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While the average school boy is familiar with the general history of his country, there are a good many salient events connected with our country's growth during the last hundred years that have been forgotten by even grown men. It is obviously impracticable, however, in the limits of this article, to do more than refer to them briefly and thus present a bird's eye view of those things that have become memorable and are interesting in view of the recent centennial celebration of Washington's inauguration.

After the revolution the first serious trouble which the government had to encounter was an organized rebellion in 1786. While the spirit of turbulence permeated the whole of New England, the center of lawless violence was in the state of Massachusetts, where Daniel Shays, placing himself at the head of a strong insurgent force, attempted to prevent the sitting of the courts and the execution of the laws.

The rallying cry was "taxation and tyranny," a mass of war debt having accumulated that had become oppressive especially to those dependent on the New England fisheries. The rebellion was suppressed by the veteran Gen. Lincoln, who, at the head of 4,000 militia, scattered the insurgents and secured the imprisonment of the principal

THE COTTON GIN.

It is a significant fact that almost contemporaneous with the organization of the government Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, which, in an industrial point of view, revolutionized the manufactures and commerce of the world. It was the first key that unlocked the wonderful natural capabilities of the new born republic and made cotton "king." This occurred in 1793, In 1734, the country was excited by the

Whisky Insurrection in Pennsylvania, resulting from excise duties imposed upon spirits manufactured in the United States. Washington himself declared that the Union was in peril and he prepared to head an army of fifteen thousand militia, but before they moved the rebels were dispersed and the law was enforced. Thus, in the words of Washington, was decided "the contest whether a small proportion of the United States shall dictate to the whole Union."

The corner stone of the Capitol having been laid by Washington in 1793, the archives of the government were removed from Philadelphia in the summer of 1800, and the first session of congress in its new quarters took place in the ensuing November. Washington City, including the Capitol, was burned by the British in August, 1814.

In 1808 the young republic had a ruction with the Barbary States, growing out of the tributes exacted by their piratical cruisers upon American commerce. The punishment was prompt, severe, and the submission com-

KILLING OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON. The following year the country was plunged in mourning by the killing of Alexander Hamilton in a duel with Aaron Burr, then the vice president of the United States. The affair took place at Weehawken, New Jersey, opposite the city of New York. Hamilton's widow survived him some fifty years. In 1806 Burr was tried for conspiracy in attempting to establish a separate government in the southwest. The prosecution failed, but Burr became an exile; returning to this country, he found himself banished from society and died in disgrace.

Next in importance to the invention of the cotton gin was Fulton's triumphant application of steam to navigation in 1807, his first trip being made down the Hudson from Albany to New York. From this time steam navigation became a fixed fact and extended with astonishing rapidity.

There are people yet alive who recall a calamitous earthquake in 1811. It began at New Madrid, on the Mississippi, and extended over a region three hundred miles in length. The shocks continued from December until February, during which the ground rose and sank in great undulations, lakes were formed, boats and houses were wrecked and the entire surface of the country

Passing over the war of 1812 with its great achievements on land and sea, because they are familiar to the general reader, the next memorable event was the visit of Lafayette to America as the guest of the republic. This took place in 1824, and from the time be landed on Staten Island, where the first to greet him was Joseph Bonaparte, the brother of the great Napoleon, until his departure. he received a national ovation. During his tour he traveled over 5,000 miles and visited every one of the twenty-four states of the Union.

DEATH OF ADAMS AND JEFFERSON. In 1826 was celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the republic. The day, 4th of July, was one of mingled joy and profound national sorrow, for while the people were rejoicing amid the peals of artillery and strains of music. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two ex-presidents of the United States, passed away.

Passing in quick review the famous debate between Hayne and Daniel Webster in congress, in 1880, now familiar to every schoolboy; the rise and progress of the Mormons under Joseph Smith, beginning in 1839; the capture and execution of Gibbs, the most noted pirate of the century, in 1831, a man who by his own confession had destroyed a score of ships and murdered their crews; the nuflification outbreak in South Carolina in 1832, that roused the wrath of President Jackson and threatened to sever the Union; the marvelous meteoric showers of 1833, when the most brilliant celestial phenomenon ever beheld by man occurred, the whole firmament being in flery commotion all over the United States, and putting half a continent in presumed jeopardy; the attempted assassination of President Jackson on the steps of the Capitol in Washington in 1885 by Richard Lawrence, an insane artist, one may pause for a moment to contemplate that modern mechanical miracle, the evolution of the electric telegraph.

THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH. As an artist, S. F. B. Morse had exhibited before the Royal Academy of England a picture of colossal size, entitled "The Dying Hercules," and attained no little distinction. While returning from Europe in 1832 a casual conversation with a fellow passenger brought up the question as to the length of time occupied by the electric fluid in passing through a given length of wire. The thought on which Morse subsequently worked was here developed, and three years afterwards be was able to exhibit a working model of his

recording electric telegraph, No effort was made to bring the matter definitely before the public until 1837, and the invention was treated as a mere chimera.

When application was made to Congress for an appropriation of \$30,000 to establish a line between Washington and Baltimore a single vote, that of Governor Wallace of Indiana, in committee, decided whether the bill should be reported to the house. After much delay in both branches of congress the appropriation was made at the last moment, and the passage of the bill was announced to Professor Morse by Miss Annie Ellsworth, the daughter of the commissioner of patents. "Your bill," she said, "was the last acted on, and I begged permission to convey to you the news." Thanking the young lady over and over again, Professor Morse grasped her by the hand and said, "As a reward for being the first bearer of this news, you shall send over the telegraph- the first message it con-

In May, 1844, the line was laid, the recording instruments being attached to the end of the wires in Baltimore and in the supreme court chamber in Washington. When the circuit was complete Mr. Morse sent a messenger to Miss Ellsworth to inform her that the telegraph awaited her message. Speedily responding, she sent for transmission the following, which was the first formal dispatch ever sent through a telegraphic wire connecting remote places with each other: "What God hath wrought!" The original of this message is now among the archives of the Historical society in Hartford, Conn. It is unnecessary to tell the story of the telegraph or describe its wonderful influence on the destinies of the world since that momentous time. We have the telephone and the electric motor already. What more is to follow can only be conjectured.

THE BIG FIRE of 1835.

The sensation of the year 1835 was the tremendous fire in New York, when nearly seven hundred warehouses filled with costly merchandise were burned in the heart of the commercial center of America with a loss of \$18,000,000. The next year witnessed the beginning of the anti-slavery struggle in congress, when John Quincy Adams made his famous fight for the right of petition, and was denounced with cries of "Expel the old scoundrel," but before the end of the debate he was vindicated and received honor even from his opponents. In 1838 we have records of the expedition to the South Pole under command of Capt. Charles Wilkes of the United States navy, the first of the kind ever undertaken, in which the expedition sailed 90,000 miles in four years.

The great temperance movement of 1840 was another important feature of the century, bringing to the front Gough, Dow, Father Mathew and scores of other workers who have left their impress on the age.

In 1842 Fremont began his explorations of the hitherto unknown regions of the northwest, Oregon and California. Thomas W. Dorr, in the same year, undertook to organize a rebellion in Rhode Island; and the famous mutiny occurred on the United States brig of war Somers that resulted in the hanging of Midshipman Spencer, the son of a United States cabinet officer.

The year 1843 was characterized by the ap pearance of a great and fiery comet that for several weeks swept through the heavens. This was attended by the remarkable Miller excitément, in which the Second Adventists predicted the destruction of the world, and thousands waited on their roofs in grave clothes for the approach of the final day.

EXPLOSION OF THE PEACEMAKER.

In 1844 Commodore Stockton's great gun, the "Peacemaker," exploded on the United States steamship Princeton, killing the secretaries of state and navy and other eminent persons, President Tyler barely escaping with his life. In 1846 ether was discovered, and has since proved the most magnificent boon ever conferred by science upon the human race. The same year witnessed the invention and introduction of the sewing machine, which, according to the best estimates, has saved to the industrial interests of the country upwards of five hundred millions of dollars annually. During 1847 the wonder of the country was the manifestation of Spiritualism by the Fox sisters. Ireland's famine also claimed a large share of public attention and relief. War was declared with Mexico, and in 1848 the first gold in California was discovered at Sutter's Mill, producing a revolution in commerce that is still sweeping off.

The year 1849 is memorable for the Astor place riots, resulting from a feud between the partisans of Macready and Forrest, the English and American actors. During this year the cholera swept through the country with frightful fatality. Dr. George Parkman, a noted millionaire of Boston, was killed by Professor Webster, of Harvard college, and the latter was hanged. From 1850 to 1853 Dr. Elisha Kane was in search of Sir John Franklin with the Grinnell expedition. Jenny Lind arrived and began her famous tour. Californians in 1851 were stirred by the reign of the vigilance committees, and all England was surprised by the victory of the yacht America in the great international regatta. Kossuth, the Hungarian exile, arrived as the invited guesi of the nation and made a tour of the country.

In 1852, Commodore Parry's expedition to Japan opened to the world the ports of that hitherto exclusive nation. In 1853, the Collins steamship Arctic was sunk with nearly all on board. In 180, Hon. Preston S. Brooks, of South Caronia, assaulted Charles Sumner in the United States senate. In 1857, Dr. Burdell, a wealthy New York dentist, was mysteriously murdered in his own office. The steamship Central America foundered off Cape Hatteras, with a loss of more than four hundred lives and two millions of treasure. A panic occurred in the business and financial world.

In 1858, Paul Morphy astonished the world of chess players by his phenomenal performances; more than five hundred men, women and children were lost by the burning of the steamship Austria, and the bloody prize fight took place between John Morrissey and John C. Heenan. In 1859, Phil. Barton Key was killed by Hon: Daniel Sickles in Washington; the first petroleum wells were bored in Pennsylvania; Hon. D. C. Broderick was killed in a duel near . San Francisco by Hon. D. S. Terry; and John Brown made his celebrated raid on Harper's Ferry.

The year 1860 was signalized by the arrival of a grand embassy from Japan with a treaty of peace; the arrival of the Prince of Wales and his tour through the United States; and the arrival and exhibition of the fron steamship Great Eastern. G.n. Walker's filibustering expedition to Nicaragua came to grief, and he was shot.

Fort Sumter was bombarded in 1831 by the Secessionists and war begun between the north and south. In 1863, President Lincoln issued his proclamation of emancipation, and in 1865 the war ended by the surrender of Gen. Lee to Gen. Grant. President Lincoln was assassinated in Washington by J. Wilkes Booth. After ten years of experiment and difficulty, the telegraph cable was laid across the Atlantic and the event celebrated with great ceremonies.

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