

NEWSBOY PRESIDENT

FROM THE STREETS OF CHICAGO THE HEAD OF A UNIVERSITY.

Carer of Jerome H. Raymond—Won Success Against Conditions That Would Have Dismayed One With Less Indomitable Pliability—Reads Like a Romance.

From a newsboy selling his papers on the corners of Chicago's crowded downtown streets to the presidency of a state university, all within twenty years, is a rapid rise in the world.

The way in which Mr. Raymond wrung success from adverse circumstances is an interesting story of perseverance. He was only 2 years old when his parents moved to Chicago. His education was meagre, being acquired at uncertain intervals in the Englewood public schools.

Meanwhile Raymond put in his spare time learning stenography. He drifted to Pullman, and when only 19 had risen from office boy to a position which brought him \$1,000 a year. There is reason to believe that if he had chosen to continue in the line of work laid out for him at Pullman, a few years would have brought him to a position assuring large means and great responsibility.

While Raymond was in his sophomore year he made the acquaintance of Bishop J. M. Thoburn, who has charge of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India. The bishop was writing a book on life in India and was so taken with the young man that he engaged him for two years as traveling secretary.

He returned to Chicago by way of China and Japan in the winter of 1892, and took the examinations with his college classes. One term of his senior year remained, but he was sprung from attendance at classes. The spring term he passed as traveling secretary for George M. Pullman, returning to Evanston in time to receive his diploma and to participate in the Kirk oratorical contest.

After graduation Mr. Raymond's rise was rapid. The first year he served as secretary of the Society for University Extension in Chicago, and the following year became professor of political economy at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis. A course of lectures delivered at Chautauqui the following summer attracted the attention of President Harper of the University of Chicago, and the next winter saw Raymond as secretary and lecturer in the same study work of the university extension department of the Chicago institution.

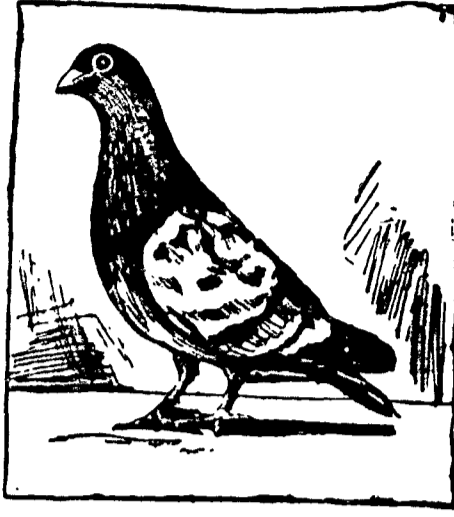
His next step as president of the University of West Virginia will demonstrate to the world that the boy who came from the streets of Chicago has not only the ability but the ambition to push and ambition to succeed. The fact of poverty does not seem to have been a hindrance.

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A THOUSAND MILE FLIGHT.

Pedro, the Homing Pigeon, Which Broke the World's Record.

Pedro, the great homing pigeon which broke the world's record for 1000 miles in his swift journey in the air from New Orleans to Mishawaka, Ind., is the pride of the Mishawaka Homing club, according to a correspondent of that city.



PEDRO

work after dark. Thus far in the schedule of races for 1897 the local homers have made remarkable records, and the club was tempted to try for the 1000 mile mark. The birds were liberated at New Orleans at 9 o'clock on Monday morning by N. T. Brown, general manager of the American Express company from the third story window of the company's building at St. Charles and Union streets.

The following anecdote of General Robert E. Lee is characteristic of the magnanimous greatness of the Virginia chieftain. At a faculty meeting during Lee's presidency one of the professors made some disparaging remarks about General Grant.

The pith of the sunflower stem is said to be the lightest substance known. Its specific gravity is 0.02 as compared with 0.09 for elder pith, hitherto recognized as the lightest material, and 0.1 for reindeer hair, and 0.24 for cork.

It is a pretty well known fact that most of the deaths that occur on the field of battle result from bleeding to death before surgical aid arrives.

On his recent Norwegian tour Emperor William observed a sailor of the Hohenzollern sketching the beautiful scenery of one of the fjords.

Many of the convicts in French prisons are paid for their labor, and earn about one shilling and fivepence a day. Half of this they are allowed to spend for extra food, postage, etc., and the rest is saved, to be given to them on their discharge.

A crock in St. Petersburg, Russia, has ninety-five faces, indicating simultaneously the time at thirty different spots on the earth's surface, besides the movements of the earth and planets.

Can Lobsters Smell? Lobsters can smell as well as animals that live upon the land. A piece of decayed meat suspended in the water in the locality where lobsters are abundant will soon be completely surrounded by a greedy, fighting crowd.

The Australian Legislature has sanctioned the building of an aqueduct which will cost \$12,500,000, and will supply the Coolgardie gold mines with 5,000,000 gallons of water daily.

At Blenheim place, the home of the Duke of Marlborough, there are said to be twenty staircases leading from the main door to the second.

OLD QUANAH PARKER

THE BIG CHIEF OF THE COMANCHES A REMARKABLE REDSKIN.

He is the Highest and Most Civilized of American Indians—His Mother a White Girl Who Was Stolen by the Savages.

Quanah Parker, the big chief of the Comanches, who was erroneously reported murdered by an outlaw in the southwest, only to be found alive and well at Sherman, Texas, is the richest and in many respects the most civilized of American Indians.

Quanah was, at the time of his reported death, enjoying an outing at a cowboy frolic in Seymour, accompanied by three of his four wives. The story was told that he had been killed in a fight and the only grain of truth in it was that when he does take his departure from this world Quanah will probably go that way.

It was in the fall of 1885 that Chief Quanah came to Fort Worth, accompanied by an aged Comanche named Yellow Bear, one of his numerous fathers-in-law.



QUANAH PARKER.

on account of the large amount of the payment to be made to him by the cattlemen. It was not his purpose, however, it was not executed as befitting a faithful guardian.

The hour of Quanah's return was never definitely known, although police investigation indicated that it must have been midnight.

Many people suppose that all gold is alike when refined, but this is not so. An experienced man can tell at a glance from what part of the world a gold piece comes from.

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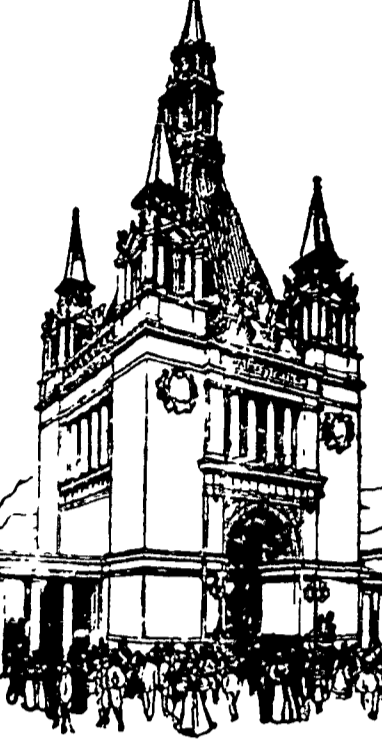
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NEXT GREAT FAIR.

The Transmississippi Exposition to Be Held in Omaha.

The next exposition which will occur in this country is the Transmississippi Exposition, which will be held at Omaha, Neb., during 1898.

The site for the exposition is admirably located. It is on the bank of the Missouri river in what is known as North Omaha. The grounds are in the city proper and are only ten minutes from the business center and the main hotels.



ADMINISTRATION ARCH.

gathered on Iowa's western border and plotted the death of the settlers who hewed a path for civilization in the western wild lands.

The main entrance to the exposition is on the south side of Twentieth street through the Arch of States, or Administration Arch, into the Grand Canal Court.

A Swiss paper relates a characteristic anecdote of the late Professor Hirtzel. It was his custom, whenever he orally examined a candidate, to wind up the affair by looking very serious and saying: "Now, I must ask you one more question."

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ALASKAN REINDEER.

THE GOVERNMENT'S HERDS MAY PROVE USEFUL TO GOLD HUNTERS.

They Thrive and Multiply in the Lower Yukon Country—The Large Herds Now at Fort Clarence—They Feed on Reindeer Moss.

When the gold fields of Alaska and the approach thereto, as well as the enthusiasm of fortune hunters, have become literally ice blanketed, the question which every man asks his neighbor is not "How much will they get?" but "How long can they last?"

There is one man who claims that he solved the problem long ago; and if he could have his way, Alaska might, at this moment, be a very different place to live in.

It is his scheme to introduce reindeer into the territory as fast as possible. The experiment has been tried and proved a success.

It was as far back as 1893 that congress made an appropriation, which was small, to meet the expense of the introduction of that useful animal, the reindeer, into Alaska.



BREAKING YOUNG REINDEER.

food for man, its skin is valuable and the milk of the herds is often the principal support of the owner and his family.

Very interesting news about the Alaska reindeer has been received. From a report recently sent to Washington it is learned that they are getting along finely.

Hardly any information as to the employment of the animal in the territory has been received up to this time, and nothing has been heard of their rendering service to any of the mining parties or pleasure seekers, but it is known that their Laplander keepers are preparing to make use of them in the mining regions, and the United States government, which is their owner, will probably before the end of the year, turn them to account by employing them for transportation of the mails up the Yukon Valley.

It is to be supposed that in the course of time the government will make provision for the sale of the reindeer to citizens who may desire to purchase them. It cannot make use of the great herds which are expected to come into existence before many years have passed.

A Famous Group in Bronze. Dalou's colossal group, "The Triumph of the Republic," which was set up in plaster during the 1889 exhibition in the Palace de la Republique in Paris, is to be cast in bronze at the expense of the city. The group will be very costly, as an attempt made to cast it by thecire perdue process proved unsuccessful, and some parts had to be made over again. It will be cast now by the usual sand process.

Of the two American postage stamps first issued Washington portrait was on the 10-cent and Franklin's on the other. Since that time the various issues of the United States stamps would furnish a unique portrait gallery, showing the faces of forty-eight noted Americans. Washington appears on twenty-five issues, while Lincoln's picture is on every issue since 1866 except the Columbian series.

A UNIQUE STATUE.

Berlin Erects a Monument to Her Dams Washerwomen.

Let washerwomen take the heart of grace and bemoan no more their humble calling. In Berlin they have been honored by a monument, as soldiers and sailors are in loyal towns here. In one of the public squares is the statue. The base represents a flight of stairs up which the woman is supposed to have gone in order to wash at the brook, which is held between dams.



STATUE OF WASHWOMAN.

A pleasing female figure, well poised, is shown wringing out linen which she has just washed, and the water supply of the fountain comes from the supposed piece of linen. The water first drops into a basin representing a large shell, and through indentures falls to the larger basin beneath.

The sculptor, Ludwig Brunow, made his reputation principally in quite a different sphere. His first beginnings were wood carvings and only comparatively late he began to work in stone and bronze.

"Beyond the Pale." "A Swindle" is the name that appears over the office door of a struggling lawyer in a city of Canada. A friend of the unfortunate gentleman suggested the advisability of writing out his first name in full, thinking that Arthur or Andrew Swindle, as the case might be, would sound better and look better than the significant "A Swindle." When the lawyer, with tears in his eyes, whispered to him that his name was Adam the friend understood and was silent.

Guano, the World's Wheat King. The wheat king of the world belongs to Argentina. He is an Italian emigrant named Guanoze, and his broad acres are situated in the south of the province of Buenos Ayres. His crop occupies an area of 66,270 acres. He numbers his workmen by the thousand, and each one receives a certain share of the profits. When his season's crop is harvested he fills over 3,000 railway trucks with grain.

A queer polyglot religious service was held at the Seaman's Bethel at Douglas on the Isle of Man. The gospel was read in Gaelic, a hymn sung in Manx, prayer offered in Welsh and the sermon delivered in English. On the previous Sunday the Lord's Prayer was said in Cornish, a language the last speaker of which died in the early years of this century.

A medical magazine lately denounced the oyster as unfit for human food, filled with bacteria, gorged with typhoid bacilli, and a constant menace to human life. We are sorry so much that is wicked has been discovered about the oyster, but we will remain its friend, in spite of bacteria, bacilli, and impending death.

Here's a chance for some one. No as they never increased in a land-locked pond. Fame and distinction await the one who will solve this problem that one has ever seen eels' eggs. It is believed that they spawn in the ocean, the naturalists have found too much for them.

From a hoard of trade blue book just issued, it appears that British life insurance offices own funds amounting to \$1,250,000,000 and that the insurances effected with them amount to about \$3,500,000,000, or considerably more than the total of the national debt.

The latest in the realm of glove-making is gloves of frog skin. This skin is said to be the finest and toughest leather in the world. The demand for them is not great, but of sufficient dimensions to make it worth while to manufacture.