

Pershing Won His Examination to West Point Against 16 Candidates

One by One Papers Were Thrown Out Until Only Two Remained—Five Times the Committee Tried to Decide, Gave it Up, and Then Applied a Unique Test That John Won.

There is a kindly, gracious old man, a native of Gray, Me., who tells of the West Point examination. His story is well worth while. So into the office of old Judge Oscar F. Libby, in State street, LaCade, to take a chair by the old man's desk.

Judge Libby is a delightful old man to talk with; and he is a delightful old man to look at, with his white hair and white mustache and white goatee.

"Retired now, but keep the old office so I'll have a place to entertain my friends," he said, as he waved me in his courteous and dignified manner to a chair. Then he told his story.

boanga, P. I., to be read at the 25th reunion of the class at West Point. He recalled that day in Trenton, declaring that, above all others, it stood out as one of the "proudest" of his life.

He wrote:

"The proudest days of my life, with one exception, have come to me in connection with West Point—days that stand out clear and distinct from all others. The first of these was the day I won my appointment at Trenton, Mo., in a competitive examination with 17 competitors. An old friend of the

family happened to be in Trenton that day and, passing on the opposite side of the street, called to me and said:

Proud of Passing.

"John, I hear you passed with flying colors."

"In all seriousness, feeling the great importance of my success, I naively replied in a loud voice:

"Yes, I did, feeling assured no one had ever quite passed such a fine examination as I had."

Much more there is to the letter, really a classic, much of reminiscence that thrills and grips one. But that is another story. The letter is almost a chapter in itself.



Clay C. Bigger, LaCade, Mo., lawyer and friend of Pershing since boyhood.

Sold Appointments.

"You know," he said to me, "before Burrows was elected in 1880, as I recall, November of 1880—the appointments to West Point were sold, either privately or in the open market, to the highest bidder. A tragedy, but true. I know, for I wanted to secure an appointment, and I never could, in those days, get sufficient money together all at one time. When at last I did, I was too old. A boy can't be more than 22, you know, when he enters West Point."

"Well, things had been going that way as long as anyone could remember, when Burrows was elected. He changed it all, great old man, Joseph H. Burrows. Great old character. He was a Baptist minister, ordained in 1867, and pastor for many years of the First Baptist church of Gainesville, Mo. He became interested in politics and was elected to the general assembly of Missouri. Then he ran for congress, and one of his pledges to the electorate was 'honest appointments for West Point.'

Had Sixteen Competitors.

"The day of the examination John and a number of other boys—I think there were 17—were there. A committee of five persons, as I recall, was selected to grade the examination papers. The papers were completed at last and turned in to the committee. Grading of the papers started, and one by one, until only two remained, they were discarded. The two left were those of John Pershing and a boy named Higginbotham.

"But to decide which of those papers was the best, the committee could not. The five men tried and tried. Each time they went over the papers the result was the same. It was a case of 'whittle de whit,' as the old judge characterized it, 'between the two boys.'

"At last one of the committeemen lit upon a scheme.

"He walked over to the blackboard in the schoolroom where the examination had been held and wrote on the board a sentence—the same sentence twice. It was this: 'I love to run.'

"John and Higginbotham were called back into the room and told they must parse the sentence written on the board according to the rules of Clark's grammar.

How Pershing Won.

"The boys started. John parsed the sentence, 'I the subject, 'love' the predicate, 'to run' the object of the verb. Higginbotham parsed the sentence, 'I the subject, 'love' the predicate, 'to run' an infinitive phrase qualifying the verb.

"John won."

"Thus it was by the clever analysis of a sentence, John Pershing secured his appointment as a cadet to the United States Military academy at West Point.

Day in Trenton.

The day in Trenton was perhaps the most momentous in the life of Gen. John Joseph Pershing.

Almost 30 years afterward, a brigadier general in the United States army, commander of the Department of Mindanao and governor of the islands, as president of his class at West Point—to which much envied position he was elected his first year in the academy and which he has held continuously ever since—the class of '86, wrote a letter of greeting from his headquarters at Zam-

Nearly \$6,000 Cash Found in Clothes of "Poor Man" Who Died

Helpless and friendless, apparently without funds, Thomas Turner, 60 years old, recently was removed to the county hospital to be treated at the expense of the county. He died, and when hospital attendants removed his clothing they found \$5,680 in cash hidden in it.

Last week Turner came to County Physician Van Camp for aid. He was treated in the county's institu-

tion for heart disease and a paralyzed throat. Hospital authorities are now trying to find relatives and possible heirs of the poor "rich" man. Turner, who was unable to read or write, is said to have a nephew in Fort Dodge, Ia.

Burglar Steals Enough "Fags" To Last Him Several Years

A burglar pried open a rear window of the Holmes, Wildhaber & Co. establishment at 1112 Howard street, and stole 80,000 cigars. The burglar took nothing else, although there were plenty of cigars and other things which he could have stolen.

Council to Attempt Solution of Downtown Parking of Cars

Mayor Smith, during city council meeting today, appointed Commissioners Ringer, Ure and Butler as a special committee to meet with members of the Associated Retailers, with a view of agreeing on a practical solution of the downtown automobile parking situation.

J. W. Metcalfe, secretary of the retailers, appeared before the council with a complaint that automobiles are kept in front of stores for hours at a time and that they interfere with the business of merchants.

Milwaukee "Deputy Sheriff" Gets 60 Days for Vagrancy

Just two days after Ferdinand Brandenburg, Milwaukee, Wis., came to Omaha armed with deputy sheriff badges, he was sentenced to 60 days in jail for vagrancy. Detectives arrested him when he sought to have several books of blank checks printed for the Mason Auto company, Omaha. Printers notified the police of Brandenburg's request and the man was taken to central police station. He said he wanted the checks for his own use. No firm under the name "Mason Auto company" is listed in the city directory.

Estate of Late W. C. Bullard Totals About Quarter Million

Mayor Smith, administrator of the estate of the late William C. Bullard, filed an inventory of the estate in county court Tuesday, showing that it consists of \$11,000 real estate and \$233,000 personal property. The latter includes 734 shares of Bullard Lumber company stock worth \$73,400 at par; 217 shares of Omaha Structural Steel company stock, worth \$21,700 at par, and \$31,500 worth of life insurance.

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