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## TO OBTAIN SCULPTOR'S DESIGNS

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, D. C., May 19—Arrangements have at last been made to obtain sculptor's designs for the statue of Thomas Jefferson which, by authority of congress is to be erected in one of the public parks here. The commission charged with the work consists of Secretary Root and the chairman of the House and Senate committees on Library, and a report has been made to the House by Secretary Root that Augustus St. Gaudens has been obtained as sculptor, and that as soon as Mr. Gaudens's health permits a model will be prepared and submitted to Congress. The delay has been due to the death of Secretary Hay, the former chairman of the commission. Hasth will now be made to have the statue finished. Authorization by congress of the expenditure of \$100,000 for a Jefferson statue is the result of long agitation by the admirers of the Monticello sage. The appropriation was provided for in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act, approved April 28, 1904. Senators Bacon, of Georgia, and Daniel, of Virginia, especially urged the appropriation. The argument was made that the government had never given proper recognition to Jefferson by a suitable memorial. A statue of Jefferson now stands in the rotunda of the Capitol, but it was presented to the government by a private individual, Commodore Uriah P. Levy, who bought the Jefferson homestead at Monticello. The statue was executed by David D'Angers, and is regarded as a masterpiece. It was placed, one time, in the White House grounds, but was later removed to the Capitol.

### VESUVIUS RAINS MORE MUD

(Scripps News Association)  
Naples, May 19—Torrential rains today carried ashes and mud down Vesuvius and buried many peasant houses, drowning the animals. The people sought refuge in trees.

### PEACE IN COAL FIELDS

(Scripps News Association)  
Philadelphia Pa. May 19—Barr received a committee from the anthracite miners today and said the conference will result in peace throughout the coal region will be restored by operators re-employing all discharged men.

WANTED—Place to room and board, lady and little boy. Leave boy at day time. Inquire at L. J. Jordans.

### SOLVING THE CHOR PROBLEM

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, May 19—To remedy the defects of the amateur church choir is the purpose of the splendid Calvary choir just organized at Calvary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Edward Morris Bowman. This choir has been organized in four sections, on a modification of the plan adopted in King Solomon's Temple. These divisions are known as choristers, juniors, seniors and soloists.

### JUMPS FROM CAB TO DEATH

(Scripps News Association)  
Columbus, Ohio, May 19—Charles Westlake of Newark plunged from the cab of an engine on the Baltimore and Express about midnight when he saw people flagging the train as it rushed towards a bridge. The bridge was burning and the train came to a stop just in time to save the lives of the passengers. Had Westlake remained on the train he would have saved his life, as it is the man is dead.

## FOREST FIRES IN MICHIGAN

(Scripps News Association)  
Escanaba, May 19—One hundred square miles were swept by forest fires in the northern part of Michigan. It is impossible to tell whether any lives are lost or any damage done on account of communications being cut off. It is estimated that six thousand people are homeless. Three train loads of the homeless have arrived, and are suffering for mere necessities of life. The fire is sweeping northward and dying out in some places.

Word has been received that a relief train which left here last night was caught between two fires and the crew deserted everything to save their lives. Another train which left here today is unheard of. A second report confirms the statement that three children were burned at Guinness today.

Marquette, May 19—Twenty farmers with their families reached here in a pitiable condition on account of the forest fires. Nothing is left of their property and many barely escaped with their lives.

### GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago May 19—Wheat opened at 84 closed at 84; corn opened at 38; closed at 48; oats opened at 33; closed at 33.

## ISLAND CITY HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

### Splendid Class of Promising Young Ladies and Gentlemen Finish the Prescribed Course—Exceptional Program

The commencement exercises held at the Union Church of Island City, Thursday evening May 17th, are certainly deserving of much praise. It is seldom if ever that a city of much larger proportion closes its school doors to a more brilliant class than the Island City graduating class of '06. This is the school's first graduating class and for this reason if none other can that little city, justly feel proud of the excellent program rendered.

The church presented an appearance hard to surpass. The entire room was festooned with decorations in the class colors orange and white. One on grape and potted ferns were features, and the platform so profusely laden with the class flower, carnations, presented a rare picture.

The first on the program was a duet by Misses Gaskell and Couch, near the conclusion of which the graduating class entered from the rear of the church and headed by their president, Miss Nellie Grimmer, marched through the aisle and took their places.

The Rev. E. B. Hays then delivered the invocation.

Then followed a piano solo, "Moonlight on the Hudson", by Blanche Kesler.

In well chosen words the salutatorian of the class, Marie Holman, welcomed the guests to the first commencement exercises of the Island City High School.

Fred Huffman who has the distinction of being the only young man of the class chose for his oration "Reverence Due the Young Men from the Old." The nature of his subject and the able manner in which it was discussed showed careful and thoughtful preparation.

The vocal solo by Mrs. M. W. Kiddie was appreciated.

Stella Hunter exhibited unusual ability in discussing her classmates in rhyme, and the confusion shown on the countenances of each member of the class as his peculiar characteristics were brought

### PIONEERS ATTENTION

There will be a meeting of the vice-presidents of the Union county Pioneer Society at La Grande, May 22nd at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of naming time and place for holding the next meeting.

BEN BROWN, president

out, proved that there was almost as much truth as poetry in her words.

The advice given by Nest Smith, in her essay of "Push, Don't Knock" could well be followed by the much older as well as her younger hearers. Her delivery won the admiration of the audience.

Following this was the vocal solo by Elva Gaskell, and was sung in her pleasing style.

The recitation, "Six Love Letters" given by Lillian Holman, showed much elocutionary talent. This added life and variety to the program and filled a part which is so often lacking in exercises of this nature.

All things pertaining to their school life were bequeathed to the class '07, by Nellie Grimmer, and following this in anticipation of the future, she presented each an appropriate gift.

William Spence, represented the class of '07, responded to this with enthusiasm. The piano duet, "Butterfly Caprice," by the Misses Hunter was well rendered.

Last but not least, was the oration given by the valedictorian of the class, Natta Kiddie. The farewell given to each of her classmates was delivered most feelingly. At the close of the oration, in well chosen words, she expressed the classes' heartfelt appreciation of all that the citizens, teachers and directors have done for them.

The ever easy flow of interesting and instructive words, make up a great part of State Superintendent Ackerman's address.

The class in '06 consider themselves fortunate indeed, of listening to his enthusiastic and inspiring thoughts which went straight to the hearts of his hearers.

E. E. Kiddie after a few appropriate and humorous remarks, presented the class with their diplomas.

After the well executed piano solo by Miss Kathleen Thomas, the exceedingly large audience was dismissed.

### ROOSEVELT CLUB

(Scripps News Association)  
Brooklyn N. Y. May 19—The Theodore Roosevelt Club in this city will give its first annual dinner at the University Club this evening. The dinner had, originally been set for April 21, but was postponed on account of the San Francisco disaster. Many prominent men of distinction in politics, literature, and other lines have been invited to the dinner and will address the club.

### POPE SUDDENLY STRICKEN

(Scripps News Association)  
Rome May 19—Pope Pius X was stricken suddenly with heart failure this morning. Restoratives were applied and immediate danger is over, but Dr. Lapponi has ordered complete rest. The Pope's fever is increasing. His condition is alarming and his sisters have insisted on nursing him.

### MICHIGAN SHAKEN BY TREMOR

(Scripps News Association)  
Grande Rapids, Mich., May 19—The western portion of Michigan felt a slight earthquake early this morning. No serious damage is reported.

## A BANK WRECKER SUICIDES

(Scripps News Association)  
Norfolk, Va., May 19—Irwin Tucker, aged forty, and president of Newport Savings bank, who has been charged with being defaulter of twenty thousand, killed himself in the bank, as the Chief of Police opened the door to arrest him. He had threatened to kill himself if an attempt was made to arrest him. He is heavily insured and is highly connected with society.

### HOME MISSIONARY TO HELP FRISCO

(Scripps News Association)  
Des Moines, Ia. May 19—The Women's Home Missionary branch of the Presbyterian conference voted to assume all missionary work in California. A collection will be taken to put the California synod on its feet. All records and funds of the California society was destroyed by the earthquake, and for this reason no reports were given.

### PRESIDENT FRANC IS THREATENED

(Scripps News Association)  
St. Louis May 19—D. R. Frances, President of the St. Louis exposition, has been receiving letters demanding \$10,000 or meet his death. Frances is unworried and the police are investigating the threatening letters.

### COUNTESS BONI COMING TO AMERICA

(Scripps News Association)  
Paris, May 19—The Countess Boni Castellana expects to return to America with Helen Gould within a few months. The party is now in England.

## BOILER EXPLODES AT RENO

(Scripps News Association)  
Reno, Nevada, May 19—An engine on the second section of yesterday's number six on the Southern Pacific, exploded at Cedar near Wells, Nevada, at two this morning. The boiler was blown from the trucks and the engineer and the fireman were killed. The cause is unknown. The killed are: L. E. Himmerman, engineer, and M. S. Irwin, fireman, both of Ogden. Several passengers were slightly injured.

### EFFICIENT OFFICER

Union County has many efficient officers but none have been more faithful in discharging their duties to the people than J. B. Gilham the County Clerk. It is necessary to have a capable man in a position like that kind of a man. It is a pleasure to have a courteous man in that position and Mr. Gilham's is courteous to all; not because he is looking for support but because it is nature and so he is to all. Mr. Gilham will not be less courteous after election than he is before. We like Mr. Gilham not only for his efficiency but for his agreeable ways. As Mr. Gilham has served one term and given the utmost satisfaction there is every reason to believe that he will be re-elected with many votes to spare.—Union Scout.

## A FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)  
Kenosha, Wis., May 19—Five buildings of the Laffin & Rand Powder Company six miles west of here were blown up by explosion this morning. No lives were lost, but the property damage is great.

### DEATH OF A FAMOUS DOG

(Scripps News Association)  
Rome, May 19—Pippo, the famous fire brigade dog, well known to every man, woman and child, and proudly pointed out to visiting tourists, is dead and his demise has caused general regret throughout the city. Pippo was called, by courtesy, a poodle, but his pedigree was sadly mixed. His intelligence was remarkable, however and so was his love for the men of the fire department and everything that concerned their work.

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## WHITE GIRLS ARE ABDUCTED

(Scripps News Association)  
Fresno, Cal., May 19—The mystery of the three missing Chinese brides believed to be solved by the rescue of three girls from the place of Jeff Kit, a Chinese merchant, by Mrs. Gammeron, a Presbyterian missionary, and were brought here by Lea Ung, a high bidder from Fresno. Chinese will contest the hearing that is to be held Monday.

## MAKES A FLAT DENIAL

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington May 19—Vice President Green of the Pennsylvania road declared that the commission's revelations regarding employees being stock owners, will help the coal miners and would not be surprised if the statement fails to be tolerated.

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