

PLATFORM ORATORS.

Miss Florence Huelat's Graduating Essay at Brooklyn High School.

Among the proceedings of the commencement exercises of the graduating classes of the Girls' High school in Hol-

stead street in the city of Brooklyn, state of New York, as published in the Brooklyn paper of February 17th last, we take the following address which was delivered by Miss Florence Huelat in the presence of an audience of about two thousand.

"In a recently published volume on English politics the author traces the growth and development of the platform from the first stages of its existence, three hundred years ago, to the permanent establishment of its power within the last century.

"It was only after a mighty struggle, however, that the light of liberty, penetrating the gloom of England's over-bearing rule spread its cheering rays over the American colonies.

When the British Parliament passed the Stamp act, in an impassioned speech Patrick Henry urged upon his countrymen the necessity of a sturdy resistance to any encroachments upon the rights of a self-sustaining people.

"Many brilliant speakers followed closely in the footsteps of Patrick Henry. At 18 years of age Alexander Hamilton had established a reputation as an orator and writer.

When we consider, says the Aberdeen, Wash., Bulletin, for some months past enormous quantities of our lumber have been sold east and shipped by rail at a fifty-five cent rate, and that of late, with-out the expectation of an immediate change in the rate, enormous orders for our fir and spruce have been placed; and that every mill man receive inquiries without number for prices, we can surmise what a difference the freight reduction will make in our sawmill business and all others in Western Washington.

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"In the onward march of the republic new vicissitudes beset the government; but every emergency was met by the eloquence of American orators. As slavery died away in the North, but waxed strong in the South, great and true patriots strove by a system of compromise to ward off the danger of a nation divided against itself.

"The storm which had threatened the republic for so many years, burst in all its fury when Abraham Lincoln stood at the helm of the ship of state. His gentle dignity and unapproachable familiarity, his wit and his logic, had long proved irresistible; now his noblest characteristic became prominent. Especially in his second inaugural address, we recognize and revere the lofty spirit of the martyr-statesman: 'Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass by. Yet, if God wills that it continue, all the wealth piled by the bondsmen's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand

years ago, so still it must be said that the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

"While the war of the Rebellion was agitating the civilized world, and vague rumors of substantial assistance to the South filled the air, Henry Ward Beecher gave up for a time his pastoral work, and served his country by directing foreign thought. On many a platform his appearance was greeted with hisses and yells of derision; yet, by his indomitable courage, and matchless art of speech-making, he completely turned the tide of English opinion. Well might a grateful nation mourn his death. To such patriotic heroes America owes her existence.

"Not unlike the war-like clergyman in loftiness of purpose as well as eloquence of speech-making was George Williams Curtis. Characteristic specimens of his clear thoughts his convincing power, his many independence of judgment, are found in the addresses on civil service reform, to which cause he gave the ripest and best fruits of his intellect. Filled with a noble enthusiasm for a noble project, on one memorable occasion he said: 'Sovereign was the Giant Despair of many good men of the last generation but slavery was overthrown. If the spoils system, a monster only less threatening than slavery, be unconquered, it is because the country has lost its convictions, its courage, and its common sense.'

"It has been observed by critics, that the platform, in our own times, is being replaced by the press, but most Americans will echo the opinion of the genial and gifted Chauncey M. Depew: 'Nothing can take the place of the spoken word, the personal impression, the personal argument.' If we ask what are the qualifications of the great orator, and what are the elements of first-class oratory, the answer comes in the words of the greatest of American orators: 'The power must exist in the man, in the subject, and in the occasion.'"

The reduced rates.

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Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21.—One of the Hawaiian commissioners on his way back to the islands said here today: "If the democrats fail to take speedy action toward annexing the Hawaiian islands, it will be the last chance the United States will ever have to get them. England is playing a smart diplomatic game. She knows that to enter a protest would precipitate annexation at once, but England stands ready to act at a moment's notice. Warships are on the way and if Minister Wadehouse, the English representative on the islands, has occasion to send troops ashore, those troops will never be removed until the English flag is raised over the islands."

Mackay shot by a Crank.

WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

The Most Selfish Woman in the World. Do You Know Her?

It is the woman who is devoted to her family. In her narrow little eyes her children, her mother and father, her brothers and sisters come before everybody else. She will make any sacrifice for them herself and will not hesitate to make other people make any sacrifice also. She will hide her faults; she will refuse to see anything wrong in anything they do, no matter what. She will break a promise or tell a lie without the least hesitation for them, and set at naught all principles of honor and common honesty and get herself for it because of her womanly devotion. She is so blind and silly that she believes her own kin are wiser, handsomer and better than all the rest of the world. If one of her children should commit a crime this wicked, selfish woman would permit another to go to prison for it to shield her own, and she would think she was thereby showing her womanly love. There is no real love, no womanliness in such a spirit. It is merely a prodigious feeding of her own idiotic vanity. There is no genuine love in her nature. She has no brains enough to comprehend the larger, sweeter, real mother love which can take in the whole human race and do justice to the Jones child even at the expense of her own. This little fool and the woman who believes all she is taught are the greatest impediments to the progress of humanity today.

Do not believe all that you are told by persons who think they know more than you do. Think, do think for yourself.

The executive committee of the national council of women recommends that ladies visiting the World's fair wear dresses of short walking length.

I have read carefully the dinner speeches of some of the most famous orators in America recently. Speeches made at banquets where women are not admitted. I have this to say: In all the speeches put together that I ever heard from women there have not been so many stale old jokes perpetrated or so many gray old chestnuts of stories fired off at the audiences as I have noted in the orations of these distinguished gentlemen this winter.

Girls, don't choose your sweethearts in the offices where you are employed. Don't let your outside sweethearts hang around the offices where you are employed either.

In trying to estimate the woman of today the average man should consider that he is still saturated with the traditions and superstitions of the ages.

Have you noticed how much the later portraits of Julia Ward Howe resemble those of Queen Victoria? Only our American queen is far more helpful to the race than the English sovereign is.

When a merchant in a large eastern city went all to smash some time since and did not seem to have spirit enough left in him to pull himself together again, his pretty and accomplished wife showed that she was made of stronger stuff. She had been noted before her marriage for her skill in making bread, pie and doughnuts. She was a New England girl. After her husband failed she quietly bought out a little bakery and began business. She furnished such delicious pies, such sweet light bread, baked all through, and such crisp, tender doughnuts, that in a short time her success was assured. She needed before long a delivery wagon for her goods, then another and another. She is supporting the family handsomely and laying up something besides. She carries on her baking business under an assumed name, however. Why an assumed name? What she has done is something to be proud of.

Mrs. Catherine Stearns was born in Maine in 1800, but she has lived to vote for members of the Boston school board. Women are weak and cowardly and men are strong and brave. Yes, but Anna Crouse, a girl in domestic service in Indianapolis, caught a burglar in her employer's house not long since. Instead of screaming and fainting Anna Crouse snatched a knife and slashed the thief in earnest, cutting him so seriously that he was captured.

So women are to be admitted to Harvard at last! At least the thing is near enough in sight to be counted on with tolerable certainty. A woman is worth more than a man after she is dead, anyhow, as a woman journalist reminds us. Her skeleton will bring more than that of a man in a medical college any day. Mrs. Caroline Le Conte is state librarian of Louisiana. With a salary of \$2,100. Edith M. Thomas is said to be the one author in America who can readily find sale for all she writes. But Miss Thomas had it no easier than any other writer when she began to make verses in her early youth out in Ohio. In the fire department of Kansas city a woman is employed. Learn to take people as they are, not as you read about them in novels. Don't expect an iron kettle to be a silver cup. It can't! The worst of this retaining the word obey in the marriage service is that women never do obey their husbands. Where a woman seems to obey a man she never does. She simply cheats him. ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER. A Pretty Penwiper. An attractive penwiper represents a "deck of cards" and is made of felt. Three dark pieces cut the exact size of a card, the fourth of white, on which, after fastening together in the center with a patent (McGill) fastener, paste five spades cut of black broadcloth or of some material that will not ravel. Hearts of red flannel may be substituted for the spades.



TILE DRAINAGE.

The common distance of drains from each other where thorough work is intended is about two rods, each one drawing off the water a rod on each side. An acre in a strip of land two rods wide must be eighty rods long. The size of tile to drain this acre will of course vary with the descent of land. A 3-inch pipe



will do it, with a descent of 1 foot in 30, provided the tube is perfectly smooth and straight, but with ordinary roughness of surface the descent should be about 1 foot in 12. A 3-inch tile would be required with a descent of 1 foot in 40 or 50, and also when it must require several branches. The aggregate length of the branches will be reckoned the same as of a single drain of equal length.

In making estimate of the required size of the tile it is necessary to take the rate of descent into the calculation. A mechanic's level will answer the purpose, using a graduated pole to measure the height and a tapeline for measuring distances. The following table, giving the size of bore for different slopes, will aid in the estimates.

Table with 3 columns: Bore, With 1 foot, in 24 hours. Values range from 400 to 3,000.

Intermediate rates of descent may be estimated with sufficient accuracy in common practice. The rough and uneven surface of the tile will reduce the amount of water discharged from one-third to one-half—more in the smaller than in the larger pipe. In very short drains the quantity would be somewhat less, as some length is required to give the water sufficient velocity. When small quantities of water are carried off, pipe tile will act more efficiently than horseshoe tile.

The distances apart and the size of the tile will be controlled more, or less by the character of the soil. If stratified or deposited in layers, the water will flow in a horizontal direction more freely than when no stratified soil exists. A compact clay soil will be more slowly drained than a porous one, and a smaller pipe may be used, or the drain may be of greater length. It will be observed that after the soil has been suddenly flooded by a heavy rain that portion nearest the ditch will first discharge its surplus into the drain, and this becoming dry will then receive the water from the soil more remote, and consequently in wet seasons the crop will be most benefited near the drains, and less so in the space between them. There may therefore be occasions where soils will not part with their surplus freely, where more numerous drains may become necessary. Of this the owner must judge by personal observation.

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FIG. 1.—DRAINAGE IN UNSTRATIFIED SOIL. In the sketches Fig. 1 represents the drainage effected in a soil stratified, the ditches drawing the water off first at the top and near them, and afterward more completely from the whole enclosed space. Fig. 2 is the section of a drain dug in an unstratified soil, where the whole is gradually drained alike. These unlike soils, operating in an unlike manner, affect the estimates to be made in determining the size of the tile, but the descent or slope is the most important matter to be taken into account.

A Simple Way to Sterilize Milk.

The following is a simple plan for sterilizing milk, which is recommended by an English authority: Place the milk in a flask, inserting a wad of cotton wool in the neck about one inch long and closely packed. Then dip the flask in some water in a saucpan, with the neck leaning against the side above the water, and boil for twenty minutes. If on the following day the milk is similarly heated for twenty minutes, it will be sterilized, and can be kept in the flask just as it is for weeks. He says he has long used this method, and finds that the milk keeps sweet indefinitely.

Cotton in Oklahoma.

In Oklahoma the total area devoted to the cultivation of cotton in 1889-90 was 1,109 acres and the production of cotton 425 bales, being at the rate of 0.35 of a bale to the acre, or 2.61 acres to the bale. With the exception of Greer county, which is in dispute, being claimed by Texas, and which produces 381 of the 425 bales, this territory was not created nor were its lands thrown open to settlement until 1889.—Farmers' Review.

Vermont's Abandoned Farms.

The Vermont state board of agriculture reports that during 1891 there were sold in that state 1,764 farms, of which 232 were of the class known as abandoned farms. Most of the purchasers of these farms were, as was the case in Massachusetts, young men born in the state who believed that these farms, properly handled, will make better homes than could be secured in the far west and bring in a fair living.

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SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clatsop.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. In the County Court of Clatsop County, State of Oregon.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Matilda D. Holt, deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Clatsop County, Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of John J. Miller, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. In the County Court of Clatsop County, Oregon.

Society Directory. OREGON CITY BOARD OF TRADE. Meets at Court House on Second Monday each month.

OSWEGO LODGE, NO. 91. G. O. F. M. Meets at Old Fellow's Hall, Oswego, on Wednesday evening.

MEADERS LODGE, NO. 2 G. A. R. DEPARTMENT OF OREGON. Meets first Monday of each month, at K. of P. Hall, Oregon City.