

YALE'S BRIGHTEST MAN A FARMER.

As Modest Under His Success as When He First Knocked at College Portals.

WAS WINNER OF MANY PRIZES.

Chosen From His Class to Be a Member of "Skull and Bones," the Very Exclusive Society.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. New Haven, June 20.—A farmer's son who came to Yale University with his savings and a large part of his belongings tied in a handkerchief, is the most talked of man on the Yale campus, and not only the brightest man in his class, but in the opinion of many of the Yale professors, the brightest man who has ever been in Yale, so far as general all-around knowledge is concerned.

Frederick Erasmus Pierce, the man in question, though honored by his classmates and the big men of Yale generally, has not been spoiled by attention and success. He is the same modest, unassuming country boy in many ways that he was when three years ago he bashfully knocked at the portals of the great seat of learning and was admitted.

A good deal like Abraham Lincoln, Pierce seems in many respects. He is tall, thin and awkward, with a peculiar look about the eyes. From his roommate it was learned that Pierce was the son of David Pierce, a retired Congregational minister at South Britain, Conn., a small country farming village several miles from the railroad in a secluded part of the State. The father, having left the ministry, settled on a farm which has supported the family for a number of years.

HAS FOLLOWED THE PLOUGH. Young Pierce inherits some of his intellectual faculty. His father, though not a college man, is said to be one of the brightest and best read men of his locality. But he enjoys plowing and when "Rastus" Pierce was 12 years of age he was obliged to leave the country school and go to work to manage his father's farm and support the family. For six years he toiled behind the plough and in the fields, rising with the lark and working hard till dark every day.

At night and odd moments he was busy with his books, and it was alone on the farm that he prepared for the college entrance examinations. He was able to have done so, the father could lend little assistance to his son because of his health.

Interested in Pierce, the local minister besought him when his father's health began to return to come down to Yale and see his son at the entrance examinations. With \$20 in his pocket and a few words of encouragement from his family and friends, Pierce started for the city.

The well-dressed youths from the preparatory schools and high schools laughed at the lad in the student body of Yale. They found that underneath the unassuming appearance was an extraordinary individual who was yet to become an intellectual phenomenon. The professors marveled at himself for Yale. They offered him every encouragement. Yale democracy welcomed the young man with a warm and hearty welcome and encouragement, as well as a warm and hearty welcome.

For a year Pierce did anything he could get for his living. He waited on tables, took down furnaces or did any odd job that came his way. Work was no stranger to the country youth. He had learned the value of it to do, both with brain and brawn. Yet with all his work in his freshman year Pierce divided his first prize for the best essay in the English department. Before the Easter vacation he had won the Berkeley premiums for a excellence in Latin composition, for a second prize in the Woolsey scholarship, the income of \$1,000 for the best examination in Latin composition. Those who had smiled at the variant "peasant" man, gazed and wondered. Pierce was at once put down by his classmates as an intellectual "shark," and from that time his success dated.

HE WON MORE PRIZES. In his sophomore year Pierce again won a mathematical prize. His hard work not only won the admiration of his classmates, but attracted the attention of men in higher classes as well. He began to get chances to tutor men of wealth in classes above him. Pierce himself made much in demand, and the problem of living was much simpler than it had been.

With all his work Pierce still found time during his junior year for competition. He began writing for the Yale Literary Magazine, and in one year he succeeded in getting a place in the Board of Editors, a place which made him a member of the magazine. He wrote a number of articles in the magazine, and likewise a similar prize offered by the newly organized Pundit Club, for a similar prize. He was invited with a classmate the John Hubbard Curtis prize, the income of \$2,500, for literary and rhetorical excellence in the Yale year in the Ten Eyck prize speaking, which was won by William Perkins, the Yale colored phenomenon.

But the most notable instance of the determination of the Connecticut farmer's son was the prize when Pierce was chosen from among the members of the exclusive Yale society, "Skull and Bones," the senior class. Usually men begin to work for position in Yale from the first of their first year at college. Some begin to work places even in the preparatory schools. Pierce is probably the only man who received the honor without even the lifting of a finger to get it.

SLAIN BY TRAMP SHE HAD AIDED

Outcast Brutally Beat Pennsylvania Farmer's Wife to Death.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Dubois, Pa., June 20.—Mrs. Nancy Canavan, wife of Bernard Canavan, was murdered near Centerville, Elk County, by a tramp. While the Canavans were at dinner a big tramp, roughly dressed and shaven, who had been seen in the vicinity, came to the back door and asked for a bite to eat. Mrs. Canavan quickly gave him food.

After dinner, Mr. Canavan returned to work, and about 2 o'clock his wife left the house to pick strawberries in a patch near by, adjoining a strip of woods. When her husband returned from work at 6 o'clock in the evening, he was surprised to find his wife in the house and made inquiry for her at the other house near, ending his fruitless quest by organizing a searching party.

It was growing dark when they entered the clump of woods, but the light was still strong enough to discern the body of Mrs. Canavan, motionless, under a tree near the edge of the clearing. She had been terribly beaten about the head and face. She was carried in an unconscious condition to her home and died.

The weapon with which she was killed was a limb from a tree, and it was found near, covered in blood. There has been evidently been a struggle. A half-eaten sandwich was found close to the tree under which Mrs. Canavan quickly gave him food, and her husband says it was the same she gave the tramp, who has disappeared.

FELLED BY WOMAN'S HAND. Mrs. Mary McEntee Rotted Man Whose Presence Annoyed Her.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. New York, June 20.—Lifting her heavy carriage whip high in the air, Miss Mary McEntee of Morristown, N. J., brought the butt of it down on John Tierney's head with great force, telling him to the ground. Miss McEntee said that Tierney had insisted on getting into her carriage. She was so insistent that he tore the sleeve out of her waist and rushed her out. Then Miss McEntee brought the whip down as Tierney did not move for several minutes after being struck, an ambulance was sent for and Miss McEntee ordered that he be taken to the police station. There he was fined \$10 for disorderly conduct.

MISSOURI'S GREATEST STORE Offer Another Week of Irresistible Price Attractions. We're just getting warmed up to the work of June bargain-giving. The appreciation of our June sale by our public has acted as a stimulant to fresh endeavor, and we have added manufacturers' surplus stocks that we are very proud to have secured—all at Barr's irresistible low prices.

Men's and Youths' Summer Clothing Dept. We are St. Louis agents for Brokaw Bros. of New York, ready-to-wear men's clothing. Special grade of dark blue Serge Suits, each, \$15.00. Fancy mixtures in Cheviots and Cashmere Suits, \$15.00. Outing Suits, two pieces in Cravat and Homespun, \$8.50 up. Separate Outing Trousers, \$3.50 up. Separate Serge Coats, \$3.50 up. Alpaca Coats, \$1.50 up.

Barr's Grocery Dept. Domestic. First Floor, Main Store. 1 case 1000 Bed Sheets, made from fine soft cotton, good width, regular price 70c, reduced to, each, 60c. 1 case 40x28 Pillow Cases, heavy round-thread cotton, and made from regular thread casing, regular price 40c, reduced to, each, 35c. 1 case 12x20 heavy round-thread sheets, regular price 30c, reduced to, each, 25c. 1 case yard-wide muslin, fine soft finish, equal to 30c cotton, reduced to, yard, 21c.

Barr's Cloak and Suit Department. The features of Monday's selling will be the balance of our great purchase of ten thousand Wash Suits combined with other large lots of Wash Skirts, Organdy and Lawn Dresses and Wash Skirts bought at half price and to be sold in same ratio. \$3.00 for \$6.00 Wash Suits. Thousands of Washable Shirt-Waist Suits in every material, style and color that is fashionable this season; all have been laundered and are put up "one in a box," crisp and clean, all sizes 32 to 44, to be sold as follows: \$3.00 for \$6.00 Wash Suits, \$3.75 for \$7.50 Wash Suits, \$4.50 for \$9.00 Wash Suits, \$5.00 for \$10.00 Wash Suits, \$6.75 for \$13.50 Wash Suits, \$7.50 for \$15.00 Wash Suits.

\$6.50 for \$12.50 Sample Linen Suits. Women's and Misses' Linen Suits that are so popular this season. Many of the lot are fine simple cuts—all colors, white, blue, tan and pink; many are trimmed with fine Cluny laces and insertions, others are strictly tailored—all were made by New York's best manufacturers of high-class washable suits—all sizes for both women and misses. THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS. \$6.50 for \$12.00 Linen Suits, \$7.50 for \$15.00 Linen Suits, \$10.00 for \$20.00 Linen Suits, \$12.75 for \$25.00 Linen Suits, \$15.00 for \$30.00 Linen Suits, \$18.75 for \$37.50 Linen Suits, \$21.50 for \$43.00 Linen Suits, \$30.00 for \$60.00 Linen Suits.

Another Deep Cut in Millinery Prices. For to-morrow's quick selling we have repriced our Hats that ranged from \$15 to \$25 to sell for \$10.00. If you want a \$25 one at that price, come early. All our \$10 and \$12 Hats are repriced to sell at \$5.00. A special lot of Sailor Hats go at prices ranging from 75c to, each, \$6.75.

Music Department offers the following at 1/7c. WALTZES. Heart's Consolation, Prayers and Praises (new), Duke and Raggs (new), When Knighthood Was in Flower, Julie Meredith, Bertha Galland (new), Leaire, Alice of Old Vincennes, Under the Rose (new), Franziska (new).

Carpets, Mattings, Curtains and Rugs. Extraordinary values for Monday and during the week. Crex Rugs, in room sizes, \$4.25, \$6.25 and \$8.25. SPECIAL—We will sell, Monday only, 50 Best Body Brussels Rugs, in all the latest patterns, suitable for parlor, dining-room or library, our \$27.50 Rugs, Monday, \$19.75. 25 Tapestry Brussels Rugs, Bokhara patterns, size 8.3x9 ft., special price, \$8.95. China and Japanese Mattings, latest patterns and colorings, per yard, 15c, 18c, 20c, 22 1/2c, 25c, 28c, 30c and 35c.

Laces, Neckwear. Wash Fabrics. First Floor, Main Store. The residue of surplus stock of Laces selling at less than HALF PRICE. 20 1/2-inch Val. Laces selling at 14c, 20 1/2-inch Val. Laces selling at 10c, 12 1/2-inch Val. Laces selling at 5c, 15 1/2-inch Val. Laces selling at 5c. An accumulation of Remnants from 1/2 to 3/4 yard long at less than half price. \$5.00 Remnants of Sets and Laces at \$2.50 each. \$1.00 Remnants of Appliques at \$1.50 each. \$2.00 Remnants of Sets and Cliffs at \$1.00 each. \$1.00 Remnants of Vals, and Torchons at 45c each. \$5.00 Remnants of Venice Insertions at 25c each. 15c Remnants of Vals, and Torchons at 5c each. A new purchase of plain white and fancy colored washable stocks, 20 different varieties to select from at 25, 50 and 75c each.

Muslin Underwear Dept. At 48c Gowns—your choice of several different styles—in good muslin; yokes trimmed with tucks, embroidery or lace; neck and sleeves finished with hemstitched cambric ruffle; regular price, 65c; for this sale, 48c. At 75c Gowns—six different styles—in cambric or muslin; lace or embroidery trimmed; high or low neck; good value, 75c each. At 98c Gowns—your choice of several different styles—in cambric or muslin; embroidery or lace trimmed; such as usually sell at \$1.48; for this sale, 98c each. At 48c White Petticoats—made of good muslin; deep cambric flounce, finished with tucks and hemstitching; 48c each. At 85c White Petticoats—several different styles—umbrella shape; deep flounce, finished with hemstitching and tucks; 85c each. At \$1.25 White Petticoats—umbrella shape; good muslin; trimmed with deep flounce, finished with ruffle of embroidery; excellent value; \$1.25 each. At 25c Drawers—several different styles—made of cambric or muslin; plain-tucked or tucks and hemstitching; regular value 35c. At 48c Drawers—six different styles—in cambric or muslin; umbrella or regulation width; lace or embroidery trimmed; excellent value at 75c. "Ladies' Kimonas." At 85c Ladies' Short Kimonas—made of fancy colored lawn; trimmed with white border; in this sale, 85c each. At 98c Ladies' Long Kimonas—solid colored lawn with white figure; solid white border; excellent value; 98c each.

Barr's Great Comprehensive Basement Bargains, Seasonable and Economically Priced. This is the gift-buying month. Weddings and anniversaries are frequent and Barr's have arranged choice groups of artistic wares for convenience of selection. Each table shows plainly the prices, which are much lower than elsewhere asked for inferior values. June is the month of gifts for weddings and anniversaries and Barr's Bric-a-Brac Dept. offers unusual inducements to secure choice bits of art wares at unusually low prices, as follows: \$2.48 Table contains a choice selection of Royal Bonn, Tivoli, Italian, Royal Sax, Vases, etc., worth up to \$10. Your choice only, \$3.98. \$7.50 Table, you will find a grand selection of Sevres, Tivoli, Italian, Corona Ware and Italian Marble Figures, worth up to \$18.50. Your choice only, \$7.50. \$10.00 Table, fine selection of Terra Cotta, Italian, Sevres, Corona Bronzes, and Italian Plates, worth up to \$10.00. Your choice only, \$10.00. Fine Chinaware. Bargains in Fancy Decorated French and German China at far below the original cost price. \$6 Table, fine selection of Fancy Decorated Bone Dishes, Pin Trays, Egg Cups, Bon Bons, Candlesticks, Hair Brushes, Plates, etc., worth up to \$10. Your choice only, \$10.00. \$20 Table, you can select a Vase or Pin in Vienna Decoration, Bronze Figures, etc., Your choice only, \$2.48. \$3.98 Table contains a choice selection of Royal Bonn, Tivoli, Italian, Royal Sax, Vases, etc., worth up to \$10. Your choice only, \$3.98. \$7.50 Table, you will find a grand selection of Sevres, Tivoli, Italian, Corona Ware and Italian Marble Figures, worth up to \$18.50. Your choice only, \$7.50. \$10.00 Table, fine selection of Terra Cotta, Italian, Sevres, Corona Bronzes, and Italian Plates, worth up to \$10.00. Your choice only, \$10.00. \$20 Table, you can select a Vase or Pin in Vienna Decoration, Bronze Figures, etc., Your choice only, \$2.48. \$3.98 Table contains a choice selection of Royal Bonn, Tivoli, Italian, Royal Sax, Vases, etc., worth up to \$10. Your choice only, \$3.98. \$7.50 Table, you will find a grand selection of Sevres, Tivoli, Italian, Corona Ware and Italian Marble Figures, worth up to \$18.50. Your choice only, \$7.50. \$10.00 Table, fine selection of Terra Cotta, Italian, Sevres, Corona Bronzes, and Italian Plates, worth up to \$10.00. Your choice only, \$10.00.

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