

Result of the Competition.

School competition No. 3 is over and gathered among the has been. Last Tuesday morning we asked the following questions:

- 1. Tell us the total number of Indians in the United States, and the population of the earth.
2. What is your shortest and best definition of the word "fame"?
3. What would you do if you had a million dollars?
4. Whose death was it that freed a continent from fear?

We are sorry that last week we omitted to give the correct answers to the questions, but it was simply an oversight that will not occur again. Of the above, of course, it is only in our power to give two exact answers. The second and third questions call for a matter of opinion, and are simply a test of the bright thoughts and quick wits of the competitors.

In answer to the first query there are, by latest computation, 1,479,729 people on the earth, and 249,273 Indians in the United States excluding Alaska. Including Alaska there are 275,124. The fourth question calls for the words "Napoleon the Great."

There was a slight falling off this week in the number of answers received owing no doubt to the weather. We were given 91 communications up to noon yesterday. Eight came in after that hour, and were ruled out of the competition in consequence.

The most noticeable thing among the returns is the predominating excellence of the papers sent in by children under thirteen years of age. As will be seen, many of these obtained honorable mention. To the first question there were all sorts of replies, the figures ranging from fifty thousand to fifty billions. Bert Ross, Nettie Tuttle, J. P. McLeur, Ross Trullinger, Martha Gilbert, Bertha Arnstadt, Reba Hobson, and Paul Trullinger, were close enough to the true figures to obtain full marks.

The second puzzle also brought out a large variety of answers, many of them being peculiar and amusing. One little boy says that Fame is "what you get when you live with the angels." The best answers received were: "Notoriety, either for good or evil." (Ross Trullinger) "Good or bad reputation." (Martha Gilbert) "Public opinion of a person, based upon some unusual action or achievement." (Polly McKean) "A soap bubble." (Maybell Young)

"A man who would build a railroad to Astoria would be filled with fame, honor, and renown." (Reba Hobson). As might naturally be expected, the answers to question No. 2, were the cream of the whole competition. The matter opened up such a wide field that the replies could not be anything but startling and original. From the big pile of good ones we select the following: Twenty-six would "help the poor." Thirty-one would "travel and enjoy life."

E. Tappan Stafford: "I would pave some of the mud holes and grade down some of the hills in the county roads of Clatsop." Sarah E. Smalley: "I would hunt up children in the country who could not go to school, and help them to get an education. I would assist poor people who are trying to assist themselves. I would let my mother travel for her health, and I would go to Vassar College."

Emma Auctinus: "I would give half to missionaries in foreign lands, and spend the other half on my education." James D. Taylor: "I would build a railroad to Astoria." Ella M. Powell: "I would help to build an opera house and a railroad in Astoria."

Fred Young, (aged 10): "I would build Third Street to Alderbrook, and erect an electric light plant with power enough to run a train on a 10 per cent. grade." Paul Trullinger: "I would put it in the bank until I was 21 years of age." Percy B. Sovey, Mable Ohler, George Cherry and ten others would build a railroad into Astoria from Portland. Elmore Ross: "I would first give myself a good education, and then found a college in Astoria for mechanics." Bessie L. Ross: "I would spend it as one who had to give an account to God."

Violet Bowly: "I would endeavor to make myself and others happy with it." Reba Hobson: "I would get a good education, put some of it into brick buildings, and distribute the balance for the best purposes."

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This hope about copyright is at last realized, and we are glad to see in many directions indications that its fulfillment has come at a very opportune moment so far as the growth of the free library movement is concerned. It is most encouraging to learn that within the past few years there has been a steadily growing interest in this subject manifested in nearly all parts of the country. The chief reason of this has undoubtedly been the action of Massachusetts in creating a Free Public Library Commission, whose zealous, intelligent, and successful exertion has commanded the envy, and excited the ambition of every state. The Massachusetts commission was authorized by a law which was passed in 1890. It is composed of five persons, appointed by the governor, who hold office for five years, but whose terms expire in different years, one new commissioner being appointed each year. They are authorized to expend, on the application of a board of library trustees of any town having no free library, owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding \$100 for books, to be used in establishing a free public library. The trustees who make the application must have been duly and regularly elected at a town meeting. The law provides that towns establishing libraries under the act, shall appropriate a certain sum each year, according to the assessed valuation of their property for the use and maintenance of the library. The governor appointed as the first commission, Mr. C. D. Tillinghast, of Boston, Mr. Samuel S. Green, of Worcester, Mr. Henry S. Nourse, of Lancaster, Miss E. P. Sohler, of Beverly, and Miss Anna E. Picknor, of Boston.

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KING HUMBERT ASSAULTED.

Rome, March 25.—The city is in a state of great excitement over an assault made this evening on King Humbert. The king was returning from the Villa Borghese when a person having the general appearance of an Italian workman, threw a stone at him. The missile almost struck the monarch. Several persons rushed up on his assailant and seized him before he had a chance to make another attempt at violence. He was promptly taken in hand by the police and conveyed to prison; otherwise he would, in all probability, have been killed by the angry multitude. The assailant if appears was a religious fanatic named Berardi. He has since his arrest acknowledged that it was his intention to insult King Humbert because the king had declined to be reconciled to the pope.

E. O. GRAVES INTERVIEWED. Seattle, Wash., March 25.—E. O. Graves, president of the Washington National Bank and of the chamber of commerce, mentioned as the accepted candidate for united states treasurer, says he has no private advice as to the matter. Some of his friends have been urging his name for the place, though he is not certain he would accept it if it was tendered him. He was for twenty years connected with the treasury department and for two years as assistant treasurer.

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