission to go thoroughly over the ground and report on all feasible routes, I at once wrote the commission saying that if it was desired I would go to Washington and make known my route. I asked for no commission nor money, having no other interest in the matter than public interest. The commission did not see fit to accept my offer, and, therefore, I have never divulged the route. The commission has reported favorably on the Lull route, which, I believe, presents obstacles that make it impracticable."

Mr. Lebaron claims that the route he proposed is much shorter than any other, and would cost \$22,000,000 less than any yet named.

Mr. Lebaron is now an engineer for the American & Honduras company, to which the government of Honduras recently granted valuable concessions.

DOING AWAY WITH RED TAPE.

Improvements in English Post Office Service—Private Mail Boxes.

The British post office is becoming a really live concern. There have been more reforms since the duke of Norfolk became postmaster in 1895 than during the previous 20 years. The latest introduces a system of private posting boxes, located in private houses and offices, from which the postmen collect letters at regular intervals.

Two collections are given daily for one pound yearly, with a slight additional cost for each floor above and below the ground. The user is not allowed to have a key to the box. The letter once posted becomes the property of the postmaster-general and cannot be returned to the writer. Probably other facilities will follow, for G. H. Murray, the successful chairman of the inland revenue board, has accepted the secretaryship of the post office, which found that a strong outside man was necessary to break red-tape autocracy.

WILD MAN CAUGHT.

Walks on All Fours, Is Covered with Hair and Fights Like a Demon.

Constable Elwood McCracken, of North Ervin township, Ind., brought to jail at Kokomo the other day a queer specimen of humanity, captured in a church at Poplar Grove. The man, who was practically nude when found, is partially covered with a thick, shaggy growth of grizzly hair from one to four inches in length. He was at first thought to be some wild animal, as he was crouching and walking on all fours between the benches of the church. Though evidently past 80 years of age, he is a Hercules in physique, and wild and vicious as a tiger. He fought like a demon on being captured. He can talk but little. He says his name is Jacobson, and that is all that could be got out of him. It is not known where he came from. The officers are at a loss to know what to do with him.

GIVE UP ENTERTAINING.

Great People of England Have No Disposition to Compete with the Extravagant Newly Rich.

"The great people of England do not entertain as formerly. They do not care to compete with the millionaire brewer, the Jew financier or the American whose concerts or parties often cost £5,000 and even more. A quarter of a century ago all the great houses were regularly thrown open each season. Now it is the exception when big houses entertain."

"Another unfortunate phase has made its appearance in a certain set, i. e., for a society aspirant to get a great lady to ask the guests to her first party and thus give her a start. Of course, a very handsome douceur is given the lady for doing so."

Europe's Largest River Steamer.

The largest river steamer in Europe is the Amsterdam II, recently built at Amsterdam for the Rhine service. It measures 85 meters in length and nine in width, and has a capacity of 975 tons.

Bulletin Financier.

Mardi, 7 mars 1899.

BOURSE DE PARIS (CLOSURE) (MARCHÉ DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS).

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Bulletin Commercial.

Mardi, 7 mars 1899.

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