

Class of '13, 20 Strong, To Graduate Next Week

Rev. J. A. Bennett Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon at M. E. Church Sunday Evening--Class Play Will be Thursday and Commencement Friday--Big Field Meet to be Held Saturday.

The first of the graduation exercises of the Class of 1913 at the High School will be held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. J. A. Bennett of the Valley Christian church.

Members of the graduating class are as follows: Viola Crapper, Ada Hart, Ellen McCurdy, Ethel Jane McDonald, Doris K. Jensen, Gladys Reavis, Nola Radloff, Pearl R. Dietz, Dorothy V. Shoemaker, Ruth L. Clark, George Struck, Conrad Jacobsen, Algie L. Weinheimer, Angus C. McDonald, Horace R. Skinner, Henry W. Blagg, Ivan L. Swartout, Elliot Staten, Joseph M. Johnson and Glenn Shoemaker.

On Thursday evening the class play will be presented at the Monroe Opera House. It is a farce comedy in three acts entitled "The Fifteenth of January" and the cast of characters in shades all the members of the graduating class. Features between the acts will be furnished by the students of the High School.

On Friday evening of next week the Commencement exercises will be held at Hellbronner Hall at eight o'clock. The class address will be given by Miss Ellen McCurdy on "The Mopsotti System." The address to the class will be given by Professor Howe of the University of Oregon. There will be special music by Harmon's Orchestra and the High School chorus; vocal solos by Miss Gladys Reavis and Mrs. C. H. Henney. "The Mascot," the annual High School publication, is just off the press and contains much interesting and entertaining matter. A notice of it is given in another column. It will be placed on sale this week.

Day of Sports Planned A day of events is being arranged between the local High School and the Dalles High School. It will be on Saturday, May 24, and will consist of a tennis tournament, track and field and baseball game.

The Dalles people expect to bring down an excursion of at least 150

WILL REPEAT THE "BOX OF MONKEYS"

"A Box of Monkeys" will be repeated on Saturday evening, May 17, at McIsaac's Hall, Parkdale, in response to popular demand.

In addition to the play E. H. Boswell pianist, will make his first public appearance in Parkdale. He comes here with a record of musical achievement and is a pianist of remarkable technique and power. Miss Brothers, soprano soloist, will also make her debut to a Parkdale audience. Mr. Fry is considered by experts to be the finest clarinet player in the United States. Those unimpaired comedians, Mason and Moody, president and vice president of the laugh trust, need no introduction. Entertainment will conclude with Parkdale Quartet: R. E. Babcock, 1st tenor; M. O. Bos, 2nd tenor; C. I. Moody, 1st bass; C. C. Walton, 2nd bass. Admission 25 cents, children free.

POWERS TAKE SCUTARI

Admirals of International Fleet Enter City Evacuated by Victors. Vienna.—The admirals of the International fleet that blockaded Antivari and the Montenegrin coast, will take formal possession of Scutari in the name of the great powers of Europe and resolving themselves into commission, will govern the city until such time as the powers arrange for its permanent disposition. It will ultimately become the capital of autonomous Albania; if present plans are unchanged. Reluctantly, the last of the Montenegrin soldiers, with their siege guns and lumbering wagons, left the captured city.

Apparently peace is now almost established in the Balkans unless Bulgaria and Greece fight over Salonika and the powers have their armies entrenched and a few slight brushes have been reported, but these differences will be arbitrated.

Read the News. It tells it all.

roeters and Hood River High hopes to have out twice as many. Chances look about even for the two schools in all three events and a most interesting day is promised.

The features being planned include a picnic lunch for everybody on the High School grounds, with coffee to be served free by students; a roeters' parade before the ball game; refreshments sold at the game and clown stunts between times.

The admission price will be 50 cents for everything or twenty-five cents for any one event. The tennis tournament will take place on the High School courts and the track meet and ball game at Columbia Park.

MEMORIAL DAY IS TO BE OBSERVED

Arrangements have been made for the observance of Memorial Day. Geo. R. Castner will act as grand marshal and the following program has been announced.

8:30 a. m.—Decorating graves in cemetery under direction of W. R. C. 10:20 a. m.—Assemble on State street near Grand Army Hall.

10:30 a. m.—March to cemetery. Order of march: Public schools, civic associations, A. F. & A. M.; I. O. O. F.; Fire Department and others, Citizens, His Honor the Mayor, Council and city officials, Ladies of Women's Relief Corps, Comrades of Grand Army of the Republic.

11 a. m.—Exercises at Idlewild Cemetery under direction of schools. Afternoon services on Court House Square.

Invocation—Rev. Dr. Young. Solo, "The Star Spangled Banner"—Adrian J. Epping.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—L.H. Gibson. Song—"There Will Be One Vacant Chair"—Quartet.

Patriotic Address—Rev. J. G. Tate. Hymn—"America" by Congregation. The several schools of the valley are invited to join with us if they have no other arrangements, meeting with us in the city or at the cemetery.

It is hoped some of our patriotic owners of automobiles will kindly remember those of our comrades who are unable to march as well as the ladies of the W. R. C.

HERMANN KRESSE BUYS PLATH'S STORE

A deal was closed last week where by Hermann Kresse bought of Carl A. Plath the latter's drugstore and business on the corner of Oak and Second streets. Mr. Kresse took possession Monday of this week. He has been employed by Mr. Plath for the past four years, is a licensed pharmacist and on account of his experience will be well qualified to carry on the business successfully. Mr. Plath has business interests in Portland to which he expects to devote his time.

WISHART BELIEVES IN QUALITY

Good cows are the first requisite of a successful dairy, according to the opinion of James Wishart of the Upper Valley. He has just returned from the Willamette Valley where he bought two high-grade, registered Jerseys. Mr. Wishart paid a fancy price for the two cows but he got a couple of animals which he believes will furnish the nucleus for a fine herd. He expects to make another trip and secure a couple more of the same kind. He will make their product into butter.

J. A. Lovell of Ruthton was badly hurt the last of the week. He was standing on the fence overlooking the grade and had just remarked that he wouldn't care to fall off when, in handling a plank, he lost his balance and went over. He sustained bad scalp injuries, sprained one wrist and was badly bruised. He is now at the hospital recovering.

A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward.

GOYETTE HOME ON HEIGHTS IS BURNED

Fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Goyette on May street opposite the Christian Alliance church about four o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Goyette was visiting in Portland at the time and the house was occupied by her two daughters, Mrs. Cornelius and Miss Goyette, who teach in the public schools. They were sleeping on the first floor when aroused by smoke. They opened the door and found the house filled with smoke. At first they climbed out of the window and gave the alarm. Finding there was no immediate danger, they then returned and packed some of their clothes and other personal effects, which they removed from the house.

There was delay in giving the alarm as the bell rope was found to be broken. When the fire department responded they were further handicapped by the fact that there was no pressure and no water could be thrown on the house. Up to this time the fire was confined mostly to the basement, where it had evidently originated, and it is believed that if water could have been secured the house could have been saved. With no means of combatting it, however, the blaze soon broke through the roof and the entire house, with its contents, was destroyed.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought that it might have been through defective wiring as the light in the basement was the only one that had been left lighted during the night.

Important Matters Are Discussed by the Club

Attendance Is One of Largest in History of Commercial Organization--- Many Subjects of Live Interest Are Brought Up--Public Dock Wanted--Will Celebrate Fourth of July.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening and a great number of public matters were discussed and action taken upon quite a number.

County Judge Castner announced that in accordance with the recommendation of the Commercial Club a Babcock tester will be secured for use in the schools when they open next fall, it being the purpose to give the children instruction in testing milk and cream for butter fat. Mr. Cruikshank of the Cruikshank Company reported in behalf of the Merchant's Association that they were in favor of Hood River holding a Fourth of July celebration this year. The association recommended that the arrangements be placed in the hands of the Commercial Club. This was done and a committee will be appointed. Last year Hood River's celebration was a most successful one.

A committee appointed to interview the city council about securing a public dock during high water reported. This committee was composed of Frank Cram, C. H. Vaughan and C. O. Huelat. They reported that the matter had been submitted to the council and referred by them to the finance committee with power to act.

The water in the river is now high and the boats could be landing at the chop if there was a dock. Mr. Chapman, owner of the land, asks \$200 rent for a place to dock during the high water and the boatmen who have previously rented the dock, have hesitated about doing so this year for the reason, they state, that the rent has been doubled each year and is now, in their estimation, exorbitant. It was the opinion that the city should condemn a public dock in order that the docking facilities might be utilized during high water.

Would Merge Auto Club The Commercial Club issued an invitation to the Automobile Club to become a committee working under the direction and with the cooperation of the Commercial Club. The Automobile Club has about 200 members and it is proposed that they transfer their membership to the Commercial Club, the initiation fee being suspended.

Would Improve Mosier Road Improvement of the road between here and Mosier was the subject of considerable discussion. No official automobile map takes notice of this road, although every summer scores of Portland people have their machines shipped to The Dalles, when they prepare to make journeys into Central Oregon and California. The

ROBERTSON RESIGNS FROM THE COUNCIL

Robertson tendered his resignation as city councilman at the meeting held Monday evening. Mr. Robertson is treasurer and manager of the Stanley-Smith Lumber Company and his reason for resigning was that so much of his time is taken up in his company's business that he is unable to give to the city's business the time which he feels that he should.

As Monday's meeting was adjourned from the week before, Councilman Robertson's resignation was laid on the table until next Monday's meeting.

Mr. Robertson has been a member of the council since the Spring of 1911, at which time he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Henry Smith. He was elected the following Fall. He has been chairman of the fire and water committee, a member of the street committee and represented the city on the county library board. He has been active in the improvement work now going on, and was especially interested in the matter of the new water system now being installed, on account of his position at the head of that committee. He has been a valuable member of the council because of his ability and his conscientious work in behalf of the city's interests. His presence on the council will be missed.

Mrs. C. D. Hinrichs returned yesterday from Portland to attend the funeral of Mrs. Peter Hinrichs.

MUSHROOM ROT IS MAKING APPEARANCE

Besides anthracnose, mushroom root rot is one of the diseases for which the local orchardists must look out during the present season, according to John Castner, county fruit inspector, who says of the latter disease:

"The mushroom root rot is showing on the young trees in some sections and showing up very bad on some of the soil that was heavily timbered. I would advise removing the dirt from the base of the tree and if any of the strands or anything else show that the disease was there scrape and dig out the infected parts and use a wash of corrosive sublimate, also leave the holes open so the air can get to the infected parts. Often the toad stools themselves show at the base of the tree. I would advise the growers of Hood River to examine their trees and get acquainted with them and if they find that either one of these two diseases has a foothold it is well that they look after them at once."

EPISCOPALIANS WILL CONVENE HERE

Members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church are arranging to entertain delegates to the diocesan convention to be held in this city next Tuesday and Wednesday. Delegates will come from all the parishes and missions of the diocese, it is expected. The parish is a large one embracing the entire eastern portion of the state and there will probably be between 30 and 40 delegates present.

A quiet hour will be observed at St. Mark's Church between 11 and 12 o'clock Tuesday. Mrs. J. F. Miller, Bishop Paddock's sister, will then entertain the delegates at luncheon. This will be followed by drive through the valley at 2 p. m. A conference will be held at the church, beginning at 4 o'clock, and the Women's Auxiliary meeting will be held at 5 o'clock. There will be a reception Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock there will be morning prayer, followed by Holy Communion and an address by the bishop. The convention will be called to order at 10:30 and the House of Church Women will convene at the same time. The business session will be resumed in the afternoon and at 4:15 will be held a joint meeting of the convocation and the House of Church Women.

The men will take supper together at one of the hotels and the women at the other.

At eight o'clock Wednesday evening a public meeting will be held at the Methodist Church at which Rev. Ernest V. Shaylor, rector of St. Mark's Church, Seattle, will be the speaker. All are invited to this meeting and there will be special musical and other attractions.

TO BE TOLD ABOUT BIG CONFERENCE

In order to inform the people of Hood River about the importance of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference to be held at Portland from June 23 to July 6, James S. McGaw, secretary in charge of arrangements, will address a public gathering here on the evening of Tuesday, May 20. Arrangements are in charge of a local committee composed of Leslie Butler, J. M. Wood, Ashley B. Cash, J. E. Ferguson and P. M. Morse.

The conference is an assemblage of statesmen from practically all the great countries of the world—missionaries, ministers, pastors, educators, philanthropists, sociologists, moral reformers, and all other leaders of Christian thought and action. On the program of this conference it is proposed to have from 75 to 100 of the world's leading thinkers and actors for the uplift of humanity, one or more from each of the countries of the world. More than half this number have already been definitely secured. Among them are representatives of many leading organizations doing most effective work for the betterment of human kind.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Field, who have spent the winter in Los Angeles, have been visiting his brother, C. S. Field. They resumed their return trip to Illinois Friday evening. Both said that they were very favorably impressed with the valley.

Burglars in Paris Fair Make Escape Barefoot

After Taking Off Shoes, Gang of Three Men Pack Up Suits, but Are Interrupted by Officers--Make Daring Escape Along Cornice to Adjoining Roof --No Clews Have Been Secured as Yet.

Three burglars who attempted to rob the Paris Fair Sunday night not only failed to secure any booty, but were lucky to escape by climbing out of the second-story window over the sidewalk, making a dangerous scramble building and jumping off the rear into the back yard.

Night Marshal Hart discovered the operations of the burglars when, on his rounds, he found that a window at the rear of the store had been broken into. There was a heavy sliding door made to close the window from the outside and this Officer Hart pulled over the window, thus catching the burglars in a trap. Hart then telephoned to M. E. McCarthy. The latter, accompanied by W. O. Ash, hurried to the store and, with Officer Hart, entered the store by the front doors. The burglars had not yet discovered that their exit had been cut off, but were engaged in packing suits into some satchels. When alarmed by the entrance of the three men they ran first to the window and when they discovered that it was securely fastened they ran up to the next floor and got out of the front window on the north corner over the sidewalk. There they took chances of serious injuries by scrambling up the corner of the building about eight feet to the roof of the Bartness building. By the time the three in pursuit had reached the window the men had made good their escape by jumping off the rear of the building into the alley. During the chase through the dark building one of the burglars was nearly overtaken and in order to throw his pursuer off the track he called out "There he goes," as though he were one of the pursuers, then dashed after his two companions and got away with them.

The suits which they had been

packing when interrupted were left behind. Two of the men had taken off their shoes upon entering the store, evidently wishing to make as little noise as possible, and these shoes they left behind them when making their hasty departure.

The city police force hoped to get a clue to the burglars when they attempted to buy shoes. Monday morning a stranger purchased a pair at Vogt's and in some way the impression was secured that he might be implicated. He was arrested, but was soon able to prove that he had not been a party to the burglary.

"I must confess that I do not wonder that our line of suits tempted the three men," said George Thompson, "but I naturally cannot approve of the manner in which they undertook to satisfy their desires."

BASEBALL SERIES TO START SUNDAY

The first game in the series to be played between the downtown and Heights teams will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Columbia Park. There will be five games in the series and the team taking three of the five games will win the handsome silver loving cup donated by the E. A. Franz Company. Hart and Hall will be the battery for the Heights, Stockton and Franz for the downtown team.

The downtown team put up a strong game on Sunday with the Walther Williams team of The Dalles, defeating them by a score of 13 to 5. Manager Shively of the team declares that they have the strongest aggregation of the past few years and that they entertain high hopes of winning the cup. The Heights boys are equally confident and a closely-contested series is expected.

Organization of Apple Growers Is Complete

Organization of the Apple Growers' Association, the co-operative marketing concern of the valley, was completed Saturday, more than 75 per cent of the bearing acreage of the valley having been signed up in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws.

At a meeting of the Union directors held in the afternoon the necessary steps were taken towards authorizing the making of the lease to the larger concern and the papers were signed. In the evening the Board of Directors of the Association met and accepted the papers, thus placing the Apple Growers' Association in full force and effect.

Contracts had come in in sufficient numbers to justify this action and Hood River is now fully assured of the benefits of complete co-operation for the first time in her history.

There are practically 500 names listed as growers in the valley, some of them having trees that have not yet matured and others with a limited quantity. All, however, are entitled to the benefits of the new association and no matter whether the orchard is not yet bearing or whether it has only a comparatively few boxes the officers of the association urge that the owner sign the contract and thus assure himself of receiving all the information the association can give as to markets, crop conditions and the like.

PROGRESS SLOW ON THE WATER SYSTEM

The city council is dissatisfied with the progress being made by the Reliance Construction Company on the new water system. Although the contract calls for the completion of the system by June 1, only a part of it is finished to date. The condition has not yet been laid as far as the Tucker Road and work at the headworks has not been satisfactory. E. O. Hall has the contract for the reservoir and good progress is being made on it.

At the meeting of the city council Monday Recorder Howe was directed to inform the Reliance Construction Company that they would be expected to finish the work inside the contract time.

Many Contracts Signed

There have been about 400 contracts signed, representing many of the largest growers in the valley. Assurance, have also been given by at least 100 others that they will sign the contracts and send them in at once. At the present time the association has secured contracts with about 80 per cent of the growers of the valley, representing nearly 90 per cent of the total product.

Special arrangements are now being made for handling strawberries that ought to insure good returns. It is urged upon all strawberries growers that they get in touch with the association promptly.

LIBRARY FUND NOW ALMOST COMPLETE

Members of the Woman's Club who set about raising \$2000 for the additional library site have almost grasped success. They have secured assurances of more than \$1000 and need only about \$50 more to bring the amount up to the sum desired. They have been assisted by Odell and other sections of the county which will be benefited by the increased library facilities. Any persons who have not yet made contributions or any feeling able to give more than at first may do so by communicating with Miss Northey, county librarian, and such contributions will be thankfully received inasmuch as they will serve to bring the sum up to the \$2000 mark. It is hoped.