

of the banquet and entertainment given at St. Louis to a senatorial excursion party over the completed part of the main line. The entertainment of the party is first described, the visit to the estates of the prominent men of St. Louis, and the banquet which followed at the Southern Hotel, where, in the spacious hall, "three long tables tastefully decorated with flowers, silver and porcelain standards bearing rich-hued fruits, and the sparkle and glitter of glasses and elegant silver wares, formed the main feature of the attraction, but, as the room filled with the brilliant company, the animation and beauty of the scene was much increased." Enthusiasm characterized all the speeches, and the senator from Michigan took the occasion to wax exuberantly patriotic and lay plans for the acquisition of Canada and Mexico.

Altogether, the Society has every reason to be grateful to the family of the late Mr. Felton and by their gift has acquired a most useful mass of material. At the same time, it may not be out of place to point the moral by adding the remark that there are doubtless many similar collections of material in the country which in the custody of the Society would be safer and more convenient than in their private abodes.

"In Memoriam"

It has been the misfortune of the Business Historical Society to lose within the first year of its existence three of its founders: John Wingate Weeks, died July 12; Charles Chauncey Stillman, died August 17; and Frank W. Remick, died October 16. They were, all three, men of great business administrative ability and eminent for their public spirit.

JOHN WINGATE WEEKS

John Wingate Weeks was a successful banker; a conscientious Congressman; a notably capable Secretary of War; a loyal friend. He was born on a farm at Lancaster, N. H., April 11, 1860; was educated in the district school and in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Graduating at 23, he took up land-surveying and real-estate development in Florida. A few years later he became a partner in the banking firm of Hornblower & Weeks in Boston, Mass. He was always a Republican in politics,

and in 1904 he was elected to Congress, serving in the House of Representatives for eight years, after which he was elected to the United States Senate. In 1916 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for President. He became Secretary of War in President Harding's Cabinet in 1920, retained that office under President Coolidge and resigned because of illness in October, 1925. After visiting South America and Hawaii with Mrs. Weeks, he returned to his summer home at Lancaster, where he died.

CHARLES CHAUNCEY STILLMAN

Charles Chauncey Stillman was an active railroad man, a benefactor of Harvard University and a public-spirited citizen. He was born at Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y., September 29, 1877. He was the son of James Stillman, president of the National City Bank of New York City. He attended the Hill School at Pottstown, Pa., whence he entered Harvard College and graduated *cum laude* in 1898. After serving for a time in the banking house of N. W. Harris & Company in New York City, he went West to study railroad construction and maintenance. To become acquainted with the business from the ground up, he worked for a time in one of the railroad stations in San Francisco as "baggage smasher" at \$19 a week. Not long ago, he founded the chair of poetry at Harvard University in memory of Professor Charles E. Norton. As the best possible war memorial he urged the establishment of a chair at Harvard for the abolition of war. He died aboard the Cunard liner *Aquitania* as a result of an operation for appendicitis.

FRANK W. REMICK

Frank W. Remick was active in banking from boyhood and was a member of the firm of Kidder, Peabody and Company, of Boston, Mass., where he died as the result of an operation, October 16. He was also active in civic affairs and during the war, as a member of the New England Liberty Loan Executive Committee, he did notable work. He was vice-president and trustee of the Boston Stock Exchange, a member of the governing board of the Investment Bankers Association, a trustee of Boston University, and director or trustee in a dozen or more industrial enterprises, transportation companies and banks. He was 65 years old and lived in West Newton, Mass.