

**Suri News Notes.**  
 —The farmers in suri section have broken up right much rested land this season.  
 —Three wood saws have begun to hum in this section.  
 —The people in this section, young and old, are catching the true Christmas spirit.  
 —One day recently while an owl was trying to catch a snipe, Mr. W. S. Frazier shot and killed both birds with one load.  
 —It is the opinion of many that the Oxford Public Ledger is the best local newspaper that comes to this section. THOMAS FRAZIER.

—A complete historical survey of London is in the form of a collection of views comprising 111 volumes, collected by John Edmund Gardner. The views illustrate London history from earliest times down to the days in which Gardner lived. It is now for sale and has been offered to the Corporation of the City of London, but the corporation has no money to spend in these days of economy. Many artists were employed on buildings about to be demolished. The pictures include many famous buildings, streets, parks, squares and gardens. Water color paintings by celebrated artists of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries are included, with a special series by R. B. Schnebble.

**THE TEXT OF THE FOUR POWER-AGREEMENT**  
 Between the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan  
 The draft of the proposed treaty between the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, which is to supplant the Anglo-Japanese alliance, and pave the way for the acceptance of the American proposals for naval reduction, was formally adopted at the arms conference in Washington last week. The text of the treaty follows:  
 "The United States of America, the British empire, France and Japan have agreed as follows:  
 "Article 1.—The high contracting parties agree as between themselves to respect their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific ocean.  
 "If there should develop between any of the high contracting parties a controversy arising out of any Pacific question and involving their said rights which is not satisfactorily settled by diplomacy and is likely to affect the harmonious accord now happily subsisting between them.  
 "They shall invite the high contracting parties to a joint conference to which the whole subject will be referred for consideration and adjustment.  
 "Article 2.—If the said rights are threatened by the aggressive action of any other power, the high contracting parties shall communicate with one another fully and frankly in order to arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient measures to be taken, jointly and separately, to meet the exigencies of the particular situation.  
 "Article 3.—This agreement shall remain in force for ten years from the time it shall take effect, and later the expiration of said period it shall continue to be in force subject to the right of any of the high contracting parties to terminate it upon 12 months' notice.  
 "Article 4.—This agreement shall be ratified as soon as possible, in accordance with the constitutional methods of the high contracting parties and shall take effect on the deposit of ratifications which shall take place at Washington, and thereupon the agreement between Great Britain and Japan, which was concluded at London on July 13, 1911, shall terminate."

**SAYS WORD IS MISPLACED**  
 Writer Criticizes the Too-Frequent Employment of Phrase, "The Psychological Moment."  
 A correspondent of the London Times sternly scolds all who are so slipshod in their speech as to employ that most useful of phrases, "the psychological moment," says the Living Age. Asserting that by no possible distortion of the English language can it legitimately be forced into its current meaning of "the proper, or fitting, moment," he proceeds to give a history of the phrase which is vastly more interesting than his diatribe against its users.  
 "The psychological moment" is an English translation of the French le moment psychologique, which is, in its turn, a mistranslation of the German—das psychologische moment, which was used in the Neue Preussische Zeitung in December, 1870, when the bombardment of Paris was about to begin. The German writer said: "The psychological momentum (das psychologische moment) must be allowed to play a prominent part, for without its co-operation there is little to be hoped from the work of the artillery." Confusing the neuter German word das moment (which means "momentum," and, as here used, a dynamic part of the human mind urging it to action), with the masculine der moment (which means moment in its ordinary English sense) the French translated it le moment psychologique, and with derisive gaiety incorporated it into the slang of the hour.  
 The French writer Francisque Sarcey, in his "Diary of the Siege of Paris," tells how the beleaguered Parisians pluckily made game of their enemy's phrase:  
 "You know how we laugh over that 'psychological moment.' The word has become all the rage. . . . Everybody says, 'I'm hungry. The psychological moment for sitting down to dinner has arrived.' . . . When the first ball fell in the streets of Paris, everybody cried laughingly, 'Tiens! They must think the psychological moment has arrived!'"  
 The facts are vouched for by the new English dictionary, but for all the lexicographers may say, "the psychological moment" is too firmly fixed in the usage to be withdrawn readily.

—The cost of one United States battleship would endow four universities like Princeton or build 8,600 homes at a cost of \$5,000 each.

—The oldest newspaper in the United States, in point of continuous publication, is the Paris Kentuckian-Citizen, of Paris, Kentucky. It was founded in 1807.

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