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Crook County High School Closes Best Year in its History

On Friday evening, May 24, occurred the annual graduating exercises of the Crook County High School. Unusual interest attached to this commencement since the class is the largest in the history of the school, and since each department was represented. Furthermore, the class has always taken an active part in all kinds of student activity. They have always been prominent in declamation, oratory, and debate, as is evidenced by the large number of gold medals they have won. They have established a new record in this line. They have also taken a deep interest in all branches of athletics, basketball, baseball, track and tennis have all received their attention, and to the class of 1912 is due, in no small degree, our success in these lines. The class is all the more interesting since so many of them worked their way through school, either wholly or in part.

Miss Verna Smith has the honor of being the first graduate from the commercial department. Miss Maude Potter finished the course in three years. Misses Emerien Young and Lela Geyer already held high school diplomas, but have now completed the work in the normal department of our high school. Vernon Bell completed the scientific and Latin courses. Mamie Bailey and Wilda Nye finished work in the scientific and normal courses.

The exercises took place in the Commercial Club Hall. The address was given by Dr. F. S. Dunn of the state university. His subject was the "Myth of the Winged Victory." He told in simple though impressive manner how victory may be achieved and how retained. The address was interesting and instructive. That the audience was pleased was evidenced by the almost perfect attention given him.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the various members of the board, Principal E. L. Coe, after a few well directed remarks concerning the value of a high school education, and the excellence of our own school, presented the diploma to the following students and pronounced them graduates of the Crook County High School.

Latin course—Vernon A. Bell, William H. Criswell, Frank Leroy Lowther.

Scientific course—Mamie Evelyn Bailey, Helen Corrinne Coffin, Gladys Irene Doak, Charles Lowther, Elmer E. Martin, Wilda Florence Nye, Clarence DePuy Rice.

Commercial course—Verna O. Smith.

Normal course—Mamie Evelyn Bailey, Clara Hildreth Geyer, Lela May Geyer, Nora Mildred Livingston, Wilda Florence Nye, Maude Violet Potter, Emerien M. Young.

The "Appollo Quartette" consisting of Mesdames Coe and Smith and Misses Brobst and Barnes furnished the music of the evening which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Class Day.

Thursday, May 23, was class day. The entire school united to help the out-going class celebrate the day. All work was suspended and at 2:30 the students gathered at the high school where representatives from each of the classes wound a Maypole of senior colors, with the blue and gold of the high school. Following this the regulars of the high school baseball team tried issues with the town team of Prineville. The boys played a good game but age and experience was too big a handicap and Prineville won 7 to 3.

At 8:00 in the evening Miss Evelyn Millorn took her seat at the piano, and to the strains of a beauti-

ful march the class carrying the class flower, the red rose, marched down the center aisle of the hall and took their places on the platform under a bower of roses. The junior class had complete charge of the decorations and deserve great credit for the excellent work done. The hall never looked better.

The history of the class was told by Vernon Bell. He paid great attention to detail and the paper was carefully prepared. Miss Wilda Nye again demonstrated her originality in the giftatory. Each member of the class was presented with some small token and a goodnatured jest at the same time. On behalf of the class she presented to the school a block of cement walk in front of the high school.

Miss Mamie Bailey read an original poem in which she held up to good natured jest some characteristic of each member of the class.

Elmer Martin peered into the future and revealed great things for some members of the class. For others his sense of humor would allow him to disclose only complete failure. Miss Corrinne Coffin provoked a great deal of mirth by her solemn reading of the class will. It was a well written paper and her use of legal terms would have caused the best lawyer in the country to turn green with envy. Roy Lowther delivered the class oration, "Afloat, but not Drifting." He had a well written article and he delivered it with his characteristic spirit.

Miss Conway added much to the success of the evening by her beautiful rendering of the song, "Sunshine and Rain." Mrs. Coe, supported by Mrs. Edwards on the violin and Miss Estes on the piano, sang in her usual finished manner. "The Day is Ended." Luckey's orchestra added two good numbers, which completed the program.

At the invitation of the Alumni the class then repaired to the parlors of the Ladies' Annex where they were received into the Alumni Association. Clark Morse in a few well chosen words welcomed the class and Clarence Rice most fittingly responded on behalf of the class. The music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Conway and the Apollo Quartette.

Madras Wool Sales June 21 and July 15

James Rice of Hay Creek, who has been corresponding with the secretary of the Woolgrowers' Association, announces the sales dates for Madras as June 21 and July 15.



Crook County High School, Prineville, Oregon

First Year of Manual Training at the Crook County High School

Twenty-five years ago manual training was little known in the United States as a factor in education. Today there are few of the larger schools that have not added this subject to their curriculum. Manual training is no longer in the experimental stage for the many schools that have adopted it have demonstrated beyond a doubt that the highest degree of education results from combining manual with intellectual training.

Nothing stimulates and quickens the intellect more than the use of mechanical tools. The boy who begins to construct things is compelled at once to begin to think, deliberate, reason and conclude. Thus the training of the eye and the hand reacts upon the brain stimulating it to greater activity.

John Ruskin said, "Let the youth once learn to take a straight shank off a plank, or draw a fine curve without faltering, or lay a brick level in its mortar, and he has learned a multitude of other matters which no lips of man could ever teach him." The brain grows by what it feeds upon and the brain cells that direct mechanical construction are not exercised unless the hands are made to work out the mental image. The student who constructs an object from a carefully prepared drawing gains a bit of confidence in himself that will enable him later to attempt more

difficult problems. The progressive schools all over the country have realized the necessity of adding manual training to their courses and Crook county is to be congratulated that her county high school has a good manual training course to offer to the young people of this county.

Last Friday and Saturday The Jordan Co. store kindly donated their show windows to the high school for the purpose of showing the people what the manual training department had done during the past year. This exhibit consisted of pieces of furniture which had been made by the students and were certainly a credit to the department. Among other things exhibited were a tea table, magazine rack, hall seat, library table, book rack, waste basket and taboret.

Going back to the finished product to the beginning of this work, Prof. Smith, who has charge of this department, explained that besides this furniture on exhibition, the manual training class had equipped the workroom with trelises, work benches, stools and drawing boards. Each bench is equipped with all necessary tools for the use of two students.

Two lines of work are carried along in this department—the mechanical drawing and the woodwork. The drawing consists of geometrical drawings, drawings

Prineville Public Schools Second to None in the State

The Prineville public schools will close its years' work on June 7th. This late closing is due to the delay in opening school last fall caused by the new building not being completed. Prineville has just cause to be proud of her public schools. We doubt if there is another corps of teachers in the state who can measure up to the present one in efficiency, earnestness and interest in the work. Any visiting committee passing through the grades will find good strong work being done in every department. The teachers have announced that the promotion records this year will be unusually good.

The entire teaching force has been re-elected, but three of the teachers have decided not to return. Miss Rideout, who has taught the seventh grade for the past four years, will enter Willamette University for a year's work, and Miss Jaques and Miss Richardson expect to teach elsewhere in the state.

A brief summary of some of the things accomplished by the pupils of the Prineville public schools shows that both pupils and teachers have been doing good strong work.

From a literary standpoint the proudest achievement for the year occurred when a debating team from the eighth grade met and defeated the freshmen team of the High School. Orville Yancey, Frederick Rice and Vickey Houston carried off the honors for the public school. No doubt this success was the out-

growth of the regular literary exercises that are participated in at stated intervals during the year. Every two weeks the sixth, seventh and eighth grades join forces and measure their strength in recitations, essays, impromptu talks and debates. This work is also carried on in the lower grades and arranged to meet the needs of each grade.

On alternate Fridays the old fashioned spelling school and ciphering matches have proved quite as interesting as the literary programs. The excellent entertainment given to raise money for improving the grounds netted the school \$63. Prof. Myers, assisted by his boys, has succeeded in making three good baseball diamonds and it is not an unusual thing to see two sets of inter-class games being played on the same day.

The public school played one game of baseball with Bend and two games with the freshmen of the high school and won in all of them. They lost the football game with the high school freshmen.

Suitable games with ample play grounds are arranged for every grade and these games are supervised by the teachers. The outdoor basketball plats for both boys and girls are objects of interest most of the year.

Members of the school board have stated that they are well pleased with the excellent work that has been done this year by Prof. Myers and his efficient corps of teachers.

Crops Look Good in Crook County

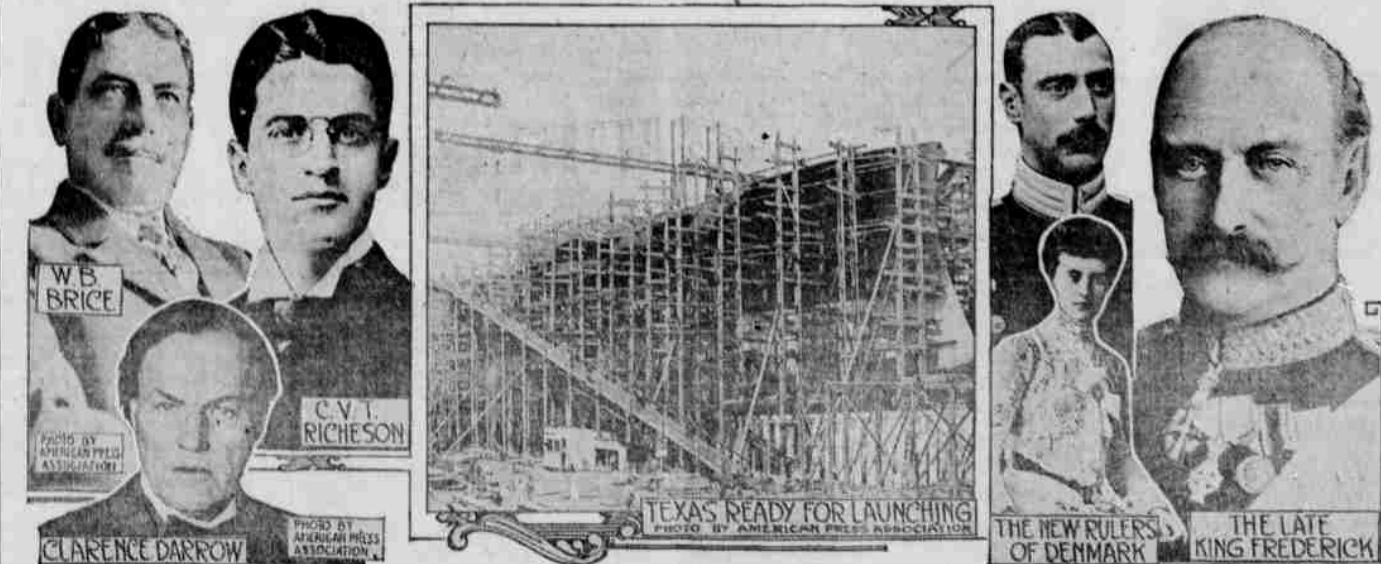
J. H. Windom, who returned the last of the week from his Culver ranch, says that he never saw crops looking so well. "I have 250 acres in wheat that is knee high. I have two 24-foot harrows and the boys will go over the wheat patch and put it in shape to hold the moisture, I always do that. At first people said that I was crazy to use the harrow when the grain was so high, but when harvest-time came they changed their mind. Last season was not a good one, but I harvested 23 bushels to the acre. This year I will not be satisfied with less than forty. The harrowing that will be done this week will flatten out the grain and make it appear that all is ruined but wait a few days. By that time it will have all straightened up and there will be a fine mulch covering over the fields to keep the moisture from evaporating."

"My dry land alfalfa, too, never looked better. I have 18 acres that I have cultivated for 15 years and it never looked so fine. During this time I have always cut three crops until last year. Then I only cut two. I get lots of alfalfa. Of course I cultivate it. I go over it every spring with a spring-tooth harrow and when we get through you would think that everything was cut to pieces. But watch it grow. Cultivation is the thing."

When asked if the recent hard frost had injured the fruit in the Culver section, Mr. Windom replied that it had not. "The trees are in bloom but when I examined the blossoms found that they were not injured. Crops all over Crook county look better than they ever did before and I can safely predict the greatest harvest ever gathered in this country."

Horses for Sale.

On the old C. Sam Smith ranch, near Prineville, sold in any number at reasonable prices. For further information address G. H. RUSSELL, Prineville, Oregon. 12-16-12



News Snapshots Of the Week

King Frederick VIII. of Denmark was stricken with apoplexy in the streets of Hamburg and died unknown while on the way to a hospital. His son Christian succeeds him on the throne. Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamara brothers, was put on trial charged with attempting to bribe one of the jurors during the trial of the case against the labor leaders. The giant Dreadnought Texas was launched at the Newport News shipyards. Miss Claudia Lyons christened the great battleship. Governor Foss of Massachusetts refused to grant a stay in the case of Clarence V. T. Richeson, declaring that the poisoner of Avis Linnell would have to expiate his crime in the electric chair. W. B. Brice as special commissioner began taking testimony in the government's suit to dissolve the sugar trust. The hearings are expected to occupy the greater part of six months.