

ORATORICAL CONTESTS.

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN DO THEIR BEST FOR VALUABLE PRIZES.

Mr. A. C. Atlee and Mr. E. H. Frantz the Viewers' Commemorative Exercises on Thursday Evening.

In the oratorical contest held in the Diagonical society hall, Franklin Marshall college, this morning, ten freshmen vied with each other for a prize, and six sophomores wanted the gold medal. The orators and their subjects were as follows:

- Sophomores--B. C. Atlee, Lancaster, Pa., "The Faith of Glory lead but to the Grave"; G. O. Hill, Woodstock, Va., "We are One"; J. C. Harsh, Alexandria, Pa., "The Amazon"; A. F. Harold, Manor Station, Pa., "The Saxons"; G. W. Middelskuff, Lettisbury, Md., "A Pledge for the Prisoner"; and W. A. Reinhold, Lancaster, Pa., "The Shields of Lebanon."

Freshmen--Joseph H. Apple, Lancaster, Pa., "Napoleon Bonaparte"; Frank W. Elmer, H. Frantz, Millersville, Pa., "Defense of Daniel Webster's 7th of March Speech"; A. A. Heller, Lancaster, Pa., "The White Caps"; Chas. L. Leonard, Lancaster, Pa., "The Work of the Sea"; Harvey Newcomer, Rohrerstown, Pa., "The Idiot"; J. M. H. Knepper, Lancaster, Pa., "One Hundred Years Ago"; Lloyd A. Reed, Alexandria, Pa., "Patriotism"; Luther D. Reed, Lancaster, Pa., "Obstacles"; I. C. Snyder, Greensburg, Pa., "Man and Woman"; and J. G. Wingert, Marchand, Pa., "A Subject Demanding Our Immediate Attention."

On Tuesday afternoon the board of visitors of the theological seminary will convene. It consists of Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Carlisle, president; Rev. Theodore Appel, D. D., Lancaster, secretary, and the following members: Rev. Daniel M. Wolf, Spring Mills, Pa.; Rev. S. O. Wagner, D. D., Altoona; Rev. Charles E. McCaskey, D. D., Reading; Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Philadelphia; Rev. E. R. Eshbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, St. Petersburg, Pa.; Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., Easton; Rev. Albert E. Truxal, Irwin, Pa.; Rev. Joseph W. Santee, D. D., Cavettown, Md.; and Rev. J. Calvin Bowman, Hanover.

The entire following day, Wednesday, will be devoted to oral examination before this board of visitors. All the examinations of the graduating class are to be oral. The middle class will leave two oral examinations and the junior class only one. The annual sermon before the theological seminary will be delivered next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the college chapel by Rev. T. M. Mungler, D. D., of New Haven, Conn.

The sixtieth anniversary of the theological seminary will take place next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the college chapel. The graduating classes of those elected by the class will be delivered. The graduating class numbers seventeen. Nine will speak.

HALF A DOZEN GRADUATES.

Their Part in Commemorative Exercises at Strasburg.

STRASBURG, May 4.--A thoroughly packed house greeted the exercises of the Strasburg schools last evening. The graduating class was composed of six young ladies: Olivia F. Echtermach, Edith E. Musser, Ella E. Rakestraw, Evelyn L. Rakestraw, Mary S. Scofield, A. Grace Scofield. Not a miss or break occurred during the entire programme.

The decorations this year were more extensive than ever before. The stage had been enlarged, and in the centre, near the front, was an arch 91 feet high and 5 feet wide beautifully entwined with greens bearing the inscription in white cotton "Thus endeth our first lesson." Immediately in front and overhead were festooned flags and greens, with a large ball of white cotton suspended in the centre, while in the background was a cluster of lilies and on either side of the hall near the stage were immense pyramids of flowers.

The work of decoration is the combined efforts of Messrs. Isaac Helm, John Ingram, B. F. Book and Chas. Kenney. Following is the programme: Overture, "The Garden of Gethsemane"; music, "Characteristic"; C. Franke; salutory, "The Beauties of Nature"; Edith E. Musser; clarinet solo, J. Miller; Rev. Carl Thorn; music; class history, Ella E. Rakestraw; prophecy, A. Grace Scofield; music; "Transformation"; Theo. Moses; class motto, "Thus endeth our first lesson"; L. Rakestraw; class tokens, Olivia E. Echtermach; Trombone solo, Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep, H. Holliman; Mr. George Kitchner; annual address, Rev. J. M. Stah, Ph. D.; music, College Overture, Theo. Moses; valedictory, "The Influence of Public Opinion," Mary S. Scofield; music, "Thus endeth our first lesson"; H. Schlappegrill; presentation of diplomas; benediction.

Miss Musser's reference to the beauties of nature were true and effective. Class history by Miss Rakestraw was full of amusing and interesting reminiscences.

Miss Grace Scofield's class prophecy was a queer peep into the lives of her classmates in nineteen hundred, and abounded with wit and humor.

"The value of the beautiful," by Miss Evelyn Rakestraw was well appreciated by the audience. Miss Echtermach's distribution of class tokens created a good deal of merriment as she drew from her basket some toy article characteristic of the receiver.

The valedictory by Miss May Scofield was a nicely prepared address and contained excellent advice to her companions, and very appropriate remarks to her teachers.

"Ready for Action" was the theme of Rev. Dr. Stahr. It is unnecessary to say that the doctor gave to the people of Strasburg an eloquent and instructive address, full of telling illustrations and argument. The address of the principal, Prof. Lutz, was to the point and if remembered by the class, cannot fail to do them good. The patron of the Strasburg schools have in Prof. Lutz an earnest and capable educator, and he deserves great credit, as do also his assistants, for the work he is doing for them.

Probably Not. Anything crooked about the Sixth ward, Lancaster, and the Indianapolis returns this year?

PARNELL'S ADMISSION.

He Made a Mistatement in a Speech in Parliament.

The cross-examination of Mr. Parnell was continued before the Parnell committee on Friday. He testified that he had often reproved Mr. William O'Brien, editor of United Ireland, for the violent articles he published in the paper. He has not publicly repudiated the articles because he did not consider that to be the way to effect the alterations he desired in the tone of the paper. Mr. O'Brien has, he testified, repudiated Mr. O'Brien's teachings to be in advance of his own.

Mr. Parnell denied that he knew "Number One" either under the name of Tyrann or any other name, and said that he had never heard of Mr. Egan's being associated with "The Martyrs' Fund" for the benefit of families of the Phoenix Park murderers. He saw nothing criminal in the fund, and rather thought it was right to assist the innocent victims. The Martyrs' Fund might not, however, have been the most appropriate name for such a fund. He could not, he said, recollect denouncing outrages between 1878 and 1881. He believed the outrages perpetrated to have been the work of small secret societies.

Witness was then asked whether secret societies address to the League has called, and if a number of people had not been longed to the league there would not have been ample evidence obtained to convict persons who were charged with participating in the question, saying that that might or might not have been the case.

Here occurred the most remarkable evidence against the League has called, and if a number of people had not been longed to the league there would not have been ample evidence obtained to convict persons who were charged with participating in the question, saying that that might or might not have been the case.

There was a question asked whether he had any conversation with the witness made these admissions astonished the audience and elicited hisses.

"Probably," added Mr. Parnell, "the witness said that he did not, for the bill was passed. My purpose was to exaggerate the effect the league had in reducing the number of secret societies. The witness undoubtedly diminished the number of secret societies, though it had not swept them away, as I stated."

Mr. Parnell was next asked what had become of the Land League's books. He explained that some were brought to London and were before the commission. The witness Huber and another, he did not know who, neither was Treasurer Kenny, Mr. Egan, or any other of the League officials able to tell what had become of the League's books and files of letters had also vanished.

Presiding Justice Hannan here impressed upon the witness the fact that the court attaches great importance to the missing documents, and Mr. Parnell promised to try to find them.

Escaping the Law.

At Burgess, Ohio, on Wednesday, Thomas Hotelling walked forth from jail a free man. He has been a strange experience. Several years ago while in the company of his wife and child he was arrested for the murder of a woman. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. For the first time the higher court stepped in and granted him a new trial. When the case was called up yesterday the prosecutor told the jury that he would not prosecute, and he was not able to procure the particular kind of testimony to suit the higher courts, and so dropped it. The trials took place the county several thousand dollars.

A Burglar Comes to Grief.

The screams of Mrs. Henry V. Rosenbaum of Easton, which she heard in the night Wednesday night, at 529 East Eighty-fourth street, New York, brought into her room her husband from an adjoining apartment. He entered the room with one foot on the window sill and half his body within the room.

Mr. Rosenbaum made a tremendous rush for the door, which threw him off his balance. He clutched the curtain of outside balcony that still draped the window, but it tore away, because the burglar had been in the room fifteen feet below, with a crash, emitting a yell of pain that waked the neighbors.

The burglar found the intruder lying in the area unable to rise. He had a broken leg, a broken arm and was injured internally. He held a tissue of flesh in his explanation of his conduct, and at the Presbyterian hospital, his wound was removed, was recognized as Henry Hepler, a gaunter and a well-known thief.

Will Attend International Convention.

The international convention of the Young Men's Christian association will be held in the city of Philadelphia, beginning next Wednesday. This convention will be the largest and most important of its kind ever held in America. It will represent associations from all parts of the United States and Canada--besides several foreign countries, will attend. The Lancaster association will be represented by D. S. Bursk and W. S. Speece.

Important Emigration Decision.

Assistant Secretary Tichenor has made a ruling that the "emigrant fund" cannot properly be used for the support or deportation of emigrants who are in good health at the time of their arrival. The ruling was made in the case of Enoch Morgan, in which the Philadelphia emigration commission had requested an order to spend \$10 to pay his passage home.

REMAINS OF INDIANS.

SOME BONES OF VICTIMS OF THE PATTON BOTS ARE UNearthED.

While Excavating For the Erection of a Wall on the Premises of W. H. Gorrecht They Are Discovered.

W. H. Gorrecht is the owner of a house on the east side of Cherry alley, just above the Pennsylvania railroad bridge, the back yard of which is on the edge of the bank running down to the railroad tracks. This bank began to give way and Mr. Gorrecht is now erecting a heavy stone wall to protect it.

In making the excavation for the wall on Friday the masons came across a large number of human bones, including eight skulls, some of which were in a box. The bones are those of the unfortunate Indians who in 1763 were murdered in the old jail on Prince street by the Patton boys.

The bodies were first buried at a point just west of where the Daks street railroad bridge now is. In 1835, when the railroad was built, the bones were taken up, and by order of the city authorities were buried by Jacob Hubert, then sexton of the First Reformed church, on Mr. Gorrecht's property.

Thirteen years ago such excavations were made, a lot of the bones were dug up. They are buried in a peculiar kind of sandy soil which preserves them.

THE READING INSURANCE SCHEME

The Merits of the Thing to Be Examined in the Philadelphia Reading Railroad Company.

When the Philadelphia Reading Railroad company announced its insurance scheme and began to put it in operation it was severely criticized by the members of the Knights of Labor, and it was thought it could be used as a club over the heads of the employees of the road. The merits of this scheme are about to be examined into by the courts in a suit which was brought on Friday in Philadelphia by lawyer P. F. Rothelmer, representing the minor children of Louis Reith, whose husband, formerly a member of the Knights of Labor, was killed while doing service as a brakeman.

Reith had a policy of insurance for \$500 in the Philadelphia Reading Relief association, and when his wife applied for the money she was informed that it would not be paid her unless she discontinued a suit which she had brought against the killing of her husband, and agreed to release it from all claim for damages. Her lawyer, Mr. Rothelmer, advised her to fight the matter to the bitter end.

The needy condition of the woman, however, compelled her to accede to the request and she was paid the money. Mr. Rothelmer's suit is for damages for the children, and he claims that under the railroad cannot avoid liability by setting aside the policy.

Reith, and furthermore, the clause in the policy of insurance as executed by the husband setting out that the railroad company shall not be responsible in damages in case of accident or loss of life, is void and inoperative as against the right of the children to bring a suit for damage.

Oil Near Philadelphia. The Rosenzoff Oil and Natural Gas company has commenced drilling an eight-inch well in search of oil and gas near the city of Pottsville, on the North Penn branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, a few miles from Philadelphia. A reporter of the Philadelphia Record writes that the property was shown only water in several places. Dr. Enno C. Rosenzoff, a chemist and natural gas expert, is in charge of the work.

He said: Though it has always been regarded as an inconceivable error that coal oil was to be found in eastern Pennsylvania, it has been proved, and theory that oil or gas could not be found on this side of the mountains. I went through Lancaster, Chester and Montgomery counties, and found the oil and gas in the limestone belt in which we now are.

In this valley I found the most favorable indications of oil and gas, and we are now at work getting out the oil and gas. It will be found in the limestone belt in which we now are. I have heard of cases in this neighborhood where spring flows were abandoned because of the greasy water which they brought up.

The geological formation points to deposits of gas. 2d. That the evil arising from a wrong use of this liquor will be done away with when the heart of the inebriate becomes converted as drawn to it.

3d. That the God who will accomplish this in His own good time, but separately, as will agree with His own good will and purpose from all eternity.

4th. That God in His good wisdom never made a mistake. In His wisdom He placed this creature, liquor, on the earth, and on this earth it is going to remain, and all the united powers of the world cannot destroy it, you likewise virtually condemn God Himself. So that we see that he who votes the Prohibition ticket, does, by so doing, condemn his Creator!

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THOMPSON CONCLUDES.

Final Paper on Prohibition and the Bible.

Man has discovered that God through His wisdom, on according to the theory of Him, He want (?) of wisdom, has made a great mistake in the matter of the creation, when He produced liquor, and gave it to man to be made use of by him. Don't you suppose that God is laughing at you? As it is written, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

God has allowed and is allowing liquor to exist for a purpose of His own, and it is not for us to determine what the nature of that purpose is. Liquor is one of God's creatures, or in other words a production of His creation; and He will do with His creatures as He sees fit.

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COLUMBIA IS ALIVE.

ITS BUSINESS MEN ENDEAVORING TO HAVE A FACTORY LOCATED THERE.

Members of a Philadelphia Laundry Machine Company in Conference With Capitalists of the Town.

COLUMBIA, May 4.--Messrs. Wilson and Leiby, president and secretary of the Wilson Laundry Machine company, of Philadelphia, were in town yesterday in the interest of moving their works to this place. A number of business men became interested in the movement which led to a meeting being held last evening in the chief burgess' room. Wm. B. Given, ex-prosecutor, and J. A. Meyers acted as secretary. The committee was appointed to investigate all matters relating to bringing the works here. The committee consists of Messrs. J. A. Meyers, M. Bachelder, M. S. Shuman and Wm. Morris.

The company is very much crowded at their present location, and desire better facilities. The gentlemen are very much pleased with this place, and if the committee's examination is satisfactory. There is no doubt but that the works will come here.

Martin Flora, brakeman on the P. R. R., had his left hand caught between two cars last night, while making up a train and badly mangled. The knuckles were knocked out of place and the flesh of the thumb burst.

Samuel Ackerman, switchtender, in the east yards of the P. R. R., had his thumb mangled last night while coupling.

The Columbia Gun club indulged in a practice at the Island yesterday afternoon, when the following scores were made: 25 shots: A. C. Kruener, 22; Chas. Franciscus, 21; Jno. C. Broome, 17; Dr. W. G. Taylor, 10; Frank Stephenson, 8. The club will have a match with the Marietta club on May 17th.

Marshall Ash, colored, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was sent to jail yesterday by Justice Harris. The church will be knocked out of place and the flesh of the thumb burst.

Samuel Oberlin, of Norwood, aged 92 years, sustained a severe injury yesterday by falling from a horse. Several ribs were fractured and the old man was badly bruised.

Mrs. S. J. Brighton was given a birthday surprise at her home, when all present had a pleasant time.

Rev. Gaul, the new pastor of the Methodist church, will preach his first sermon on Sunday morning. The church will be handsomely decorated. The society of Christian Endeavor will have charge of the evening service.

Miles O. Null, a student at the Lancaster theological seminary, will preach in Trinity Reformed church on Sunday.

Pupils' Musicale. Mr. Walter Bauman's music rooms were this afternoon occupied by his pupils. Recital No. 33 was given and it was another pleasant occasion for all attending.

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THAT BIG FOUR CONFLICT.

Harrison, Sherman, Quay and Dudley Inextricably Entangled.

A Washington dispatch to the New York World says:

The politicians are daily becoming more entangled by what they call Harrison's signed resolutions and his proposals. It is not only that he has failed utterly to satisfy their wishes by making a clean sweep of the Democratic officeholders and distributing their seats promptly among the boys who have been expecting it, but his haughty managerial manner and cold exclusiveness towards Republican leaders are utterly inconsistent with the position of a president owes to those who made him. Among the senators and representatives only the most intractable office grabbers call at the White House and even most of these admit that they feel like mendicants when they call and are treated as, and that it is against their will and under protest that they call.

They also admit that in most cases they might as well have stayed away for all the good they can do. It takes none of them into his confidence, and when occasionally does grant the humble petition of some delegation of congressmen or other leading politicians, he makes it a way to humiliate the beneficiaries. He has very few ardent admirers or fast friends among the politicians now in Washington. It is not so, and that is his loss.

It seems to regard it as an impertinence that the leaders of the Republican party should desire to speak with him, or that the American public should expect even to see him. He is making himself extremely unpopular. The ardent admirers of Republican senators who have already had enough of this treatment to lead them to the White House never to cross the White House threshold again.

If the truth were known, Boss Platt, of New York, is not bit pleased with the treatment he has received by Harrison's hands, and yet he has had better than most men. Those Platt men who declared some time ago that they were going to support that Mr. Harrison, are now of great political sagacity, and that, taking a lesson from Mr. Cleveland's experience, he would make his best bargain with the Republican party.

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UPPERMAN ANGRY.

MAGRE'S FRIENDS LOOKING AFTER A BILL HANDLED BY SENATOR DELAMATER.

The Senate Appoints a Committee of Conference on the Soldiers' Orphan Commission Bill and Adjourns.

HARRISBURG, May 4.--The Senate held a session today to consider bills on first and second reading and act on the conference committee reports. On the part of the Senate Wood, Millin, Williamson, Huntington, and Brown, York, were appointed a committee of conference to consider the Soldiers' Orphan Commission bill, which, as amended by the Senate, prohibits further contracts to maintain the inmates.

The general flag act was freely amended on second reading and in the opinion of some senators its original purpose has been defeated. Adjourned until 4 p. m. Monday.

There was a little flare up in the Senate today between Delamater, of Crawford, and Upperman, of Allegheny, a friend of Chris Magre. The latter was very indignant because a copy of a House bill had been reported at the instance of the former legislator. Upperman denounced the bill and subsequently reported the original bill on the subject.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

\$30 a Month Taken For Years by Post-Office Fraud.

St. Louis, Mo., May 4.--The principals in an extraordinary case from a man were arrested in different parts of the state yesterday. Jacob Little, a Union soldier, died in Andersonville prison, and in 1871 his widow was awarded a pension of \$30 a month. This money was taken for years by Post-Office fraud.

Barnes took his wife's pension papers and came to Pettit county, Mo., where he married a widow named Rogers. He induced her to impersonate the deceased Mrs. Little, which she did successfully and drew the pension.

Barnes died in 1877 and the widow took up with a man named Ritt, who was in possession of the pension story. She wanted to quit drawing the money, but Ritt compelled her to continue the fraud until they separated about a year ago.

Then she ceased drawing the money and the government desiring to know why the money was not drawn, started an investigation. After six months hard work the conspiracy was unearthed, and Mrs. Barnes was arrested yesterday at Somerset, Omaha county, and Ritt was taken into custody in this city.

To Manufacture Tin.

CHICAGO, May 4.--The consolidation of the North Chicago rolling mills, Union Steel company and Joliet Steel company, turns out, is intended not only to facilitate the production of iron and steel forms, but also to develop a new industry in this country--the manufacture of tin plate.

"We are much nearer the manufacture of tin plate than people suppose," said Orrin W. Potter, president of the North Chicago rolling mill company, in the course of conversation with reporters here. In ten days Mr. Potter, accompanied by a party of tin plate men and an expert familiar with European mills, will visit the Black Hills in Dakota to gain full information as to the extent of the block tin deposit there, investigate attempts already made to reduce the ore and secure specimens for more scientific experiments.

"Our experiments will begin as soon as our consolidation is complete," said Mr. Potter. "It may be years before we obtain successful results, but it will not be many."

Or for Europe.

NEW YORK, May 4.--To-day's fleet of outgoing trans-Atlantic steamers including the Aurora, La Bourgeoise, Devonian and Veerdan. Hon. Whitelaw Reid, the new minister to France, with his family and servants were on board the La Bourgeoise, and Hon. Samuel R. Thayer, secretary of the Netherlands, was on the Veerdan. All the steamers left with the determination to keep a sharp lookout for the steamer Nevada, nothing having yet been heard of her up to 11 a. m. to-day. The officials of the State line think she will certainly be sighted to-day or to-morrow.

They Found It.

ST. PAUL, Mo., May 4.--The agent and party sent out by the Missouri River and Gulf coast to discover the source of the Mississippi river, returned yesterday. They report having discovered two lakes 110 feet above the level of Isaac, and seven miles distant, to which they traced the head of the river.

Will Not Inspect Men.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 4.--The best inspection bill, as endorsed by the convention which assembled in St. Louis in March, was defeated in the Legislature yesterday. This is a victory for the Chicago packers, as it was thought that all states Missouri would adopt the only best combine bill.

Cut His Victim in Pieces.