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THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1428—Siege of Orleans begun.

1642—First commencement held at Harvard college.

1702—Battle of Vigo.

1700—City of Berlin taken by combined Russian and Austrian forces.

1777—Kingston, N. Y., burned by the British.

1781—Americans attacked Yorktown.

1797—Battle of Camperdown.

1800—Attempted assassination of Bonaparte.

1806—Battle of Saalfeld, Saxony; Prussians defeated by French.

1815—Napoleon Bonaparte landed at St. Helena to begin his exile.

1822—Brazil proclaimed independence.

1831—Anderson, an English vocalist, driven from the stage of the Park theater, New York, for disrespectful remarks concerning the United States.

1848—Martial law proclaimed in Cape Town.

1861—Confederate steamer Theodore escaped from Charleston, S. C., with Mason and Sidel on board.

1862—Confederate cavalry under Gen. Stuart entered Chambersburg, Pa.

1863—Wheeler's famous Confederate cavalry met with defeat at Farmington, Tenn.

1868—Beginning of Cuban struggle for independence.

1871—President Grant summoned Ku-Klux-Klan of South Carolina to disband. . . . The great Chicago fire continued to rage and destroy.

1872—William H. Seward, American statesman, died. . . . Archbishop Hailey installed as Primate of the Catholic church in the United States.

1873—Ex-Senator Pomeroy shot by ex-Congressman Conway in Washington.

1881—Arrest of Charles Stewart Parnell.

1884—Adoption of the Meridian of Greenwich. . . . Parliament building in Quebec wrecked by dynamite.

1898—Dean Richmond founded in Lake Erie; 18 lives lost.

1894—Wiju captured by the Japanese.

1898—Emperor of Germany started on trip to the Holy Land. . . . Powers refused to permit Turkey to maintain garrisons in Crete.

1899—Transvaal war began. . . . Public reception in Boston in honor of Admiral Dewey.

1902—President Roosevelt appointed a commission to settle anthracite coal strike.

1904—Frederick Augustus III, ascended the throne of Saxony. . . . United States battleship Georgia launched at Bath.

1905—President Roosevelt conferred with leaders in college athletics with a view to improving standards. . . . Sir Henry Irving died.

A Self-Governing School.

An experiment in pupil self-government has been in progress in a village school in Macon county, Mo. In the main room, where the older pupils assemble, the self-governing class gathered about the table and elected its own officers, and the principal used a phonograph to dictate problems, so that the pupils should be relieved entirely of the supervision of the teacher. As the machine was set in motion the pupils copied the problems and discussed or worked out the answers, which were then tabulated by the teacher and turned over to the principal. Not one pupil was returned to the regular classes from failure to keep up with the studies. This year the experiment is to be extended to a number of other districts.

New York Hotel for Boys.

Under the management of Miss Mary Laidlaw Proudfoot, niece of the late Mrs. Laidlaw, who devoted much money to the helping of poor boys, the first real hotel for homeless boys has just been opened at 355 West Twenty-seventh street, New York City. At the outset there were eight patrons, self-supporting office boys or messengers, and for the remaining six vacancies many applications were on file. The establishment is not to be regarded as a charity. Each boy pays according to his means, and this entitles him to a room of his own. The public, however, is invited to contribute toward the expense fund and larger quarters will probably be secured.

An Eleven-Year-Old Freshman.

Norbert Weiner, at the age of 11, has entered the freshman class of Tuft college, and is said to be the youngest collegian in the country. He is the son of Leo Weiner, assistant professor of Slavonic languages at Harvard. The boy knew how to read at 3 and was reading Darwin and Huxley at 8.

Medical Inspection for Students.

According to the School Journal it is estimated that the expense of operating the new inspection law in Massachusetts public schools is about \$25 per 1,000 inhabitants, in the larger cities, but that in smaller places where the doctor comes only when sent for the expense is \$11 per 1,000. The law authorized the school board of each city or town to appoint a school physician or physicians, and that the sight and hearing shall be tested annually by the teachers. The expense is to be borne by a local appropriation.



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