

COMMENCEMENT AT SILETZ.

SILETZ, ORE., June 30, 1903.

On June 25th and 26th Siletz Indian Training School closed a profitable and enjoyable year's work.

At 2 P. M. Thursday, friends and visitors filled the campus in front of the school buildings where the following program was given:

100 yard dash, won by Edward Curl, prize, cravat.

100 yard dash, won by Eddie Charlie, prize, Handkerchief.

Wheelbarrow race, won by Edward Curl, prize, pen-knife and chain.

Potato race, won by Lee Evans, prize, pen-knife.

Sack race, won by Edward Curl, prize, comb and mirror.

Standing high jump, won by Lee Evans, prize, Silk handkerchief.

Running broad jump, won by Lee Evans, prize, sack of candy.

Running high jump, won by Edward Curl, prize, firecrackers.

Hop, step and jump, won by Edward Curl, prize, purse.

Pie race, won by Edward Curl, prize, sack of candy.

Pie race, won by Paul Washington, prize, pie.

The class room exercises were held Friday at 8. P.M. as follows:

March, "Rhapsodie"—C. L. Gates.

Song, "America"—School.

Address of Welcome—Susie. LaFayette.

Class greeting—Edward Curl.

Song, "Red, White and Blue"—School.

Flag Salute—Cecil Clay, Melinda Collins, Lee Evans, Guy Chapman.

Superintendent McKoin then made an eloquent and pleasing address. He was followed by Rev. E. H. Bryant and Mr. O. B. DeLaurier in a few but well chosen remarks.

Special mention should be given the Rose Drill and Daisy March. The girls who participated were tastefully dressed in white with flowers in their hair and carried baskets filled with roses, daisies and ferns. Their graceful gestures and sweet voices elicited great applause. The Farmer Drill

was exceptionally good. All these numbers were enthusiastically encored.

The boys who participated in the field sports have had no training along that line before this spring. They surpassed all expectation. Several returned students from other schools were put to their mettle and could not compete. These sports showed skillful and patient training given by Messrs. Gates and Hamer. The whole program showed most excellent drill and earnest and careful effort on the part of the pupils.

Mr. Gates deserves great credit for his untiring energy and devotion throughout the entire school term. All the larger pupils, upon whom the burden of former exercises devolved, have been transferred to other schools. Those remaining are making a determined effort to live up to the school motto, "We're Climbing Higher;" all were promoted a grade and look forward to another term of profitable work. The visitors expressed themselves well pleased and left with good opinions of the pupils of Siletz. The entire school force co-operated cordially in earnest effort to make the exercises a success.

Although Superintendent McKoin has been in charge of the school only a short time, he has won the confidence and esteem of his co-workers at the school and the entire community.

[The above communication was received at the printing office too late to appear in our last issue.]

Dennison Wheelock, who first became famous through his connection with the Carlisle Indian School Band, of which he was organizer and bandmaster, is now director of the Haskell Indian Band of Lawrence, Kan. This organization bids fair to rival its Pennsylvania contemporary for Mr. Wheelock has entered into the business with a vim and a verve that insures success. He has contracted to supply music in Colorado for the months of June and July. The band consists of 30 members, each one the best in his part of all the Indians in America.