

The Citizen will publish in each issue of the week one of the essays or declamations, which formed part of the Commencement exercises of the Honesdale High school for the benefit of those who were unable to be present at the exercises.

The following oration was delivered by Martin Caufield at the High school commencement:

"American Heroes of Invention." Friends and Fellow Students: In the name of the class of nineteen hundred eleven I salute you with a most cordial welcome to this the thirty-sixth annual commencement of the Honesdale High school.

As the people of the present time enjoy the conveniences with which they are surrounded in life, they neither realize nor appreciate the hardships and trials which confronted the early inventors; yet every one of these men by his untiring efforts used his magnificent genius for the public good. Such men as Franklin, Howe, Edison, Fulton and Whitney put vitality into their work not simply for what they could get out of it but because they felt it the duty of every true man to aid his fellow-men. Some began their work with a view of personal benefit and others to render public service but they each obtained the ultimate result—contributing towards the comforts of life and the advancement of civilization.

When we consider the opportunities of the modern American boy, we wonder at the accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin—who, denied the advantages of liberal education, forced early to seek his own livelihood and many hardships—gave to us many inventions which are still in use. After he had earned a competence, Franklin retired from active business but he still devoted his time and genius for the good of mankind in the pursuit of scientific experiments; in one of the latter, sending up during a thunderstorm a kite with a silk string he discovered that lightning was merely a discharge of electricity, whereupon he invented the lightning rod.

What would be the condition of the country to-day if it were necessary to separate the cotton from its seed without the aid of machinery? The man who overcame this difficulty was Eli Whitney, who, while visiting at the home of a Mrs. Greene in Georgia, overheard a discussion on this subject and resolved to improve the existing methods of separation. He shut himself up in a room provided by Mrs. Greene and labored day after day until the cotton gin had been completed. But Whitney's success was short-lived for people coming from all parts of the state broke into his workshop at night and carried off the building of a new model before the patent could be obtained. This was finally accomplished and the revolution in the cotton manufacture caused by its introduction has continued to this day.

Several years ago, when that floating palace, the steamship Lusitania, was launched, the event served as a fitting culmination to the accomplishments of Robert Fulton. But at the time no one even thought of the first successful voyage of the Clermont, the forerunner of all modern liners. Previous to this occasion Fulton's experiments with the steamboat had been generally unsuccessful. In his first, which he built and experimented upon in France, failure was due to the fact that the boiler and machinery were too heavy for the frail boat so that it suddenly broke apart and went to the bottom of the river on the eve of its trial trip. But the undaunted Fulton, in company with Livingston, returned to this country and began another series of experiments which resulted in the construction of the Clermont. Upon the completion of the boat arrangements were made and a day appointed for the first public exhibition. When the day arrived a jeering crowd of unbelievers assembled on the banks of the river and made Fulton and his "folly" the object of much ridicule; but the jeers were changed to cheers and shouts of admiration as the boat steamed up the river. On this occasion which has become part of the history of our country, Fulton was rewarded for his years of toil and he lived years of enjoyment in that single moment.

At the present time the hum of the sewing machine is a sound with which every person in this country is acquainted, but this was as rich music in the ear of Elias Howe, when after years of trial and scorn he presented this labor-saving device to the world. After he had made four machines, Howe journeyed to England in order to introduce his invention but after several years of failure he returned to this country, entirely destitute. He immediately became involved in a number of expensive law suits concerning his patent but his rights were upheld by the courts and he was allowed to reap the benefits of his labors.

As the business man converses with his associates by means of the telephone, as the stock broker reads his quotation tape, as operators send several messages over the same wire by means of the quadruplex telegraph system, how many of them think of the untiring Edison? Although the "Wizard of Menlo Park" has reaped a fortune which would enable him to retire for life, yet he has equipped a laboratory at Menlo Park where he has withdrawn from the haunts of man in order to devote himself to invention. In this workshop he has lived for weeks at a time, his meals, when he took time to eat, being served there and the benches serving as

his bed. As a result of this persistence the confidence in his ability has become so general, the world is prepared to believe anything it may hear of his discoveries. In summarizing the lives and deeds of these men it becomes evident that they have demonstrated these facts: That they have shared the burdens of society with their fellowmen; that each worked more nobly and generously than he realized at the moment; that every industrious and capable man makes life more comfortable; and lastly, that small opportunities in the hands of large men always become great.

J. B. WALKER, SKYROCKET OF WALL STREET, IS ILL.

One Time Spectacular Financier Is in Grave Condition.

James Brandt Walker, whose career in Wall street attracted wide attention several years ago, is critically ill at a summer resort in the Adirondacks.

Mr. Walker's breakdown in health began when he strained a blood vessel in his brain in a moment of intense excitement while attending a baseball game in Washington. He was treated for this trouble and his recovery was about complete when he is said to have contracted tuberculosis.

Coming from Chicago fourteen years ago, Mr. Walker began his career in the New York financial district with a small capital. Within a short time he had made and lost a fortune. Then he made up his mind to study the scientific side of speculation, and he did, succeeding in gaining \$5,000,000. This was in the summer of 1907, and rather than risk the loss of a second fortune he retired from Wall street.

He is tall, weighs 200 pounds, dresses carefully and was considered one of the handsomest men in the Stock Exchange. He is a widower with no children and is forty-three years old.

While trading in the stock market Mr. Walker was always a consistent bear. He first gained prominence early in 1907, when it became known that he had made a fortune estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, sending his orders from his villa at Lakewood, N. J. At the time of the financial flurry in March, 1907, he overplayed his market, and prices rose so rapidly that he was unable to cover his short contracts and nearly all his profits were lost.

He then turned to the produce market and became a bull on wheat, sending it all the way from 75 cents to more than \$1 a bushel. He then returned to the stock market with his new funds and sold consistently until he retired.

UNIVERSAL RACES CONGRESS.

Unique Gathering to Be Held in London in July.

The first universal races congress is to be held at the University of London July 29-29. Every race and nation will be represented by some of its leading men. Among the persons interested in the congress are more than thirty presidents of parliaments, the majority of the members of the permanent court of arbitration and of the delegates to the second Hague conference, twelve British governors and eight British premiers, more than forty colonial bishops, 130 professors of international law, leading anthropologists and sociologists, the officers and the majority of the council of the Interparliamentary union and other distinguished personages.

The object of the congress will be to discuss in the light of science and the modern conscience the general relations subsisting between the peoples of the west and those of the east, between so called white and so called colored peoples, with a view to encouraging between them a fuller understanding, the most friendly feelings and a heartier co-operation. Papers will also be read showing the special contributions of each nation or race to the world.

Book of Two Million Words.

A fifth revised and greatly enlarged edition of "Dillon on Municipal Corporations" is about to be published. It was over forty-five years ago that the author, then a judge of the supreme court of Iowa, commenced the preparation of this authoritative treatise, and the work appeared in one volume in 1872. Because of the growth of the law on the subject the new fifth edition will appear in five volumes, containing 2,634,878 words. Judge Dillon, after serving as chief justice of the Iowa supreme court, judge of the United States circuit court, president of the American Bar association and professor in the Columbia university law school, is now a railroad attorney in New York city. He is seventy-nine years of age.

For years he kept us on the rack. Now he is lying mute. There is not one to wish him back—in life he played the flute. —Lippincott's.

"I see," said Slaters, "that our old friend Bilkins had a strong article in one of the Boston papers the other day."

"Really?" said Bilkins incredulously. "I'd never have believed that of old Bilks. What was it?"

"A recipe for pickled onions," said Slaters.—Harper's Weekly.

As Usual. "So your Shakespeare club is a great success?"

"Yes. We have accumulated enough fines for nonattendance to take us all to a musical comedy."—Washington Herald.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

John Pierpont Morgan, Financier and Art Patron.



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John Pierpont Morgan of New York and London, art patron, financier and promoter of industrial combinations, may appear as a witness before the house committee investigating the steel trust. At present Mr. Morgan is in Europe, whither he went on an art collecting expedition and incidentally to see King George of England crowned. He was specially invited by the king to be present at Westminster, an honor not shared by any other private American citizen or unofficial visitor from any nation whatsoever.

John W. Gates, in his testimony before the Stanley committee, said that Mr. Morgan engineered the steel trust; further, that he planned the coup by which Tennessee Coal and Iron became the property of the steel company. Now Mr. Morgan is going before the committee, it is said, to tell his version.

Mr. Morgan is now seventy-four years old, but still vigorous and keen of mind. He was born at Hartford, Conn., and educated at Boston and Göttingen, Germany. He entered banking business in 1857 and in 1871 became a member of Drexel, Morgan & Co., now J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., the leading private banking concern in America.

The White House Mistress. Since the first year of Mrs. Taft's occupancy of the White House as its mistress she has not taken a large part in its public social functions. Her health has been such that her physicians forbade needless waste of energy.

William Howard Taft married Helen Herron in Cincinnati on June 19, 1888.



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MRS. HELEN TAFT. The bride was a daughter of John W. Herron, a Cincinnati business man. Mrs. Taft is of medium height, of dignified carriage and stately bearing. She is fond of literature and art and is a woman of fine culture.

Modesty Rebuked. Booker T. Washington, after a certain brilliant and powerful oration, was standing on the platform of a railway station when a newsboy strode up to him.

"Here y'are, boss!" he said. "Herald utxy! Booker Washington's great speech! On'y 2 cents!"

"Nonsense, boy!" said the noted teacher. "That speech isn't worth a cent."

"Ab, go on—jealous!" said the boy angrily. "What do you know about it?"

MRS. MARSTIN GETS ALIMONY

Wife of Atlantic City Hotel Man to Receive \$250 a Month.

New York, June 27.—Almerin Marstin, one of the proprietors of Young's hotel in Atlantic City, is ordered to pay \$250 a month alimony to his wife, Mrs. Cecil Marstin, pending her suit for a divorce. Mrs. Marstin names as one of the correspondents Maud L. Keenan, who is a joint proprietor with Marstin of the hotel, and says that Marstin gave Miss Keenan a \$5,000 pearl necklace.

Mrs. Marstin says her husband has an income of \$50,000 a year and that he was in the habit of giving her a \$500 or \$1,000 bill and telling her to go out and buy something for herself. She says he gives dinners to his friends in Atlantic City that cost him over \$1,000 each. He offered her \$10,000 to get a divorce two years ago, but she would not take it then, she said.

ALFONSO'S THRONE TOTTERS.

Republican Uprising, It is Said, May Take Place at Any Time.

Paris, June 27.—Private advices received here from Spain indicate that the political situation is threatening in the extreme. It is said that a Republican rising may take place any day.

It is added that much of the recent news which has been sent out concerning a probable counter revolution in Portugal actually applies to Spain. The seizures of arms which have been made at different times was not by the Portuguese, but by the Spanish, and the arms seized were consigned to Republicans in Alfonso's kingdom.

Taft at New York State Fair.

Washington, June 27.—President Taft has promised to go to the New York state fair at Syracuse in September. He will attend the convention of the U. S. C. E. at Atlantic City on July 7.

Soft Toned Bells of China.

The natives of China use large bells of their own make in many of their temples and monasteries. Travelers notice that all through Japan and China the tone of monastery and temple bells is very soft and smooth, due to the superior quality of the material used in their manufacture and to the absence of iron clappers, the result being a marvelous softness of tone. The bells are never swung, being always suspended in a fixed frame, and the sound is produced by striking them on the outer edge with a wooden mallet. This makes the soft tones which are so delightfully melodious.

When he has suffered honest woe I do not mind the man who grieves, But I hate him who stubs his toe And straightway gets a case of "poevoo." —Detroit Free Press.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GIFTS TO MR. AND MRS. TAFT.

- United States Senate—Silver service costing \$1,000. House of Representatives—Thirty-six silver plates. Philippine Party—Two Grecian ewers and tray. Yale Class of 1878—Silver fern dish. Officers of the United States Ship Mayflower—Silver platter. Friends in Augusta, Ga.—Punch bowl and cups. Commercial Club, Cincinnati—Silver rose bowl. Vice President and Mrs. Sherman—Silver vase. State of Maryland—Punch bowl and ladle. Governor Mann of Virginia—Set of vases. Gridiron Club—Silver pitcher and tray. The Speaker and Mrs. Clark—American Beauty roses. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt—Antique silver bowl. Senator Works of California—Ten boxes of oranges. City of Charleston, S. C.—Silver compote.

"John, the janitor's son whipped Jimmy today."

"Well, that's no great calamity. Suppose Jimmy had whipped the janitor's son!"—Pittsburg Post.

SENATOR CUMMINS.

Who Promises to Offer Another Amendment to Reciprocity Bill.



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Courtship Correspondence. Postal cards. Short notes. Letters. Special deliveries. Night letters. Telegrams. Telephone.

AFTER THE WEDDING. Telephone. Telegrams. Night letters. Special deliveries. Letters. Short notes. Shorter notes. Postal cards. —Life.

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