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IROQUOIS BURIAL CUSTOMS.

SELINA TWOGUNS, Seneca.

The Iroquois Indians of New York state pay respect to the dead which is one of the elements of their faith in the Great Spirit. Various burial customs have prevailed in the history of the nation.

At one time they buried in a sitting posture; at another time they exposed the body upon a bark scaffolding erected upon poles or secured upon the limbs of trees. Some of the old Indians now living on the Cattaraugus Reservation remember seeing about sixty years ago a few of the bark scaffoldings. It is said that the bodies were thus exposed until there was nothing left but the skeletons. These were left until the settlers were ready to move to another place when they were gathered together and placed in a small bark house. In this way the Indians believed they were keeping the families together from one generation to the other.

The religious system of the Iroquois taught that it was a journey of many days from earth to heaven. It was supposed to be a year and at the last day the relatives of the deceased held a feast. The period of mourning was also fixed at the same length of time. After that, they believed the departed, having reached the happy world, there was no need for mourning. The time of the journey of a soul to its heavenly rest is now supposed to be only ten days. The Indians believed that the spirit hovered around the body before leaving. It therefore required ten days before the spirit became permanently at rest. There was a beautiful ancient custom of capturing a bird, usually a white one, and freeing it over the grave to bear away the spirit to its heavenly rest. It is believed too that on this journey of the soul, the same nourishment and articles were required as during life. So by the side of the dead were deposited tobacco and pipe,

his bow and arrows and food. They dressed the dead in the best apparel and painted the face.

It is a superstition of the Iroquois that when the body had been placed in the coffin, holes were bored thru so as to enable the soul to revisit the body or to leave it at anytime. A similar opening is made in the grave to let the spirit come out to prepare its food by the fire, which was built on the grave.

After ten days the name of the dead was not mentioned again, owing to the tender feelings of his friends and relatives. It is believed, also, that unless the usual custom of burial was performed the spirit wandered upon the earth for sometime in a state of great unhappiness. So the tribes were very particular in procuring the bodies of their slain in battle.

Heaven was the final home of the faithful people. A road from it is supposed to lead to every man's door by which the spirits can ascend to the heavenly plains. It was believed that the inhabitants of this sinless dwelling place possessed a body and required everything that was necessary while on the earth.

The Iroquois pictured heaven to be a view, pleasing to the eye. They say that Ha-wen-ne-yu has placed the most beautiful flowers there and that the leaves are ever green. He had gathered these things from the natural world and had spread them out in vast but harmonious array to delight the senses. In this place of natural beauty, amusement and ever blooming flowers, the faithful spent their unending felicity. No evil could enter this peaceful home of innocence and purity. No sickness was known in this home and all the festivities were re-celebrated in the presence of the great Author of their being.

These Indians did not consider heaven to be their "hunting ground" as some tribes do. If they ate fruit it was for the sake of the taste and

not for the make-up of the body.

They do not believe that any white man ever reached the Indian heaven, because he was not created by the Great Spirit and no provisions had been made for him. There is only one exception, which favors Washington. He was good to the Indians when they were in trouble. So when he died he journeyed to the Indians' heaven. It is said that every soul on reaching the heavenly plains recognizes him as he walks to and fro dressed in his uniform. He does not speak at all. There he will remain thru eternity, the only white man who ever reached the Indians' heaven, prepared for him by the Great Spirit. It is a misfortune to the Iroquois to be misunderstood, especially in his social relations. He is only known on the war path and not in his home. Therefore his evil traits are always present in the minds of his enemies, by which he is judged. It is a surprise to find how good he is in society, character and in many other ways. Peace, hospitality, charity, friendship, harmony, all these prevail in the Iroquois nation. The most excellent belief is in the only one Supreme Being who created and preserved them.



Students on Church Program.

Several members of the Carlisle School contributed to the Indian program at the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church on February 17th. A paper by Miss White was read on the successful careers of some Carlisle graduates. Etta Saracino, a Pueblo girl, spoke of religious work at Laguna N. M., referring especially to the interest shown by the returned Carlisle students. Nora McFarland, of Idaho, gave illustrations of the sign language used by many tribes which has proved an affective help in carrying on missionary work among the Nez Perce and other tribes in the North-west.

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GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

Misses Ruth Heagy and May Compton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer over Sunday.

Miss Emma La Vatta has been detailed to the Normal Department to take the place of Carlisle Greenbrier.

Some of the small boys who were in the indoor meet are pleased with their showing against the large boys.

Nina Carlisle, who is living at Beverly N. J., is coming to spend commencement week with friends.

The Catholic meeting last Sunday evening was led by Mother Mary Paul. The time was spent in practicing hymns.

Alice Jake, who is at Jenkinton, sends greeting to the graduating class. She wishes to be remembered to her many friends.

A letter from southern California brings the news that the inhabitants are enjoying the sweet aroma from the various fruit trees.

The masons are doing some repair work in Large Boys' Quarters. Hezekiah Madison is proving himself to be an expert plasterer.

The large cupboard in the Dining Hall has been regrained and varnished by the painters, and similar work has been done in the kitchen.

The opera is coming on nicely and promises to be even better than it was last year. We are all eagerly looking forward to hearing it again.

Bruce Goesback, who went home last year, writes from Fort Washakie stating that he has organized a basketball team composed of ex-Carlisle students at that locality.

The basketball game last Saturday afternoon between our boys and Gettysburg was very interesting. It was the cleanest and fastest game seen on our floor this season.

Selina Twoguns, who has been housekeeper for Mrs. Warner for several months, has been transferred to the sewing department where she will make her graduating gown.

LeRoy Red Eagle recited "Doing His Best" last Monday afternoon. Every one enjoyed it, especially his classmates, who rejoice in any good work that is done by one of the juniors.

Jefferson B. Smith, one of the soldiers in the opera, is delighted to know that he has a good chorus to back him. He is better known among the opera people as "Teddy Smith."

Last Friday evening the Mercers debated the question: "Resolved, That college co-education is desirable. Affirmatives, Sara Mansur and Nan Saunooke; negatives, Charlotte Welch and Agnes Waite. The judges decided for the affirmatives. The official visitors were Mrs. Canfield and Mrs. Lovewell.

In speaking of the races Friday evening one small boy remarked, "When I get on the last lat I'm going to sprintle." Some fellows laughed at this funny remark. After the race he said, "I didn't know how to say it but, I did it." He received a dozen oranges. Ask Frank Vetterneck if he knows this boy.

Last Sunday there was a union meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. The program was very well carried out. Miss Butler rendered a beautiful solo entitled "Rest." Near the close of the meeting there were short prayers, it being student prayer week. There was a short union cabinet meeting after the service.

"Doing Our Best" was the subject of William Owl's recitation at the chapel exercises on Monday morning. The thought of getting ahead of others is not so elevating as the thought of getting ahead of ourselves. "Every day is a little of life, but our whole life is but a day repeated." By bearing this quotation in mind we should endeavor to do today's work better than yesterday's.

George Hancorne, better known as "Seth," is making rapid progress with his studies in the Pleasant Plains school in Bucks County, Pa. He enjoys being on the farm where he gets plenty of fresh air and exercise which puts new life into a fellow. George is a good boy and

is held in high esteem by his friends. There is no doubt that when he is ready to leave Carlisle his name will rank with those of other students who are noted for their pluck and trustworthiness.

The special program given to the Seniors by the Susans at their last meeting was of a high standard of excellence. Everyone who took part was well prepared and all the selections were good; some deserve special mention: The duet by Texie Tubbs, and the recitation by Laura Tubbs; the dialogue, and the reading by Anna Chisholm. The society was honored by the presence of Mr. Holcombe who graciously commended the nature of the entertainment and also the manner in which it was rendered. The official visitors were Miss White and Mr. Denny.

Supt. M. Friedman of the Indian School, Carlisle, delivered an extended address Sunday morning, at the regular services of the large Presbyterian church of Oil City, Pa. He spoke of the "Young Men's Christian Association—its Work and Accomplishments." He dwelt largely on the splendid achievements of the association in all of its various activities and emphasized its great value to the community and the nation. He addressed the general conference of association workers of the State of Pennsylvania at the general meeting on Monday afternoon on "The Association's Responsibilities in Fitting Men for Industrial Pursuits."—Carlisle Evening Herald.

Sunday morning, February 20th, the Sunday-school of the Second Presbyterian Church celebrated Washington's Birthday by a home missionary exercises. The program was of special interest, as all who took part in it were Indians, the subject being "Religion and Patriotism for the Native Americans." There were impressive speeches by Harry Wheeler and Joseph Ross, showing the progress and success of missions; a Dakota hymn, sung by five Sioux boys with David Redthunder at the organ; and a hymn in the sign language by Nora McFarland. Short readings were given by Edison Mt. Pleasant, Thomas St. Germaine, Frank Johnson and Emil Hauser. The special offering was for Indian missions.

ABOUT CARLISLE ATHLETICS.

Indoor Track Meet.

An interesting indoor meet was held in the gymnasium last Thursday night which was participated in by about one hundred boys. A track 100 yards long was marked out upon the lower floor and the course was rosined and banked to prevent slipping. The events were closely contested and much interest was shown by contestants and spectators.

First prizes were a dozen oranges, second prizes a half dozen oranges, and third prizes, two oranges.

The events and prize winners were as follows:

FINALS IN INDOOR EVENTS.

- High jump—Poodry, Wheelock, Soloman.
- 30 yd. dash—Schenandore, Wheelock, Lone Elk.
- Small Boys, under 14, 3-lap race—Paul, Grant, T. Tarbell.
- Small Boys, under 15, 3-lap race—F. Lazore, Gray, Lefthand.
- 3-lap race, under 16—Vederneck, Redstar, L. Vilnave.
- 3-lap race, under 17—Jocks, Halftown, Jackson
- 3-lap race, novice—Cabay, Martin, Jones.
- 10-lap race, open handicap—Moore, Arquette, Youngdeer.
- 20-lap race, open handicap—Arquette, Tewanima, Pappan.
- 10-lap race, novice—Shelly, O'Brien, Yellow-boy.
- 3-lap race, open handicap—Lone Elk, R. Tarbell, Morris.
- Midget, 2-lap race—McAdams, Hunter, Doyle.
- 30-yard hurdles—Schennandore, Sundown, Wheelock.
- Pole Vault—Sundown, Poodry, Goslin.
- Shot-Put—Burd, Schennandore, Poodry.

At the Federal indoor meet recently held at Washington our relay team was defeated by Wesleyan. The teams were running an even race up to the third relay when an Indian slipped and fell on the turn and lost about thirty yards. Part of this distance was made up, but the accident lost Carlisle a good chance to win. Fred Pappan took second place in the two mile handicap and Fred Schenandore won second in the shot put and third in the hurdle race.

Louis Tewanima easily won a ten mile race which was the feature of an indoor track meet in New York on Washington's birthday. His time was close to the record and his prize was a handsome thirty-five dollar cup donated by the New York Globe.

The two mile relay team will compete in Baltimore on March 12th against a team from the University of Pennsylvania.

Our boys have been matched against the 65th Regiment team for a mixed relay race to be run in Buffalo April 1st. Tewanima will compete in a five mile special race at the same meet.

The basket ball team was out-classed by Columbia at New York on Washington's Birthday, losing by the score of 53 to 10.

Gettysburg was easily defeated in the "rubber" basket ball game on our floor last Saturday by a score of 36 to 17.

The basket ball season closes Saturday with a game with Albright at Myerstown.

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

The band is now practicing on commencement music. Most of the pieces are new and very pretty.

Those who were present at the union meeting Sunday evening enjoyed the beautiful solo rendered by Miss Butler.

The printers welcome Joseph Animikwan and Ira Spring back. We are sure they will make better printers than telegraphers.

Little James Hunter, who has been on the hospital list for a week, is now almost well. He expects to be out in a day or two.

Rev. L. S. Stones delivered an instructive sermon last Sunday afternoon in the auditorium. His subject was, "Truth and Honesty."

Emma Newashe gave a very interesting talk on "The Foreign Department of The Y. W. C. A." at the union meeting last Sunday evening.

The printers are under obligations to Mr. Weber again for helping us out in time of need. He can fix anything from a match to a threshing machine.

The different troops in Large Boys' Quarters are using their spare time in drilling—each troop expects to make a good showing during commencement.

Supervisor Charles was here for a day this week. We were all very glad to see him. He has many friends here who are always pleased to have him visit Carlisle.

The printing department force is kept busily at work on the "Senior ARROW." All the material for this special number is to be furnished by members of the Senior class.

The excellent work done in the telegraphy department by the following named boys merits special mention: Joseph Jocks, Francis Coleman, Frank McKeig and Alvin Kennedy.

Mr. Holcombe accompanied Mr. Friedman on his tour of inspection last Saturday. In one of the small boys' rooms he saw the motto "Don't grunt, do your stunt," and remarked, "That's a good one; live up to it."

Major Reynolds, of Crow Agency, Montana, made Carlisle a visit Monday of this week. Mr. Kensler showed him around the grounds and through the departments, and he seemed not only interested but pleased at the improvements. He was on his way to Washington.

The Standards met at the usual time and place last Friday evening. The program was well handled, although given by new members. The question debated was: "Resolved, That homesteading in Canada is more harmful than beneficial to the United States farming industries." The speakers for the affirmative side were Charles Fish and Seneca Cook, while in behalf of the negative Tony Kenney and Gus Welch were the speakers. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Misses Schultz and Scott were the official visitors.

On the afternoon of the twenty-second, from two o'clock to six, Mrs. Nori gave a "500" party to fifteen of the resident ladies. Mrs. Canfield won first prize and Mrs. Shoemaker the "booby." The tally cards were artistically decorated with pictures of Washington as a boy, standing with a hatchet in his hand beside the historical cherry tree; others portrayed Washington the man, in holiday attire. The crowning feature of the daintily-served luncheon was delicious cherry ice cream. The favors were little boxes of candy in the shape of Colonial hats ornamented with a bunch of very natural looking cherries and tiny hatchets. Others were busts of the "Father of His Country" in full regimentals and filled with candy in the top of his revered head.

THE VALUE OF COURTESY.

THE OUTLOOK.

Speaking from a monetary standpoint, courtesy is just about the cheapest thing in the world. Because it is so cheap, is perhaps the reason that it is so infrequently used. It costs absolutely nothing, therefore one would think it within easy reach and daily use, by each one of us.

Yet the fact remains, that there are few really courteous men. So few, in truth, that when we do meet one we are surprised, and refer to him as a "gentleman of the old school."

Because one person does not happen to fancy another is no reason why he should be discourteous toward him. Outward adornments, facial expression, peculiar mannerisms, do not destroy true manhood.

Oftimes we say a man's real strength is shown in the manner in which he spends his energy; that his real benevolences are manifest in the way in which he dispenses his charities. Yet, after all, if you would know what a man really and truly is, you must study him as he deals courteously or discourteously with his fellow men.

A man who is discourteous to the man under him, and servilely cringes before his superiors, with obsequious courtesy, may be a great worker, a splendid result-getter, but he is not a gentleman.

Happy indeed is he who has learned courtesy in the school of birthright. He finds the path of life well smoothed before his feet; difficulties he has dreaded melt with his very approach.

Happy indeed, is he, who has learned courtesy in the school of experience. He turns from ungentle manners and habits to ways of conciliation and refinement. He finds friends waiting to do his bidding; the wheels of purpose turn at his command.

Unhappy, trice, is he who goes his way through life without the grace of courtesy born or acquired in his heart. His way is as the saw through the oak. He mars, jars, cuts, leaving behind only remembrances of a hard task-master determined to have his own way at all hazards.

Courtesy is oil upon the troubled sea of life. It saves many a good ship of manhood from going to pieces upon the barren shores of failure. Courtesy has won more battles in this world than bullets.

In the hurry and rush of life we need to think more of the grace of courtesy than we do. In every school, academy and college in the land, a chair of courtesy should be maintained. In the chair the truest and most noble-hearted of our teaching corps should instill into the minds of our youths the value of sterling courtesy, the courtesy that plants the seed of self-respect in the heart of the underling; the courtesy which makes the superior feel that he is in the presence of a man.

Courtesy opens many doors of opportunity, where rough and ragged manners would stand, knocking in vain, for admittance.

John Jayne says: "Cultivate courtesy as one of the fine arts of life. She will make thy path rich, thy way full of pleasantness and peace, for courtesy maketh friends for everyone who holdeth her in his heart."

A man may have vast wealth, power, position, be successful, even be credited with great character; yet after all, be not a gentleman; true courtesy alone being the fusing quality to attain as such; true courtesy "the cheapest thing in the world."



GHOST BRIDE PAWNEE LEGEND.

STELLA BEAR, Arickaree.

The Pawnees were all ready to leave the village for a hunt, when a young woman suddenly died, so they had to get her ready for burial. She was dressed in her finest clothes and buried. A party of young men had been off on a visit and were on their way home. They knew nothing of the departure of the tribe and the death of the girl. As they traveled on they met the tribe and all joined them except one young man, who went back to the deserted village. As he was nearing the village, he saw someone sitting on top of the lodge and as he got nearer he saw it was the girl he loved. When she saw him she got down from the lodge and went inside. The young man began to wonder why she was alone. When he got close to her he spoke and said, "Why are you here alone, in the village?" She answered him: "They have gone off on a hunt. I was sulky with my relations and they left me behind," and then she told him that the ghosts were going to have a dance that night and that

he must not be afraid. It was an old custom of the Pawnees. All was quiet in the village—until the ghosts began their dance. They went from lodge to lodge, singing, dancing and hallooing and soon they came to this young man's lodge. They danced around him and he was badly frightened. Sometimes they almost touched him. The next day he persuaded the girl to go with him and join the tribe on their hunt. They started off and the girl promised the young man that she should become his wife but not until the time came. They overtook the tribe and were almost near the camp when the girl stopped and said: "Now we have arrived but you must go first to the village and prepare a place for me. Where I sleep let it be behind a curtain for four days and four nights. I must sleep behind curtains. Do not speak of me. Do not mention my name."

The young man left her and he went into the camp and told a woman, to go out to a certain place and bring in a woman and she began to inquire who the woman was and to avoid speaking her name, he told who were her father and mother. The woman in surprise said, "It cannot be that girl for she died some days before we started on a hunt." The woman went for the girl, but she had disappeared because the young man had disobeyed her and told who she was. If he had obeyed the girl would have lived upon earth the second time. That same night the young man died in sleep. Then the people believed that there must be a life after this one.



PUNCTUALITY is the quality first after honesty. Truthfulness, exactness, and care are qualities above price. Refinement and politeness of manner, coupled with neatness of person and appropriate apparel, are the first marks of the lady and gentleman, while gentleness of voice and careful speech are the unmistakable evidence of the well-bred. If, in addition, one is careful and orderly in the performance of every task, then indeed is there a place forward in the ranks of workers for him. If all who must work for a living were ambitious to perform every duty in the best manner, always with promptness, not haste, with neatness and order, not confusion, there would be for such no idle days without income.—Exchange.