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Official Records.

Reasons Assigned for the Difference-Work of the Board on Geo-Examples.

Washington, May 27. It is a remarkable circumstance that in the "Postal Guide," do not in all name of a small postoffice will often be spelled in one way, and in the "Postal Guide" in another. This is because the Fourth Assistant Postit is in this class that nearly all the differences occur, while the "Postal

chief clerk of the department. Bethe clerks of the Fourth Assistant's division there is little harmony ,and two sets of postoffice names.

ment, in one part of it at least, has stood that it is not reforming the lan- ship above turned slowly and at times Porter, our Ambassador to France. seen fit to "hoe its own row." The guage, not writing words necessarily seemed to stand still. most notable case of late is that of as they ought to be written, but upon this spelling. The Postoffice De-Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, when asked today how this happened, replied: "We spell here in the more in harmony with it. common-sense English way-P-o-r-t-o-Porto, and do not put in any u-e-r. What nonsense that is! We take the clerks look in Webster's dictionary Geographical Names." For example, the board decided as with our language. the seventh of its principles-not rules -that, wherever possible, names consisting of more than one word should be combined into one word, provided no serious offence to public taste was involved. The tendency toward simplification in this way has long been named "West Palm Beach." The de-partment objected to a three-word the Chinese and Japanese, the former

was chartered in 1816, its name being spelled without the "h," and its offi-cial form is still "Pittsburg." The SOME NEWS OF POSTOFFICES "h" appears to have been added by the Postoffice Department, and through that action local usage became divided. print it without the "h." When the

department attempted to cut off the "h" from Newburgh, N. Y., a loud protest was made. All the historic associations of the town were connected

department has put back the letter which it tried to lop off. Another abgraphic Names-Tendencies and breviation recommended was the spelling of "borough" as "boro." This has not occasioned much difficulty as the tendency had already strongly set in in favor of the simpler form. Be-

the names of postoffices, as published tween the forms "center" and "centre" popular usage appeared to be instances conform to the names used began its investigations. It decided in the official records of the depart- upon the old English spelling in the ment. In the bonding division, the interests of uniformity, and that may now be said to be official. No one ob-

ment. The discontinance of hyphens in connecting parts of names was also recommended, as well as the dropping Guide" in which these names are pub- tice grew up in the South, where often lished is edited in the office of the a court-house would be established in house" attached. But in time villages hence we have in so many instances have grown up at these court-houses,

lished a Board on Geographic Names, as it was called, for the purpose of "Appomattox." It is the same with three others. The basket party conthe spelling of geographic names in the words "city" and "town"; as parts sisted of four persons. Donaldson took me out, I wonder?" the publications of the government. of names they have been in many his place on the bar between the bas-This board is still in existence, and do- cases dropped. Their use was merely ket and the neck of the balloon. The ing excellent work. If its decisions a complication, growing in most cases day was hot. Donaldson was in his were respected there would be no such out of an optimistic spirit on the part shirt sleeves. Part of the time he was confusion in the Postoffice Depart- of the promoters of a place. Boise bareheaded. The day was perfect. As He Says So Himself, So it Must Be ment as that already alluded to. The City is now Boise. Spokane Falls is we took our flight and salled out over other departments are generally ad- simply Spokane, and all along the line the lake, reaching an altitude of nearly hering to the findings of the board, the tendency is toward simplicity, uni- a mile, the intrepid pilot, looking down and publishing their maps and charts accordingly, but the Postoffice Depart-

Variations of Spelling in A majority of the local newspapers What Become of the Aero nuat's Passenger?

> with the ampler spelling, and so the Story of Wash Donaldson, Circus Aeronaut Recalled by One Wh Barely Escaped His Last Ascen-

sion, 1875-Was His Companion

Thrown Out the Balloon?

about equally divided, when the board in New York prompted a man who witnessed it to tell the following experience:

"I came very near being thrown out jects to this at the Postoffice Depart- of a balloon once myself. Did you ing to identify the remains except a ever hear of Wash Donaldson? He was the balloonist for the Barnum and Bailey show more than twenty of material found near by, thought by class offices as they are established, and of the diacritic characters. Wherever years ago. Donaldson was an athpracticable the letters "C. H." (court lete. He was of perfect physique and house) have been dropped. This prac- had a face which made women crazy. He was a man of travel and a capti- the two ascensions, except myself, is to order. the center of a county, with no village vating talker. He was the hero of dead, and each one died in a peculiar tween the editor of the "Guide" and about it. The postoffice would bear the more than a hundred trips to the skies. county name with the word "court- The ascensions took place just before the afternoon performance. He openso that the descriptive term is no ed the season in the summer of '75 on In 1891, President Harrison estab- longer necessary. "Appomattox Court the lake front in Chicago. I was in

the ropes, followed by birds; sometimes of the balloon in the waters of HAND AND TRIPOD the lake; sometimes in the branches of a forest; sometimes in the camps of loggers in the pineries of that region. But none proved true. People quit talking about it, until one day it wis recalled by a story, well written, to the effect that Donaldson had been seen alive in London. The circus people and Donaldson's friends denied this. A little later a similar story locating him in Africa was printed. and this was denied. To give these stories a shading of truth, for a number were printed later on, they contained the statement, which was true, that the woman in this case had left the circus and had gone to meet her lover. She had left the circus. Finally the stories about Donaldson being The balloon scene in a play running alive, like the ones about J. Wilkes Booth being alive, ceased. A long time after, several months, I think, portions of a human body were found in the sands on the Wisconsin shore

> of Lake Michigan. There was nothpiece of jeyelry which a young woman who knew Grimwood said she had given to him. This, with a few bits some to be parts of the balloon canvas, led to the belief in some quarters that Grimwood was thrown from the basket by Donaldson. Every man of way. The Scotchman who lost the toss on the second day went mad a few years ago and escaped from the to order. asylum. His body was found some time after in a creek.

"Donaldson's fate remains a mystery. Did he throw Grimwood out of the basket? Would he have thrown

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Catholic Standard.

agent who sold it to me.

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"I don't know,' said he, "that I can

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were labored, and most of them failed

' 'You all know General Porter.

"'You all know the presiding of

sickly tone of his speeches, all you

have to do is to drop one of them, in

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE LIES

Brown-I hear you've bought a pro-

perty at Lonesomewood. How does

Green-Not nearly so well as the

ficer,' I retorted, 'and judging from the



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Puerto Rico. Eight years ago, before rather getting at the consensus of local there was any thought of annexing the opinion, and weighing those differences island, the Board on Geographic in the light of the general tendencies Names decided without controversy which seem to have become very marked. It is to be regretted that the partment, without consulting the board work of the board is not given more is now spelling it Porto Rico. Fourth support. It should have an appropriation for printing its decisions, and the Postoffice Department should ac

The board meets once a month, but will not meet again this year until October, on account of the necessary accepted spellings. I suppose our absence of its secretary from a June meeting which would ordinarily have whenever they want to find the spell- been held. Capt. George W. Goethalls, ing of a word which it is desired to the representative of the Corps of Enuse as the name of a postoffice. We sincers, has been transferred to West have no connection with the Board on Point, and his place on the board has been filled by the assignment of Maj.

The "common-sense English way" James J. Lusk. At each meeting the of which the Fourth Assistant speaks cases for consideration are presented with such assurance is, unfortuniately, on cards. Each card contains a list something much in doubt, and it was of all the possible spellings of a name, to secure uniformity as well as sim- and on one side is the recommendaplicity in the interpretation of a half- tion of the examining committee and no more ascensions after their mardozen different "common-sense Eng- their reasons for it. "Toleston," a lish ways" often proposed that the place near Chicago, was once decided Board Geographic Names was estab- at the last meeting. It was sometimes lished. Its work has been misunder- spelled with two I's and sometimes stood, and in consequence has fallen without an "e." There seems to be no in safety to unload the basket. He my own way at the dinner." into considerable disfavor by reason reason in local tradition for the two said, in a matter-of-fact way, that the of a too mechanical interpretation of 1's, and so the shorter and simpler law of self-preservation was the same the principles which it has laid down. form was adopted as more in analogy in midair as it was on the earth.

JAPANESE IN HAWAII.

Immigration to the Island Has Increased Very Rapidly in Recent Years.

marked. "La Fayette" is now almost crease of Japanese immigration into sulted a well-known criminal lawyer universally written "Lafayette," as is Hawaii has attracted the serious at- in New York on that very question, "Eldorado," and hundreds of other tention of the authorities here of late. and that the information was in acwords are similarly treated. Applied The reports received by the immigra- cordance with what he had said in rein moderation the principle is clearly tor. authorities are in line with press ply to the woman. a good one. But some clerks in the dispatches stating that the influx is "The next day I went to the grounds 'Postal Guide' office carried it to such steadily increasing. One official report to see Donaldson make his second as- cific Mutual Life Insurance an extreme a few years ago as to dis- from a United States inspector sta- cension of that engagement. The sky credit the principle and to throw rid- tioned at Honolulu states that 12,000 was threatening. The lake was a sea fcule upon the board. Of all the indi- Japanese have arrived since the of whitecaps. A storm came up out line companies. Liberal terms vidual cases criticised, in the newspa- islands were annexed to the United of the southwest. The two men who pers at the time, it said that not one States. He also reports that, in his had tossed with me the day before was a decision of the board itself, and opinion, the total population of the were at the side of the basket. The ers. Age and stability, comthey had made thousands of decisions. Asiatics by the end of the present year younger, who had won the toss for but all were applications of a princi- will exceed the total population of all the second day's ascension, was a ple by the department. The board did other nationalities. Another official mere lad from an interior town of and accident) and modern recommend, to be sure, such consoli- report comes from an inspector sta- Illinois. His name was Grimwood. dations as "Tenpound Island," in place tioned on the Pacific coast, who was The other was a Scotchman. He wantof "Ten Pound Island," or "Ten-pound sent on a special mission to investi- ed the young man to toss over again. portunity of a life-time to the Island," as it has been variously spell- gate the causes of this influx. He visit- but the young man replied by quoting ed. They called a certain postoffice in ed Japan as well as Hawaii. His pre-Missouri "Tenmile." But all absurdi- liminary report bears out the previous Donaldson said to me, in an aside: ties of consolidation have been charged reports as to the extent of this immito the board. Several years ago there gration and the menacing results was a demand for a new postoffice a which may arise from it. The inspector short distance from Palm Beach, Fla. at Honolulu states that one of the ef-People in the neighborhood wanted it fects of the heavy increase of Japanese

dental. The arrangement for my trip York of the Pullman Palace Car Comwas for the second day. But two pany, was among the most accessible other persons, also invited to go up on of men. He always seemed to have the second day, appeared on the first plenty of leisure time. One day a reday and asked to make the ascension porter was sent to him to collect some then. This occasioned a parley. It after-dinner stories which had never AA was settled by the toss of a coin. By before been printed, and never have this I won. The two who lost then been printed up to the present time. threw for the ascension next day, for The General laid aside his correspond-Donaldson had said that after the first ascension he would take only one person.

"This first ascension was without ineident, save for the novelty of it to those who had never before been up in piece of repartee-a't least, it was the the Auditorium Hotel now stands. Afat a big banquet, the chairman of ter we had left the basket I wen't with which was an orator. His introductions Donaldson to his hotel and dined with him. A woman at the table, one of to score. When he introduced me, he the profession, was Donaldson's affianced bride. She had become infatuated with Donaldson, and became a With him all you have to do is to drop circus woman. They were to have a dinner in the slot and up comes a been married at the close of that sea- speech. son. He had promised her to make riage.

"I asked him what he would do if, in an ascension with only one person, it the slot and up comes your dinner." becan's necessary in order to escape "From that time on I had things

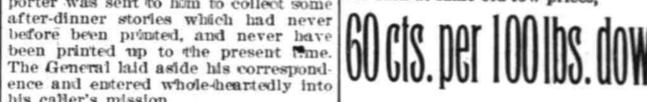
" 'Would you throw a man out of the basket of your balloon?' asked the woman, to whom the possibility of such a thing had occurred, apparently, for the first time. Donaldson replied that he would be justified in such an act. where his own life was involved, and Washington, May 26 .- The rapid in- he told me afterward that he had con-

the old adage about a bird in hand. "'I hate to take that boy today, for this balloon, which is not the one we had yesterday, is patched, and not as safe as the other, and, besides, it looks dark overhead. How would you

like to take his place?'

This, my first ascension, was acci- General Porter, while the head in New and give us their names and places half a day in advance.

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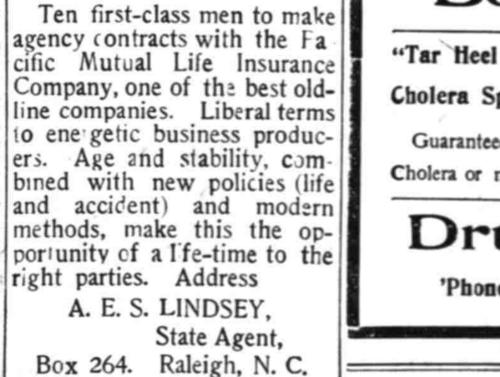
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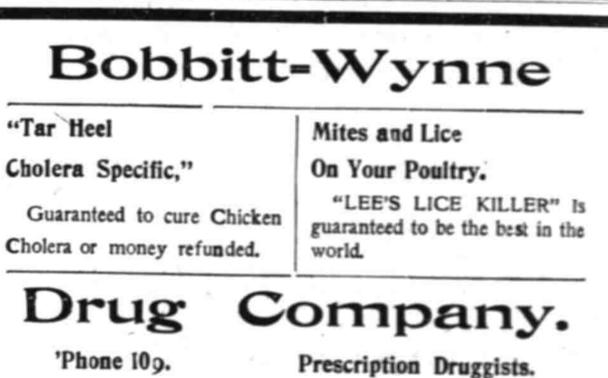
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partment objected to a three word the Chinese and Japanese, the former being gradually outnumbered as the being gradually outnumbered as the sion to reply for the young man orth

beach." This aroused so much rea-sonable objection that the latest edi-a recent clash, it is stated by the resonable objection that the latest edi- a recent clash, it is stated by the re- dently afraid ne might lose his place, tions of the 'Guide' have spelled it port, several Chineses were killed and could speak. Knowing Donaldson as

The consolidation of words seems At the Japanese legation an official I did, with faith in his courage and to be wholly a question of how people said: "Japanese labor is almost essen- admiring his intrepidity, I think I are accustomed to look at them. New tial in operating the large plantations Hampshire was written in the consti- in Hawaii, and it is naturally in much ond flight. tutional papers as one word, and yet demand. But this is a condition inno one would think of recommending herent to Hawaii, and the Japanese that consolidation now. People do government and Japanese people cannot like the looks of "Westpoint," as not control it. Our government in no the department tried to spell it, and way assists or encourages emigration upword from under their umbrellas in Geraniums, Heliotropes, Colest, etc. yet "Newton" for "New Town" has to Hawaii. There are immigration silent awe. The balloon crossed the become perfectly familiar and accep- brokers and companies which carry on lake in a northwesterly direction and table. Naples, which means "new a flourishing business, but there have was soon lost from sight by intervencity," has long been spelled as one no government status. The only action ing clouds. The afternoon was stormy best sorts. Cabbage, pepper and Potword. Yet it would never be possible of the government in the matter is to and the fury of the gale increased dur-

Some of the other principles of the the protection of the immigrants ceived of the voyagers on the followboard are that, as far as practicable, against imposition. Some of the Jap-ing morning. That afternoon the first the possessive form of names should anese have urged that the population of balloon was inflated on the circus be avoided. "Wood's Holl" was made "Wood's Holl." This name was origi-nally Wood's Hole, but has been has never taken up that idea, and has never taken up that idea, and has never taken up that idea, and son had not returned. Mesages were changed by summer residents to there is no official system of deport- sent out to towns in the northwest "Wood's Holl." This change had been ing Japanese.

accepted in official and local usage, and all the board saw fit to do was to the United States, Hawalian affairs the United States, Hawalian affairs drop the apostrophe, as it had at an affecting Japan come under the lega-swers were received. The next day earlier date been dropped in Buzzards tion bere. But we have had no recent and the next and every succeeding day Bay. This principle is intended mere-iv to basten a little attended merely to hasten a little a tendency which in the immigration. An influx of Jap-in which we made the first ascension is always operative. The apostrophe anese can have no political significance was inflated, but the ropes were never is a useless adornment in a proper whatever, and it would amount to cut. There were no more ascensions. is a useless adornment in a proper whatever, and it would amount to nothing if the reports were true that sent, sloughs off. The board also re- they would outnumber other nationali-they would outnumber other nationali-balloon seen in various phone of a commended the dropping of the final ties. They have no vote, so that their balloon seen in various places, some plication. "b" of the termination "burgh." Pitts- influence is not exerted in shaping the times in the air, with a dead many Valves, pipes and fittings always on

should have gone with him in his sec-

"Donaldson followed Grimwood and called to cut the rope. The balloon went up in the midst of lightning and thunder. Not a cheer followed its to write "New York" as one word. license the brokers, in order to insure ing the night. No tidings were re-



hanging head downward, tangled in hand.

Ratio of Assets to Liabilities - - - -

132 1-2 per cent