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## RECEPTION TO 8th GRADE CLASS

At the Home M. E. Brink.

## HOME NICELY DECORATED

Good Program Rendered—The Graduates Had a Good Time.

The members of the eighth grade graduating class, with their teacher, Prof. J. E. Myers, were given a reception Friday evening by Mrs. M. E. Brink and Mrs. I. Michel at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brink. A delightful program was rendered. Miss Anna Thronson entertained the class with an excellent piano solo. Mrs. J. H. Rosenberg then sang "Barbarie Fritchie," in her most pleasing manner. Mr. Earl McLaughlin gave the class a splendid talk on what they had been as a class and what she thought the future held in store for them. Mrs. C. M. Elkins then sang a solo which was applauded by the class. Prof. J. E. Myers then gave some splendid advice to

the class and also told some pleasing stories. The program was closed with an instrumental solo by Miss Evelyn Millern, for which her class showed their just appreciation. Robert Lister presented Prof. Myers and each member of the class, also Mrs. Brink and Mrs. Michel, with a beautiful bouquet of roses tied with the class colors.

All then took part in a game entitled "Nick-names of the Presidents." Prof. Myers received first prize and Millard Elkins second. Dainty refreshments were served, after which one and all took part in the Virginia reel.

The evening closed by the teacher and class singing several school songs. All expressed themselves as having spent a most delightful evening.

The members of the class present were—James Cram, Anna Thronson, Millard Elkins, Leland Belknap, Thron Tronson, Arthur Michel, Lavel Dillon, Carey Stearns, Van D. Brink, Evelyn Millern, Robert Lister, Lucile Cook, Myrtle Ireland, Mary McDowell, John McDowell.

Those present, beside the members of the class, were Rev. and Mrs. Babbidge, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Belknap, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McLaughlin, Mrs. Pearl Kayler, Mrs. G. W. Dodson, Mrs. C. M. Elkins, Miss Lillie Holtzman, Mr. and Mrs. I. Michel, Sylvan Michel, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brink.

## SUMMER SCHOOL THE 6th OF JUNE

Review for August Examinations.

## GOOD CHANCE FOR TEACHERS

To Qualify Themselves for Better Work—All Should Attend.

The Summer School opens June 6, and will continue five weeks. This session offers an excellent opportunity for all teachers who wish to review for the August examination and also for those who feel the need of special methods work.

Both the high school and the Training School library will be open to the teachers who attend.

If possible all should plan to take the literature and the handwork. The literature will be treated from a two-fold standpoint—that of subject matter for the teacher and that of making this work helpful in the grades. The handwork consists of paper-folding, clay, card-board construction and basketry. The teachers will have access to the stamping outfit so that they may make charts, perception cards and other helps so useful in the school room.

Superintendent Ford has been to considerable work and expense in

arranging for this Summer School and he expects that the teachers of Crook county will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to become more proficient in their work. All who attend should be here ready to begin work Monday morning at 9 o'clock, June 6.

## Shumia Meeting.

The last meeting of the Shumia Club for the year, which was held at the home of Mrs. John Wigle, was in honor of Mrs. Wickersham, who has resigned as head of the training department of the Crook County High School. The hostess had prepared an unique and interesting literary and musical program, which was concluded by each guest being handed a list of questions to be answered by articles necessary in the furnishing of the kitchen. Mrs. Wickersham showed the most knowledge concerning the culinary department and was awarded Mary Ann, the kitchen maid, who was an appropriate souvenir of the occasion. The guests were then invited to the dining room where lunch was served at a table decorated with Japanese parasols, iris, yellow roses and ribbons. The large Japanese parasol was suspended in the center of the table and held in place by a staff of yellow roses, anchored by yellow ribbons. The blue in the club colors was represented by large bowls of iris. The color scheme was also carried out in the place cards and favors which were the blue iris in water colors on a yellow background, while the favors were miniature Japanese parasols. The whole made an especially beautiful and artistic effect. The guests spent the time at table with words of warning and toasts for the guest of honor, who responded to all in a most pleasing and gracious manner. After lunch the guests departed, all voting this one of the most enjoyable of the many enjoyable meetings of the club during the year.

## PRINEVILLE AND VICINITY

As Seen by an Oregonian Reporter.

## GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH

This Country—Has a Great Future—Sure to Get Railroad.

The following sketch of Prineville and vicinity was written by R. G. Calvert, staff correspondent of the Oregonian, who accompanied the Louis W. Hill railroad party through Central Oregon a few weeks ago.

"Next to railroad transportation the placing on the lands of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Wagon Road grant will probably do more for the immediate development of Central Oregon than any other factor.

The policy of the French owners of the lands in withholding them absolutely from sale in small tracts is seen in no more forcible effect than in the vicinity of Prineville. Of 70,000 acres of rich agricultural lands in the Crooked river valley and tributary to Prineville, approximately one-half is embraced in the wagon-road selections.

One thing that strongly draws the attention of the traveler into Prineville is the sight of alternate sections of sage brush land set in among well cultivated fields of hay and grain. With the acquirement by friends of James J. Hill of the wagon-road grant and the prospect for railroad extensions eastward through the state, strong hopes are held throughout the interior that that these lands are to be put to some use.

## Fruit Culture Comes to Fore.

If these hopes are realized, railroad feeders into the Crooked river valley should make that section of Oregon one of the show places of the West.

The best future for the Prineville country is apparently in the extension of the dairying industry, but if late frosts disappear with more extensive cultivation, as is predicted by many, the Crooked river valley should become another Rogue river.

So far fruit has been grown almost wholly for home consumption and practically no effort is being made at scientific horticulture. The smudge pots used even in Oregon's best apple-growing districts to

prevent frost damage are unknown in the vicinity of Prineville. With its half uncultivated fields and its rounding hills extending back to higher elevations Crooked river valley in general appearance is not unlike Rogue river valley of several years ago.

## Water for Irrigation Plentiful.

Water is plentiful for irrigation. All of the 70,000 acres that lie either in the bottom lands or on the table lands between Prineville and Redmond can be irrigated. The former from the Crooked and Ochoco rivers and the latter from the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company's system. While the success of horticulture is a matter for the future to determine, one creamery has already demonstrated the latent possibilities of the country as a dairying district.

This creamery, a co-operative enterprise, was started as an experiment about one year ago. In the first year the farmers were paid for milk on a better fat test 1 cent below the Portland butter market prices and the creamery was unable to supply the demand for its products. It is the only enterprise of the kind in the Deschutes valley at present and its products, which include ice cream as well as butter, found a market in all the other towns of the district. This year its production will be trebled and what is still more to the point, its success has caused numerous farmers to bring fine milch cows into the district.

## Irrigation not Costly.

The bottom lands of Crooked river are naturally adapted to the raising of alfalfa. There are tracts in the vicinity of Prineville that have been growing alfalfa for 20 years and getting better year by year. Six Prineville residents are engaged in building a ditch that will water 1800 acres at an estimated cost of \$10 per acre. Great quantities of water are now going to waste in the valley.

Prineville is about 18 miles off the main-lines of the two railroads building into the Deschutes valley. Where the Oregon Trunk Line and the Deschutes Railroad will cross the river on a jointly owned bridge no intimation is given of proposed extensions eastward along the shores of the stream. At the railroad crossing the valley has pinched to a narrow gorge with perpendicular rock walls. From the crossing a railroad route is feasible eastward up the river and with two miles of heavy rock work the branch road would enter the level meadows where the river valley has widened.

## Grade to Prineville Easy.

Sixteen miles along this valley by light grade would take the road

## CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Week Is Over.

## INTERESTING EXERCISES MARK

The Close—Alumni Give Banquet in High School Annex.

The commencement exercises of the Crook County High School which were among the best of its kind ever witnessed in the brief history of this institution, occupied the greater part of the week. The week opened with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Babbidge of the Presbyterian Church, who gave the class many excellent thoughts, emphasized by apt illustrations, which will mean much to the class in life's career.

On Thursday evening came the class-day exercises, which were enjoyed immensely by both the class and audience. The class history by Miss Agnes Elliott recalled incidents in the career of this class from the first grade to the present, and it was told in Miss Agnes' inimitable manner, which made it both interesting and amusing.

The giftatory which followed by Clark Morse beggars description as only those who heard it could fully appreciate its humor and uniqueness. Miss Louise Summers then gave the class poem which proved Miss Louise a poet of no small talent and was delivered in the writer's characteristic manner.

Miss Elkins' solo which followed was one of the most beautiful that this artist has yet favored a Prineville audience.

The Class Will by Miss Ethel Moore was highly appreciated and we trust the effects of 1910 will be duly cared for. Then came Wilford Belknap's visit to the sibyl of which he made excellent use, as the future of each member was revealed and as he proceeded 'still the wonder grew that the sibyl could so aptly spread the future before our view.'

The evening's program closed with the class oration, "The obligations of the Present to the Past," by Miss Emerien Young, president of the class, who after giving a general survey of the Present's indebtedness to the Past, dwelt upon the obligations of the class to the

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