

THEY GRADUATED.

FROM SCHOOLS IN SOUTH-ERN BENTON.

Many People Attended the Exercises—Which Occurred at Bell-fountain— Neighborhood News in Kings Valley.

Last Tuesday evening, the people of Southern Benton met at Bell-fountain to witness the eighth grade graduation exercises. These were the first exercises of this character held for graduates of county schools, the interest of patrons of public schools was shown by the large attendance. So many attended that there were insufficient accommodations. The class consisted of 16 graduates from Districts 23, 26, 50, 96, and 25. They were: Claire Starr, Clyde Starr, Grace Starr, Bertha Coon, Josie Benhan, Belle Edwards and Edwards.

District No. 96 Hovey Belknap, Corie Belknap, and Orr Kile. District No. 26 Cora Hawley, Pearl Hammer.

District No. 50 Ida Zierolf. District No. 25 Tempy Ingram, Edith Martin and Eva Martio.

The following program was rendered. Music Bellfountain Band, Invocation Rev. Rossar, salutatory Bertha Coon, recitation Tempy Ingram, essay Grace Starr, solo "Klanging of Forge" J. R. Pruett recitation Eva Martio, essay Ida Zierolf, recitation Pearl Hammer, song Quartet, essay Edith Martin, recitation Cora Hawley, solo "Turn Key" Mrs. J. H. Edwards, recitation Claire Starr, class prophesy Hovey Belknap, valedictory Belle Edwards, address to class M. M. Waltz, song quartet, presentation of diplomas C. L. Starr, superintendent Polk County, song Gretta Hazel and Floy Bristow, music Bellfountain Band.

The decorations consisted of flags, bunting and ivy. The graduates displayed much taste in this work. The musical numbers were of highest character and were greatly enjoyed. The address to the class by M. M. Waltz was full of good advice and timely suggestions. The presentations of diplomas was by Superintendent Starr of Polk County.

In King's Valley.

There is some hay out in the valley and there would have been a good deal more if the weather had been more favorable.

Mrs. Lew Ritter has been sick for the last week.

Criss Rodgers is very sick and not expected to recover at his daughters Mrs. L. Townson's.

A good many of our people went to Albany the fourth.

H. Bush and family have been in Alsea Valley the last week.

Dr. Luther and family went to Big Elk to spend the fourth and the Dr. was to give a show at Big Elk in the evening.

The Indians from the Siletz have been on their regular visit to the Kings Valley flour mill, catching eels the past week, they catch them there by the hundred, under the dam.

Charley Fowler and Vint Caves are back from Eastern Oregon.

There was a party at the old church last week.

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Pittsburg, July 4.—During the progress of a terrific rain storm here today, four persons were killed in an accident of a most unusual character.

A large American flag suspended from a grocery store became soaked with rain, and the high wind blew it against an electric light wire which was carrying 2000 volts. The wire snapped under the pressure and it fell into the street, one end lodging in a pool of water and charging it. John Wisa, running for shelter, stepped into the pool of water and fell dead.

Shortly after this the Statti family, numbering seven persons, drove by. The driver was hurrying to reach a place of shelter and as he approached the broken wire hundreds of people attempted to warn him of the danger but could not make him understand until too late. One of the horses stepped into the pool and fell paralyzed. The occupants of the sur-

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COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Things Done at Last Week's Session—Wanted Gift of Five Hundred.

The Woods Creek wagon road was reported as obstructed, and the supervisor of the district was ordered to open it to a width of 40 feet. C. W. Young resigned as constable, and the vacancy was not filled.

Upon the petition of Isabella Cressy, the whole of Scott's addition to Corvallis was vacated.

The Lewis and Clark Publicity Bureau made application for an appropriation of \$500 for advertising the resources of Benton county. The application was denied.

The county clerk was ordered to publish the claims of supervisors for the second quarter.

The board of road viewers reported favorably on a petition for a proposed road from Blodgett to the Peak post-office, provided the petitioners would open the road and pay the damages assessed, recommending that the county build the bridges. The viewers assessed the proposed cost of the road at \$350 against William Frels and \$50 for Charles Dutton. The latter by their attorney appeared and asked that the road be not built and represented that it would be impossible for them to pay the damages, and the petition for the road was dismissed.

The viewers were ordered to lay out a road petitioned for by S. A. Gragg and others, and to report returns by August 1st. The road runs around the A. King place, the 'Sol King' place and part of the way over the Sulphur Springs hill.

REDUCED RATES.

To the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer.

On and after June 1st, 1903, the Southern Pacific in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern railroad will have on sale round trip tickets from points on their lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit, at very low rates, good for return until October 10, 1903.

Three day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays, are also on sale from all Eastside points Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all Westside points Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all Eastside points Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all Westside points are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates with stop-over privileges at Mill City or at any point east enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Breitenbush as well as the famous Breitenbush Hot Springs in the Cascade mountains which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until October 10th. Three day tickets will be good going on Saturdays and returning Mondays only. Tickets from Portland and vicinity will be good for return via the East or West side at option of passenger. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon Springfield branch, if desired. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport, on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis, for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit leave Albany at 7 a. m. enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day.

Full information as to rates, time tables, etc can be obtained on application to Edwin Stone, manager C. & E. R. R. at Albany; W. E. Coman, G. P. A. S. P. Co. Portland or to any S. P. or C. E. agent.

Rate from Corvallis to Newport \$3.75. Rate from Corvallis to Yaquina \$3.25. Rate from Corvallis to Detroit, \$3.25. Three days rate from Corvallis to Yaquina or Newport, \$2.50.

NORTH BEACH.

Excursion Steamer T. J. Potter Goes Into Service June 27.

Those who are planning their vacation this year will be interested in knowing that the popular excursion steamer, the T. J. Potter—queen of river boats—goes into service June 27, and that she will leave Portland every day from Tuesday until Saturday inclusive. To see the beauties of the picturesque and mighty Columbia from the decks of the Potter is a treat never to be forgotten. For speed and grace nothing in river or lake service in the entire West equals this side-wheeled beauty. Five hours from Portland, and one from Astoria, through the famous fishing waters of the Columbia, past scores of salmon traps, and nets and as many white-winged fish boats, lands the passengers at Ilwaco, where close connection is made for beach points with trains of the Ilwaco Railway & Navigation Company, whose cars stand on the wharf awaiting steamer. The beach is 27 miles long, two hundred yards wide at low tide and so hard that carriage wheels scarcely leave a mark. It is an ideal place for driving, riding, wheeling or walking, and the surf bathing is unsurpassable. The excellent hotels and boarding houses provide good accommodations ranging from \$1 to 3 per day.

The round trip rate from Portland to Astoria is \$2.50; to Ocean Beach points \$4, good until October 15th. On Saturdays during July and August, round trip tickets are sold to beach points at \$2.50 good for return leaving beach following Sunday evening.

The Oregon—Railroad & Navigation Company has just issued a new summer book, free for the asking, which tells all about the delightful resorts of the valley of the Columbia. This can be obtained from any agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company or by writing to A. L. Craig, G. P. A. Portland, Ore.

A SAILOR DROWNED

SWEPT INTO THE WATER FROM THE COLUMBIA.

In the Stiffest Breeze and Roughest Sea the Yachts experienced Yet—Reliance Makes Fastest 10-Mile Leg Ever Sailed—The Globe Encircled.

Newport, R. I., July 2.—For the first time in the history of American 9-footers, a fatal accident occurred today. Carl B. Olsen, a seaman on the old cup defender Columbia, was washed from the bowsprit just before the yacht reached the first turn in today's race and was drowned. When the yacht lifted from the big wave into which she had plunged, Olsen was seen almost under the stem, clinging to the mast, but before assistance could be given him the sloop dropped into another great comber, and he was not seen afterward.

Captain Miller of the Columbia, thinks Olsen was struck by the overhang of the craft as it came smashing down and knocked insensible. The Columbia came into the wind instantly. Two life buoys were thrown into the water, and the tender was put overboard as quickly as possible. Two men jumped into the tender and rowed around for 20 minutes ready to pick Olsen up if he came to the surface. Three sailors swarmed up the mast and watched closely from the spreaders for some signs of the unfortunate man, but without success. Out of respect for the dead man the Columbia withdrew from the race.

At 9 o'clock tonight the committee posted the following bulletin at the club station: "The Newport series for 90 footers will not be finished." There will be no more racing until the yachts start on the New York Yacht Club's cruise.

Today's race was also marred by a mishap to the Constitution. Soon after the start she carried away the jaws of her gaff, and the great steel spar, swinging forward, buckled in the center. The mainsail was ripped clear across several times and rendered practically worthless. It was the best mainsail the boat had spread this season, and was the third that had been tried this year.

The Reliance received the severest buffeting she has had since being launched. The sea was a terrific one for racing yachts, and when the yacht reached her moorings it was noticed that she had a big dent five feet long in the plating close to the water line on the port bow. The indentation was similar to that the Constitution sustained two years ago.

The Reliance sailed splendidly in today's event. The wind blew more than 20 miles an hour, and all three yachts found that they could not even carry small working topsails to windward, so they went off under the three lower sails. It was the stiffest breeze and hardest sea that the boats have been in since the season's racing began, and had there been no accidents the record for a 30-mile triangular course would have been cut down considerably. As it was, the Reliance, with no craft to push her and with only a No. 1 jib topsail hoisted in addition to the three lower sails came to the finish line for the second turn in 47 minutes, 10 seconds, the fastest 10-mile leg ever sailed.

New York, July 4.—The Pacific cable was successfully completed at 10:55 o'clock tonight, Eastern time, by the welding together of the eastern and western links at Honolulu on board the cable ship Anglia, thus completing the entire line of telegraph from San Francisco to the Philippine Islands, a distance of over 8000 miles, and bringing to a conclusion the greatest and most difficult of submarine cable enterprises undertaken in the history of ocean telegraphy.

A message from President Roosevelt to President Mackay, of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, was sent over the new cable around the world in 12 minutes, and Mackay's reply was sent around the world in 9 1/2 minutes. The best previous time for a message around the world was made on one sent by United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew from the National Electric Exposition, Grand Central Palace, in this city, in 1896. It took 50 minutes to transmit the message.

The course of President Roosevelt's message to President Mackay was by the Postal Telegraph Company's land line from Oyster Bay to San Francisco, thence by the Commercial Pacific Cable to Honolulu, to Midway, to Guam and to Manila. From Manila to Hong Kong, the message passed by the cable which was lifted and cut by Admiral Dewey in 1898. From Hong Kong it went to Saigon, to

Singapore, to Penang, to Madras, to Bombay, to Aden, to Suez, to Alexandria, to Malta, to Gibraltar, to Lisbon and to the Azores. Between Hong Kong and the Azores it passed by foreign cables. At the Azores it was taken up again by the commercial cables and sent to Canso, thence to New York and thence to Oyster Bay.

Oregon City, July 3.—Macksburg 15 miles south of here, is a live and up-to-date neighborhood. Recently the young men of the neighborhood began the erection of a telephone line and now the line has been extended in scope until every home in the neighborhood is connected by a "belle" wire. The young men did not ask any franchise from the county, nor did they sell any stock in the line, but have built every foot of it by means of subscriptions raised in the community. No charges are made to parties having boxes. All that any one is asked to do is to keep the box at his house in repair. If the line gets out of order it is put in repair by the party living nearest to the disabled part. The line now connects with 100 homes in Canby, Needy Hubbard and outlying post-offices. It is also proposed to shortly connect the line with Oregon City, Salem and Portland. The work has gone along without the blowing of horns or unnecessary display. It is the only free telephone line in the county. Macksburg was formerly strongly democratic, but has lately drifted into socialism, until now the socialists and democratic parties are very evenly divided.

St. Louis, July 3.—Fifty persons were injured this morning in a collision between two street cars at the intersection of Olive street and Jefferson avenue. A G. Killin, motor man on the Olive-street car, is not expected to recover, but most of the others will, it is believed. Both cars were filled with passengers. The Olive street car has the right of way, but the Jefferson-avenue car, instead of slackening speed at the crossing, sped on and crashed into the other car. When it was seen that a collision was imminent, the passengers became panic-stricken. The impact was so violent that the Olive-street car was hurled completely over on its side and all its passengers piled in a heap. All the injured were taken in ambulances to their homes or to the city hospital.

New York, July 3.—The bacteriologist of the Newark, New Jersey board of health has announced the discovery of tetanus germs in blank cartridges. Heretofore it was generally believed that the many cases of lockjaw following Fourth of July accidents was due to dirt on the hands of the victims at the time they received their wounds. It was not suspected that fatal germs were in the cartridge. Several different makes were used in the tests. Efforts will be made to check the sales of blank cartridges today and tomorrow, in the hope of lessening the usual number of deaths among children from lockjaw.

Charleston, S. C., July 3.—The German cruiser Gazelle, which has been at this port for some weeks and had hoped today for its departure, has determined to remain over tomorrow in order to participate in the Fourth of July celebration. The cruiser will fire a national salute to the Stars and Stripes, giving gun for gun with the harbor forts and the revenue cutter in port.

Hot Springs, Ark., July 2.—Murderer Dougherty, who is in jail here sentenced to be hanged August 14, this morning attacked Ed Williams, the alleged fake foot-racer, who was his cell mate, with a razor and almost cut his victim in two at the center of the body. Citizens here are greatly excited and it seems impossible to avoid a lynching or a burning.

The trouble between the two men was the result of jealousy over a more or less morbid young woman of good family who has been in the habit of bringing flowers to Dougherty. Williams impressed the girl favorably and yesterday she brought him a cake. This rankled in the heart of the murderer and bickerings continued during all last night between the two men.

Matters culminated this morning when Williams told Dougherty that he might as well give the girl to him, as the latter would soon be off the earth under the most favorable conditions. This so angered Dougherty that he jumped on Williams and committed his second man-killing act.

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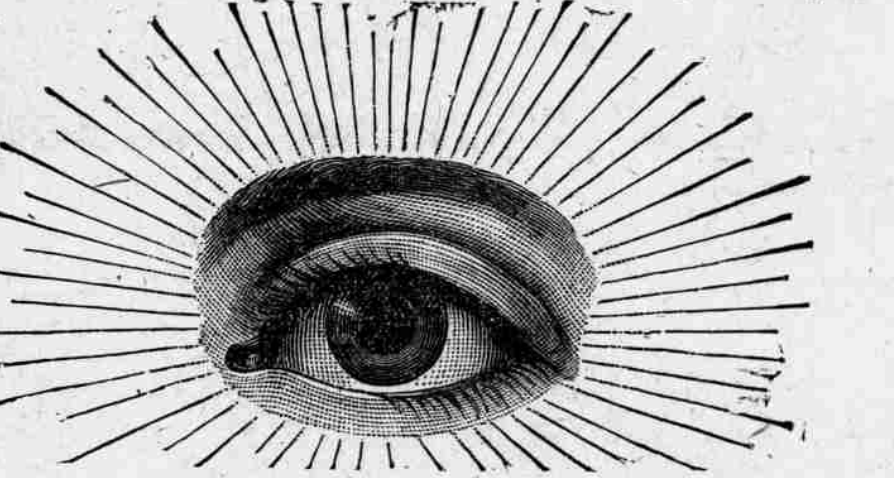
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