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DR. MARION LEROY BURTON

Over in Ann Arbor, near the campus that he loved so well, there rests beneath a fresh mound of earth the body of a rare creation of God's...

For Marion Leroy Burton, whose death came last week, was MORE than president of the University of Michigan; indeed, he was an INSPIRATION to all who came in contact with him...

We believe that Dr. Burton, could he suggest the kind of eulogy best fitted for his memory, would like to linger on the wonderful and ever-present possibility of boys and girls to shape their mentalities into laboratories of invention for the uplift of humanity...

A few years ago the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, made elaborate plans to stage a banquet for a certain distinguished person, a man who had once been one of its citizens...

In the course of events the time for the main speech of the evening arrived; the distinguished guest, who had been glowingly introduced by the toastmaster, rose to his feet as the applause subsided, and, with a simple gesture, asked that the audience listen to a shrill cry just outside of the auditorium...

"Thirty years ago tonight I stood on a street corner in this town and cried my papers to the busy, hurrying crowd. Tonight you invite me to your city—my former home—as your distinguished guest."

The speaker was Marlowy Leroy Burton, who, in thirty years, had come up, from a red-haired, freckled, lanky newsboy, to the presidency of one of the country's greatest colleges...

Marion Leroy Burton can no longer stand before boys and girls, men and women, in person. All that remains is the MEMORY of what he was and how he ACCOMPLISHED his splendid record.

His real monument lies within the minds of those whom he touched; who can say to what heights those whom he wielded an influence over may rise in this world? Civilization owes a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Burton for the banner in which he BUILT his mind...

THE POWER OF INFORMATION

In exercises in the lower branch of Congress the other day in memory of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, Speaker Gillett dwelt upon the thought that Mr. Lodge's success was due primarily to his vast fund of knowledge.

Theodore Roosevelt was a notable illustration of this principle. He could talk intelligently on almost any subject that a visitor could bring up. Many of these subjects with which he was so familiar were far from the field of politics in which his chief interests would naturally lie.

A quiet man with broad knowledge will command attention by the thoroughness of his information. When he states a few authoritative facts, the bluffers who have been discoursing eloquently on something concerning which they know little, are forced to change the subject.

While the reading habit is the means by which such knowledge is acquired, it takes something more than that. There are many people who read a great deal, who can never remember what they read. A vast stream of facts pours into their minds each week, and fades out of recollection with equal speed.

Unfortunately many people have a good range of information and can talk intelligently, but they never amount to much. It is a fine thing to know about Roman history and botany and conditions in Russia and other general subjects. But the search for information should not be so energetic that it destroys concentration and purpose, which are equally important forces in the struggle of life.

BILLY'S OVERCOAT

Last week we chronicled a few facts about the contents of our five-year-old's pants pockets. This week we shall conclude the account of Billy's clothing by mentioning what his mother found in a pocket in his overcoat one day last week: It was a large, rusty iron nut, about three inches square, and weighed about two pounds. It required several minutes to maneuver the object out of the coat pocket.

afternoon to see him lugging home a section of the nine o'clock limited. And even the manufacturers of clothing will admit that this would ruin any of their products.

WEDDING ROSES

Roses on my wedding night, Fair and beautiful and bright, Flowers that will always last, Locked in mem'ry's keeping fast.

Roses to my heart so dear, One for every fleeting year, Bringing joy and ecstasy, On each anniversary.

Roses white and oh, so pure, Meaning love so true and sure, Holding all the happy days, In a sweet delightful maze.

When life's eventide descends, Glorious golden sunset lends, Beauty to its waning day, Roses scattered all the way.

Beatrice McDonald.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago New dancing master in town. Little Robin Reuben is tuning up for his spring campaign.

Up at Grayling, where C. M. Gay expects they will receive over 15 inches of "beautiful snow."

Prof. F. A. Mills, the physiologist and mesmerizer, is creating bits of sport at Flushing at present.

H. M. Bride salutes his friends with a usual broad smile, over the first of a 12 page boy at his house February 25, 1900.

The Birmingham Gun Club issued a challenge to the Franklin Club on Saturday, next to shoot a match. Shoot this.

Johnny Allen's face was wreathed in a broad smile all last week over the arrival of a baby boy. John, we envy you.

R. W. Becker, an old Beaver friend, now of Mass., has received these last week to Miss M. E. Holcomb. Here's our best wishes.

The Redford and Southfield Gun Clubs will have a class ball shoot on Saturday, next for the oysters. The match will take place in Birmingham and there will be 15 contestants on each side.

The past week seems to have been a bonanza for folks. Mrs. Kip Odyke modestly stepped to the front with a 12 pound boy one day last week. Mrs. Kip then stepped to the front and pritty of cigars that he (Kip) will weather through.

A recent letter from our friend Frank Breckbill, of Windsor, Ont., informs us of the arrival of a young lady of very small dimensions, who commenced to "rule the roost" in the city of Windsor. Frank's friends will be pleased to learn of his good luck.

On Saturday last, the Birmingham members of the Gun Club had a glass ball shoot, and it was predicted that the Franklins would be over but when they did not arrive, the boys thought they did not arrive just in case there was no object, and so the boys who know they like oysters are inviting them over next Saturday to pay for their supper.

A challenge—Miss Lizzie Cannon, teacher in Dist. No. 2, Royal Oak, with six scholars, will challenge any other teacher and six scholars for a friendly contest of spelling. The match to take place at the above school house on March 9th. Speller to be used. Anyone desiring to communicate about this business should write Miss Lizzie Cannon, Clawson, Mich.

Oliver Hutchins was as poor as any of us a week ago, but now he is the wealthiest of all located in Birmingham. The cause of his quick change from penury to opulence, so to speak, is the arrival of a brand new baby girl last week. The new baby girl tips the scales at ten pounds. "You see," he says, "I had a very good time and I'm very happy."

The old friends of J. Sam Davidson formerly of this place, will be pleased to hear of his wedding last week at a home of a widow named Hazelton, of the same place. We wish them a long life of happiness.

25 Years Ago It is not a usual thing for the people of a village the size of ours to have the opportunity of attending to such fine literary exercises as those given by the pupils of our high school. The exercises of the last week were such as would do credit to any corp of teachers and to any high school in the country, we think.

Married: February 15th, at the home of the bride, two miles east of Big Beaver, Miss Edith Moore and Fred Keyes, Rev. Clark L. Johnson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes will reside on a farm northeast of Troy.

Atty. A. P. Jacobs will soon put in commission in his home, a Michigan Telephone.

"Janice Meredith" last year's most popular book in England, is the latest book in our library.

Miss E. H. Hankins has resigned her position as postmistress of Walnut and Miss Higby has received the appointment, thanks to Hon. S. W. Smith.

Editor Birmingham Eccentric. Dear Sir: I wish to make a correction of a statement as appearing in Friday's issue of the Eccentric of last week, February 20th in regard to the presence and last of Mr. E. E. Johnson "Pussfoot" here in Birmingham.

The honor does not belong to me as it was Rev. W. C. McKnight who brought the advance agent to my home and asked that we would distribute literature and notice the people of the surrounding territory in regard to the meeting, and to which I cheerfully consented and distributed about 40 pounds of literature and notices to Birmingham, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Franklin, Walled Lake, Westland and Holly. And had it not been for the storm that evening, the church would have been filled to overflowing. A good representative audience as it was. A very interesting and instructive address by a con-

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