

Class of 1912 Holds Its Commencement

Eighteen High School Students Receive Their Diplomas After Having Completed Course with Credit to Themselves and School--Baccalaureate Sermon Was Preached Sunday.

With the Commencement exercises held at Heilbronner Hall last evening the Class of 1912 at the Hood River High School was formally graduated.

Those to whom diplomas were given last evening were as follows: Ruth Morrison, Ruth Morton, Lempi Hukari, Elizabeth Thomas, Elsie McLucas, Marjorie Pineo, Viola Nickelsen, Alma Hinrichs, Edith Fernald, Elsie Wells, Oriand Morse, Marshall Pineo, Edward Struck, Emmet Thomas, Will Sheppard, Walter Shay, John Coshow and Glenn Corey.

The first of the Commencement exercises were held Sunday evening, when the Baccalaureate sermon was preached at the First Christian church by Rev. John R. Hargreaves. The program opened with a prayer by Rev. E. A. Harris. Appropriate hymns were sung. Rev. H. A. MacDonald read a selection of Scripture. Attorney George R. Wilbur rendered a solo in a very pleasing manner.

Mr. Hargreaves' sermon was an able one, forcefully delivered. He took as his text the words "As iron sharpeneth iron, so a man the countenance of his friend." From these words he drew a deep significance for the members of the graduating class and dwelt upon the meaning which life has in associating with our fellow men, influencing and being influenced by them, and he urged that each one seek his inspiration from the highest possible sources, whether to be found among the living or among the immortal dead whose spirits still live in the world's best literature.

The class play Monday evening was one of the most enjoyable of the Commencement events. It was cleverly presented and scored a distinct hit. A more detailed description of it is contained elsewhere in this issue. At the Commencement exercises last evening the stage was tastefully decorated with the class colors--red and white. The class and members of the faculty occupied places on the platform, while the hall was packed with friends and well-wishers.

The first number was a violin solo by Miss Lella Radford, "To A Wild Rose," which was rendered with a delightful technique. This was followed by the pres-

HOOD RIVER HIGH WINS TOURNAMENT

Hood River high school won the tennis tournament played with the high schools of Stevenson and The Dalles Friday, taking every event. In the baseball game played in the afternoon the local team met defeat in a closely contested match by the score of 4-2.

In the tennis tournament Frances E. Baker and Ella McDonald defeated Mary Gray and Jessie Blakely of The Dalles in the girls' doubles. In the singles Miss Baker won from Miss Blakely.

In the boys' doubles Stevenson won from The Dalles and Hood River then took the honors from Stevenson. The local team was Glenn Shoemaker and Horace Sktuner, J. and H. Sly played for Stevenson and Harold Poling and Harry Tuck for The Dalles.

In the boys' singles The Dalles won from Stevenson and Hood River from The Dalles. J. Sly represented Stevenson, H. Tuck The Dalles and Glenn Shoemaker the local school.

Representatives from White Salmon, who were to have participated, failed to put in an appearance.

At the baseball game in the afternoon it all went Hood River's way until the sixth. The local boys secured one in the first inning and another in the third, but in the sixth The Dalles secured four hits in succession and scored an equal number of runs. The local team included Blagg, Franz, Morse, Coshow, Lewis, Shay, Swartout, Sheppard and Laferty. Only four hits were secured on each side. There was a large attendance at both events.

\$10 IS PAID FOR THE FIRST BERRIES

Ten dollars was received for the first crate of strawberries shipped through the Hood River Apple Growers' Union this year. This crate was delivered to the Union the last of the week by Gus Miller and went out Saturday afternoon to the Multnomah hotel at Portland. Mr. Miller divided honors with J. T. Nealeigh in delivering the first berries to the Union. Mr. Miller brought in some boxes on Thursday, which sold at the rate of \$12 per crate. Mr. Nealeigh delivered his first berries on Friday.

The crate of berries marketed by Mr. Miller brought the highest price, it is said, ever paid for Hood River strawberries. They were large and luscious and were of the Clark seedling variety. Mr. Miller has one of the finest patches of this variety in the valley. It is located about a mile and a half from town on the West Side.

Last year the first crate went at \$5. The Davidson Fruit Company is making arrangements to begin shipments this week. Work on the new addition to their storehouse is being hurried along and the first story will be completed in readiness for receiving berries.

DECKHAND ON TEAL FALLS OFF; DROWNS

The first trip of Archie M. Eggars as deckhand on the Steamer Teal proved fatal, the young man being drowned the last of the week.

Eggars was dragging stage planks across the bow of the boat. Misjudging the distance on account of his lack of experience, the deck hand walked backward off the steamer, dropping into the swift waters of the Columbia a half-mile below Collins.

The Teal was then running at full speed. The vessel was stopped as soon as possible, a life boat being lowered. Eggars was able to swim some, but as he came up with each swell, he yelled for help, despite the admonitions of the other members of the crew, taking in much water with every cry which caused him to go down before he could be reached.

The drowned young man was 19 years old, a member of the Woodmen of the World. He formerly lived in Minnesota. If he had relatives, their whereabouts are not known.

UPPER VALLEY FRUITMEN WILL HEAR ADDRESSES

The next regular meeting of the Upper Valley Progressive Association will be held on Monday, May 27, at 8 p. m., at Parkdale hall. Prof. W. H. Lawrence will speak on "The Spraying of Young Orchards" and John Castner will talk on "Summer Pruning." An interesting meeting is expected. All are welcome. Try a News "Want" ad.

FISHERMAN STRUCK BY BIG RATTLER

Elmer Stroup, a disciple of Isaac Walton who lives at Mosler, had an unpleasant experience a few days ago while fishing across the river on Major creek. Mr. Stroup was standing among some rocks playing a big trout which he had just hooked. So intent was he upon the sport that he did not see a big rattler which crawled directly between his feet. A step, however, brought forth a warning rattle and the big snake struck at Stroup's foot, its fangs penetrating the heavy rubber boot which he was wearing. Stroup leaped away and declares that the snake followed him some little distance repeatedly attempting to strike again until he finally dispatched it with a stick. The thick rubber prevented the snake's fangs from penetrating to Stroup's foot.

GOOD ROADS PARTY VISITS SAM HILL

Three automobiles carrying twelve local good roads enthusiasts made the trip Saturday to the home of Sam Hill, the well-known good roads man, at Maryhill, Wash. The party included Captain C. P. McCan, W. L. Clark, J. D. Thomson, Murray Kay, O. H. Rhoades, G. A. McCurdy, Leslie Butler, W. E. King, C. F. Gilbert, C. K. Marshall, Roy Smith and Secretary Scott of the Commercial Club.

The party crossed the river on The Dalles ferry and proceeded to Maryhill, where they were shown the twelve miles of experimental roads constructed by Mr. Hill.

The return trip was made by way of Goldendale, Glenwood, Husum and White Salmon. Much practical information was obtained as to road construction.

NEW STORE IS TO BE OPENED HERE

H. N. Aldrich and W. E. Linnett, who have conducted a general store at Bridal Veil for the past 11 years, started work the last of the week transferring their stock of goods to this city, where they intend to open a store in the Bell Building.

Messrs. Aldrich and Linnett expect to dispose of their goods in a general sale to begin probably the last of this week. After clearing up their odds and ends, including groceries, drugs, hardware, men's and women's furnishings, etc., they intend to carry a line of drygoods.

Attorney and Mrs. M. A. Zollinger of Portland spent last week here and at White Salmon. On Saturday they visited the Punch Bowl and other points of interest in that vicinity. Both declared that the valley was a revelation to them and that it was one of the most delightful weeks they had ever spent.

CLARK PROPOSED FOR COUNTY JUDGE

A petition has been forwarded to Governor West asking for the appointment of W. L. Clark as successor to County Judge Culbertson, resigned. At a meeting held the last of the week Judge Culbertson and Commissioners Rhoades and McCurdy discussed available candidates for the position and concurred in the opinion that Mr. Clark would make the most desirable available candidate. A petition was drawn up and signed by members of the county court. A number of other signatures were secured from representative business men. Mr. Clark has signified his willingness to accept the appointment if it is tendered him.

Other candidates are also being named as eligible for the appointment. When Judge Culbertson's resignation was announced a petition was circulated and liberally signed asking for the appointment of M. M. Hill. Mr. Hill is a Democrat and did good work as county commissioner. However, Mr. Hill is quoted as stating that he would not accept the office.

One or two others have been mentioned for the appointment and it is understood that efforts are being made in their behalf, but at the present writing Mr. Clark appears to be receiving the most unanimous support and his chances for securing the appointment are apparently strong.

SHOOT A COUGAR AND TWO BEARS

A recent dispatch from White Salmon says:

A trio of hunters returned today from the Little White Salmon River bringing with them one cougar and two bears. E. Fish of this town, Marlon Locke of Bingen, and Arthur Howe of Colfax, comprised the party.

The fact that three of the best hunters captured three of the gamest wild animals in the Cascade range in three days is significant, but the tremor of excitement experienced by Locke in bagging the large mountain lion is another story.

Locke, walking along a narrow trail in advance of his comrades, heard a slight noise behind him, which proved to be his quarry, some 20 feet away, crouching in the act of making a spring for his victim. The old hunter was on to his job and firing quickly jumped to one side, when the animal in his death leap barely grazed the man with the gun.

Mr. Howe brought with him from Colfax a fine pack of bear dogs, which makes it a pleasure for an enthusiastic sport to hunt the big game in these mountains.

Strawberry Growers! Order your strawberry tickets by card or phone and we will print them promptly. Hood River News Company, phone 51.

The News tells it all.

County Judge Tenders Resignation to West

George D. Culbertson Relinquishes Office, Giving as Reasons His Enforced Absence From the City and Inadequacy of the Remuneration Attached to the Position--Effective at Once.

County Judge George D. Culbertson tendered his resignation to Governor West on Friday.

The resignation will take effect as soon as the governor appoints a successor.

Judge Culbertson's reasons for resigning the position are set forth in his letter to Governor West, a portion of which follows:

"As contemplated some days ago when I saw you last and spoke to you about the matter, I wish to tender you herewith my resignation as county judge of Hood River county, the same to take effect as soon as my successor is appointed and qualified. The reasons for this action I will further explain to you about as follows:

"In the first place, when I accepted the office I did so in the belief that the salary would be increased to a reasonably adequate amount that would enable a comparatively poor man to devote enough of his time to the duties of the office to perform them properly and have some time left within which he could earn a living for his family, but you will remember that the legislature did nothing to relieve the situation and the salary remains the same, namely, \$300 a year, or \$25 a month.

"I should, however, have been able to get along frugally without any additional salary if the real estate business and kindred lines in which I have been engaged here had not so declined on account of generally dull conditions during the past year that practically all of my additional income has been cut off. Then, following this, my wife has had a long and serious illness during the past six months, which, besides the expense incurred thereby, has necessitated her at least temporary removal to Portland upon advice of our family physician.

"Some of my political enemies, as you have doubtless observed, have endeavored to make capital out of the fact that in my effort to better my circumstances in the acquirement of a hotel property in Portland through a trade of some unproductive land, alleging that I am a prop-

er subject upon which to invoke the recall. I have been unwilling to grind some of their axes for them and of course it is expected they would seek any opportunity available to discredit me. It seems they would put up to me the alternative of either to steal or to starve or to quit, and inasmuch as I am constitutionally opposed to stealing and cannot afford to starve, therefore I shall quit."

LOCALS LOSE IN 14-INNING GAME

In one of the most closely contested games played on the local diamond this season, the Hood River team lost to White Salmon Sunday by the score of 4-3 in a 14-inning contest.

The Hood River boys had a new battery, Gill occupying the box and Toomey, a Portland man, playing behind the bat. Gill did exceptionally good work, making 17 strikeouts during the game. He was given good infield support throughout and the team is much encouraged by the game, even though they lost.

At the end of the ninth the score stood 2-2. In the eleventh each team scored one run. The White Salmon boys scored the decisive run in the fourteenth.

The Heights team defeated The Dalles at the latter place by a score of 9-2. A feature of the game was the heavy hitting by Tate, Davis, Hall and Butterfield. Seven hits were secured from Fagan, The Dalles pitcher, and five from Hart. Hart secured eight strikeouts and Fagan three.

Next Sunday's schedule calls for a game between the Heights and White Salmon at the latter place and between the downtown team and The Dalles here. Owing to an excursion which is to be run from The Dalles to White Salmon, however, those two teams may play at White Salmon and the local teams may meet here.

Street Improvements On Heights Are Completed

Construction of More than Two Miles of Cement Sidewalks, Curbs and Street Grading Was Finished the Last of the Week--Similar Improvement of Thirteenth Street Started.

Extensive improvements on the Heights, including more than two miles of sidewalks, curbs and street grading, were completed last week and that progressive section of the city is now splendidly improved.

The improvements which have been completed include the sidewalks, curbs and grading on the following streets: Pine, Montello, Fourth, Seventh and May. Connor & Son had the contract for all the cement construction and finished work the last of the week. E. O. Hall had the contract for grading the streets in this improvement district and sublet the contract to the Transfer & Livery Company.

Last year about half of the improvements in the Heights Improvement District was completed. It is the balance of this district which has just been finished.

Work will be started this week on another extensive improvement for the Heights. This is the construction of sidewalks and curbs and grading of Thirteenth street between Taylor street and the county road.

All cross streets between Twelfth and Thirteenth are also to be improved. The cement work is to be done by Connor & Son and the grading contract was secured by Messrs. Dobson and Hatch.

That portion of Thirteenth street which was taken into the city at the election last year will also be improved.

Plans are now being made and an ordinance is before the council calling for the improvement of Prospect Avenue. Another improvement for the

Heights--installation of the filters--was completed last week, the first water being turned through the filters Thursday morning. They are working satisfactorily and the supply of water on the Heights has not only been substantially increased thereby, but is perfectly pure.

It has been found that there is a large amount of sediment in the irrigation water being used, so much so that the sediment rapidly accumulates in the filters, which have to be cleaned out once in every twelve hours instead of only once a day. As there are three units, however, the cleaning process does not interrupt the supply of filtered water.

ODD FELLOWS GO TO GRAND LODGE

A large delegation of local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs left Monday noon for Pendleton to attend the grand lodge session to be held there. Delegates from Idlewild Lodge of this city included Ed. Mayes, G. W. Thompson, Earl Noble and Ashley Wilson. Mrs. J. M. Schindler and Mrs. S. W. Arnold were delegates from the local Rebekah lodge.

O. H. Rhoades and George Sheppard went as delegates from Kemp lodge at Odell, while Mrs. E. T. Foltz and Miss Masiker represented Hazel Rebekah lodge of that place.

Thomas Lacey of Odell and U. S. Newman of Van Horn also went to the convention. The train from Portland Monday carried a large number of delegates.

CAPABLE TEACHING FORCE OF HIGH SCHOOL DURING YEAR JUST CLOSED



Edward E. Coad, City Superintendent



J. Orr McLaughlin, City Supt.-Elect



L. B. Gibson, Principal for Next Year



J. W. Crites



Mary E. Barton, A. M.



Hattie L. Brunquist, A. B.



Flora E. Furrow, B. D.



Alice Horning, B. S.