

# LAST DAYS AT O. A. G.

## Dramatic Incident of Commencement Week Was Impromptu Farewell to Seniors—Season of Big and Stirring Events.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, June 20.—Of all the commencements yet held at the college, none has approached in notable features that which amid an inspiring scene of music, flowers and congratulations ended last Wednesday. A great graduating class of 82, a great attendance of alumni, a great manifestation of loyalty of spirit, and a great procession of fortuitous incidents yielded a week of memorable results.

One striking incident is illustrative of many others, of which it is typical. The final drill of the cadet regiment occurred Tuesday afternoon, and it unexpectedly developed into a final leave-taking between the seniors and those with whom they have been associated at arms for a period of years. The chief officers of the regiment, its three battalions and 12 companies, are always members of the corps, and at this final drill the promotions for the year to come are announced. Arrayed in their black gowns and caps, the seniors went through the military evolutions incident to the drill and final review. The eminences surrounding the drill grounds were black with 4,000 spectators. The regimental band, stationed near played martial airs during the ceremony.

"For Auld Lang Syne." Their black gowns made it patent to all the onlookers that a gulf had already come between the seniors and their drill mates. When at last the companies were drawn up before the commandant and the promotions read, the seniors handed over their emblems of authority and the ties of the past were suddenly severed. A great roar from 400 cadet voices arose in homage for the senior class. It was repeated in cheers for the retiring colonel. It rose again in cheers for the new student commander. All down the line of student officers, old and new, the cheering went, until finally, when all had been applauded with the best applause young life knows how to give, the seniors suddenly left their places, and passing from rank to rank began to shake hands with their old mates in a final leave-taking. A deep hush fell over the campus, and it is doubtful if among the thousands of the surrounding emplacements a single word was spoken. It was the silence of deep sentiment, with an unconscious strain on every heart-string. The strings tugged harder, and the hush was deeper when the regimental band suddenly broke forth in the subdued strains of "Auld Lang Syne," and played it with the deep feeling inspired by the striking character of the incident. It was all an unprogrammed and an unlooked for event, but its dramatic features were all the more heightened thereby.

The 82 graduates in the class come from 20 out of the 23 counties in Oregon. Three were Hindus, who are leaving today for their far-off home in India, which they will reach in three

months. Six states other than Oregon are represented in the class. The Day's Addresses. The address to the class was by Congressman Hawley whose topic was "The Efficiency and the Inefficiency Man." The theme treated of the necessity of complete preparedness as a means of complete effectiveness. When opportunity comes, if the actor is not ready his career cannot be successful or effective. Unpreparedness when this opportunity is presented in the cause and means of failure, and failure is certain. Preparation is attainable in the classroom and laboratory, and there is no failure to draw fully and freely therefrom, an ineffective career is certain to be the sequel.

The address was strong and convincing. It had for companion features on the program, an eloquent salutory by Miss Mary Scoggin of Laidlaw, Crook county, and a forenoon valedictory by Herbert E. Cooke of Shaniko. Vocal numbers by Virginia Spencer Hutchinson of Portland, and by college chorus, and the conferring of the degree by President Kerr completed the program and ushered in the flowers, the congratulations, and the godspeed. The exercises were in the armory, where, amid a setting of orange and green bunting, the graduates and their friends fairly obscured the walls and ceiling, the gay costumes of the 2,000 people in the hall, and the scene seldom approached at the institution.

Two to the Army. The interest of the day was heightened by news that ran through and among the members of the class had been instructed by wire the night before to report July 1 at Fort Leavenworth, to take examinations for admission to the army of the United States as second lieutenants.

The names of the young men are Jack Hanny of Oregon City and Lincoln Chambers of King's Valley, Benton county. Chambers commanded company number one, first place, and Hanny company G, which took second place in a recent competitive drill.

The Alumni Reunion. A conspicuous event of the week was the alumni reunion Tuesday evening in Waldo hall, the home of the girls at the institution. It was notable for the great attendance of alumni and for the high character of the program. Nearly 300 persons sat at the long tables, and listened alternately to music by an orchestra, and the speeches, while discussing an eight-course dinner. Mark Weatherford presided as toastmaster, and among those who responded were Ed Aldrich of the Portland East Oregonian, L. L. Swan of Albany, President Kerr, Hubert Scoggin, John Fulton, B. E. Irvine, Dr. Will Johnson and State Senator A. J. Johnson. The class was introduced by President Weatherford of the board and received by President Ewing of the association. Letters were read from many absent alumni. A handsome silver set was presented to Dr. Weatherford by the association. The presentation address was made by Miss Bertha Davis, and the gift was from the ladies of the Alumni association.

Incidents of the occasion were beautiful sentiments uttered by Mr. Scoggin and Mr. Aldrich in their addresses, touching the life and character of Dr. Gatch, who retired at the beginning of the last college year from the presidency of the institution. The banquet began at 8 o'clock and was not concluded until long past midnight.

At the business meeting of the alumni the following officers were elected: Fred Ewing, president; Bell Bonney, vice-president; Juanita Rosendorf, secretary; E. V. Hawley, treasurer. The association named a committee to have supervision over and take care of the grave of the late President Arnold.

The Gatch Cup Debate. While the alumni reunion was in progress at Waldo hall there was high tension in the armory a short distance away, where a big audience was listening to the closing debate in the series for the Gatch cup. The struggle was between teams representing the Amicist and Zeigler societies, two of the 10 literary societies in the college. Dr. Gatch in his presidency and Dr. Keen in his administration held that the farmer or the engineering graduate,

whether employed in an electrical power house or as an employe in a mine, should, as a part of his education, have training in the power of expressing himself, publicly or otherwise. All such citizens, both insist, should, as well as lawyers or others, be able to intelligently express themselves in deliberative assemblies. Both hold that the safety of the future country is built for by training farmers and industrial workers to become factors in public affairs, and with that end in view Dr. Gatch, seven or eight years ago, hung up a cup to be debated for, with the result that interest was at once aroused in the literary societies, with debates running throughout the college year, and immense strides made in the art of public speaking. President Kerr assumes a similar attitude, and the closing debate in the commencement week was of a character that proved the wisdom of the policy. The question was whether Mr. Bryan or Mr. Taft should be elected president, and Ivan Kerr, leader, Nash Guinan and E. H. Cole, representing the Amicists, argued for Bryan, and S. A. Brown, leader, P. D. Luse and J. W. Melness of the Zeiglers, presented Mr. Taft's claims. The decision of the three judges was unanimous for the Bryan speakers, and the comment afterward characterized the struggle as reflective of immense credit on all concerned. The cup has been seven times won but on present is the first instance in which the same society has won it twice. Under the rule, the society that shall win it three times in succession shall retain permanent possession.

The Pharmacy Class. On Tuesday occurred the examination of applicants for the practice of pharmacy by the state board. The examination is the first of the kind that has been held at the college. It is to be permanent hereafter during commencement week, the other semi-annual examination of the year taking place, as usual, at Portland. The members of the board present were John M. A. Luse of Portland, president; Frank Pozzi of Portland, judge; Blakey of The Dalles, and Miss Harbord of Salem. The other member is C. G. Huntley of Oregon

City, who was attending the national Republican convention at Chicago. The Class of '07. There were many other delightful and impressive events during the week. No less than 25 members of the '07 class, which numbered 67, were in attendance. They held a class reunion in 107 park on the campus, where there was a rambling speech by each one present and a rereading of the class will and class prophecy on senior day at the same spot in 1907. This remnant of the class also occupied its own table at the alumni banquet and was conspicuous by its meritment as well as by its numbers and prominence. The baccalaureate sermon was by Rev. W. P. White of Albany and 2,000 people heard it and commented favorably upon it afterward.

Monday was senior day and the exercises took place on the campus at 11 o'clock. The program was: Class history, Ray Roadrick; poem, Bertha King and John Melness; prophecy, Kate Adams and Ernest Wood; vocal solo, Carrie Buchanan, accompanied by Cleo Johnson; will, Frank Winniford and John Schroeder. During the afternoon of Monday the class was entertained at the home of President Kerr from 4 to 6 o'clock in the evening. Members of the senior class rendered "Three Hata," a comedy, at the opera house, before an audience that packed the place.

The Class Memorial. It is the custom of each class to leave a memorial of some character on the campus, and that of the new one is to be a drinking fountain, which is to be dedicated to the memory of the late W. O. Trine, who served for several years as physical director at the institution, and who, in the midst of popularity and usefulness, was stricken and carried hence by a lingering death. He had a powerful hold on the hearts of the students and the fountain to his memory is their testimonial. The committee to purchase and put up the fountain is composed of R. K. Brodie, Herbert E. Cooke and W. Y. Farnsworth.

A lot of men are like soda fountains—give off lots of froth but mighty little solid substance.

FIFTH COMMENCEMENT AT ST. LAWRENCE. The fifth annual commencement of St. Lawrence academy will be held at assembly hall, Third and Sherman street, Tuesday, June 23, 9 p. m. The following program will be given: Overture, St. Lawrence orchestra; You Mean't to That, Boys; Buttercups; Writing an oration—Fara; Cast of characters: Frank, Albert Carmody; Mrs. James Mesher; Claude, Loring Whitaker; Julius, Joseph Finn; Jack, Forrest Sauvain; Roland, John Stanton.

Rosalie—Opera in two acts: Gypsy queen, Marie Mengher; Luitka, Helen Loring; Mrs. Loring, Gertrude; chorus of Gypsies, tyrolean and sives; accompanist, Mary Barrett. Diplomas were awarded to the following pupils who completed the ninth grade and passed satisfactory examinations: Forrest Sauvain, Loring A. Whitaker, Marie E. Hohenleitner, E. Lohale, Marguerite A. Thompson.

Knights of Columbus medal for proficiency in United States history, The Hughes medal for general excellence, Address, Rev. E. O'Hara Good Night—Finals chorus.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT ST. HELENS CLOSE. St. Helens, Or., June 20.—The St. Helens public schools held graduating exercises at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday at 2 p. m. Emerson E. Quick presented the eighth grade diplomas to the three graduates—Carrie Cobb, Margie L. Jester and Scott Lynch. Those who finished tenth grade work this year are Alice Quick, Ada George, Edna Harris, Ernest John, Mary Copeland and Gertrude Hattan. A picnic to be held in the grove was planned for yesterday, but on account of the rain it was held in the schoolhouse. The attendance during the school year has been larger than usual, and the progress of the pupils very satisfactory.

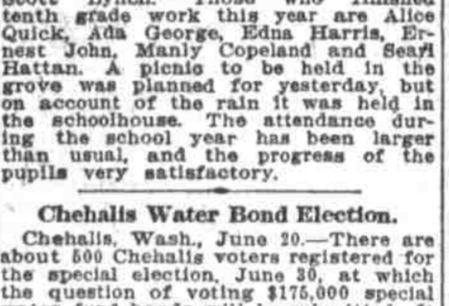
Chehalis Water Bond Election. Chehalis, Wash., June 20.—There are about 500 Chehalis voters registered for the special election, June 20, at which the question of voting \$15,000 special water fund bonds will be submitted. It is expected that the proposition will carry by a large majority.

INVESTS IN REALTY. Large Holdings on the Coast—Beach Resorts in Contemplation. Herr G. Schwager, late of New York, is again before the public eye as a real estate plunger. This is not the first joyous jinkslide of fame. At various times he has put into operation at least 57 varieties of plans whereby the eye, cerebrum and large, furry ear of the public can be effectively reached. And he has always succeeded. Now he has concocted the most daring scheme of all—a beach resort, where the public can go to rest instead of being tired out. It is not stated how large are Herr Schwager's investments in this alluring scheme, but they are said to be so large that it is necessary to pay for them on the well known but vulgar installment plan. But the model coast resort of Herr Schwager will be restful—that is the point. None of the "all-hots" and merry-go-rounds of Coney Island for Herr Schwager. Instead, the waves will lap lullabies to throngs of happy people resting quietly in wicker chairs on the cool veranda of the Schwager-hof. There will be games of croquet on the cool green turf, a little relating betimes of tales of persiflage that are in their anecdote; also music by merry villagers, and bucolic players on sweet sither strings. Long live Herr Schwager!

TRIO OF CONTAGIONS. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Wilsonville, Or., June 20.—Whooping cough is prevalent. The entire family of Charles Epler are just recovering. Two small boys of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Say have it, and four in the family of Grant Lichtenthaler are just coming down. Numerous others have been exposed. Mumps and measles are still unchecked. The old as well as the young are having all of them.

Linu Circuit Court Monday. Albany, Or., June 20.—Circuit court, Judge Burnett presiding, will convene here Monday, June 22, in regular session. The docket is small and unless unexpected criminal business is brought up the session will be quickly ended.

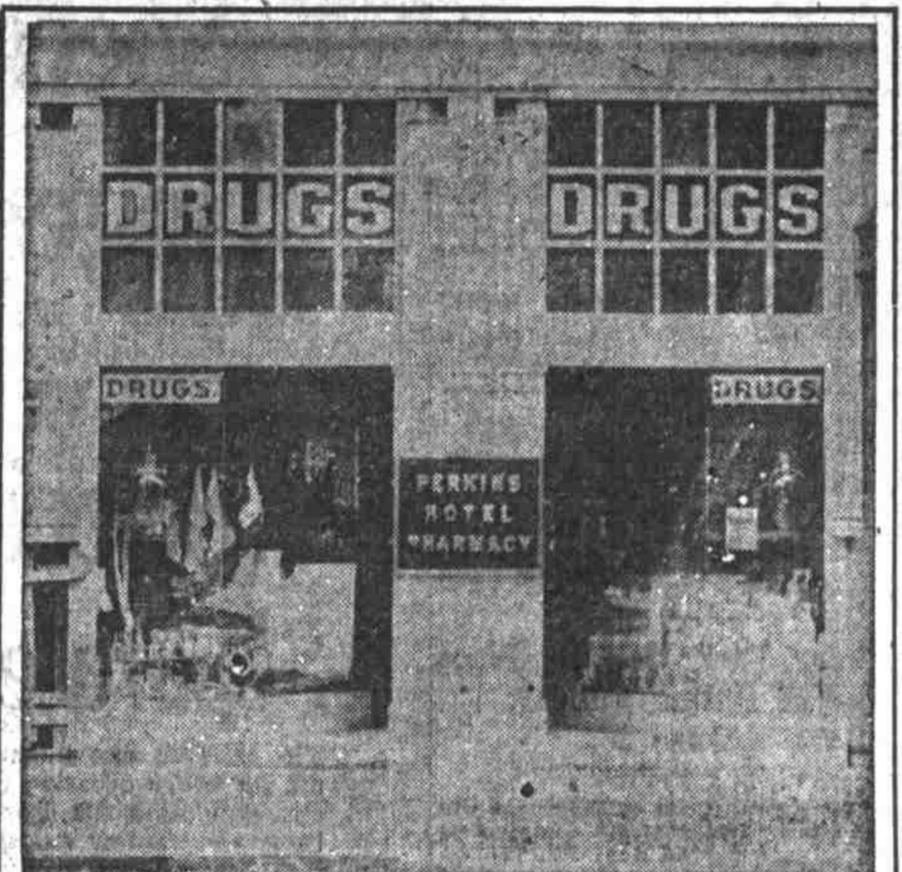
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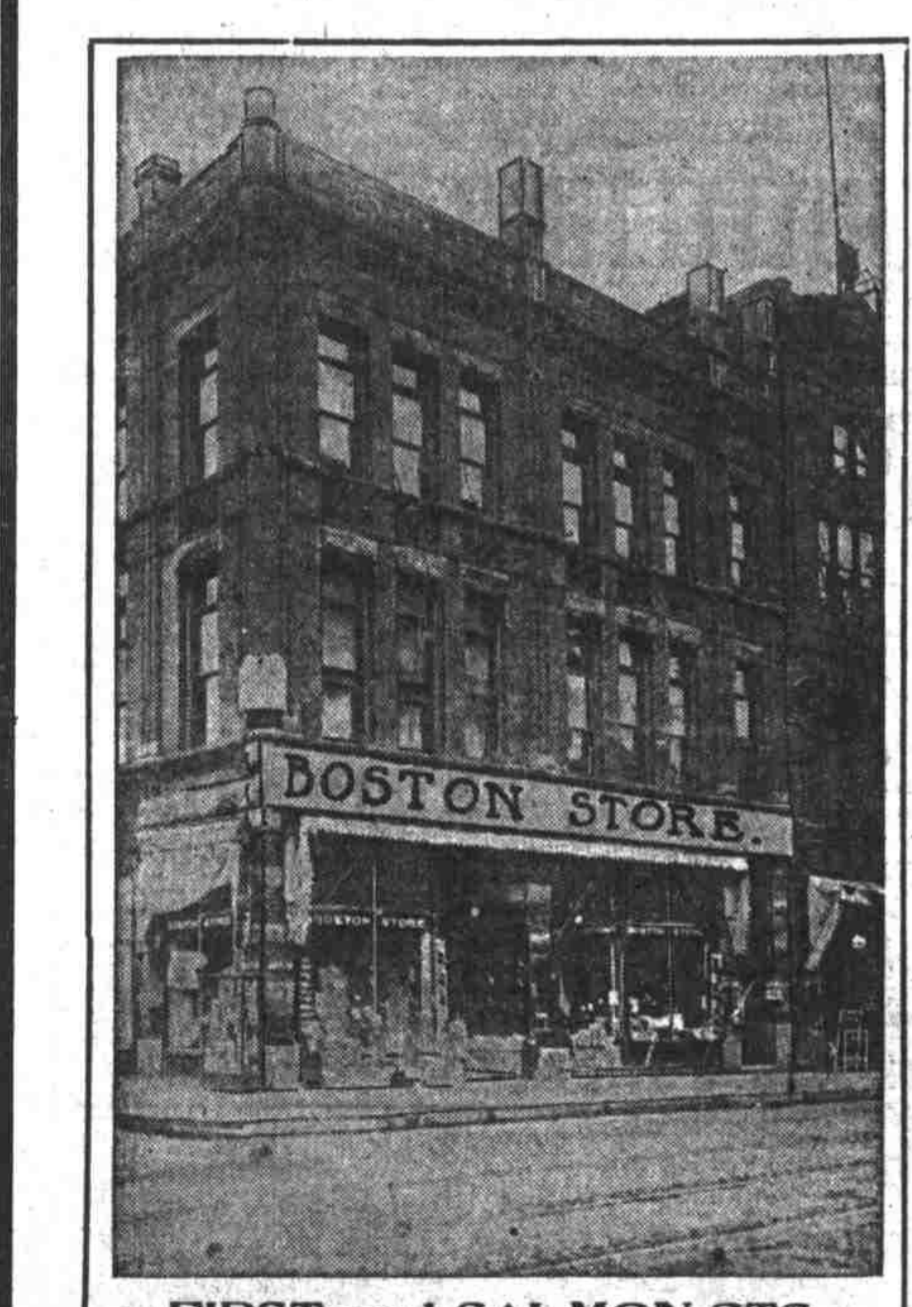
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