

THE PRISON CONGRESS

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HAVING TROUBLE

The Cherokee Commissioners Working With the Pottawatomies.

St. Louis, Mo., June 19.—A special commission has done a hard day's work with no visible results. For the first time the commission has discovered that instead of negotiating with the Pottawatomie Indians they have met a band of peace-loving, principally of Mexicans and negroes, intermingled with whites, who all speak the English language.

Today time has been spent in trying to define the status of the 300 or 400 absentee Shawnees, a portion of the tribe now residing in the Cherokee nation proper, who removed to this country from Kansas long before the Pottawatomies were settled here. The Pottawatomies have been trying to exclude the Shawnees upon the ground that the title rests in the Pota. The Shawnees claim that they were never excluded out an order from the president, and a worthless, roving band, who had no settled plans, only to torment and scalp their brethren.

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TME CARPE DIEM PHILOSOPHY A GOOD ONE FOR STUDENTS.

Commencement Day Ends the Comradeship of Student Life and Unbars the Gate to the World's Highway—Funny Graduating Exercises.

If all the commencement day essays which will be read in American schools and colleges this year were gathered into a book form the result would be a series of volumes as numerous and closely printed as those comprised in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. And, however much you may scoff at the statement, there would be much in those volumes worth the reading—much original, sensible thought, many examples of splendid composition and perfect English.

"LEAVE THE PLATFORM, SIR." How truly, by the way, is the day on which these essays will be read called "commencement day." For it marks the end of school life, and of course the beginning of the struggles with the outside world, if those struggles are ever to begin.

Speaking of commencement day recalls an incident which occurred at one of the New York state colleges a few years ago.

Among the graduates was a young man—his name was Desoit—who was one of those combinations of bashfulness and wit which are known as soubdins; and the faculty had consented that instead of preparing a conventional essay he should write a semi-humorous record of the work of his class during their four years of college life. A peculiarity of Desoit's say-

ing was that it only appeared when he encountered strangers. He was always the best speaker at class dinners; he "knew no fear" when talking to people with whom he had ever a slight acquaintance, no matter how large the gathering, and among his many friends his witty little speeches were often heard. But in one wholly unknown face appear among his listeners and Desoit's tongue thickened, his cheeks flushed and his wit fled.

Of course he knew that there would be many people whom he had never seen among the commencement day speakers, and he trembled accordingly. Weeks in advance he began schooling himself for the event, but he could not overcome his bashfulness. When the great morning dawned he was terribly frightened. His agitation was really distressing, and if he had begged off, giving sickness as his excuse, his appearance would have justified the claim.

But he made up his mind to do or die, and of the two he considered doing properly. He was on the stage at the first on the programme, and as he waited for the signal to go on the platform he fairly quivered with painful excitement. At last it came, and wonder of wonders! with it came instant and absolute freedom from embarrassment. He stepped forward, lifted his head toward the faculty and then toward the audience, and began. He said afterward that he never felt more certain that his manner was easy, his smile natural, his gestures graceful, than at that moment.

When he reached one of his good points he turned back his head and his eyes twinkled merrily; the audience showed its appreciation by deafening applause. He had gone on for perhaps five minutes, and the audience was enraptured with laughter when the president of the college stepped up and put his head on Desoit's shoulder. His face was black with rage, he said in some which much have been distinctly audible in all parts of the hall. "Mr. Desoit, leave the stage at once!" Desoit was dumfounded. The president had read and approved his oration only the night before, and that he should be thus treated before he had half finished delivering it was outrageous. Boiling with anger, he did as he was told. Within two minutes he learned what had been the trouble. He had not made an audibly sound while on the stage. He had stood there opening and shutting his mouth, gesticulating, putting on the most delightful of facial expressions, but uttering not a word. The spectators had expected something finer from Desoit, and when

he began to go through his silent imitation of a speech they were disappointed. The president was surprised beyond measure. He thought that Desoit was trying to make game of the occasion.

Fully twenty-four hours passed before Desoit was thoroughly convinced that he had not spoken—had indeed had his words pass his lips. But overwhelming evidence proved that he was wrong. The president never thoroughly believed that Desoit had really thought that he was talking.

At another college, where both sexes are received, an equally ludicrous incident occurred on a commencement day. One of the young men students who, like Desoit, was very bashful, had fallen violently in love with one of the prettiest of the "co-eds." The night before commencement day this young man was called upon by one of the professors to help return the essays, which had been handed in by the students for a final examination, to their owners. While the young man was at work he ran across the essay written by the girl he loved. He had a left hand about the matter up sufficient courage to declare his love, and as on the morrow he would leave on a railroad train in one direction, while the pretty "co-ed" went in another, expedition was desirable. Between the different divisions of her essay it was a left hand about the matter up sufficient courage to declare his love, and as on the morrow he would leave on a railroad train in one direction, while the pretty "co-ed" went in another, expedition was desirable.

When the young man saw these blank sheets a brilliant idea occurred to him. Hastily seizing a pen, he wrote on one of them a declaration of his overpowering affection, and ended by asking the "co-ed" to marry him. He naturally supposed that she would go through her essay to see what markings had been made before the exercises, and thus see his note. But he was mistaken. For some reason or other she didn't do it.

When she stepped on the stage, radiantly beautiful in truth, he noticed at once that she wore the roses which he had sent her in her corsage. He took this for an affirmative reply to his note, and was mad with joy. Her eyes were so generous that \$10,000 more was furnished than was needed, and was returned to the lodges. Last year's special relief expenditures amounted to \$200,254.50.

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Figures Which Show the Order's Good Work—Notes.

During the year 1,868 widowed families were relieved, the sum of \$153,172.42 being expended, including the amount paid by Rebekah lodges, which amounted daily to nearly \$417, and an average of over \$30 to each family. The sum total of the relief of the year amounted to \$2,333,766.02, an average daily payment of \$6,438.67, or \$4.48 each minute.

The past year has been a prosperous one for the order in Vermont. Five new lodges were instituted during the year at Brandon, Barton, Chester, Springfield and West Concord, and another will be organized at Hyde Park before the annual meeting, making a total of forty-four subordinate lodges to be represented in the grand lodge, New York, on Monday, 25th. Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, four having been established during the year—at Rutland, Bradford, Saxtons River and Middlebury.

W. H. Barnes, past grand lecturer of the United Workmen and grand master of the Odd Fellows, has assumed editorial charge of The Pacific States Watchman and The New Age, the former being a monthly A. O. U. W. publication and the latter a monthly I. O. O. F. newspaper.

There are 230 lodges in Illinois, with a membership of less than thirty, and eighty-three of them have less than twenty members. The average amount of mileage and per diem paid at the last session of the grand lodge was \$16.90. As the capitation tax was fifty cents, it follows that lodges with less than thirty-four members paid in less capitation tax than the average drawn out in mileage and per diem.

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The May assessment circular contained a list of 167 deaths, 29 of which were from pneumonia, 20 from consumption, 10 from heart disease and 5 from the grippe. Five of the number were by suicide. The deaths occurred principally in the following states: New York, 24; Massachusetts, 19; Kentucky, 14 (five of these being killed by the cyclone in Louisville); Pennsylvania, 12; Illinois, 11; Ohio, 10; Tennessee and Indiana, 8 each; Missouri, 7; Arkansas, 5; New Jersey and Texas, 6 each; California, 5; and another at 52 paid \$26. Six of the deaths were of half rate members, one of whom died by suicide, and had paid \$92, joining at the age of 54. The lowest sum paid was by C. F. Morrison, of Chicago, a full rate member, initiated Jan. 7, 1869; and died Feb. 18, of typhoid pneumonia.

It will be noticed that four of the above, who became members at 54 years of age, paid in a total of \$3,548, an average of \$887. Even at the level rate of \$1, one-quarter the amount at which they were assessed, they would have paid an average of \$221.75.

Knights of the Maccabees. The great camp convention of the Order of Knights of Maccabees of Michigan will be held in Bay City during the first week in August next. The local tents have appointed committees to take charge of the matter and provide accommodations and entertainment for the visiting delegates and their friends. It is expected that there will be fully 5,000 strangers in the city, and the occasion will be one of great interest to the members of the order.

Foresters. The supreme chief ranger, Dr. Oronhy-atekha, of the I. O. F., has completed his work in the state of Washington and is now in British Columbia. While in California he instituted a high camp at that state. After the S. C. R. completes his labors in British Columbia he will visit Dakota, where he intends instituting a high court. The order is rapidly increasing in membership and new courts are being reported daily.

Loyal True Blues. At the recent session of the grand lodge, held at St. Catherine, Ont., Mr. Ingram, grand secretary, called on his annual report, showing an increase of over 900 members during the past year. Nineteen new lodges have been opened during the year, and but one has become dormant. His report showed the benevolent system of the order to be in a flourishing condition.

Order of Entry. This order has been successfully planted in eight states and in Canada. Carl W. Kimpson, supreme secretary, is arranging to make an extended trip, visiting every lodge in the order. A new subordinate lodge is being compiled, and will be ready for the lodges in about a month. Every claim for benefits has been paid within twenty-four hours.

Order of Chosen Friends. The eleventh anniversary of the order was celebrated Saturday afternoon and evening of May 31, at Concordia Park, St. Louis, by the forty-eight councils of that city. Music, address, recitations, athletic exercises and dancing were the order of the day.

Books at \$500 Per Ounce. Of the original edition of the sonnets of Shakespeare, published by George Daniel, of London, in 1609, there are but two perfect copies known. One of these is the British museum; for the other \$5,000 was paid but a short time ago. As the book is very small, only 7 by 4 inches, and weighing less than ten ounces, it has been figured that at that rate each ounce of the precious volume brought \$600, or many times its weight in gold.—St. Louis Republic.

Why the Barber Business Was Bad. The barbers of India have suffered for several years from poor business. At a recent mass meeting in Bombay an aged member of the order declared that a curse had descended on them because they shaved the heads of widows in opposition to the teachings of the Hindoo scriptures. The meeting thereupon resolved that every one who hereafter shaved a woman's head should be excommunicated.

An Invention That Didn't Work. One of the most curious of inventions was a hen's nest, constructed with a spring trap at the bottom of the nest. The weight of an egg was sufficient to press down the spring and allow the egg to slip out. The theory of this thoughtful inventor was that as the hen sat on the egg, the egg would press down the trap door and disappear. The hen, as is her custom after laying an egg, would rise and cackle, but finding no egg would conclude that she had made a mistake and would proceed immediately to lay another, and so on ad infinitum. On this principle the owner of a hen would have had a great monopoly.—Cor. New York Herald.

An Anecdote of Gen. Lee. Gen. Lee at one time was very much annoyed by a Georgia man who had made frequent personal applications for a furlough. One morning the general asked his tormentor if he understood the position of a soldier. The latter said he did. He was ordered to assume it. Gen. Lee then gave him a furlough, and the man was never heard from again. "Right," said the general, "As he never gave the command 'to march' the Georgian kept on marching until he got tired. He did not get his furlough."—New York World.

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