

Boys and Girls Who Have Won National Fame as Letter Writers

First Announcement of Awards In National Letter Writing Contest, In Which More Than 20,000 School Children Competed For Prizes



KEY TO THE WINNERS. 1.-Henry Francis Wilson, Salem, N. Y., winner first prize, Class A. 2.-Annie Robertson, Menlo, Ga., winner second prize, Class C. 3.-Macy F. Lanice, Bayshore, N. Y., winner first prize, Class D. 4.-Emily Grace Herr, Dixieland, Cal., winner second prize, Class A. 5.-Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Mo., winner third prize, Class A. 6.-Margaret L. Hess, Laura, O., winner third prize, Class B. 7.-Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D., winner first prize, Class B. 8.-Mary M. Hughes, St. Regis Falls, N. Y., winner third prize, Class D.

of Judges consented to attempt the enormous task of selecting the winners. The chairman of the board was President John H. Finley, LL. D., of the College of the City of New York. Others were Dr. Talcott Williams, LL. D., Litt. D., director of the school of journalism at Columbia university; Herbert L. Bridgman, M. A., the explorer and historian, who is the vice president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, publisher of the Brooklyn Standard Union and author of several important works; Hudson Maxim, the inventor, and Harry Chase Brerley, editor and journalist of note and author of "Animal Secrets," etc., secretary of the board.

The decision of this eminent board, made after a careful perusal of the letters, creates the following: HONOR ROLL. Best letter writers among school children of America. CLASS A. Henry Francis Wilson, Salem, N. Y.; Emily Grace Herr, Dixieland, Cal.; Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Mo. CLASS B. Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D.; Lucille Hilsheimer, Madison Mills, O.; Margaret L. Hess, Laura, O. CLASS C. Mark R. Sullivan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Annie Robertson, Menlo, Ga.; George McCarthy, Lysander, N. Y. CLASS D. Macy F. Lanice, Bay Shore, N. Y.; Lynn Ernest Bradley, Waterville, O.; Mary M. Hughes, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

With their rude stone weapons would never dare to attack the tiger, so Strongarm ordered them to bring a large slice of hide. This he fastened to a log, which was held with stones. He then cut a strong oak pole, and after putting a spear head halfway down the shaft, several men helped carry the weapon to the tree under which Peter Tooth was sleeping. Slowly it was raised and poised above the sleeping tiger. The men retreated to the cave, and then Strongarm cut through the rope, plunging the weighted spear, pinning Peter Tooth to the ground.

The plot and style are the work of a real author. Interesting details are made vivid. Big, cumbersome guns of olden times are invested with romance, the tedious stages of the advancement of civilization from the earliest ages are skillfully interwoven with the steps of the steady advance of modern times and the whole made to read like fiction. Choice Bits and Impressions. There is a good mine of suggestion and ingenuity of thought, original, ready-made ideas in the harvest of letters that reached the committee. One hardly knows where to begin or where to leave off, so rich and varied is the material cropping out from the work of this army of children and offering itself to the thoughtful reader. One of the most insistent general impressions running through the whole collection is that, although so many nationalities are represented in these American school children, and although the children are scattered over a vast area, representing nearly every possible geographical and climatic variation, yet there is in these letters a wonderful unanimity of thought, feeling and manner of expression.

With the purpose to "stimulate interest in letter writing, to develop observation among school children and to interest them in the origin and development of inventions that have become important economic factors in our civilization," the Remington Literary Committee of New York city recently offered, through the public schools of the United States, 2,000 prizes, consisting of 100 five-dollar gold pieces, 1,000 Tiffany medals of rich design and 1,000 handily engraved certificates of merit for the best letters of two to three hundred words based upon the lately published book, "A New Chapter in an Old Story," which covers the romantic history of the development of firearms and ammunition making.

Prizes were offered in four classes: Class A for children ten to eleven years of age; Class B, twelve to thirteen years; Class C, fourteen to sixteen, and Class D, sixteen years of age and over. There were three principal prizes in each class, and an equal number of all prizes were allotted to each class, so that each pupil should compete on equal terms and only with others of his own age. Wide Interest In Contest. Soon after the announcement of the contest entries came in a flood from every corner of Uncle Sam's dominions. With the receipt of the book, which was presented to the libraries in schools where pupils were to compete, the prize letters began to pour into the office of the committee. In all, more than 20,000 live, vivid messages were received. They came from such wide regions as the New York city boy who rides to school in the subway and from the was girl in the interior of California (a winner who had to go 110 miles to find a photographer) to have the photo taken which is reproduced in connection with this story.

horses, the wagon road ending at this point. The Grants Pass of that time, however, was located somewhat further up the river than it is at the present time.

Notice, Moose Lodge Members. Fifty members of the Moose lodge and twenty candidates will go to Ashland Monday evening, Dec. 15. The degree work will be put on by the Medford and Ashland teams. Special train on Southern Pacific leaves at 7:15 p. m. Walter Laurence and Frances Cameron are to appear in a new musical comedy.

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PIONEER STAGE DRIVER VISITING IN VALLEY GRANTS PASS, Dec. 15.-M. J. Luark, the pioneer stage driver

through the Rogue river valley, is in the city taking a look at the country through which he carried the mail in 1858, or 55 years ago. Mr. Luark

was only a young man in those days, and has interesting tales to tell of the pioneer times, as well as of his experiences since. His route was between Oakland, Oregon, and Yreka, California, and he drove a two-horse wagon from Oakland to Grants Pass, and from here continued on with pack