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Tenth Grade.—Ray Moody 96, Fred Hirons 94, Grace Brooks 92, Cora Moffett 91.

Ninth Grade.—Augusta Aldridge 86, Eunice Lambert 87, Mary Hines 83, Pearl Woodall 82.

Eight Grade.—Carrie Wright 97, Etta Cooper 93, Avis Dood 92 Ethel Ringgold 90, Florence Beck 89, Isabelle Lambert 88, Clara Sappington 88, Inez Russell 88, Herman Blackway 86, Merritt Brown 86, Olive Pennell 86, Nellie McWhorter 84, Louise Brown 82, Edna Copper 78, Ethel Brown 77, Reba Strong 73.

Seventh Grade.—Anna Smith, 90, Mary Layman 87, Eva Gardner 85, Mary Miller 83, Gilbert Jarman 82, Carl Bordley 81, Mollie Ringgold 80, Harold Matthews 78.

Sixth Grade.—Josephine Wheatley 94, Elizabeth Russell 94, Francis Morris 93, Hallie Kelley 92, Marghuerita Dodd 90, Rebekah McFeely 90, Jessie Anthony 89, Mary Smith 89, Gladys Aldridge 88, Mildred Davis 88, James Bacchus 88, Rebecca Levine 86, Joseph Wheatley 86, Dora Hodgkins, 85 Earle Thomas 85, Randolph Waddell 85, Susie Frazier 84, Preston Ivens 84, Maggie Davis 82, May Willis 81, Daniel Hall 80, Hope Hudson 79, Roy Duyer 78, Sam'l Armstrong 78, Bernnard Boyd 77, Edward Blackway 77, David Connelly 76, Wallis Jester 74.

6th Grade, Second Division—Estalena Deringer 82, Anna Calder 82, Joe Westcott 80, Samuel Clark 80, Jessie Robinson 79, Reba Davis 78 Genevieve Dixon 73, Hepbron Gill 74, Edith Dunbracco 72.

5th Grade—Norman Crouch 87, Frazier Russell 87, Elsie Blyman 84, Mary Keyser 84, Arthur Skipper 8s, Ida Smith 84, Edward Richards 84, Hallie Cooper 82, Sophie Levine 82, Elizabeth Connely 81, Rebecca Aldrige 79, Virginia Cain 79, Myrtle Ireland 89, Nellie Westcott 77, Philip Wilmer 77, Alice Alcutt 76, Clyde Copper 75, May Duyer 75, Madge Pennell 75, Barbara Elliott 74, Stephanie Ford 74, Frank Jarman 74, Frank Lambert 73, Frederick Ford 66, Tylden Brice 65.

4th Grade—Bert Duyer 88, Clayton Wright 88, Annie Lewis 86, Leslie Duyer, 85, Annie King 85, Merle White 82, Eunice Storke 84, Laurence Russell 83, Leon Hicks 83, Norman Hirons 83, Ida Coleman 81, Harvey Blyman 80, Colin Duyer 80, Leslie Needles 79 Jessie Thompson, 79 Brice Fountain 79, Harry Steele 77, Charles Smith 77, Charlie King 77, Price Rolph 76, Lucy Frazier 76, Sue Miller 75, Ruth Lambert 73, Willie Davis 73, Edmund Nugent 73, Charlie Drinkwater 73, Rebecca Toulson 73, Charlie Lambert 72, Julian Duyer 71, Clifford Cooper 69, Loice Rust 66, Benj. Middleton 66, Ethel Hines 64, Massey Hines 63, Romie Patrick 58, Carrie Johnson 55.

3rd Grade.—Carmeta Russell 84, Helen Boyd 94, Russel Wheatley 94, Irving Sparks 91, Allen Harris 90, Stephen Collins 89, Pollie Westcott 88, Jewell Armstong 88, Sylvia Hyland 88, Carey Jarman 87, Lee Robinson 85, Elevyn Getshall 85, Maud Robinson 83, Lillie Davis 83, James Coleman 82, Rosalie Cain 82, Frank Connelly 81, Marion Dixon 80, Robie Robinson 79, Anna Ireland 77, Eli Elliott 76, Herbert Usilton 73, Mason Latham 71, Charles Ford 70, Louisa Nugent 70, Dumont Lambert 69, Emily Plummer 69, Alvin Jarman 67, Bennett Getshall 65, James Blackiston 60.

Second Grade.—Mary Rouse 96, Louise Armstrong 93, Rose Levine 93, Mildred Middleton 91, Lillian Bennie 91, Francis Howard 91, Elsie Whitely 91, Carolene McKee 90, Harry Rouse 90, Price Jones 89, Marguerite King 88, Barber Bartley 87, Lillian Hicks 87, Duncan Deringer 87, Clara Coleman 86, Arthur Cooper 86, Joseph Wright 86, Lionel Keyser 83, Preston Richards 82, Clarence Usilton 81, Martha Skipper 80.

Second Grade.—Allie Blyman 90, Cecil Robinson 90, Lillian Rawliegh 91, Edward Duyer 88, James Coleman 88, Bryan Ireland 84 John Greenwood 80.

First Grade.—Rebecca Davis 99, Lowreine Smith 99, Henry Lambert 96, Nathan Blum 93, Ralph Evans 95, Dolly Johnson 95, Rolph Townsend 92, Kennard Burk 91, Harry Jones 91, Lillie Truitt 91, Anna Newton 88.

First Grade B. Class.—Louise Rawleigh 87, Charles Storkes 87, Wilbur Storkes 86, Randall Long 82, Kitty Chambers 80.

First Grade.—Helen Russell 84, Norman Cooper 84, Charles Hodgkins 84, Harry Wright 83, William Miller 83, Kay Middleton 83, Rebecca Truitt 81, Clarence King 80, Mary Maslin 80.

Opportunity.

"What is its name?" asked a visitor when shown a statue with its face concealed and wings on its feet.

"Opportunity," replied the scrulptor.

"Why is its face hidden?"

"Because Men seldom recognize it."

"Why has it wings on its feet?"

"Because it is soon gone and once gone, cannot be overtaken."

"Two folks," said Uncle Eben, "is bound to git into trouble—de man dat won't take no advice and de man dat tries to take all he hears."

CRIMINALS CAUGHT BY BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Twenty-seven Alleged Forgers And 33 Bank Burglars Arrested Since September 1.

New York, February 3.—Jas. J. Branch, secretary of the American Bankers' Association, has submitted a report to the protective committee of the association on the work done by its detective agents since September 1 last. During that time they secured the arrest of 27 persons on the charge of forgery and like offenses, 11 of whom have been convicted, 15 are in jail awaiting trial and 1 has been released. During the same period of time 33 bank burglars have been arrested, 2 have been convicted and 13 are now awaiting trial. Two highway robbers have also been arrested, and are now in jail pending trial.

Since September 1 last 74 banks, including members and nonmembers of the association, have been attacked. During the period covered by the report, Mr. Branch says, there was great activity in apprehending bank and safe burglars in the various parts of the country.

Raids by the police in Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia resulted in the capture of 28 offenders of this class. More than 125 general complaints were made by members of the association of operations by forgers, swindlers and worthless check and draft operators. These were investigated, resulting in 19 arrests and 8 convictions.

Temperance in His Will.

James Callahan, of Des Moines, Iowa, who paid more taxes than any other five Iowa men, disposed of $3,000,000 in his will in such a way that no user of liquor, morphine or any other drug can benefit from his wealth in any way. Mr. Callahan preached the evils of intemperance for three score years and ten, and he preached them in his will also.

In addition to derect bequests for the cause of temperance, Mr. Callahan disposed of nearly $2,000,000 to his relatives, most of them New Yorkers, in such a way that none of them who uses liquor can touch a cent of it.

He made a bequest of $500,000 to found a home for drunkards' wives and to provide for the families of drunkards, but he provided especially that not one cent of the money should be used to benefit the users of liquor or the drunkard husbands. A $20,000 bequest for the Home for the Aged was protected against drunkards in the same way.

"My idea is," said Mr. Callahan in his will, "that if a person will spend his money in the use of such filthy and useless drugs so that he has not enough left to support him in his old age he must suffer the consequences."

The bequest is made on the further condition that the Home for the Aged "shall pass within six months an amendment to the articles of incorporation not to knowingly admit any person to the home who for the past ten years prior to the time of his application for admission has been or is in the habit of using morphine or any other drug or drinking habitually or to excess any intoxicating liquor or drinks, and on the further condition never to allow such persons within the institution."

Decline to Drunkeness.

According to Lecky, in his "History of European Morals," "the virtue of veracity attains its highest development among commercial nations." It is also because we are growing greater in business lines that there is less drunkeness at Christmas as well as more truthfulness all the time? A long memory is not needed to recall a prevalence of yuletide indulgence in strong drink which now appears lacking. Holiday drinking was an inheritance from Anglo Saxon ancestors. But where are now the egg-nogg and mulled wine of the Christmases of yesteryear? The modern sideboard is conspicuous for their absence and the saloon trade has fallen off. The reeling around of New Year's calls is a thing of the past.

Lady Falmouth has been saying in England that she was struck during her recent visit to the United States by the higher standard of sobriety prevailing here. She found a "total absence of the poor, drink-sullen-looking beings too frequently seen in England." Bookmakers report a suggestive decrease of drunkenness at the race tracks."

"It doesn't pay and it is dangerous," says the bookmaker. The clerk and his employer find it so and abstain. And the practical gain is to be commended whether the cause is self-interest or a higher spiritual motive.

Had Made A Change.

"Isn't there something in my policy," asked a caller at an insurance office the other day, "about my having to report any change of residence?"

"Yes sir," said the man at the nearest desk, picking up a pen. "Where have you moved to?"

"I haven't moved anywhere," rejoined the caller. "I have made a change in my residence by painting it a light straw color and putting a chimney pot on the kitchen chimney. I think that's all. Good day!"

JAPANESE SUFFERING POVERTY.

Business Retarded by Heavy War Taxes—People Sacrifice Everything.

"Thousands of people in Japan are suffering intense poverty on occount of the war," said N. W. Werry, an Englishman, who, in a trip around the world, left Japan a month ago. "We found in Japan," he continued, "among those left at home no great grief for relatives at the front. Every person deems it an honor to have a part in the struggle. We found that poverty grows daily in Japan and that business is retarded by the heavy war taxes which have been placed upon the county.

"Yet there is no sorrow. In passing through Japan or in living there casually, you would not know that a war was going on, draining the best in the population. Now and then flags are displayed, and in cases of great victory there is a celebration, but otherwise there is little outward sign of conflict. The condition of poverty that I have mentioned is, of course beneath the surface. When the wounded soilders return large crowds meet them at the station, and they are regarded as the greatest heroes of all time.

"The Japanese are the most patriotic race imaginable. The glory of their country is the religion of those who fight in the field. The women have banded themselves together to help. Every day hundreds of them go voluntarily to the hospitals to cut up lint. Every material for the comfort of the troops is thought of, and the busy hands of the women act as a fitting complement to the bravery of the men.

"In Japan they are sure of ultimate victory. With this faith they are willing to sacrifice everything in the country to make it possible. They believe that the war may last four years and are prepared for all that comes."—New York Evening Post.

HONEYMOON CUT SHORT.

Colored Beau Brummel and Venus de Milo vs. Young Benedict.

A young Queen Anne's benedict met with an exciting experience in Philadelphia the other day while on his wedding trip, says the Baltimore Herald. His wife sent him down town to get a piece of music just out, and on his way back to the hotel in a street car a little episode came into his life that made the sleepy city wide awake. The benedict was sitting when in walked a colored Beau Brummel leading a colored Venus de Milo. Every seat was crowded. Evidently taking the benedict for an easy mark, the colored Chesterville tapped the Marylander on the shoulder and said, "Give dis lady a seat."

The benedict scowled and replied, "I don't see any lady."

The negro tugged at his shoulder and growled: "Come on, get up. De lady is with me."

The benedict got up, but the negro went down, and as fast as he tried to get up he went down again, until the benedict had knocked him off the car. A cop turned up and arrested the benedict and took him to the station house.

"Forty dollars," said the magistrate after he had heard the testimony.

The benedict paid and then asked: "Judge, do you know what we'd do in a case like that in Maryland?"

"What 'd you do?"

"Why, we'd lynch the nigger."

"Ten dollars more," said the judge.

Now the village joker says the benedict had to cut his wedding trip short because the judge got all his money.

Urging Chesapeake Canal.

The Del. Senate and House of Representatives met in joint session and considered the Deleware ship canal project to connect Philadelphia with Baltimore and Washington by a deep-sea canal, free of toll.

Thomas F. Bayard, chairman of the Wilmington board of trade committee; Capt. Philip C. Reybold, delegate of the American Association of Pilots; Alfred O. Crozier, one of the orginators of the ship canal project, and Ex-Judge David T. Marvil addressed the joint session. Mr. Crozier declared that the new ship canal, by its so connecting the great powder making state of Delaware, the mighty coal producing state of Pennsylvania and the close association of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and other Eastern cities, would carry more commerce than the Suez canal and Panama canal combined; that it would carry as much commerce as all the foreign commerce of the United States.

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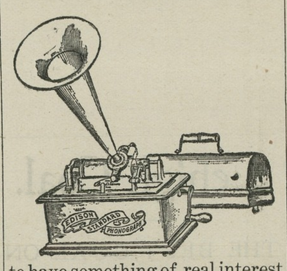

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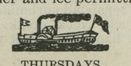

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" "	Shallcross	at -	12.30 noon
" "	Cassidy's	at - -	12.45 P. M.
" "	Betterton	at -	1.15 P. M.
" "	Gale's	at - - -	2.15 P. M.
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