

## SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises at Florence High school in the Princess Theater evening May 14. The hall was well filled with the parents and friends of the graduates who had brought bouquets of beautiful flowers which were banked on the aisles when the class entered. Without further ceremony exercises began with a solo by Iona Sutton, followed by a violin solo by Neva Prof. F. S. Dunn of the University of Oregon then gave an address "The Moral of an Proverb." Eleanor gave a mandolin solo, which the chairman of the board presented the class their diplomas. The High quartette gave a song "Speed On," after which the students of the class gathered them to offer their congratulations.

## ER S. RICE CHOSEN MAYOR

The city council held a regular meeting in the office of the recorder Monday evening. Members present. Councilman Rice was elected as chairman. Rice was elected Mayor for an unexpired term of C. D. resigned. The recorder instructed to notify the Ma-

sonic lodge to build the sidewalk on Main street along their lot. A resolution was passed to order the owners of property from the Staup property to Madison street on Front street, to repair their sidewalk. Ordinance 107 was read the third time and now becomes effective. Ordinance 108 was read the first time. On motion the petition for the recall of the recorder was ordered filed with the recorder.

## PORT BONDS ARE SIGNED

I. B. Cushman, president of the port commission, and T. J. Neely, secretary, arrived home Tuesday from Portland where they have been on business in connection with the Port of Siuslaw.

Friday the bonds were signed by the officers of the Port and forwarded to the buyers, Sweet, Causey and Foster, of Denver, and the money is expected to arrive in a short time.

While in Portland, Messrs. Cushman and Neely made arrangements with the United States National Bank, of that place, by which the funds will be deposited to the credit of the Government engineers, and the Port receive interest on the unused money on deposit.

As soon as the money is available to the Government engineers, bids will be advertised for, on jetty construction work for the Siuslaw.

The household goods of Mr. E. J. East were shipped to Acme Monday morning. Mr. East is employed in the building of the bridge across the river, and will make Acme his home for a time.

## GETTING READY FOR ANNUAL PLAY-DAY

The Carnival committee have been a busy bunch the last few days in an effort to have everything in readiness for the big crowd that is coming to attend this annual play-day on the Siuslaw.

The whole town has been canvassed for over-night accommodations for visitors, and the committee reports special efforts to take care of the bumper-crowd.

The excursionists will be met at Mapleton, and provision has been made for transportation to Florence and the beach.

Friday, May 21st, a big field-meet of the schools of Western Lane county will be held and a very interesting list of contests have been arranged. The program begins in the morning with a parade through the business streets to the carnival pavillion where a program will be given by the pupils until noon.

Thousands of clams are being dug and hundreds of crabs

caught to satisfy the appetites of those attending. Large tanks have been made in which to boil and steam them.

Two big Carnival Dances are scheduled on Friday and Saturday nights, with a floor space of over 6000 square feet. The finest music obtainable will be provided, and Master Prentiss Gross and Miss Matie Gross will give an exhibition in the dance pavillion each evening of the latest and most fashionable dance of the New York Smart Set.

On Saturday Auto races, motor cycle races, Radiators parade, swimming, diving and log rolling contests, fast motor boat races and other sporting events will be held, with a thrilling naval engagement in the evening.

The details of caring for and amusing the crowd are about completed and they promise to surpass anything ever undertaken before on the Siuslaw in the lines of exciting and entertaining features.

### RHODODENDRON CARNIVAL PROGRAM

#### FIRST DAY—FORENOON

School parade, by school children of Western Lane. Line of march starts from school house and proceeds through business streets to Carnival Pavillion, where a program will be rendered.

#### AFTERNOON

Field-Meet in which the schools of Western Lane county will take part.

At 3:30, Base ball game.

Carnival Ball in the evening, grand march at 8:30 o'clock.

#### SECOND DAY—FORENOON

Excursion will arrive at Mapleton at 9:00 a. m., and leave immediately by boat for Florence, where a big parade led by band and Radiators will take place.

At noon everybody invited to a big free lunch, "A la Shingle" crabs, clams, salmon, etc.

At 12:30, Excursion will continue to beach where motor cycle races, auto races, clam digging contests, and other sports will be held.

Excursion returns to Florence at 4:30 p. m., where a program of sports will be had consisting of log-rolling, swimming, diving contests, and fast motor boat races.

At 8:30 a naval battle, with fierce fighting between warships will occur, representing the bombardment of the Dardanelles.

Grand Carnival Ball in the evening. Grand March at 9:00 o'clock.

## MILLION DOLLAR BERRY PATCH

According to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' Association, a new possibility for the Siuslaw and the Oregon coast region has been discovered by him. Mr. Holt is recognized throughout the Northwest as a fruit authority. The Siuslaw will produce \$1,000,000 worth of berries, including raspberries, blackberries, loganberries and huckleberries, provided the industry is properly developed. His prediction is the result of a tour of inspection from which he but recently returned.

Mr. Holt says he finds conditions on the Siuslaw similar to those at Puyallup, Wash., where 15 years ago it was doing a little dairying and raising a few hogs,

and now is producing nearly a million dollars worth of berries annually. The possibility of growing the huckleberry commercially on the coast also caught Mr. Holt's fancy, and he has arranged for the shipment to this city of a quantity of the wild huckleberries and experiments on canning them will be made from a standpoint of cost. Although he did not find things yet ripe for a cannery on the Siuslaw, he believes that the railroad can be used for shipping fruit to the cannery when one is built.

Here is the way he sizes up the situation as he found it upon his trip:

"That is a beautiful little country. Those little bits of valleys, very pretty and very rich, are very similar to those around Puyallup, and I believe that they can develop an extensive berry industry as in Puyallup. The altitude, the climate

and the soil conditions are alike. The only thing the Siuslaw lacks is people—but with the railroad completed that ought to be a great berry-raising country.

"It already has acres of huckleberries and wild blackberries going to waste each year. I went down there for the purpose of investigating fruit possibilities, and I predict that within a very few years that will be a great berry producing center.

"I am in hopes that some one will tame the wild huckleberry that grows on that rolling, sandy soil—if some young fellow will select the finest wild specimens, he could breed up a money-making type of berry. There is a great sale for huckleberries and blueberries. Tons of them are canned in the north, and the supply in the east is running short. Nowhere in Oregon are these berries put up commercially.

"The Eugene cannery will test out in a small way the possibility of handling these. Several have promised to send out a quantity of berries and to get the costs on picking, shipping and packing. For we might just as well use that which we have already."

### LINE OF MARCH FOR SCHOOL

The school children and all others who are to parade with the schools will form at the school house in Florence at 10 o'clock Friday May 21, and under the direction of Miss G. F. Dicken, will proceed south one block, turn west and cross the street, turn south to south side Front street, turn west to east side Washington street, angle to north side Front street on plank street and continue to Jefferson street, counter march on Front street to east side Washington, turn north on sidewalk to grand stand where the program will be rendered.

At 1:30 the field sports will take place in the street near the grand stand. Miss G. F. Dicken is chairman of the committee and has charge of the program, parade and events for girls; Walter Moore, field events for boys; C. L. Weaver track events for boys.

## THE HOTEL FLORENCE REMODELED

The Hotel Florence has been thoroughly renovated, painted, papered and remodeled to conform to the requirements and comfort of the guests of this up to date hostelry. The proprietors have endeavored to make the most out of the material they had at hand, and by the changing of the ladies waiting room into the general waiting room, using the old waiting room for the ladies room, installing a new front and entrance in the corner, converting the wash room and writing room into bed rooms, and adding linoleum carpets to both rooms makes the waiting rooms much more pleasant and comfortable and is appreciated by the guests.

The dining room is supplied with the best the season affords and is up to date in every particular. Their increasing trade is evidence of the popularity of the house.

## FIRE THREATENS HOTEL SIUSLAW

Saturday morning about 1:45 fire was discovered in one of the rooms of the upper story of the Hotel Siuslaw at Mapleton. The alarm was given and it was not long before there was two streams of water pouring on the flames and in a short time the fire was under control, but not until nearly the whole upper floor had been burned. The smoke and water destroyed most of the bedding in the house, but Mr. Jensen has the two lower stories in condition to accommodate the public. It will be some time before the repairs can be made and the upper story ready. It was a close call, and was saved only by the hearty response to the alarm.

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