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COMMENCEMENT.

Aside from the pretty appearances of everything at the auditorium last evening; aside from the earnest speeches delivered; aside from the fact that everyone was delighted with the event, there was a stern reality which forced itself upon everyone who looked at the class and thought of the young lives who are just now "commencing" life's battles and pleasures.

To those who have traveled some distance on life's broad avenue—who have been in the jostle and jar; in the scramble and push; tasted of the bitter as well as the sweet, there is a pride and a distinct pleasure in grasping the hand of the graduate.

But that is not to be. Young, energetic manhood and womanhood must learn by experience. Nature has so constructed us all individually that advice is good to listen to and may have a slight effect, but the real thing is experience, and the class that graduated last evening must by their own acts learn many things.

La Grande is never so happy as when she turns out such a class of graduates as those of last evening. It makes the heart glad to see youth, and causes a greater pleasure to know that the youth has through years of training been polished and

educated to the best of this community's ability.

There may be none of the class who has been directly touched by the wand of genius, but each of them is made right; has the right of breeding and ancestry to make honest, sturdy responsible citizens—which, after all, counts for more in the general summing up of affairs than does genius.

CONSULTING THE PEOPLE.

Yesterday Mr. Scott and Mr. O'Neil of the passenger department of the O. W. R. & N. railroad company returned from Wallowa county where they had been interviewing patrons of the road regarding a change in passenger service.

That is of great importance and too often corporations fail to consider it. When a railroad representative appears before men who are that corporation's patrons and asks what they want he gets an opinion that cannot be far wrong.

THE FIRST TRAMPLESS STATE

There is gloom among the members of the ancient if not royal order of tramps, for plans are now under way to make New York the first trampless state in the country and to change it from the paradise of panhandlers which it now is, to a territory to be shunned by every professional hobo.

FASHIONS RULE.

That the hand that shapes feminine fashions rules a large part of the industrial world and gives to woman a mighty power even though she has not yet achieved the ballot, is the sorrowful complaint which is now being made in New York by manufacturers of all sorts of dress fabrics who assert that women do not wear enough clothes nowadays, to which fact they attribute the decrease of their business.

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STRAW AND HATS IN ALL THE NEW SHAPES. BRING YOUR BOY HERE FOR HIS SUMMER CLOTHING

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Arcade THEATRE

"The Fortune Hunters" ... Selig Comedy drama. It depicts with a good deal of animation the adventures of two bogus counts who search for wives among the daughters of wealthy people.

"The Test of Love"—The play is filled with emotional scenes and holds an audience silent from beginning to end. The acting is sympathetic and strong.

"The Wooing of Winnifred" ... Vitagraph Another of those good comedies for which the Vitagraph company is famous. It is cleverly worked out and is full of lively situations.

"Gee, the Moonlight Makes Me Lonesome," sung by Mr. Cowan. Mr. Greenaway—drama and effects. Matinees every day at 2 p. m. Evenings 7:30.

Old Friends and New

Winning permanent, lasting friends is the work of time, and this bank numbers among its clients hundreds of banks and business houses with whom it has had close relations for a great part of the twenty-four years of its existence.

Our friends have helped to make this one of the largest and strongest banks in the West. We have helped in their making, too.

We welcome new friends and will attend to their wants with the same fidelity which has cemented our relations with our older ones.

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Fred J. Holmes, Pres. W. J. Church, Vice Pres. F. L. Meyers, Cashier Earl Zundel, Ass't. Cashier

producers are bitter in their denunciation of these garments as the chief cause of their present situation. The denunciation, however, has nothing to do with moral grounds, but simply with the amount of goods necessary to make one of these garments as compared to the amount needed for a gown of the style of a few years ago.

Death of Mrs. Emma Campbell.

(Union Republican.) Mrs. Emma Campbell, a former resident of Union, died at Logan, Utah, May 17, at the age of 74 years, seven months and 11 days.

Mrs. Emma Campbell was formerly Mrs. J. E. Yowell, and leaves two sons and three daughters of her immediate family, aside from her husband, Mr. Campbell who resides at Logan, Utah.

Old timers will remember J. E. Yowell, who was assessor of Union county in 1865. He came up from California in 1869 and owned the old toll road between North Powder and Union. The lady who afterward became his wife, was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, in 1836, and they were married in Union about 1867.

The body of Mrs. Campbell was laid to rest beside that of her first husband in the Union cemetery.

CONDUCTOR CHERRY HURT.

Motor Car Collides With Freight Train at Stanfield Last Night.

Pendleton, May 27—Conductor Cherry, formerly of La Grande but now running the motor car on the loop out of Pendleton was among a half dozen more or less seriously injured last night when a motor car collided head on with a standing freight train at Stanfield. The freight was No. 56. The blocks either did not work or else the motor crew overlooked a turn—in any event the two trains came together.

Conductor Cherry, who had charge of the motor car, was seriously hurt. Among the injured were: Mrs. Lo. drenslerer, Hermiston, injured about the limbs, Mr. Warren of Pendleton, Dr. Brown of Spokane and a man of Seattle. None of the injured were hurt fatally.

Friars' Frolic to Tour.

New York, May 27.—Everything is in readiness for the tour of the Friars' Frolic, which is to begin with a performance at the New Amsterdam theatre tomorrow night. The all-star company of the Friars will visit Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit, Rochester and Boston, returning to New York for two final performances on June 5th. The tour will be under the direction of A. L. Erlanger, with G. M. Cohan as general stage director, supported by a competent staff.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1661—Earl of Argyle beheaded in Edinburgh. Born in Lochow, Scotland, in 1598.
1736—Patrick Henry, statesman and orator, born in Studley, Va. Died in Charlotte county, Va., June 6, 1799.
1738—Nathaniel Gorham, who served as president of the continental congress, born in Charlestown, Mass. Died there June 11, 1796.
1811—Richard Penn, governor of Pennsylvania 1771-73, died in England. Born there in 1734.
1819—Julia Ward Howe born in New York city. Died in Newport, R. I., Oct. 17, 1910.
1863—The federalists made an unsuccessful attack on Port Hudson.
1896—A cyclone wrecked a part of St. Louis, causing the loss of several hundred lives and much property.
1903—Monument to Governor Simcoe

unveiled in Queen Park, Toronto. 1905—Japanese destroyed the Russian fleet in battle of the Sea of Japan.

"THIS IS MY 63RD BIRTHDAY."

Admiral Dillingham. Rear Admiral Albert C. Dillingham, U. S. N., retired, was born May 27, 1848, and before entering the navy he served in the army during the civil war, in the Seventh Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers. He graduated from the naval academy in 1869. As a lieutenant he served on board the Nashville during the Spanish-American war. While he was in temporary command of the Nashville May 11, 1898, that vessel was in the engagement at Cienfuegos, Cuba. The Nashville ran close in shore, and, under a heavy fire from the infantry covered retreating cable-cutting boats. For that service Admiral Dillingham was promoted two numbers on the navy list. He reached the grade of captain in 1906 and that of rear admiral in 1909. He retired for age a year ago and has since made his home in Wisconsin.

King's Birthday Celebrated. London, May 27.—The 65th birthday of King George V. was officially celebrated throughout Great Britain today.

Directory of the Fraternal Orders of La Grande, Oregon

- A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. L. M. HOYT, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
I. O. O. F.—Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. MRS. KATIE ARBUCKLE, N. G. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.
B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. H. J. RITTER, Ex. Rai. H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.
WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome. D. FITZGERALD, C. C. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.
M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. E. E. DANIELS, ED. HEATH, Clerk.
WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grand Ronde Circle No. 47 meets first and third Thursdays evening in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. CARRIE ROBBS, G. M. LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Sec.