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THE BAY HAS BEEN SAFELY CROSSED.

SCHOOL CLOSED THURSDAY.

The Graduates of the Ashland Normal Acquit Themselves with Credit.

"They have crossed the bay; the ocean lies before them." The Graduating Exercises of the "Class of '96," of the Ashland Normal, were held in the Chautauqua building last Thursday, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., and continuing, with a noon recess, until 3 o'clock P. M. The names of the graduates and the program were published in the ADVERTISER two weeks ago.

The exercises opened with a piano solo by Janette Reeser, followed by the invocation by Rev. A. S. Foster, of Medford. The class chorus, "All Hail Happy Greeting," immediately preceded the recitals of the graduates.

Theresa Bryant, having stood second in the class, delivered the Salutatory, "Training Demanded by Modern Life." In substance, her address was full of thought and interest; her delivery was distinct and pleasing.

"Nativities of Southern Oregon," by Susie W. Homes, was a theme abounding in fascinating interest, told in a clear, musical tone that held the attention undivided and met with cordial applause.

W. B. Cornutt, the graduate of the one year advanced course, discussed "The Beginning and the End" in a manner that showed a clear understanding of the subject.

Susie Martin, in her recital, "What is Money?" acquitted herself very creditably, handling the subject so ably as to put to shame many politicians who profess to "know it all."

Anna L. Nelson, with the spirit of a true Oregonian, chose for her subject, "The Hudson of Oregon," and discussed it in a style as pleasant and rippling as the tranquil waters of the Umpqua, whose grandeur she put forth so clearly.

Victor Mayer was generously applauded on "Natural Agents." Much deep study and careful thought marked his discourse.

"I am a part of all that I have met," by Effie Armitage, was very pleasing to the audience. Full of good thoughts, well expressed, she made a lasting impression.

The discourse of Bernard E. Spencer was based on "Roentgen Rays." Bernard possesses a mind that will place him among the leading scientists of his day. His subject was new and one that few would desire to discuss.

"John Milton" is a name full of interest and commands admiration whenever mentioned, but when employed in a way as masterful as did Walker Peed, the listeners are much more strongly impressed with the noble worth of this truly great man.

Patriotic from beginning to end and characteristic of the genuine American spirit, "The Struggle of the Cubans for Liberty," by Mabel E. Reid, met with great favor—a speech worthy a statesman.

"My Favorite Book and Why I Like It" was the subject chosen by Hypatia Klum. From every point of view, she did the subject justice.

"Marcus Whitman"—could the patriotism, the heroism, the nobility of this Christian Pioneer, the first to subdue the wilds of Oregon and open the way for civilization, be more fittingly expressed than did Rosa Dodge in her address? In no other way does Whitman live as vividly as in the hearts and expressions of his people.

Gertrude Sutton followed with "The Importance of Little Things." Unconsciously, as she spoke, did she illustrate her meaning—little words made her piece a beautiful whole, sparkling with literary ability and life.

The Valedictory was delivered by Lincoln Savage, "We Have Crossed the Bay; the Ocean Lies Before Us." The class motto was appropriately applied to the occasion.

The class song, which followed the individual pieces, was an original one, and reflected no mean degree of poetic genius in its composition.

The presentation of diplomas, followed by the benediction, concluded the exercises—the "Class of '96" had "commenced."

Nearly all of the nonresident students left on the evening's train for their homes, having completed a successful year's hard work.

Satisfied at Last.

It is a notable fact that the farmer is a hard man to please and satisfy; no sooner is he thoroughly complaining of too much rain than the necessity for irrigation stares him in the face and starts him investigating the latest practical and profitable methods. Experience now confirms the claim that a Hercules Gasoline Gas Engine solves the problem of economical, reliable power; and for once the farmer is suited, for a Palmer & Rey Pumping Plant so operated gives him a chance of clearing his overflow lands, and, later on, of flooding his parched fields, besides using his engine for cutting feed, sawing wood and running churns, etc.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Ashland, Oregon, Post Office, June 15, 1896:

Cofer, Mrs. L. E., Gibson, J. W., Glandon, Russ.

Persons calling for same will please say "advertised."

W. H. BRUNK, P. M.

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ARRESTED FOR STEALING BICYCLES.

Wheels Hired in Portland are Sold in Halsey—Purchasers in Trouble.

Last Saturday, two young men, Tom Grady, aged 19, and Ben Hudson, aged 16, were lodged in the Ashland jail, their arrest having been ordered from the Portland police headquarters.

On the morning of June 1, the young men hired two Falcon bicycle, black enameled frames—one No. 982, M. & W. tires; the other, No. 804, Vim tires—from H. K. Leonard & Co., Sixth and Stark streets, Portland. To the wheel agents, Grady gave his name as George Wilson, Hudson giving his name as Charles Smith. The wheels were disposed of at Halsey, one to Ben Kane for \$6 and a gold watch, and the other to some one else, whose name we were unable to learn, for \$3.95. The prisoners were taken to Portland on Sunday's train.

The purchasers of the wheels at Halsey tried to hold the wheels for \$30 each, claiming to have paid that price for them. Charges have been filed against those persons, 1st, for receiving stolen property, and 2d, for attempting to obtain money under false pretenses.

Tom Grady, the elder of the two young men arrested in Ashland, was formerly a resident here, having moved away about eight years ago.

Chautauqua Assembly for 1896.

The fourth annual Assembly of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Association of Ashland will be held July 8-17, 1896.

LECTURERS:

Dr. Carlos Martyn, the great speaker of Chicago.

Frank Lincoln, of Illinois; a world renowned humorist.

Marion B. Baxter, of Michigan; a great temperance worker.

Prof. A. L. Colton, of Lick Observatory.

Selah Brown, "the unequalled," of California, and others.

The Musical Department, under the charge of Mr. D. P. Huges, of Oakland, Cal., the Prince of Coast Directors.

The Art Department.—Prof. M. Straus, a renowned artist of San Francisco, who gave us universal satisfaction in 1895.

Schools of Bible Study.—W. C. T. U. methods.

Grand musical concert last evening.

Fifteenth Anniversary.

Granite Tent, No. 4, K. O. T. M., of Ashland, celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the world order in appropriate style last Wednesday evening. A lap supper was served. There were about fifty people present—Maccabees and their families—and all enjoyed a most pleasant time.