

The Commencement Season has again come round. It could not but be one of gladness to youth everywhere. After long and earnest endeavor, the goal towards which long years had directed their weary course, comes at last to view; and with anxious hearts the weary votaries at the shrine of the Muses reach forth their hands to pluck the golden fruit which hangs invitingly before them.

It is indeed but the entrance upon a career whose success demands the active and earnest attention of one's life. It has opened to the student lovely fields, decked with the flowers of knowledge, from which he may choose those favorite varieties whose future cultivation he may make his object of pursuit. The hopes of teachers and of loving parents, and the good wishes of friends, all go forth in anxious concern toward the young now entering upon the arena of the world's active life, and then it comes to pass that the influences of affection, the graces of music, oratory, and outward decoration are made to do service in the matter of opening the way brightly and harmoniously to the inexperienced which so trustfully commits itself to the tasks that arise but dimly before it.

The aged rejoice with the young now, in remembrance of conflicts long past, and mindful of the quicksands they barely escaped, they learn how to advise that the latter may measurably avoid the same. May joy and gladness now possess full sway, that in the time to come every heart may revert to the passing hours, as those which make the brightest in the fleeting years.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. C. C. FULTON

took place on Sunday afternoon in Greenmount Cemetery at Baltimore, a very large number of persons visited his residence to take a last look at the features of the deceased. The attendance was immense. The services were conducted by Rev. Julius E. Grammer, D. D., of St. Peter's P. E. Church and Rev. John Leyburn, D. D., of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The active pall-bearers were Messrs. John L. Thomas, R. Stockett Mathews, Peter Thompson, John V. Hood, Frederick Raine, James R. Brewer, Wm. J. Hooper, C. J. Fox, Wm. J. Crouch, John P. Keyser, Wm. Frisch and Wm. Keyser. The last four named are in charge of departments connected with the American. The honorary pall-bearers were Messrs. Wm. Pinkney Whyte, Francis T. King, Christian Ax, Wm. S. Young, Harrison Adreon, F. C. Latrobe, Alex. Shaw, John W. McCoy, George W. Dobbin, George Wm. Brown, Edward S. Young, Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, Gen. John R. Kenly, Robt M. Proud, James A. Gary and Dr. S. L. Frank. Eighty carriages composed the cortege.

GEN. CROOK.

The long continued anxiety respecting the whereabouts of Gen. Crook has ended in well verified accounts of his entire safety, with but losing one man, and but one wounded. He captured the Apache stronghold; his latest dispatches were received on the 12th inst., at San Francisco, being dated at Silver Creek, Arizona, twelve miles south of the boundary. His operations were in the Chiricahu country, the fortress of the tribe in the very heart of the Sierra Madre.

A FIRE in Haver De Gracia on Monday, arising from sparks falling on a roof, caused a destruction of property to the value of \$100,000. The whole town was threatened with destruction in the course of the conflagration.

A STATUE in honour of Gen. Thayer "The Father of the Military Academy at West Point erected by the Alumni Association of the Academy was unveiled at that place on the 14th.

N. L. DUKES SHOT AND KILLED.

At Uniontown, Pa., on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 25 minutes after 7 o'clock, James Nutt, eldest son of the late Capt. A. Nutt, shot and killed N. L. Dukes, who killed his father, Capt. Nutt, on last December 24th. Dukes had been standing at the Jennings House awaiting the arrival of the mail, and when he started for the post office, young Nutt, opened fire upon him from a room in front of the office and shot him twice in the back, in the rear of the heart. Dukes started on a dead run, pursued by Nutt, who fired three more shots, one of which again hit him in the back, about two inches from the first, the fourth missed him and the fifth grazed his left ankle as he was going up the post office steps. Having ascended the two steps, he fell forward on his face. Policeman Pegg ran up and caught Nutt, who made no resistance, but said to the officer, "Here, you take this," giving him his revolver. Pegg said to him, "you have done a bad piece of work," and he replied, "Yes, but I could not help it."

Nutt was taken to jail and Dukes was carried to the same room in the Jennings House in which he killed Capt. Nutt. Dukes made no show of resistance during the attack, but evidently knew his assailant, having looked around during the firing of the pistol and then ran round the corner.

The following comments from the Baltimore American present a fair and well timed review of the case:

Dukes, the seducer of Miss Nutt and murderer of her father, has met the fate which his infamy invited. It is a pity that the law failed to deal as it should have done with the second of his black crimes; but remembering that he was acquitted by an undoubtedly corrupt jury of the killing of Captain Nutt, and that he had since flouted himself in the faces of the family of his victims, we can feel no surprise that the son and brother has at last called him to account. Scandalous and shocking as the whole affair is, the heaviest responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the jurors who permitted him to go free, and the people of Uniontown who allowed him to remain in their midst. If they had carried out their threat of expelling him from the community after the trial, they would have prevented the tragedy which took place yesterday. But they hesitated and faltered with their opportunity, and, we may say, abetted Dukes in provoking young Nutt into a bloody affray. The moral tone of a community in which the faces of the trial was possible and which subsequently tolerated the presence of Dukes cannot be very high. That he was a thorough and contemptible scoundrel, and that he felt no compunctions for his own devilry, was made apparent by his wrecking of the happiness of a home and his atrocious assassination of its head. There seems not to have been a single redeeming element in the man's nature; but it would have been much more satisfactory if he had been punished by the machinery of the law, than that another crime should be necessary to wipe him off the face of the earth. We have here another telling instance of the lamentable results when courts may be tampered with and justice defied in her own temple. The law was mocked when Dukes was acquitted, and now its requirements will be spurned again, for no jury will visit any penalty upon James Nutt for so summarily avenging the foul wrong that was done him and his kin by the wretch whom he has slain.

A DRAGON FLY IN A SCHOOL ROOM.

In a public school in New York city on Friday of last week, there were assembled 2100 children. The doors and windows being open a very large dragon fly entered and proceeded to sail around over the heads of the pupils. Some little girls became affrighted, those near the door ran out and down the stairway; the children became panic stricken and started for the door crying "Fire!" about 100 got out before the teachers rightly comprehended the situation, the effect was the collection of a very large crowd on the street, and preparations were made by the fire department to attend the scene, fortunately the presence of mind of the teachers proved equal to the occasion, and order was restored. Another name for the insect is the "devil's darning needle" in regard to which the children have the conception that its sting is certain death, or that it will sew up their ears and make them deaf. The creature is a formidable looking one, from which fishermen generally move aside when it appears, but we never heard of its doing any harm.

THE OBSERVERS OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

The observers of the Solar Eclipse of May 6, arrived at San Francisco from Caroline Island, on Tuesday last, and report their observations to have been highly successful.

REINTERMENT OF J. HOWARD PAYNE.

The remains of John Howard Payne the author of "Home Sweet Home" were interred on Saturday in the vault constructed for their reception in Oak Hill Cemetery at Georgetown by the munificence of the philanthropist, W. W. Corcoran of Washington City, who had the remains brought from Turin where they were interred in 1852. The place chosen as the final resting place of the Post beloved by all who appreciated the endearing ties of home, is near the main entrance to the cemetery, and about midway between the lawn and the chapel; from a granite base rises, above the vault a white marble shaft which is 14 feet high and crowned with his bust. On the front of the shaft is the inscription "John Howard Payne, author of Home, Sweet Home, born June 9th, 1792, died April 10th, 1852." The obsequies were of an imposing character. The President members of his cabinet and of the diplomatic corps, judges of the Supreme and District courts, officers of the army and navy and many other distinguished officers and citizens participated in the procession and ceremonies.

The Star Route trial has been of the most remarkable duration of any jury trial on record. It began about one year ago, and lasted three months and one day. It was resumed on the 4th of December last, and has continued six and a half months. According to the showing of the New York Sun, the known cost to the government already footed up for special attorneys \$125,979.48. The cases were ended on Thursday morning with a general verdict of not guilty in favour of all the defendants.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

ENGLISH land companies are buying land on an enormous scale in great tracts in Florida, Texas and the West.

THE Baltimore and Ohio railroad has advertised for proposals for building its new road between Baltimore and Philadelphia.

THE Dakota Capital Commission has voted to make Bismark, at the intersection of the Northern Pacific Railway with the Missouri river the capital of the Territory.

THE Bedford Springs have been purchased by William H. Vanderbilt for \$252,000. The Vanderbilt road will bring the springs into prominence again as a summer resort.

THE rockets fired at New York from the towers of the Brooklyn bridge to celebrate its opening were seen by persons on High Point, one of the prominent Catskill peaks, one hundred miles away.

An engineer on a Northwestern passenger train, in approaching a cut, found that it was filled with cattle. He could not stop in time, and so he pulled the throttle wide open and went through the herd like a thunderbolt, killing ten beasts without derailing his train.

DR. McCOSH is to retain the Presidency of Princeton College, but will be relieved of the duties pertaining to discipline and general supervision by Dr. Murray who takes charge of these duties under the title of Dean. This arrangement will enable Dr. McCosh to devote himself to the school of philosophy which will open next September. Over \$150,000 have been subscribed to the new enterprise.

MOTHER Regina Mattingly, Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, died at St. Joseph's, the Mother House of the Community in Hamilton county on June 4th, after a painful and protracted illness of nearly a year's duration. At the age of seventeen she came from Kentucky to Emmitsburg, whence she went to Cincinnati having filled various offices she was elected Superior in 1865 and continued in the same for six years. Having been again called to the position in 1877, she was Superior when she died.

WORK has been resumed on the Washington Monument at the national capital. It is now 340 feet high; when it is completed it will have a height of 500 feet of stone and 55 feet of glass, and will, it is thought, exceed in height the highest structure ever reared by the hand of man. The Strasburg Cathedral towers to the height of 468 feet and St. Peter's at Rome 448; the spire of the Cathedral of Cologne rises to 511 feet, and the highest of the pyramids was but 479 feet when first built. Hence it appears that when, as is expected, the Washington Monument is completed, in December, 1885, the topmost point will be some forty-four feet higher than any other artificial elevation.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 12, '83.

The event at the capital during the past week was the funeral ceremonies in honor of John Howard Payne, who is, after having been dead thirty-one years, at last laid in a final resting place, under a fitting monument. The exercises of the occasion were all agreeable to listen to and appropriate with the exception of the hallelujah music at the end and the singing of "Home, Sweet Home" to new-fangled strains instead of the old familiar tune. Their were many interesting faces at the cemetery. Peering out from the newspaper seats in the front row was the countenance of Dr. Mary E. Walker, and it reminded me of the funny poem—she did not intend it to be funny—which Mr. Corcoran received from her. The gentle doctor's poem ought to be printed. She addressed it to "the immortal Corcoran," and the purport of it is that if any of his grandchildren ever fall into needy circumstances Dr. Mary E. Walker promises to take care of them. To show how much in earnest she was she put her name to her verses, and then took the poem to a notary and acknowledged her signature, with the names of three witnesses duly appended. The idea of swearing to a poem is new and original. Mr. Corcoran and all the newspaper editors have been delighted with poetical effusions about Payne.

The semi annual payment of interest on registered United States bonds, which occurs in January and June, is now being made. While it is very difficult to obtain exact information from this class of bonds yet, like almost anything else here, it can be had if one wants it badly enough. This year the largest single bond holder the Treasury department knows of is Mr. Vanderbilt, who will receive the interest on \$37,000,000. A year ago he had \$50,000,000, but he has disposed of \$13,000,000 for some purpose. The next largest owner is Mrs. A. T. Stewart, who has about \$30,000,000. As some of hers are coupon bonds, the amount of her holding cannot exactly be told. Ten years ago Mr. A. T. Stewart had \$10,000,000 in bonds, the most of them being 6's. Mr. Gould had \$13,000,000 in registered bonds, and a large number of coupon bonds, which he keeps to use as collaterals in Wall street, when he needs large sums of money. A California millionaire, Mr. Flood, is the next largest holder. He has \$15,000,000. Then there is an estate in Boston and three or four persons in New York who have each \$10,000,000, and a lady in New York—unmarried, too—has \$8,000,000, and the estate of Moses Taylor in New York has \$5,000,000, and D. O. Mills, Whitejaw Reid's father-in-law, \$4,000,000. I was surprised to learn that so few wealthy men held any large amounts of United States bonds as permanent investments, but was told that the rate of interest is now so low that other securities are preferred that are considered just as safe and pay higher interest. On the other side of the water American securities are very popular, and are preferred to those of other nations, because the rate of interest is higher than that paid by any other great power. The house of the Rothschilds own nearly one quarter of America's whole bonded debt as including all the Bankers of that name, they have \$400,000,000.

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