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From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Telegraph messenger boys have long been divided into two classes—those who are wise and those who have home heads. The courts have not yet passed upon the case of the latest youngster who has just walked into fame.

Just about church time Sunday morning a telegram came from Roanoke addressed to Rev. T. Clagett Skinner, D. D., pastor of the Second Baptist Church, requesting that he go to Roanoke and preach a funeral sermon. The message was sealed and delivered to a new boy, who was told to deliver it.

Having heard that telegraph companies are sometimes punished by juries for failure to observe a contract, the new boy was duly impressed when he went to work with the importance of finding Garcia, if Garcia happened to be expecting a message. Also, it is a fact that there is no love between the eub on the desk and the boy, and the boy is not expected to ask questions when he is told to skip.

So when he took the telegram with Dr. Skinner's name on the envelope, the messenger proceeded to make good. History fails to show where he went first, but while Dr. Skinner was in the midst of his sermon—his subject being "Prosperity's Sin"—the congregation was a bit surprised when it saw a boy walk briskly up the aisle toward the pulpit, and then started when he went right into the pulpit and handed the minister the message.

Dr. Skinner was somewhat surprised, too, but he did not show it.

"You will have to meditate on what I have said and think what I am going to say after this interruption," he remarked, while all eyes were turned upon the boy. He took the telegram, signed for it, read it, and then wrote an answer, which he gave to the messenger, who had been standing there all the while, solemn-like and serious. He did not seem to realize that he was doing anything out of the ordinary; indeed, he was told to deliver the telegram; and he did it.

With his cap under his arm, and while the congregation was inclined to smile, the boy marched out, whistled something about the Robert E. Lee when he reached the street, and broke all bicycle speed laws as he raced back to the office. He did not know that he had broken all precedents in the matter of benevolent delivery.

Wood Leg Snaps Good Leg.

From the New York American.

Frank Cody, of Yonkers, had one good leg until he attempted to "break in" a new wooden leg yesterday. Now he has the use of neither.

While trying out the artificial leg in Riverdale Avenue, he stumbled on an unpraised slab of flagging. As he fell his good right passed under his artificial left and was fractured. The wooden leg was also broken. Passers-by removed him to a hospital.

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NOTES OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS

The Washington Herald has offered a silver cup to the boy or girl making the highest score in the rifle match at Marshall Hall on the day Business High Alumni Association gives its annual celebration. A silver pocketbook has been donated by the firm of Berry & Whitmore to the girl making the highest score, and Harrie-Ewing has offered half a dozen photographs to the boy with the best record.

With but a few weeks remaining in the school year, the spirit of "finals" class night, and graduating exercises, good-by festivities, and parting courtesies pervades the schools. Teachers and pupils alike are looking toward closing days, and the summing up of the year's work will soon go on record. The festive spirit of comradeship and good will is shown in little informal lunch parties, out-of-town trips, and thoughtful courtesies among officials, teachers, and pupils.

Most of the graduating gowns worn by Tech girls will be made by their own hands under the instruction of Mrs. Colburn, Miss Solomon, and Miss Dalton, of the domestic art department. Both class night and "graduating gowns" are made on simple, attractive lines, and without having a cheap appearance are inexpensive and practical. The embroidered and dainty handwork on many of them are a practical demonstration of the kind of work done in the school.

Business High School repeated the German play, "Eigensinn" Wednesday to a full house. There was music by the school orchestra and several folk dances by the girls' cabaretistic class.

Approximately 30 mothers of children residing in the Mount Pleasant section of the city met at the Wilson Normal School Wednesday afternoon to listen to an address by Mrs. Mary E. Jackson, an experienced social worker in the large cities of the West, and to effect an organization for the purpose of co-operating

with teachers in the public schools on broad lines of training and educating children. Mrs. J. D. Clark presided at the meeting, and plans were suggested for shaping of the permanent organization next fall.

Eastern High School gave its annual exhibition of music Thursday afternoon under the direction of Miss Frank Byram, with Miss Bernice Randall as accompanist. The special chorus gave the wedding music from "Lohengrin" and the sextette from "Lucia di Lammermoor." A group of college songs, including "Sweet and Low," "We Meet Again Tonight," "Juanita," and "The Pope," by the Boy's Glee Club, delighted the audience and the boys were recalled. The chorus of girls sang "Chaminade's," "Angelus," "Spring Song," by Becker, and "I Waited for the Lord." Miss Edna Schwarz played Chopin's "Troisens Ballade," and Anthony MacIntyre gave the violin arrangement of Godard's "Berceuse" from "Focelyn."

Annual field day events of Western High School were held on Friday school athletic field last Monday afternoon, and included most of the school's athletic activities. Track and field events, baseball games and polo visiting for boys, and tennis, running high jump, field hockey, pin guard and tennis for girls, were included in the schedule of sports. Edmund Jones officiated as "starter," and Messrs. Devitt, Matthews, and Hunsberger acted as judges. Miss Wallace was custodian of prizes.

Kindergarten Association of the District of Columbia met at the Thomas School Tuesday afternoon and elected the following officers: President, Miss Juliette Henry; vice president, Miss Irene Vidler; secretary, Miss Lena Wilkins; recording secretary, Miss M. F. Wingate; treasurer, Miss Emily C. Carr; members of the executive board: Miss Helen Gordon, Miss Myra Winchester, and Miss Fern Prince.

Tech is still rejoicing over its success

in the recent closely contested cadet drill. It has won six of the last twelve trials, each of the other high schools having been victorious at least once in the twelve years. The order in which Tech companies have won is "CDDICK." At assembly last week Principal F. C. Daniel asked, "How do you pronounce that, Oreek word?" One of the fellows promptly yelled "Tech."

The first edition of "Dramatization of English Classics," by Miss Simons and Orr, of Central High School, has just been published, and the authors have received word from their publishers, Messrs. Scott and Foresman, of Chicago, that a large order has already been placed.

Directors of "Pupils' Bank" will hold their closing meeting next Thursday afternoon at Business High School and formulate plans for the summer opening of the bank.

"Joan of Arc," a cantata for mixed voices, will be presented by the Choral Club, of Central High School, on the evening of June 12. The chorus, numbering 100 voices, will be under the direction of Prof. Halstead F. Hoover. Solo parts will be sustained by Miss Louise Booth, soprano; Herbert Alldridge, tenor; and Robert Jonescher, baritone.

The Woodburn School, a suburban school located in a beautiful spot not far from Stott's Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, held a gala day of festival, sports, and music last Wednesday. Guests came in carriages and spent the day, for this is one of the few real "country schools" in the District.

Educators all over the country are giving attention to the problem of outfitting a practical course in mathematics for girls, especially in high schools. Hubbard bookkeeping, a domestic course founded on geometry, practical trades propositions, and business and banking

customs, which every girl should know, are among the phases of the subject being considered. Miss Ida I. Jones, of the Hollywood High School, of Los Angeles, was a visitor at Tech last Wednesday. She is on a year's leave studying the "math for girls" problem all over the country.

Examinations for "doubtful pupils" will be held June 10. Pupils not recommended for promotion to high schools by eighth-grade teachers are given this chance to pass what is known as the "principal's examination."

The dramatic society of Central High School presented a number of plays in Shakespearean scenes last Thursday evening at the school's assembly hall. Throughout the classical programs the young actors acquitted themselves with evidence of histrionic ability, and reflected credit on the training of Mrs. Elizabeth Walton, instructor in dramatics. The costumes were in charge of Miss Janet Ditto, and the musical features under the direction of Mr. M. F. Hoover.

Lincoln Park Association were delightfully entertained by the Rebekah Orchestras at a meeting Thursday evening at Edmonds School. It was the closing meeting of the year, and was largely attended. Daintily costumed eighth-grade girls served the refreshments.

Eastern High School Alumni Association will give a moonlight trip to Indian Head on the steamer St. Johns June 8. A stringed orchestra will furnish music.

The "Old English Festival," given on the roof garden of the West School, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, was both a unique and beautiful affair. The roof was transformed into an English village green, on which peasants danced the country dances, and sang the country's folk songs. A Maypole was located in an intricate pattern with the many-colored flags of the dancers as they

threaded their way through the figures of the dance. Refreshments were served at small tables screened behind laurel and cedar trees.

Nearly 1100 was cleared by the Emory Camp Fire Girls from the proceeds of the entertainment given at Business High School Tuesday evening. They will devote \$60 of it toward equipping a mountain girl at Berea College, Tennessee, and a portion of the remainder for furnishings of the baby camp at Camp Good Will.

Towers School received the unannounced benefit of the May festival which Miss Madolin Smithson's dancing class repeated at Eastern High School Wednesday night. A capacity audience greeted the dancers, and all incidental expenses were donated by interested friends.

Hilton Mothers' Club closed affairs of the year and planned next year's work at their meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, member of the Board of Education, visited the various special schools of the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Selden M. Ely and a few other guests were entertained at luncheon by the teachers of the Arthur School Thursday afternoon.

The graduating class at Tech was given a "feast" and dance last Monday evening by the undergraduates. Officers of the class made speeches, after which all formality was dispensed with by playing a number of rollicking games.

Celebration of "Flag Day" has been put forward to June 12, as the 14th falls on Saturday, and the preceding Friday is "matinee day" in all high schools.

The performance of "Hansel and Gretel" was repeated for the fourth time by the children of the Grove Cleveland School Wednesday night, and the request has been made for still another performance.

The entertainment given last week at Eastern High School by the Arthur School for the benefit of playgrounds

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The Special Child Club will give a dinner and evening entertainment at the Morse School on Friday, June 6. Several of the Board of Education and school officials will be present and make addresses.

Miss Drew Nash, sister of Capt. E. H. Nash, prize captain of this year's drill, will graduate from Goucher College in June, and is the first Tech girl to graduate from one of the large women's colleges.

Selections from the opera of "Faust," instrumental music by Miss Morley, a group of college songs by the Glee Club, and a group of oratorio gems were given by the Western High School at their musical evening.

Thursday morning Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of arts and sciences at Harvard University, addressed the students at Armstrong Manual Training School on "Why and Where I Should Go to College." From a class of eighty graduates, twenty will go to college.

Mrs. Ines Clough, who sung before King Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, entertained the pupils of Armstrong with a classical programme of songs Thursday afternoon.

"My Cousin Timmie" was the title of a play presented by the graduating class of Armstrong School Wednesday afternoon.

WORKS.

From the New York World.

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In the 1912 campaign the Progressive party had only one California statesman on its Presidential ticket. In the next campaign it should have had two. No other State in the Union has ever succeeded in producing both a Works and a Illinois Johnson at the same time, and this unparalleled achievement compels recognition.

ONE VIEW.

From the New York World.

From sunrise until set of sun man works, but woman's never done. The reason why she gets in ditch. It's cause she lags and talks too much.

UNBURIED BODY FOUND AFTER HALF CENTURY

Gettysburg Dispatch in the Philadelphia Record.

Mute testimony to one of the many tragedies of the battle of Gettysburg was found today in the wild mountain region eight miles west of town, when the body of a Confederate soldier, with much of his equipment, was discovered under almost a foot of leaf mold, the accumulation of half a century.

The find was made by Clarence A. Willis while surveying a tract of land seldom traversed, save by hunters. He was first attracted to it when he stepped over the battle's large war gear park. Digging away the leaves, he found the hammer and lock and the trademark showing the English-made gun, which was much used in the Confederate army. A belt buckle part of a canteen, several dozen Confederate mini balls, and other equipment were found upon further search, and finally a shoe was discovered. All were close together between two huge rocks, and would possibly never have been discovered had not the surveyor's line chanced to run over the spot. All the wooden and cloth portions had long since decayed, and the body of the man to whom they belonged had long since decomposed where it fell. A flattened bullet bore testimony to the manner in which he met his death.

The two huge rocks at which the find was made lie on an eminence which commands a view for twenty miles or more, and overlooks the route of Lee's retreat after the battle. A large war guard followed the same ground, and the theory held by local historians is that the Confederate skirmisher was standing on one of the rocks when struck by a Union bullet.

Library Relinquette in Kansas.

From the Kansas Industrialist.

Don't throw down the quarter or dime as if your real intention was to make holes in the delivery desk. The fine charged on your overdue book is only a reward for your own carelessness, and, contrary to the ideas of some persons, is neither a peace offering to the librarian nor a contribution to her pin money box. If you must chew gum, seek the privacy of your own room. Do not approach the delivery desk during the operation. Many a librarian has been called a "grouch" because she did not hasten to serve a careless schoolgirl, who accepted as "Ray, I wish you set me straight" on George Eliot, or "if there ain't anything about him, Dickens 'I do." ANY librarian is delighted to help every borrower to get the most good from the library, but, like the gods, she pleases to help those who help themselves by being courteous.

Eleven Years for 5-Cent Theft.

Atlanta Dispatch in Philadelphia Record.

Convicted of stealing a 5-cent bottle of coca-cola and given eleven years in the Fulton County Reformatory, the punishment, the Supreme Court decided that Otis Taylor, now thirteen years old, must serve out his time.

Appeal was made to the court that the time given the boy was out all proportion to the offense, but the court decided that while the nature of the offense should be considered by the trial judge the length of the term imposed would not invalidate the sentence. Taylor has already served three years. He will be twenty-one when he begins out.