

HEELS OFF FIGURES LIKE LIGHTNING.

Chicago University Youth Again Adding Machine and Other Mental Marvels.

Chicago. — Here is certainly the swiftest boy in the world. His name is Arthur A. Gamble. The well known and long established chained lightning is a joke beside Arthur. Just at present he is out in the University of California showing them all up at the summer session. Psychologic, geometric, etc. shirks many times his age are running around in circles trying to catch hold of his agile mentality. They can figure everything but Arthur.

Young Gamble counts in figures much like the harrassed Mr. Ryckefeller counts in dollars. For instance, he told them the other day at a meeting of the psychology class that it had been 4,851,464,001 seconds since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Talked it off just like that. Took him only thirty-seven seconds.

The little task of multiplying 3,987 by 1,683 was performed in twenty-nine seconds and yielded the answer 8,393,121, which, after agitating the cerebral convolutions of several ordinary mortals for about fifteen times twenty-nine, was found to be correct.

A race with an adding machine was another stunt which didn't seem to raise very much perspiration on the Gamble brow. Dr. Warney Brown, professor of psychology in the Mills Foundation at the university, before whom the demonstration was conducted, handed simultaneously to Gamble and an expert adding machine operator a list of figures all of four or more digits to add. The Gamble think tank not only beat the mechanical adder by a fair margin, but handed Professor Brown the answer correct to the last digit.

"On what day did Feb. 22, 1782, fall?" the mathematical marvel was asked. "Wednesday" came the answer in almost less time than it takes to write it. Thus the young man puckered up his forehead and said "Wednesday."

Little mental problems, such as extracting the cube root of 175,616 and dividing 254,916 by 876 seems to come to the "math shark" about as promptly and with as little disturbance of his equanimity as the sum of 2 plus 2 does to the ordinary individual. The answers respectively were 56 and 291.

Professor Brown was unable to offer any explanation of the mathematical prodigy. He merely gasped like everybody else.

Unlike most prodigies, Gamble seems to be a well-rounded, nice appearing, versatile sort of chap, very much like the ordinary college man. His father is a traveling salesman and has shown no extraordinary mathematical capacity. His mother, however, is exceptionally rapid in calculating. Gamble has shown his unusual power over numbers since he was five years old. He is now twenty-one and is a student at the University of Chicago.

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AUNT BECKY'S LETTER.

Tells About Crops and the Coming and Going of Visitors.

Since my last contribution to your paper, the lengthy drought has been broken by copious rains, and crops and gardens are recuperating; but just as our farmers were recovering somewhat from the depression of the dry weather the great European war fell like a thunder-clap, bringing possible disaster to the Southern cotton planters.

Not much news transpiring in the Fork; a short season of leisure has been used by our young people in various kinds of social pleasures. The latest was a rook party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hamer, which occurred on Monday evening of this week. Refreshments were served and the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

Miss Eliza Ferguson is spending some days in this section, a most welcome guest among her many friends in this community.

Mr. Dugald Stewart goes this morning to John Station to take a position with the Scotland Supply Company.

Mrs. J. L. McLaurin and little girls, who had been with us for some days, returned to their home in Dillon county yesterday. Mr. McLaurin spent last Thursday with us, en route for South Carolina, after a visit to relatives and friends at Laurinburg and John Station.

Mrs. Hannah and children, of Graham, N. C., are visiting her brother and sister, Mr. C. C. and Miss Beulah York.

We were pleased to have with us on Sunday last, at Smyrna church, Rev. John L. Fairley, of Laurinburg, who delighted us with a fine address to the Sabbath school. This young minister gives fair promise of great future usefulness in his profession. He came not as a stranger among us, but as the descendant of three generations of staunch Scotch ancestors who first settled at Smyrna church. He was shipwrecked at Smyrna church and was aptly introduced by Esquire J. M. Graham as "a grandson of that church."

I received yesterday a very beautiful card from Montreal through the kindness of my pastor, Rev. J. H. Dixon, and wife, who are away on their vacation.

We had the genuine pleasure of entertaining in our home on Thursday last Mr. T. A. Currie, our friend and kinsman of Eloise, Fla.

"AUNT BECKY."

Old Fork, Aug. 11.

Railroad Official Murdered.

Edward P. Emory, secretary of the Western Railroad Association, was found dead in a pool of blood in his office in Chicago last week. There were two deep cuts on his head. The police believe he was murdered.

Papers and books scattered about the room indicate a struggle had taken place.

A. M. Thompson, an employe, who discovered the body, was taken to the police bureau of identification where an impression of his finger tips was taken.

Miss Janet Schoben, Emory's stenographer, told the police she had gone to the office at the usual time but had been unable to enter.

A note in Emory's handwriting was found on the desk. It was scribbled on a piece of yellow scratch paper and read:

"Libel and scandal. Three Russels and 2888. Will he mail me?"

The police believe the note was Emory's dying effort to leave a message to identify his murderer. He apparently had made a desperate struggle.

A War Era.

A Serbian trooper named Nitas saw the Austrians take Mitrovitsa.

He exclaimed: "Bully gee! This is no place for me!"

And he beat it for dear Polgortina. —Ottoman Ensign.

Our Monazite Now Is Deared.

The European war has given a boost to the monazite industry of North Carolina and if the struggle keeps up long it is likely to assume large proportions and become a prosperous industry in this State.

This information was obtained from Prof. J. H. Pratt, State Geologist. He said that he had received inquiries from parties in New York and Chicago as to where a supply of monazite could be secured as they intended to establish plants to manufacture thorium. He gave them the names of North Carolina producers.

Thorium is made from monazite and is used in the manufacture of mantles for incandescent lights. The bulk of this material has been imported from Germany, but now that the war is on the supply has been cut off and interested parties are compelled to look to the domestic field.

The only practical source of monazite in the United States is in North Carolina and two adjoining counties in South Carolina. The counties in North Carolina producing this mineral are Burke, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford, Iredell and McDowell. In South Carolina it is found in Cherokee and Spartanburg counties.

Owing to the lower price of the German product, the monazite industry in North Carolina has made very little headway, amounting to only about \$15,000 or \$175,000 annually.

Prof. Pratt thinks that if the industry once gets on its feet it will maintain itself.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Yeggar's Confession Helps.

The confession of a famous yeggarman, 10 years after he burglarized the postoffice at Waverly, Franklin county, saved Dr. P. R. Hatch, postmaster at that place, \$8,000. The Postoffice Department last week sent him a check for that amount.

On the night of September 19, 1903, Dr. Hatch, postmaster, reported the burglary and the Postoffice Department sent an inspector to investigate. The inspector could see no evidences that either the building or the office safe had been forced and was not sure that Dr. Hatch had locked the safe on the night of the burglary. So he made an unfavorable report to the department and the claim for the amount taken was not allowed. Dr. Hatch was compelled to make up the sum himself.

Representative Poinsett immediately introduced a bill in the House providing for reimbursement to Dr. Hatch, but the committee on claims reported that the claim was without merit. Several attempts were made to reopen the case, but none of them was successful.

States They Fight For.

Austria is fighting to keep her own subjects and to extend her influence in the Balkans.

Serbia is fighting for her national life against Austrian domination and to free 6,000,000 Serbs from the sway of Austria.

Russia most protects her Slav brothers in Serbia and to establish a commanding sphere of influence in the Near East.

Germany, Austria's ally, is sworn to come to her aid when Austria is attacked. More than this, Germany must keep Russia from extending her power.

France is an ally of Russia, and hopes always for the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine from Germany.

Great Britain, to preserve the balance of power in Europe, must see to it that the sea-power of her allies, Russia and France, does not suffer at Germany's hands. Germany is also England's greatest naval rival.

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