

LAUREATE'S HONORS

HAVE BEEN BESTOWED ON LESS WORTHY MEN THAN RUSKIN.

Nevertheless His Selection by Mr. Gladstone to Wear the Laurel Wreath of Tenacious Seem Incongruous—Ruskin's Name Poetry and Prose Pro.

The announcement that Premier Gladstone had chosen John Ruskin for poet laureate to succeed the honored Tennyson struck Americans generally with amazement.

Of the young and middle aged readers comparatively few knew that Ruskin was ever accounted a poet, and they knew it only because of his recent published statement that he quit poetry writing at the age of 26.

At the age of 24 he wrote "Modern Painters," which at once gave him a great reputation. In 1849 he published "The Seven Lamps of Architecture," and in 1851-3 "The Stones of Venice," both written for the purpose of promoting a better style of architecture.

It was while in this state of mind no doubt that he wrote that very vigorous criticism on Artist Whistler's "A Nocturne in Black and Gold." It ran thus: "For Mr. Whistler's own sake no less than for the protection of the purchaser Sir Courts Lindsay ought not to have admitted into the gallery a picture in which the ill conceived concept of the artist is nearly approached the aspect of willful impudence."

Mr. Whistler sued for £1,000 damages and got a farthing. All this time, however, Mr. Ruskin was making money at a rate which amazed more popular authors. He always published his own works and this in such an expensive style that few Englishmen could afford to buy them, but his income for a year was \$15,000 a year.

He inherited £200,000 from his father, a London wine merchant, and gave most of it away. Even now he maintains a small army of pensioners. When it is added that he was born in London in February, 1819, and was graduated from Christ Church, Oxford, in 1842, the biography of the man is complete.

Of the laureateship, however, much might be written, and some of it very amusing. It is the custom to date it from John Dryden because he first made it of great importance, and since his time the succession has been regular, but the first poet laureate mentioned in English history was John Kay, who received the honor from Edward IV. In 1630 the first patent for the office was granted, and the salary was fixed at £100 per annum and a piece of Canary wine, but for the latter a commutation of £27 was afterward paid.

Beginning with 1670, when the place first became a highly honorable one, the poet laureate have been John Dryden, Thomas Shadwell, Nahum Tate, Nicholas Rowe, Lawrence Gascoigne, Colley Cibber, William Whitehead, Thomas Warton, Henry James Pye, Robert Southey, William Wordsworth and Alfred Tennyson.

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

Wednesday, May 24. Antonio von Schminasse, the Austrian statesman, died Tuesday at Vienna.

The Duke of Montmart died at Paris Tuesday. He was decorated with the Legion of Honor.

W. G. Van Pelt, son of a leading list manufacturer of Chicago, suicided in that city Tuesday. Dissipation was the cause.

All the graves of Union soldiers in the South will be decorated on Memorial day, under the auspices of the G. A. R.

In accordance with the agreement entered into on Saturday the union dock laborers of Hull, on strike, have resumed work.

The total number of fourth-class postmasters appointed Tuesday was 95, of which 87 were to fill vacancies caused by resignations and deaths.

The Panama Star and Herald announces the death of Judge James S. Dewey of Detroit, Mich., which took place on the 10th inst., at Georgia station on the canal.

Thursday, May 25. Minister Lewis Baker of St. Paul has arrived at Nicaragua.

Fire at Winston, N. C. did damage to the extent of \$200,000.

Locusts are ravaging nearly the whole province of Saratoff, Russia.

Charges of fraud have been made against New York customs officials.

The paid admissions at the world's fair grounds Wednesday numbered 40,000.

The wedding of the Duke of York and Princess May of Teck has been fixed for July 6.

James Gordon Bennett has decided to run the New York Herald on the co-operative plan.

N. A. Neelsson, a potato dealer of Scandinavia, Wis., was held up by robbers and relieved of \$1,200 in cash.

Walter Oakes, son of the president of the Northern Pacific road, was married at St. Paul Wednesday to Miss Mary Beekman Taylor.

Friday, May 26. Lieutenant Peary will sail for the Arctic regions in the steamer Falcon June 15.

Rainbow won the Brooklyn Derby Wednesday. Don Alvarez was second and Comandante third.

My Sweetheart's Face

—that's my wife's you know—wears a cheerful, life-is-worth-living expression, ever since I presented her a box of KIRK'S WHITE RUSSIAN SOAP.

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