

WILL AID IN TAKING CENSUS



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IS STUDENT WONDER

BOY WILL END COLLEGE TERM AT AGE OF FOURTEEN.

Norbert Wiener, Son of Cambridge Professor, to Graduate from Tufts in June—Also Good in Athletics.

Boston.—At Tufts college a boy will graduate next June at the age of 14, and we will have to take off our mortar board caps to him. He is Norbert Wiener, the son of a Harvard professor. This remarkable boy was born in Columbia, Mo., November 26, 1894. He could repeat the alphabet at the age of 11 months, could read and write at three years, and at the age of eight he was fitted for college in mathematics, philosophy, modern languages and the sciences.

It required less than three years of schooling after donning short trousers for him to prepare for college. Boys seldom do this in less than ten or 11 years; usually it requires an even dozen, and often longer.

When Norbert Wiener entered Tufts in the autumn of 1906 he had gone farther in chemistry and philosophy than the average senior. He was required to take several entrance examinations, mathematics among them, in which he was found to be far in advance of the freshman class.

So as a freshman he did upper-class work in the theory of equations and in determinants, while in philosophy it was found necessary to place him in a class by himself. He had read Spencer, Haeckel, Darwin, Huxley and many others. Now he has read Locke, Hobbes and other English philosophers; he has translated Homer and several plays of Aeschylus, as well as a similar amount of Latin.

In mathematics he has delved into the Galois theory of equations and has completed differential and integral calculus. He will continue this branch this year and will study the philosophies of Leibnitz, Spinoza and Kant.

In Greek he will read Herodotus and Sophocles; the rest of his time will be taken up by biology and organic chemistry. In June, 1909, he will have completed the regular four-year course in three years, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts before he has reached the age of 15. But the work he has covered will equal the amount usually completed by a candidate for the degree of doctor of philosophy.

In the autumn following his graduation at Tufts college he will enter the Harvard Graduate school, where he will elect work in higher mathematics, with a supplementary course in biology or chemistry. After receiving the doctor's degree at 17—an age when many students are not yet contemplating the entrance examinations—

TRUNDLES BARROW 4,660 MILES.

Pedestrian Must Go 4,340 More Within Time Limit to Win Bet.

San Francisco.—J. A. Krohn of Portland, Me., has arrived in this city on a walk of 9,000 miles, which he is to make on a wager in 400 days. According to the conditions of the bet, Krohn, who is better known as "Colonial Jack," must push a wheelbarrow en route and cover 4,660 miles, an average of 26 miles a day. To complete the walk on schedule time he must walk about 20 miles a day, and in spite of 11 days lost on account of illness he is far ahead of his schedule.

The Sphinx, the wheelbarrow which the pedestrian trundles on his long walk, is covered with the postmarks of 635 post offices. It also has a speedometer attached to register the number of miles covered. The wager on the outcome of the walk is \$1,000 against 2,000 copies of the book which Krohn will write on the completion of his walk.

LOBSTERS AT \$500 A MEAL.

Porto Rican Journal Has High Idea of Morgan's Taste.

Baltimore, Md.—Now that Porto Rico is a part of the United States, it behooves the Porto Ricans to take heightened interest in that most curious of North American products—the multi-millionaire. And they are doing so, judging from an item which appeared in a newspaper of San Juan about J. Pierpont Morgan, which may or may not be known to readers of more northerly latitudes. Here it is:

"The lobsters destined for the exalted palate of Mr. Morgan are caught expressly for him, and for nobody else; they do not belong to that vulgar class of fish which everybody can acquire at the market by simply putting down the price asked. The American multi-millionaire has had built on the shores of the ocean a little hut, painted red. In this hut a lobster fisher lives all the year round. His job is an easy one, because Mr. Morgan's craving for the delicious crustaceans comes upon him very seldom—not more than three or four times a year.

"The lobster fisherman above mentioned draws a salary of \$2,000 yearly. Supposing that the American potentate eats lobsters four times a year, the cost of his lobsters comes to \$500 a catch.

"Thus the greatest of millionaires has introduced once again the gastronomic customs of the ancient Romans. The Romans liked lampreys, just as Mr. Morgan likes lobsters. In order to feed the lampreys properly and be enabled to eat them in season they kept them in tanks at enormous expense. Some historians go so far as to say that the said Romans, in order that their fish might have a succulent taste, were in the habit of giving them live slaves to eat.

"But the American multi-millionaire has not as yet thought of treating his lobsters to a meal composed of redskins."

THEY GROW TALL IN MONTANA.

Combined Height of Ten Members of One Family Nearly Sixty Feet.

Helena, Mont.—A singular rivalry has arisen between two Montana towns as to which possesses the tallest family. Libby, in Flathead county, professes to have more tall people than any town of its size on the continent.

Ten members of one family have a combined height of almost sixty feet. The father weighs 215 pounds and is six feet 2½ inches tall. The mother weighs 225 pounds and is five feet six inches tall. The children size up as follows: First son, six feet 2½ inches tall, age 21 years; second son, six feet four inches, age 19 years; first daughter, five feet eight inches tall, age 17; third son, six feet four inches, age 16 years; fourth son, five feet ten inches, age 14 years; fifth son, five feet, age 11 years; second daughter, four feet two inches, age nine years; sixth son, three feet ten inches, age four years. The head of this proud family is Herman Bockman.

Red Lodge takes exception to Libby's claim to the supremacy and calls attention to the fact that in that city four members of one family are taller than any four members of the Bockman family. W. A. Talmage and his three sons are probably the tallest of any quartet in the city. Mr. Talmage is six feet 4½ inches tall; Earl Talmage, age 18 years, is six feet eight inches tall; Elmer Talmage, age 19 years, is six feet 7¼ inches tall, and Nathan, the youngest, who is only 12 years of age, measures five feet six inches. This makes a total of 24 feet 8¾ inches. Then the average height of the father and three sons will unquestionably compare with that of any other family in the entire country.

Wants to Fumigate a Cow.

Cincinnati.—Dr. B. F. Lyle, physician at the branch hospital, has announced that he was open for suggestions on "how to fumigate a cow." Robert Armstrong, living opposite the pesthouse, claims that convalescing pesthouse patients swiped his cow, and he won't take it back until it is fumigated. They offered him 50 cents rent for the cow, but he spurned it because he was afraid of that half dollar.

Many methods of fumigation have been suggested to Dr. Lyle, but each has had its own disadvantages. The city service, to which the complaint was made, left it to Dr. Lyle with power to act, and he feels responsible for the methods as well as the results.

Discovers Paleolithic Stone

Find Near Wadsworth, O., Declared to Be Important to Geologists.

Akron, O.—The discovery of what is asserted to be a paleolithic stone near Wadsworth has led Prof. G. Frederick Wright, geologist and president of the State Archeological society, to declare that Medina county was the home of paleolithic man. Prof. Wright took the stone with him to Baltimore and will return to Wadsworth next spring, he says, with government geologists to continue his researches.

Prof. Wright and Prof. Bronson of Oberlin college declared that the finding of the paleolith at Wadsworth is one of the most important discoveries made in America in fixing the age of human life on the American continent. They said also that the best specimen of a Kame or Escher terrace they had ever examined is in the neighborhood of the Memorial church on the Seville road west of Wadsworth.

Planet Out Beyond Neptune?

Cambridge, Mass.—The possibility of a planet outside of Neptune, which since its discovery in 1847, has been considered the outermost body of the solar system, is indicated as the result of calculations at the Harvard observatory of certain irregularities in the orbit of Neptune. The officials of the observatory do not contend that they have discovered the presence of such a body, but say that such a planet would cause perturbations such as have been found.

THE LAME MAN HEALED

Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 24, 1909
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 3:1-26. Memory verses, 5, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"His name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know."—Acts 3:16.

TIME.—The time is unknown within one or more years. Possibly the event of this lesson took place not long after Pentecost in the summer of A. D. 30. But since it was connected with persecutions, it may have been a year or two later.

PLACE.—Jerusalem, in the outer court of the temple near the beautiful gate which led from the outer court, the Court of the Gentiles, to the Court of the Women, i. e., the court in which women were allowed but beyond which they could not go. Peter's sermon was preached in Solomon's porch on the east side of the Court of the Gentiles.

PLACE IN HISTORY.—An example of the work of Christianity, and the beginning of persecution.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

The Old and New Forms of Worship. It was the custom of the early Christians to worship in their old accustomed way as well as in the new ways taught them by the Spirit. If they broke "the old bottles" before "the new bottles" were prepared, they would lose the very spirit and power of worship. As it was, they filled the old forms full of the spirit of worship, and thus were prepared to use the new alone.

V. 2. "And a certain man lame." All we know of him is (1) that he was born lame; (2) his lameness was caused by weakness of his feet and ankles (v. 7); (3) he was unable to walk; (4) he was poor; (5) he had been lame 40 years (Acts 4:22). "Was carried." "Was being carried," possibly at the same time that Peter and John were entering. "Whom they laid." "Were accustomed to lay," as the tense shows. "At the gate" (one of the several gates) "of the temple." The word includes not only the house but the courts and their buildings. "Which is called Beautiful." Probably the gateway between the Court of the Gentiles and the Court of the Women, where the Jews went for worship. This gateway had magnificent doors of Corinthian brass 75 feet high, and adorned with plates of silver and gold.

The Gate Beautiful.—There are many beautiful gates in life to higher and better things. The Gate of Hope, the Gate of Love, the Gate of Character, the Gate of Faithfulness, the Gate of Prayer. Jesus Christ is the Beautiful Gate to eternal life. Such As I Have Give I Thee.—Only such as a person has can he give to others, and only in so far as he really possesses it. Pictures of fire will not warm, nor will semblances of virtues impart virtues. If a man has money he can give money. If he has truth he can impart truth. If he has courage, hope, love, goodness, he can infuse them into other souls. If he himself is full of doubts, hate, ill-temper, bad passions, it is these he will impart to those around him, and by no means can such a one impart to others the good he has not himself. Hence it is that the most important element in teaching and in preaching is the man behind them. A cold church cannot warm the impenitent to life. We cannot kindle others unless we ourselves are on fire.

The test of true religion is its power to help men, to relieve suffering, to transform the lives of men. The gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes;" that is, to everyone who is willing to receive the salvation. "Christianity is nothing, according to the writers of the New Testament, unless it moves in the realm of power."—C. E. Jefferson.

Does the church exert its whole power of healing disease and alleviating suffering? There has been a sad neglect of the power of prayer and faith, and of personal uplift for the sick and suffering. Christian Science is a reaction against this neglect. Professors of psychology are beginning to advocate the power of mind over body. Doctors are using this power more than hitherto. "Many diseases can be shaken off by simply lifting up the tone of the interior life. Elizabeth Barrett was a sick woman, confined to her bed, and Robert Browning called upon her. She fell in love with him, and her love for him lifted her out of bed and gave her health again. Anything that quickens the emotions, and fills the heart with thoughts of God, must have its influence on every organ of the body, and make it more difficult for disease to work its ravages there."—C. E. Jefferson.

Experience of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Boston.—Under Dr. Worcester, the rector, and his assistant, Rev. Samuel McComb, D. D., a remarkable work was done in 1906-7, for the cure of the ill in body and soul, especially for the victims of neurasthenia, or, as it is popularly called, "nervous prostration." Many have been greatly benefited.

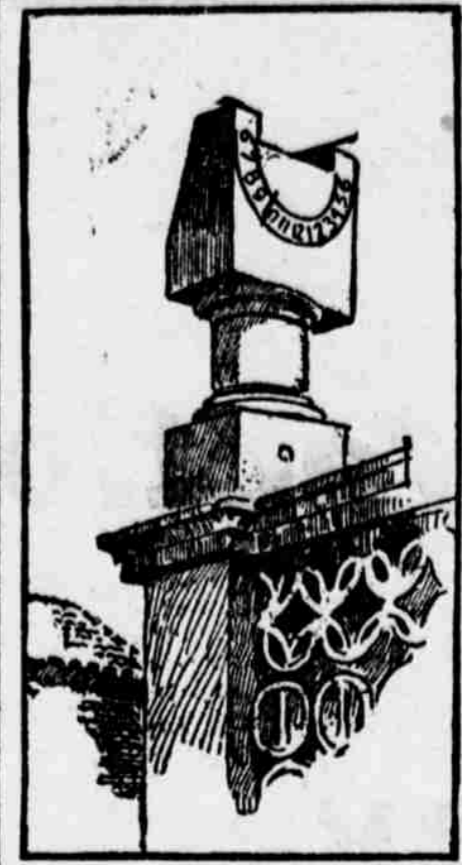
One of the needs of the church today is more emphasis on the power of God, on the uplifting, encouraging power of the gospel to triumph over the ills of man.

However, this is only a lesser one of the ways in which the gospel is relieving the sick and suffering. Medicine is a gift of God as really as faith, it should be used as such wherever it can aid in recovering from sickness. Works are the twin of faith. It creates the atmosphere in which flourish all the science, the self-devotion, the desire to aid others, hospitals and institutions, that help the poor.

THE SUNDIAL IN MEXICO.

Primitive Timekeepers Still Popular in the Southern Republic.

Mexico City.—The sundial still is in common use in many parts of Mexico. These primitive time indicators are to be seen upon many of the buildings in the towns and cities. Even in the capital of the republic, with its many great clocks, sundials are to be found upon many of the ancient buildings. It is in the smaller towns, however, where the sundial is still relied upon by the natives as the true marker of time. Upon the high plateau, where the weather is seldom cloudy,



One of the Many Ancient Sundials in Mexico.

the sundial is in service most hours of the day. Some of these dials are two or three centuries old. They are carved out of stone with artistic precision. In order that the general public may obtain the benefit of the sun's markings the sundials usually are placed upon buildings having a wide and commanding view.

WINTHROP TO BE KNOX'S AID.

Massachusetts Man Chosen for First Assistant Secretary of State.

Washington.—Beekman Winthrop of Massachusetts, assistant secretary of the treasury, will be first assistant secretary of state under the incoming administration, succeeding Robert Bacon of New York, who is expected temporarily to succeed Elihu Root upon the latter's retirement in the near future.

The tender was made with the consent of President-elect Taft by Senator Knox, whose selection as secretary of state was announced a short time ago.

Mr. Winthrop, who is of the eighth generation in descent from John Winthrop, the first governor of Massachusetts, and of the seventh from John Winthrop, the first governor of Connecticut, was born in Orange, N. J., and is 34 years old. He graduated from Harvard in 1897 and from the Harvard law school, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1899. He became private secretary to Mr. Taft as governor of the Philippine Islands in



Beekman Winthrop.

November, 1900; governor of Porto Rico on July 4, 1904, and assistant secretary of the treasury in 1907.

Sunday Afternoon Newspapers.

The Westery (R. I.) Sun rises up to remark that Frank A. Munsey of the Washington Times, instead of being a pioneer in his scheme of a Sunday afternoon paper in the capital, is really copying after at least two other newspapers. "The Sun," writes the editor, "claims to be the originator of the Sunday afternoon edition business, except in the case of a New Orleans newspaper, which has been printed seven afternoons each week for a good many years. We are ready to give Mr. Munsey credit for being the first in a wide circle of periodical literature, but he is out of it so far as the Sunday afternoon newspaper is concerned."

Dry Fall.

"What are you doing with that cap on?" demanded the stern housewife as she took a firmer grip on the snow shovel.

"Why, mum," responded Gritty George, "I'm a distressed yachtsman. I just fell off me yacht and thought maybe ye could—"

"Oh, nonsense! If you had fallen off the yacht yer clothing would be wet."

"Er—no, mum. Yer see, dis was an ice yacht."—Chicago Daily News.

MORE PINKHAM CURES

Added to the Long List due to This Famous Remedy.

Camden, N. J.—"It is with pleasure that I add my testimonial to your already long list—hoping that it may induce others to avail themselves of this valuable medicine. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered from terrible headaches, pain in my back and right side, was tired and nervous, and so weak I could hardly stand. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored me to health and made me feel like a new person, and it shall always have my praise."—Mrs. W. P. VALENTINE, 902 Lincoln Avenue, Camden, N. J.

Gardiner, Me.—"I was a great sufferer from a female disease. The doctor said I would have to go to the hospital for an operation, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound completely cured me in three months."—Mrs. S. A. WILLIAMS, R. F. D. No. 14, Box 39, Gardiner Me.

Because your case is a difficult one, doctors having done you no good, do not continue to suffer without giving Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. It surely has cured many cases of female ills, such as inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, indigestion, dizziness, and nervous prostration. It costs but a trifle to try it, and the result is worth millions to many suffering women.



"I'll give you a penny if you can spell fish."
"C-o-d."
"That ain't fish."
"What is it, then?"

Wagner Fooled the Critics. Here is a story of Wagner's visit to London in 1855: After the first Paltharmonic concert the critics reproached him for conducting a Beethoven symphony without the score. At the second concert, to satisfy his audience, Wagner had a "partition" on his desk, which he frequently consulted. The critics declared the improvement was marked. The score, however, was Rossini's "Barbier de Seville."

Used Dolls to Set Fashions. Long before women's newspapers were started, and fashion plates in their modern form were thought of, women derived their knowledge of the fashions from dolls dressed in modern costumes, which were sent from one country to another, more especially from Paris, which then, as now, was the leading center of the mode.

Teacher's Orders. "Here, ma!" requested the boy, hurrying in from school before time; "hang my jacket up behind the stove." "Is it wet?" "No; but teacher sent me home to tell you to warm my jacket for me!"—Judge.

HER MOTHER-IN-LAW Proved a Wise, Good Friend.

A young woman out in Ia. found a wise, good friend in her mother-in-law, jokes notwithstanding. She writes: "It is two years since we began using Postum in our house. I was greatly troubled with my stomach, complexion was blotchy and yellow. After meals I often suffered sharp pains and would have to lie down. My mother often told me it was the coffee I drank at meals. But when I'd quit coffee I'd have a severe headache. "While visiting my mother-in-law I remarked that she always made such good coffee, and asked her to tell me how. She laughed and told me it was easy to make good 'coffee' when you use Postum. "I began to use Postum as soon as I got home, and now we have the same good 'coffee' (Postum) every day, and I have no more trouble. Indigestion is a thing of the past, and my complexion has cleared up beautifully. "My grandmother suffered a great deal with her stomach. Her doctor told her to leave off coffee. She then took tea but that was just as bad. "She finally was induced to try Postum which she has used for over a year. She traveled during the winter over the greater part of Iowa, visiting, something she had not been able to do for years. She says she owes her present good health to Postum. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.