

Graduation Exercises Close School Season

Class of 1911 Successfully Give Play Thursday and Receive Diplomas Friday--Large Attendance Characterizes Both Functions--Dr. Wilson of Portland Delivers Class Address.

Activity in school affairs had its culmination last week, and the bustle, anxiety and excitement attending the last week of school was brought to a conclusion with the class play and commencement exercises.

"The Rose of Eden," given by the senior class of the Hood River high school at the Monroe Theatre Thursday evening was quite a success--a success as a display of amateur theatrical talent and also in attendance. Much for the occasion was furnished by the Hood River Mandolin Club.

The play, which is rather on the melodramatic order, went off smoothly, the various characters being presented well, and in some instances very cleverly. Of course it was very difficult to imagine Lynn Young as James Gregory, president of the Stability Insurance Company, the father of two such bouncing daughters as Clara and Imogene, or such a harum-scarum son as "Willy," in the person of Fred Bell, but Mr. Young looked and played the part admirably. Ruth Vinton as Mrs. Twells, a widow, seemed to understand this sophisticated part exactly, notwithstanding her necessarily limited experience in matrimonial affairs. Hazel Cartan as Miss Crownshield, around whom the plot thickened, was equal to all the wiles of her scheming sister, Mrs. Twells. David Crownshield, her nephew, taken by Donald Outhank--whose appearance was brief--was well sustained, while Elsa Wagner was a vivacious society bud. Miss Ruby Whitcomb, who was announced on the program

as Jane Salmon, "who is getting stout, but must eat," didn't appear to the spectators to be too stout, but, in fact, just about right. Forrest Moe, as the Marquis of Leamington and the suitor of Imogene Gregory, was sufficiently distinguished, while his contemporary in nobility, Baron Von Strelitz, essayed by Lester Murphy, was an accomplished villain, beard and all. The baron's brother, his partner in wickedness, Paul Smetana, in the person of Earl Spaulding, and in love with Clara Gregory, received the hearty support of the audience for reforming and capturing such a fascinating bride as Clara Gregory, nee Bessie Yowell. Maud Conover, as a waitress, served tea without back talk, and Wyeth Allen, as an officer of the law, was an alert and commanding figure.

The stage settings, considering the limited facilities, were very good, and the general presentation of the play indeed very creditable to the class.

Commencement week had its final wind-up Friday evening, when the graduating exercises were held at Odd Fellows hall. Long before the exercises commenced, the hall was filled to overflowing with relatives and friends of the class, and notwithstanding that many extra seats were placed, a number stood through the program, which was both interesting and entertaining.

In honor of the event the hall was tastefully decorated with orange and black streamers, the colors of the class, and blue and white, the high school colors.

Seats for the graduates were arranged facing the audience, and a number for the faculty were placed at the right of the class. At the left of the class were seated the members of the school board. To the music of a march, the faculty and class marched to their respective chairs amid hearty applause.

The program was opened by brief remarks by G. R. Castner, president of the school board, who congratulated the city on the successful showing of its educational institutions, and the class on the completion of its high school course.

A violin solo played by William Chandler to piano accompaniment, followed, and was exceedingly well executed.

Miss Bessie June Yowell then delivered the class oration, "A Patch of Sunshine," and received an ovation. A piano solo followed, played by Miss Ruth Vinton, and was admirably rendered. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, president of the Portland Academy, delivered the address to the class, after an introduction by Mr. Castner. His words of advice were eloquent and sincere, and made a deep impression on the audience and graduates.

The presentation of the diplomas then followed. As the name of each graduate was called by President Castner, they were presented with their diploma and also some remembrance from their friends. The exercises were concluded by a most enjoyable musical number sung faultlessly by Mrs. Chas. Sletton, her selection being "Elsa's Dream," by Richard Wagner.

Hood River High School Faculty For Ensuing Year



E. C. COAD
City Superintendent



J. O. McLAUGHLIN
Principal High School



J. W. CRITES
Science and History



L. B. GIBSON
Advanced English



MISS MARY BARTON
German



MISS H. L. BRUNQUIST
Latin



MISS F. E. FURROW
Mathematics

MEMORIAL DAY TO BE FULLY OBSERVED

Pursuant to the growing sentiment that Hood River ought to have a more fitting observance of Decoration Day, which this year comes on Tuesday, May 30th, several citizens met at Arthur Clark's store Saturday and took steps toward such an observance.

O. H. Baker was put in charge of the music; C. D. Nickelsen was selected to read the Gettysburg speech of Lincoln; Messrs. S. W. Stark, Wm. Eisenburg and Geo. Culbertson were appointed a committee to provide seats and Messrs. E. E. Coad, L. Butler and E. H. Hartwig were made a committee on speakers. This last committee reports that they have selected Rev. J. R. Hargreaves of the Baptist church and Rev. E. A. Harris of the Congregational church to make the addresses. The other details will be worked out.

Mr. Clarke will attempt to get the band to give its services, and the exercises will be held on the Courthouse lawn at 2:30 p. m. This will in no way affect the services of decorating the soldiers' graves in the morning. It is hoped by the committee that every citizen will assist in making these exercises what they ought to be in a community of such culture and public spirit as is ours. Those in charge of the program will spare no efforts to make the occasion a memorable one and the public is urged to do its part.

MORNING EXERCISES
Canby Post and Canby W. R. C. will form at 9:30 at K. of P. Hall and march to Idlewild Cemetery at 9:30 in the following order: Canby Post and Canby W. R. C. escorted by the Knights of Pythias, Spanish American War Veterans, Sons of Veterans, school children and citizens, under orders of marshal of the day, G. R. Castner. A halt of 3 minutes will be given at the cross roads north of Idlewild cemetery to re-form in two ranks then march into the cemetery in order as instructed by the marshal to the grave selected for the ritualistic work of the G. A. R.

PROGRAM
Decorations of all graves by comrades Singing, America, all the assembly History of the Flag - - Fred Bell The Reveille - - Lester Murphy Lincoln's Gettysburg address Forest Moe Address - - Earle Spaulding Selection - - Lynn Young The Recessional - - Donald Outhank Song - Battle Hymn of the Republic

EVENTS OF WORLD WIDE INTEREST PICTURED FOR BUSY READERS



News Snapshots Of the Week

of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, telephone connection has been opened between New York and Denver, a distance of 2,011 miles. Alexandra, dowager queen of England, is still in mourning for her late consort, King Edward, and it is said she will not attend the coronation of her son, King George V., which takes place June 22.

Led by General Orozco, Mexican revolutionists attacked the city of Juarez, immediately across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Tex. General Navarro, federal commander, seeing further resistance was useless, surrendered. General Madero, provisional president of Mexico and chief of the revolutionists, made the captured city his capital. Unconfirmed reports that Secretary of State Philander C. Knox was about to resign from the cabinet were persistent. Through efforts of Theodore N. Vail, president of the City of Squares, a coronial invitation is extended to all.

Mineral Springs Co. Closes Deal For Land

Secure Manning Place and Also Portion of Jerome Wells Tract Adjoining--Company Will Now Go Ahead With Resort Project and Expects to Receive Guests This Summer.

One of the largest realty deals of the year was concluded last week, when the Hood River Mineral Springs company secured title to 67 acres of land, comprising the E. R. Manning property and Warren Wells tract adjoining. The owners received \$54,000 for the property and the deal was made through the Hood River Realty Co.

The large bearing orchard on the Manning property, one of the best in Hood River Valley, is a very valuable asset to the Mineral Springs company. The income from the two places last year was \$13,000. However, the Mineral Springs company regard the mineral springs on the place as far more valuable than the orchard.

The spring on the place has been analyzed by one of the best chemists in the Northwest, and is what is known as chalybeate water, of which there are but a few wells or springs in America, and but three or four abroad.

The property of the company lies in one of the most scenic spots in the valley, and from it a comprehensive view of the entire Hood River valley and Mt. Hood can be secured. An altitude of over 1000 feet can be reached on the property.

Leading to the property from Hood River a distance of 2 1/2 miles south and east is the new macadam highway that winds through the Hood River gorge presenting scenery that is unequalled anywhere. In a short distance can be seen the roaring, plunging Hood river fresh from Mt. Hood, its rugged canyon bedded with rocks and evergreen firs, the railway, and miles of orchards with their houses and farm buildings. In fact the great variety of scenery and conditions in this 15-minute drive to the springs property from the city affords a constant surprise and fills the mind with wonder at Nature's mysterious and bountiful hand.

It is the plan of the company to immediately clear the underbrush from the beautiful wooded canyon back of the spring and have the same in readiness for campers for the summer's season. Tents will be supplied by the company and board will be had at the Manning house, which will be remodeled for this purpose, pending the erection of a new hotel and resort building.

One of the initial improvements to be made will be to park and boulevard the grounds and erect the public swimming pool, which will be fully enclosed and have ample space to accommodate a large number of bathers.

MEMBERS SCHOOL FACULTY RE-ELECTED

At a recent meeting of the Hood River school board several of the teachers for the ensuing year were re-elected. E. E. Coad, who is serving his second year as city superintendent was re-elected. J. O. McLaughlin was re-elected principal of the High School. The Misses Mary Barton, Hattie L. Brunquist, Flora Furrow and Alice Horning were elected to positions on the High School staff, and J. M. Crites was re-elected. L. B. Gibson, who was formerly principal of the High School but who has been in California for several years, was also elected a High School teacher. Miss Maud Holbrook has been offered the principalship of the Park street school. The seventh and eighth grades will be transferred to the High School building next year in order to make room for the primary grades.

G. A. R. Service at Unitarian Church
At the Unitarian church next Sunday the morning service will be a G. A. R. memorial. Mrs. Sletton will sing patriotic music, and Mr. MacDonald will speak on the theme, "The Man or Woman With a Country." A coronial invitation is extended to all.

Rains Benefit Northwest
Rains of the past week have been hailed with delight by all sections of the state. Eastern Oregon has welcomed the showers, for they were needed to supply moisture to the grain fields. All other sections report that the rainfall makes crop prospects particularly bright.

The hotel proper will be a modern structure, complete in every department, and will afford the tourist as good accommodations as can be secured at any resort. It is thought that a building of 100 to 125 rooms will be ample for the first few years, but in view of the fact that the Hood River Valley has for many years been visited by thousands of tourists, it is expected that a building of this capacity will soon be taxed to accommodate the pleasure seekers who will find their way to this well known valley.

Outside capital is being secured to assist in the development of this property. In addition to the large number of Hood River citizens who have become stockholders in the company, and all who have seen the property are most enthusiastic over the outlook. It is evident that Hood River city and valley will be greatly benefited by the thousands of visitors who will become better acquainted with conditions here and remain, or leave to tell of its wonderful scenic beauty and resources.

The management of the affairs of the Mineral Springs Company for the present year is in the hands of a board of directors composed of successful business and professional men, whose policy will be to economically expend the funds of the company in a manner consistent with the demands of a first class springs resort and hotel.

The management of the orchard belonging to the company has been given to J. M. Vannier, an expert orchardist. The orchard last year paid a good rate of interest on a valuation of \$200,000.

WEEK'S LAND SALES EXCEED \$100,000

Over \$100,000 worth of Hood River orchard lands changed hands last week through the agency of two real estate firms, while several smaller sales are recorded as having taken place through private hands.

The largest amount is reported by the Hood River Realty Company, which sold the Manning and Jerome Wells orchards to the Hood River Mineral Springs Company for \$54,000. The Realty Company also sold 20 acres belonging to E. T. Folts to E. E. Rugg, a Dakota man, for \$3,500. Another sale by the Realty Company was a house and lot belonging to Fred Holstein, to Isaac Ford, for \$1,500, and 2 1/2 acres of fruit land to R. B. Parsons for \$500. The company's total sales aggregated \$59,000.

W. S. Nichol was a close second in disposing of Hood River property, having made sales to the amount of \$44,050 during the week. Mr. Nichol reports the sale of the R. E. Harrison 40 acres south of Odell, consisting of 39 acres in trees from one to 10 years old, one acre around the house and barn in small fruit, and nine acres of unenclosed land, to W. S. Harris for \$22,000.

Another sale was the J. W. Shipley 10 acres on the Tucker road, just beyond Capt. Metcalf's home, to E. O. Hall for \$15,000. Mr. Shipley retains the crop of nursery stock.

The sale of the John Radcliff place of 15 acres, near Belmont, to Anton Hantsmann, of Wenatchee, Wash., was also made by Mr. Nichol. Consideration \$9,450. The sale includes all stock and implements. Mr. Hantsmann took possession at once.

HOOD RIVER TEAMS GET EVEN BREAK

The ball games Sunday resulted in an even break for Hood River, the Mid-Columbia team losing at Stevenson, and the Heights winning from the Rupert Rules of home. The scores in both games were the same, 3 to 2.

At Stevenson Meyers, the Hood River pitcher struck out 15 men and only allowed four safe hits. Errors lost the game to Hood River.

The game at Columbia Park was close and interesting. Hart, who pitched for the locals, held the visitors well in hand and the rest of the team put up a good fielding game and also walloped the ball. The contest was witnessed by a good sized crowd.