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THE YALE GRADUATING CLASS, 1904.

HONOR MEN OF YALE.

NEGRO IN HIGHEST RANK.

Pickens Retains His Distinction—Commencement Week.

New-Haven, Conn., June 26. (Special).—The list of the 195 men of the academic senior class who will receive diplomas next Wednesday was announced yesterday. The high honor men to whom are awarded philosophical orations, the highest graduating rank, are Frederick E. Pierce, South Britain, Conn.; Dudley F. Sicher, New-York; Laurence Selling, Portland, Ore.; Arthur Kingsley Porter, Stamford, Conn.; Clarence Whittlesey Mendell, Boston; Arthur Edwin Neergaard, Concord, N. H.; William Pickens, Little Rock, Ark.; Lawrence Mason, Chicago; Stewart Lea Mims, Durham, N. C.; Edward Le Roy Dennis, Norwich, Conn.; Joseph Austen Bancroft, Barton, N. S.; Guy Burl Morrison, Lincoln, Neb., and John Smith McFadden, Johnson's Mills, N. B. Of these men, Frederick E. Pierce was the winner on Friday evening of the De Forest oratorical prize, and Pickens, who is a colored man, gained distinction last year at the junior exhibition by carrying off first honors in the James Henry Ten Eyck prize speaking.

The "high orations" appointments are as follows:

Seth Weaver Baldwin, Naugatuck, Conn.; William Arthur Brenner, Canton, S. D.; Edwin Clapp, St. Paul, Minn.; Willard Higley Durham, Holland Patent, N. Y.; Herbert William Eales, Bridgeport, Conn.; Harry Glicksman, Milwaukee; Herman Charles Groman, Odebolt, Iowa; Raymond Thompson Hill, North Branford, Conn.; Francis Edwin Howland, Asheville, N. C.; Henry Strong Huntington, jr., Milton, Mass.; Newell Jennings, Bristol, Conn.; Theodore McCurdy Marsh, East Orange, N. J.; Fred Maurice Maxwell, Gloversville, N. Y.; Julius Hall Parmelee, Trebizond, Turkey; Lansing Parmelee Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; Harry Wilson Reynolds, East Haddam, Conn.; Arthur Sandiford, Lawrence, Mass.; Herman Henry Schermerhorn, Sandy Creek, N. Y., and Bronson Mills Warren, Bridgeport, Conn.

Third honors, "oration," are awarded to the following:

George Williams Anderson, Delhi, N. Y.; Thomas Hopper Beardsley, Utica, N. Y.; Otis Munro Bigelow, jr., Baldwinsville, N. Y.; Garrett Author Brownback, Linfield, Penn.; Howard Wadsworth Church, Meriden, Conn.; Frederick Campbell Colston, Baltimore, Md.; Jean Valjean Cooke, Morgantown, West Va.; Charles Alexander Esty, Framingham, Mass.; Joseph Alexander Falvey, Meriden, Conn.; Harold Irving Gardner, Hartford, Conn.; William Dickinson Hart, Stamford, Conn.; Arthur Havemeyer, New-York City; Samuel Burdett Hemingway, New-Haven, Conn.; William Barri Kirkham, Springfield, Mass.; Allen Perry Lovejoy, jr., Janesville, Wis.; Charles Simonton McCain, Little Rock, Ark.; Charles Everett Moore, White Plains, N. Y.; Martin Henry O'Brien, Plattsburg, N. Y.; William Law Learned Pelty, Albany, N. Y.; Willard Franklin Fitz Randolph, Rye, N. Y.; Arthur Bernard Recknagel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harry Izard Bacon Rice, Coles Ferry, Va.; Brainerd Edwards Smith, Melrose, Mass.; William Hyde Warner, Hartford, Conn., and Aaron Wittstein, Bridgeport, Conn.

Twenty-nine men rank under the head of "dissertations," fifteen under "first disputes," thirty under "second disputes," twenty-nine under "first colloquies" and thirty-five under "second colloquies."

Honors in special studies for work during two years are awarded as follows:

In classical languages and literature, Clarence W. Mendell, Boston.

Germanic languages and literature, Howard W. Church, Meriden, Conn.

Romance languages and literature, Otis M. Bigelow, jr., Baldwinsville, N. Y.

English, Samuel B. Hemingway, New-Haven; Lawrence Mason, Chicago, and Edgar Le Roy Pond, jr., Terryville, Conn.

Mathematics, Seth W. Baldwin, Naugatuck, Conn.

Physical and natural sciences, Joseph A. Bancroft, Barton, N. S.; Guy B. Morrison, Lincoln, Neb., and David Lindsey Randall, Athol Centre, Mass.

History, Stevenson H. Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.; Allen P. Lovejoy, jr., Janesville, Wis.; Stewart L. Mims, Durham, N. C., and Brainerd E. Smith, jr., Melrose, Mass.

In the Sheffield Scientific School prizes have been awarded to the following seniors:

For excellence in mechanical engineering, divided between Harold K. Beach, Seymour, Conn., and John H. Thomas, West Chester, Penn.

Excellence in civil engineering, divided between Joseph D. Williams, Rocky Hill, Conn., and Joseph Bernstein, New-Haven, with honorable mention of Ernest C. Webster, Litchfield, Conn.

Excellence in electrical engineering, Edward E. Moran, Hartford, Conn.

The Tucker prize in sanitary engineering is won by Alfred C. Prime, Philadelphia, with honorable mention of Herbert J. Ord, Yonkers, N. Y.

The Belknap prize in natural history is divided between William W. Duke, Kansas City, Mo., and Philip Henry Mitchell, South Britain,

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SEVEN PERSONS DROWN.

FIVE FROM ONE CRAFT.

Small Tornado Does Much Damage in Brooklyn.

Seven persons were drowned and others injured, houses were blown down and unroofed, fences levelled, trees ripped and telephone and electric light wires torn down as the result of a young tornado that swept from the southwest over Brooklyn at 3:30 p. m. yesterday.

The storm did not go over Bath Beach, Coney Island or Manhattan Beach, where there were between one hundred and fifty thousand and two hundred thousand pleasure seekers, and many sailboats on the water. These resorts received only a fringe of the storm in the shape of rain.

The heavy wind, which resembled a tornado in some of its destructive ability, passed over Bay Ridge and then across the Parkville section to Canarsie and out over Jamaica Bay, swerving here so as to strike across to Rockaway. The storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, and left a trail of damage. The most serious accident was the drowning of five of a sailing party of thirteen off the South Brooklyn shore. The other two persons to meet death by drowning were in swimming, one in the East River and the other in Jamaica Bay. A dozen or more sloops and smaller craft were overturned by the wind, but in most cases the persons were rescued by nearby craft and were uninjured. Many boats were driven from their moorings and wrecked, and the fleets of several yacht clubs in South Brooklyn and Jamaica Bay were badly damaged.

The five persons drowned were off Forty-seventh-st. The 38-foot sloop Elsie and Kate overturned. These persons were:

CLARKE, Mrs. Kate, fifty years old, of No. 692 Henry-st.

CLARKE, Louise, four years old, daughter of the above.

CLARKE, Lizzie, ten years old, another daughter of Mrs. Clarke.

CLARKE, Mamie, twenty-one years old, of No. 213 Thirty-fourth-st., Brooklyn, niece of Mrs. Clarke.

IAASON, Lizzie, sixteen years old, of No. 213 Thirty-fourth-st., Brooklyn.

The bodies of only two of the five—Mrs. Clarke and Mamie Clarke, her niece—were recovered.

The sloop left Dougherty's shipyard, at Clinton-st. and Gowanus Bay, at noon. Peter Clarke, who is employed in a lumber yard in South Brooklyn, was on board. He owned the boat, and was taking out a family party, including his wife and three children. The only member of his own family saved besides himself was his son, Peter, jr., eight years old. Others in the party were Mrs. John Clarke, a sister-in-law, and her five-year-old son Harold; John Iaason, fourteen years old; Eddie Ritchford, twenty-four years old; Richard McInerney, twenty-four years old, and John Kopp, twenty-six years old.

Mr. Clarke was at the helm and the sloop was off Sixty-fifth-st. when the storm broke with great fury. Those who were watching the craft say that an effort was made to send the boat before the wind to the pier at Forty-seventh-st. The waves were piling over her, and the women and children sought shelter below. Members of the 2d Naval Battalion, in bathing from their pier at Fifty-second-st., saw that the sloop was in sore distress, and a party of them started to the rescue in three whaleboats, under the command of Chief Master-at-arms Thomas M. Walker. They had scarcely started when they saw the boat careen and turn turtle. Those who were floating near the craft when the Naval Reserves arrived were pulled into the whaleboats. The crew in Walker's boat tried to reach the women and children in the cabin. They dived again and again, and at last brought up the body of Mamie Clarke. After half an hour the attempt was given up and the boat towed to the Bush Stores, at Forty-second-st. There the body of Mrs. Kate Clarke was recovered later.

Walker says that he and his men offered to right the boat and recover the other bodies, but Mr. Clarke declined the offer, and had the boat towed to the Erie Basin by a tug. When the boat was righted and pumped out, no bodies were there. Probably they were caught in the rigging and were forced out by the passage of the submerged craft through the water.

When the storm came up suddenly two persons who were in swimming became confused, and, on account of the heavy sea, were drowned. One was James Healy, forty-eight years old, of No. 178 Fulton-st., who lost his life off Washington-st., in the East River, and the other, an

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This famous train is now in service, leaving Grand Central Station by New York Central, Saturdays at 1:50 P. M.; other weekdays at 3:20 P. M.—Advt.

MAY BE KINGSLEY CLEW

POLICE MAKE AN ARREST.

Visited Her Home with Missing Man, Paterson Woman Thinks.

Friends of Henry Baxter Kingsley who disappeared mysteriously on November 14, 1903, and for whom or information about whom his relatives offered $10,000 reward, were much excited yesterday over the arrest of Frank L. Stewart, who was arraigned in the Tombs court before Magistrate Pool, by Detective Sergeant Mulligan. The detective wanted to hold the man for forty-eight hours on a short affidavit, but the Magistrate insisted on details, and then much to Inspector McClusky's chagrin the name of Mr. Kingsley had to be mentioned.

Kingsley, according to Mrs. Harry Lupton, of No. 368 Ellison-st., Paterson, hired a room from her just before his disappearance. He was well dressed, had a number of rings and jewels and plenty of money. He was dazed, as though drugged, or on a protracted spree. He deposited one dollar with Mrs. Lupton, and went away to get his trunk. He was not seen here again. Kingsley, it was said, went to Mrs. Hall, at No. 275 Ellison-st., but inquiry there prove that Mrs. Hall never heard of him or of Stewart. Mrs. Lupton came there yesterday to identify Stewart.

The inspector said after the court proceedings that while he had been working on the case for several weeks he did not expect it to become known before to-day. A woman, he said, went to him about three weeks after the disappearance of Mr. Kingsley and told him that a man had been at her house, No. 365 Ellison-st., Paterson, N. J. He hired a room and went away. The next day, three men called and stayed in the room twenty minutes. She identified Stewart in court yesterday as the man who had hired the room. Her attention was attracted to the disappearance of Kingsley, she said, by the published description of the missing man. She thought he was one of the three men. She said that she did not care for any part of the $10,000, but wanted to see justice done.

At the time she first went to Police Headquarters, several weeks ago, she gave her name as Mrs. Hall. The inspector had some of his men show the Rogues' Gallery to her. She identified two portraits as those of the two men who had been at her house with the man she thought was Kingsley. It was on her identification of the portrait of Stewart that Detective Mulligan arrested him at the Bowery and First-st. on Saturday afternoon. The whole Headquarters staff had been looking for the two men.

Ordinarily the man would have been held on a short affidavit as a suspicious person, but Magistrate Pool insisted on a specific charge. Therefore, Detective Mulligan swore to an affidavit charging Stewart with being a suspicious person, and Magistrate Pool held him in $4,000 bail for examination on Monday. Ordinarily Stewart should have been remanded to the Tombs prison, but it is understood he was taken back to Headquarters and that an effort was made to induce him to answer questions.

Stewart denied at Headquarters at 4 o'clock in the afternoon that he knew Mr. Kingsley or that he had ever been in Paterson. It was said around Police Headquarters that the "third degree" had been used on Stewart.

After Mrs. Hall had told her story to Inspector McClusky, she went to Alexander T. Mason, of the firm of Daly, Hoyt & Mason, Mr. Kingsley's lawyer, who lives at No. 119 East Fifty-seventh-st. Mr. Mason was at Tuxedo Park and had given orders that nobody here should talk about the case until he came to town on Monday morning. A member of the firm, Charles K. Carpenter, appeared for the detective sergeant in the Tombs police court in the hope that the man might be held until the lawyers for Mr. Kingsley would have time to investigate. While Mr. Mason would not talk about the case over the telephone, he admitted that Mrs. Hall, on whose identification Stewart had been arrested, had been to see him, and that he believed it had some substance.

Frank O. Burridge, of No. 160 West Fifty-fourth-st., a friend of the family, who was in court when Stewart was arraigned, said that much real estate was involved in the disappearance of Mr. Kingsley, and to clear it it was necessary to have proof of the death of the man or establish that he was still alive.

Mr. Kingsley's relatives are Hugh H. and Henry Baxter, living at No. 588 Fifth-ave. When the former is in town in the summer he stays at the New-York Yacht Club. Henry Baxter stays at the Hotel Manhattan when in town in the summer. It was said last night at

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PLATT TO REMAIN HERE.

NOT GOING TO EUROPE.

Senator to Take Active Part in Campaign—Talk About Governorship.

Senator Thomas C. Platt, at the Oriental Hotel last night, said that he had abandoned his idea of going to Europe on July 12 for a six weeks' trip. In making this statement Senator Platt said gravely: "This is no year for any Republican to abandon the firing line. I intend to remain here and keep my eye on the gun. We have nominated a great ticket in Roosevelt and Fairbanks, and it is one that we will elect, but there is work to be done. I believe that we can carry the State, and I am going to stay here and help do the work."

Senator Platt reached this decision yesterday. He did so after talking with several of his lieutenants. It is understood that they pointed out to him that many problems would come up within the next few weeks, and that he should be here. The construction of a State ticket, the drafting of a platform and the preliminary organization for the campaign are to be effected.

There is a great deal of talk about candidates for Governor, but Senator Platt said yesterday that he was not ready to declare for any one. "It is too early," he said. "I had hoped that Elihu Root would take the nomination, but I understand that he will not run. If he refuses we shall have to look elsewhere for a candidate."

"If not Root, then who will be named?" was asked.

"I cannot say," he replied. "We shall find a good man, however, and you can rely on that."

The gossip in political circles yesterday was that Timothy L. Woodruff would be a candidate. It is understood that Senator Platt does not regard his candidacy with disapproval, but at the same time is not ready to declare in his favor. It was learned that the night the New-York delegation held its caucus in Chicago not a single Kings County man attended. The reason for this was that a conference was held at this time in Mr. Woodruff's room, at which the subject of Mr. Woodruff's candidacy was under discussion. William Berri, Michael J. Dady and others attended. It was then decided to take the field for Mr. Woodruff, and his campaign for the nomination opened right there.

Governor Odell, it is said, does not regard the nomination of Mr. Root as likely, and, moreover, does not favor Mr. Woodruff. It is said that he wishes to nominate Mayor Erastus C. Knight of Buffalo. The Kings County men, it is said, believe that Mr. Odell will have hard work to get enough delegates in the convention in line for Mr. Knight. They believe that Senator Platt will oppose Mr. Knight and that he will favor Mr. Woodruff. With Kings County as a nucleus and with the possible support of Senator Platt and support that Mr. Woodruff can get from up the State, his friends believe Mr. Woodruff can be nominated, and the fight is to be made along that line.

There has been talk about Frank S. Black as a possible candidate for Governor. It has been said that Governor Odell would insist on Mr. Black's running. Mr. Black, however, has told his closest friends that under no conditions would he take the nomination. He is a candidate, so it is said, for United States Senator, to succeed Chauncey M. Depew. When Senator Platt was asked about this last night, he said: "I am still for Senator Depew's return to the Senate, and I think that he will be re-elected."

Senator Depew will make an address to the Republican Editorial Association at Manhattan Beach on Tuesday night, and sail for Europe on Wednesday morning. He will be gone about eight weeks.

It was said last night that the Republican State Convention will be held in Saratoga about September 13.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO.

Machine Run Down by an Electric Car.

Chicago, June 26.—While crossing the tracks of the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Electric Railroad in Austin to-day in an automobile, George E. Dixon, head of the George E. Dixon Company, manufacturers of heating apparatus, and his wife were killed in a collision with an electric car. Mr. Dixon's death was instantaneous. Mrs. Dixon lived about five minutes after the accident, but did not regain consciousness. Her body was partly burned by gasolene that escaped from the automobile and caught fire.

At the point where the accident occurred there is a sharp bend in the road, and the occupants of the automobile undoubtedly did not notice the approaching electric car until it was too late to avoid the collision. Mr. Dixon came here in 1885 from Cincinnati.

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NO TRACE OF LOOMIS.

Police Without a Clew to Missing Bearer of Treaty.

Paris, June 26.—Not a word was received to-day regarding the location of Kent J. Loomis, a brother of Francis B. Loomis, the Assistant Secretary of State. Although midnight to-night marks a week since the disappearance of Mr. Loomis, the officials still cling to the belief that he will appear when the effects of his abstraction have worn off. Their belief is due to a careful deduction from the series of circumstances related by Mr. Ellis, his companion on board the steamer, and by Gustave Flamm, of San Francisco, who was a fellow passenger. This process of deduction practically excludes the theory of foul play on board the Kaiser Wilhelm II, and also excludes the likelihood that Mr. Loomis fell overboard. It leads to the acceptance of Flamm's statement that he saw Loomis get off at Plymouth.

A minutely circumstantial description of Loomis has been forwarded to Joseph Stephens, American consul at Plymouth. The officials foresee the possibility that some harm may have befallen Loomis after he landed at Plymouth. They consider this possibility rather remote. Nevertheless, the complete absence of clews after a week of continued effort to find Mr. Loomis makes the case one of increasing mystery.

LABOR LEADERS BITTER.

Will Knife Democrats in Texas in Revenge for Betrayal of Hearst.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Galveston, Tex., June 26.—Some of the prominent labor leaders of this State are charging that the Democratic political machine in Texas has, by fraud and corruption, knifed Hearst, and they are vowing to have vengeance by combining with the Republicans and ousting the Democrats from every county and State office. A letter recently sent to various Republican executive committeemen of the State, and signed by the head of one of the labor organization, reads, in part:

The laboring people of Texas have yielded a blind allegiance for years to as faithless a set of politicians as ever ruled the destinies of a great State. If the Republican party will pledge reforms and the passage of just laws for all the people, in return the laboring men will give them 200,000 votes.

One of the labor leaders says:

The letter speaks for itself. The future will unfold our plans. They are not ready to be made public yet. If the Republicans will stick by us we will give the Democrats of Texas the hardest fight ever seen in this State. We are tired of ring rule, and are not going to permit it.

MR. LOW PRAISES TICKET.

Ex-Mayor Believes People Will Support It Enthusiastically.

Ex-Mayor Low, at his home, No. 30 East Sixty-fourth-st., last evening told a Tribune reporter that his call on President Roosevelt on Saturday was only a friendly visit, and had no political significance beyond an expression of his interest in the President's election.

Asked regarding the report that he might be appointed an ambassador, Mr. Low said:

"I have no information that leads me to suppose that the President ever thought of offering me an ambassadorship, and I certainly have no desire for such an occupation."

Asked for an expression of opinion in regard to the Republican ticket and platform, Mr. Low said:

"The ticket nominated at Chicago is a very strong one, and the record of the administration, as outlined by Mr. Root, gives every hope that these nominations will be indorsed by the people. I think also that the platform is of a character to enable Republicans of every shade of opinion to support the ticket heartily and enthusiastically."

COAL PASSER ROASTED TO DEATH.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Galveston, Tex., June 26.—Bennett C. Elin, a coal passer on the steamship El Alba, suffered a tragic death half a day out of New-York last Friday. The victim, almost suffocating in the hold of the vessel, went on deck to seek fresh air. He made a misstep and fell on the grate over the boiler, where he literally roasted to death.

DINNER FOR GOVERNOR ODELL.

St. Louis, June 26.—A dinner was given to-night in honor of Governor and Mrs. Odell, of New-York, by Mrs. Daniel Manning, president of the World's Fair Board of Women Managers. Among the other guests were President and Mrs. D. R. Francis, Mrs. Ward, of New-York, a member of Governor Odell's party; Mrs. Norman E. Mack, hostess of the New-York State building; President Thomas H. Carter, of the National Commission, and Commissioner General Lewald, from Germany.

WORLD'S POLE VAULT RECORD BROKEN.

Paris, June 26.—Gonder, a member of the Sport Athletique Bordelais, at an amateur championship meeting to-day broke the world's pole vault record, clearing 12 feet 1 inch.

ONLY RUMORS OF WAR.

OKU'S MOVES IN DOUBT.

Report of His Retreat—Kuroki's Scouts Active—Sea Fighting.

Conflicting reports regarding General Oku's army were received at Liao-Yang. One dispatch, which official reports confirmed, said that the Japanese were cautiously advancing. Another message told of a retreat southward.

The Russian Admiralty is reported to have admitted the loss of a battleship and two cruisers off Port Arthur. Admiral Alexieff sent a report of the action on June 23, but failed to give the result of the encounter. A second engagement is believed at Che-Foo to have taken place on Saturday.

General Kuroki's troops seem to be pressing their way slowly westward, the Cossacks harassing the advance guards. There were rumors in St. Petersburg of a battle and a Russian defeat at Tashi-Chiao, but no confirmatory dispatches were received from the East.

JAPANESE PRESSING ON.

Oku Reported Awaiting the Advance of Kuroki.

Liao-Yang, June 26.—Reports of fighting between advanced regiments are continually coming in. The fighting is indecisive, but shows that the Japanese are moving forward regularly on each front. This is corroborated by official dispatches.

Members of the Red Cross, together with noncombatants who are desirous of witnessing the fighting, are going southward daily.

June 25.—The Japanese continue their advance from the eastward. The southern Japanese army advanced ten miles beyond Siung-Yo-Cheng and halted, awaiting the arrival of General Kuroki. Several days must elapse before General Kuroki and General Oku can get into position and jointly attack Tashi-Chiao and Kai-Ping, which, it is believed, will be the most likely points of an important battle.

ARMIES MAY NOT JOIN.

Liao-Yang Hears of Japanese Second Army in Retreat.

Liao-Yang, June 26.—The second Japanese army, under General Oku, is withdrawing all along the line, having apparently abandoned the intention of effecting a junction with General Kuroki's army.

EIGHT DASHES ON FLEET.

Work of Japan's Small Craft—Russians Re-enter Harbor.

London, June 27.—The Central News has received the following dispatch from its Tokio correspondent dated June 26, evening:

A detailed account of the naval battle at Port Arthur has just been published here.

The Russian battleships Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol and the cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik attempted to emerge from the harbor at dawn on June 23, led by steamers used for clearing the mines. At 11 a. m. the battleships Czarevitch, Retvizan and Pobieda joined the others.

All the ships then advanced, endeavoring to dispose of the mines laid by the Japanese, but they were hindered by two Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, which had been guarding the mouth of the harbor.

At 3 p. m. the Japanese torpedo boats exchanged shots with seven Russian destroyers which were covering the clearing operations. One of the Russian destroyers was set on fire and retired inside the harbor.

Subsequently the Japanese decoyed the Russians out to sea, and awaited an opportunity to begin a general action, but between 8 and 9 p. m. the Russian ships made for the harbor. The Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats chased the Russians, and at 9:30 delivered the first attack in consequence of which the enemy was thrown into disorder.

In the night eight separate attacks were delivered, lasting until dawn of Friday.

In one of those assaults the Chiratakaa twice torpedoed a battleship of the Peresviet type, and sunk her. A battleship of the Sevastopol type