

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

Commencement has again rolled around. Each year the exercises are more interesting than the former, and our citizens take greater interest in the same.

Another year of toil to the students has passed and another class has been graduated from this institution of learning to do credit to the University and to the State of Oregon.

The decorations in the chapel were equal to former years. Graceful festoons of cedar hung from the walls while fine paintings were plentiful.

Sunday.

Rev G W Lee, D. D., preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday in the University chapel. At least 1000 people were present.

Tuesday.

The annual address before the Lauran and Putnam Literary societies was delivered in the chapel, Tuesday morning at 10:30 A. M.

The annual address before the University was delivered by Judge L. J. McArthur, of The Dalles, on Tuesday at 3:30 P. M.

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governed. A conscientious recognition of the rights of others has led to the establishment of governments "of the people, by the people and for the people." This principle is the child of free thought, and is fostered by popular education.

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torious. Thousands of lives had been sacrificed. A debt of eight billions of dollars was piled up. Why was not this foreseen? Why did not some auspicious omen warn us of the vicissitudes? The angel of death had drawn his black plume in 400,000 happy homes, while the God of fire had swept over the land and from city and village, from the granite coast of the Atlantic to the Golden Gate of the Pacific his influence was felt. Now they cried "Respite Finem." But the end is not yet.

Chose as his subject the "Nationalization of the Land." In the early history of a race when it is at the beginning of its progress towards civilization, we may suppose that a small population derives its support from a large amount of territory. Wild fruits and the products of the chase are the sole means of subsistence. As time rolls on the race is divided into tribes. Each tribe claims a certain extent of territory. To affirm that a man may rightfully demand exclusive ownership in any of the natural resources of the earth is to deny that all men were created with an equal right to exist.

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stayed nor the music of its march be hushed. [On account of the death of his father, Mr. Hill was prevented from delivering his oration. But we were permitted the use of his manuscript, and therefore give a synopsis. At the request of the graduating class, we will print his address in full next week.—Ed.]

Chose "The Force of Personality" for his theme. There is in man a mysterious force which finds expression through the three essential attributes of the mind—intellect, feeling and mind. Man as possessed of these inseparable interdependent attributes is called a personality, and the wondrous force which employs them as its instruments is fitly termed the force of personality. It is the essential element in personal influence and is felt in the heart of the peasant as well as in the courts of the king. It is a power for weal or woe. Personal force constitutes leadership. Science teaches that all force is eternal. The time has not been in the history of the country when woman did not hold undisputed sway in the realm of her native kingdom, home. To her as queen of home the greatest of earth have ever bowed in loving submission. How patent for good is the force of personality. Through the fathers and mothers of our homes, through the teachers of our schools and the presidents of our colleges, through the ministers of the Gospel and the advocates of the bar, through the statesman and the reformer, it is exercising its resistless power in every department of the social world. It is the men and women of force that are shaping the destiny of our nation. In them lies the elements of our national success. To their strong hands we commit the banner of our freedom and fondly trust it will never suffer dishonor nor ever be trailed in the dust.

Delivered an oration entitled "Superstition and Law." In studying the jurisprudence of ancient times, superstition seemed to play an all important part especially in the trials of all such crimes as murder, treason and the like. And not only did superstitions prevail in ancient times, but still exists and are sanctioned by the ablest legislators of the present day. A verdict of twelve fools or knaves in a jury box may discharge a criminal against the plainest dictates of common sense, but in neither case would the sentiments of the community be changed. In former times torture was resorted to to force a criminal to confess. A man under torture wined that he could retract his confession, pathetically replied: "During my examination at one time I was stretched upon the rack six hours, at another I was slowly burned for eight hours; if I retract I shall be subjected to those tortures again and again; I had rather die." The principle seemed to be that ninety-nine innocent persons should be punished rather than one guilty one should escape. In our generation we laugh at the inconsistencies of our forefathers which are rather to be respected as trophies of a silent victory won by almost imperceptible gradations. When, therefore, in the dark ages we find the administration of justice so strangely interrupted by appeals to the sword or to chance, dignified under the forms of christianized superstition, we should remember even this is an improvement on the all pervading first law of violence.

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Heard are the sages; Heard are the voices; The worlds and the ages; Chose well, your choice is brief, and yet endless.

Friends and citizens of Eugene: Drawing memory's veil aside, our thoughts revert to the time when we came among you. We have ever felt that we had your co-operation in our efforts to obtain an education. The houses which have been kindly opened to us, and the bonds of friendship which resulted therefrom will ever be a pleasant remembrance. As we appear before you for the last time, we acknowledge to you our heartfelt thanks. Respected Regents: To you would we express the regard that is due, for having formed just laws, and in procuring for us a good and noble corps of instructors. As a wall is to a fort; so are you to this institution of learning. Dear scholars: For the past few years, our lives have been linked together. Look to-day wherever we may, tokens of your good will will be brought vividly before us, in the decoration and harmonious beauty of this hall. This evergreen, an emblem of fidelity, is a fit symbol that your memory will be ever cherished, although to-day, the dividing line between the past and future, causes us to say good-bye. Esteemed teachers: You have ever inspired us with grandeur and noble purpose. You have directed us through intricate methods day by day. We shall now be deprived of your guidance, but may we well apply the lessons learned here, trusting to the teachings of an all seeing God. In bidding you adieu, we feel that to your influence and precepts, we owe an eternal debt of gratitude. Dear classmates: Side by side we have struggled for the same noble end. The work allotted us here has been accomplished. United by associations, as in the past few years, we shall never be yet let us hope that the ties of friendship for each other while here may grow stronger and firmer. And may the memory of this event, with the thought of our motto, "Non nobis Solus," ever before us, keep us in the path of justice and duty, though we must now say farewell. To the oh, beloved Alma Mater, will our thoughts ever return with reverence. Noble home! We feel that we cannot render a joint tribute to your praise. And it is with an unutterable sadness, that we bid you too, good-bye.

During the exercises Mr R Pringle performed a violin solo, with piano accompaniment by Miss Mary Test; Misses Nettie McCormick and May Test sang a solo each, which were finely executed; Miss Celia Godsmith rendered a piano solo, and the Choral Society furnished several fine pieces. Showers of bouquets were bestowed liberally upon each graduate. At the close of the valedictory President Johnson, in a few well timed remarks, presented the class with their well earned diplomas, conferring the degree of A. B. upon Benj B Beckman, Robt Collier, Geo W Hill, Jas M Neville, Caspar W Sharples, W C Taylor, Joe R Whitney, W W Cardwell, and the degree of B. S. upon Walter E Eakin, J D Fenton, Bettie E Shaw and Emma A Bean. And thus the collegiate fest of the Oregon State University for 1884 closed; the grandest and most successful in its history. In reviewing the work of the year the friends of the institution may find great pleasure and satisfaction. The Faculty and Regents are deserving of especial commendation in their noble work.

BOARD OF REGENTS. The Board of Regents met on June 19th with the following members present: Hon. Matthew P. Deady, Hon. La L. McArthur, Dr S Hamilton, Hon T G Hendricks, Hon Henry Felling, Hon Rodney Scott.

The following members were absent: Hon A Bush, R S Bean and Dr. E. R Geary. After reading the minutes of last session, and the reports of secretary, treasurer and executive committee, the Board adjourned until 8 P. M.

The Board established a law school in connection with the University to be located at Portland. Mr. Richard H. Thornton was appointed Professor of the Law Department.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Faculty to select from the graduating class students to deliver the valedictory and valedictory addresses.

The executive committee was authorized and directed to expend two hundred dollars in setting out trees on the campus.

Prof. Benj. J. Hawthorne, of Corvallis, was elected Professor of English Literature and Psychology.

Mr Benj B Beckman, of Jacksonville, was appointed as one of the tutors. The executive committee was authorized to expend \$750 for making repairs in and about the building.

Judge McArthur was appointed a special committee to select and purchase books for the University Library, and to expend the sum of \$400.

The salary of each tutor was fixed at \$900 a year.

ALUMNI REUNION.—The Annual Reunion of the Alumni Association took place at Mrs. J B Underwood's residence last Thursday evening. A large number of the members and a few invited guests assembled at the appointed time, and spent several hours in social converse. Music was furnished by the Eugene Orchestra. A fine supper was also one of the attractions of the evening, at which a number of toasts were delivered. The reunion was one of the most pleasant ever enjoyed by the Association.

DIED.—In this city, June 15, 1884, of rheumatism of the heart, H. B. S. Sloan, eldest son of J. M. Sloan and wife, aged 15 years, 3 months and 6 days. The remains were buried in Masonic cemetery, June 16th. The family have the sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

SERIOUS LOSS.—We learn by the Prineville News that Mr. E. Z. Bailey formerly of this county, lost his crop, garden, poultry and farming implements by a water spout that visited Bridge creek, June 2d. His loss amounts to fully \$1,000.

NEW HOTEL.—Mr. Geo. H. Parks, of this city, has received instructions from Mr. Chas Baker to draw plans and specifications immediately for a three story brick hotel to be built on his lot just north of the post office.

RESIDENCE PURCHASED.—Mr Jas. McClaran Wednesday purchased of Capt. N. L. Packard his residence on Sixth street, paying \$3150 for the same. This is one of the finest locations in the city.