

EARLY GRADUATES OF OLD PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL TO GATHER

Alumni of Pioneer Institution, After 20 Years' Inactivity, to Assemble at Lincoln May 27.

After two decades of inactivity the alumni of old Portland High school will meet for a reunion and reorganization. Instigated by the student body of Lincoln high, the modern successor of the older institution, the graduates will meet in the school auditorium Friday night, May 27.

Under the direction of Irwin Fulop a show will be given by the students before the reorganization session is called to order by Honorary Chairman Ralph W. Hoyt, county commissioner and alumnus of '88. The program will consist of a vaudeville bill prepared by the students and staged in the auditorium. One of the features will be a motion picture play, starring Gladys Walton, a former student of the school.

Other numbers on the bill will be Miss Hannah Lalédaw in a series of dances; Hyman Brasian, the boy Caruso, in several song selections; a mystery play, "Midnight," featuring Ruth Taylor and Irwin Fulop; Ted Baum in "Nonsense," "Girls," with a star cast of brunettes, Louise Hatfield, Jeanette Catron, Katharine Brown and Janet Mongrave and "Wallie Reid" Wood.

OLD DAYS TO BE REVIVED Upon the completion of the bill the alumni will adjourn to the gymnasium for their meeting. Olden days will be revived, days when Portland High was the school of the town. Among those on the roll will be found many who have made names for themselves in the affairs of the world.

Julius Eckert Goodman, nationally known playwright, is a graduate of the school. Goodman, the author of "Mother," and dramatist of John Fleming Wilson's "The Man Who Came Back," and Stevenson's "Treasure Island," is one of the foremost playwrights in America. He now lives in Peekskill-on-the-Hudson. Wilson was also a Portland boy.

Another of the students of the old school whose name is familiar throughout the United States is James Montague. Associated with the Hearst papers, he was an editor of the New York American. Later he wrote on his own, specializing in political reviews and doggerel. He is known as one of the best writers in both fields in American journalism.

During the time Montague and Goodman attended the school F. G. Young, now dean of economics of the University of Oregon, and secretary of the Oregon Historical society was principal. Young personally taught the higher classes in Latin and history both men were in. He was principal from 1890 to 1894.

MANY GRADUATES PROMINENT Others of the school whose names are known among the people of the state and Northwest are Mrs. Joseph N. Teal, for many years president of the old alumni association, Rufus Holman, county commissioner; Judge E. C. Bronaugh, Dan J. Malarkey, Louis Quackenbush, Abe Meier, C. D. Sewall of the Hibernia bank, Dr. W. L. Nordrup, Robert J. O'Neill, Tom Marquam, federal attorney in Alaska, and hundreds of others of prominence.

From its inception in the old North school building, the location of the present Atkinson school, to the present building at Mill and Broadway, the history of the school is one of growth and progress. From the meagre curriculum of two courses, general and classical, the number of courses has grown until there are six for the student to choose from. The first graduating class in 1875 consisted of five students, Elias Adams, C. E. Beebe, Dora Knit, Mattie Lingwood and Horace Thielens, while the class to graduate this June will be about 140.

Authorized by School Directors William Wadhams, H. H. Shattuck and A. M. Lovejoy, April 14, 1870, the school moved to the North school building, with J. W. Johnson as principal. Three years later it was necessary to move to the Central school, where the rooms were available. This was on the site now occupied by the Portland hotel. The school, then in its infancy, had a hard fight for its existence, as a certain clique were determined that "big education was a danger to the welfare of the nation." This battle won, the school was again moved in 1873 to the Park school, where the Ladd school now stands.

NAME CHANGED TO LINCOLN The opening of the Portland High school at Fourteenth and Morrison streets in 1885 was a civic event. It marked the point where the school system of the city took its place among the cities of America. Being the only high school in town its students came from all parts of the west side, and in 1891, after consolidation, from East Portland, Albina, Sellwood and St. Johns as well. This building was used as the Portland high school until 1912, when the first unit of Lincoln high was built.

At that time the school board adopted the system of naming the high schools after famous presidents and men of the nation. To conform with this rule and to prevent confusion the name of Portland high school was changed to Lincoln.

For the last 24 years T. T. Davis has been principal of the school. Through his efforts it has grown until it takes its place with the best preparatory schools of the country. The present student the option of six courses, college preparatory, scientific, languages, domestic science, English and pedagogy. A staff of 46 teachers is needed to accommodate the pupils now registered.

Acting on the committee with Ralph W. Hoyt is Mrs. J. N. Teal, Clarence Young and Rufus Holman. The committee from the student body is made up of Irwin Fulop, Paul Krauss, Sophia Shelk, E. G. Harlan, Clarence Smith, Elizabeth Boschko, Ted Baum, Joseph Lipschutz, Arnold Harke, William Hart, Marshall Wood and Exa Clarke.

Sees Through It All "Any girl appearing at the confirmation service in this church, who is a member, is invited to attend. The service will be at 10 o'clock.

OLD PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL HAS TURNED OUT MANY MEN OF PROMINENCE



1—Lincoln high school, "Old Portland High's" magnificent home. 2—James J. Montague, graduate of '93, one of America's most famous newspaper men. 3—Lincoln high students who represent the school in arranging for reception and reunion to be given to graduates on May 27. Back row, left to right—Arnold Marks, colonel; William Hart, colonel; Elizabeth Boschko, adjutant general; Joe Lipschutz, colonel; Paul Krauss, staff officer; N. G. Harlan, advisor. Front row—Francis McCarthy Jr., colonel; Sophia Schilk, staff officer; Irwin Fulop, chief executive; Eva Clark, colonel; Clarence Smith, general; Mickey Wong, colonel. 4—Julius Eckert Goodman, graduate '94, nationally noted playwright. 5—T. T. Davis, for past quarter of century principal of school. 6—Frederick G. Young, dean of economics in the University of Oregon and one of the foremost educators in Oregon, who was principal during the studentship of Goodman and Montague. 7—Dan J. Malarkey, prominent Portland attorney. 8—Ralph W. Hoyt, county commissioner. 9—Old Central school, situated where the Portland hotel now stands, which for a number of years housed the high school. 10—Orin B. Coldwell, general superintendent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. 11—Rufus H. Holman, county commissioner. 12—N. De Simon, prominent Portland attorney. 13—Portland high school building at Fourteenth and Morrison streets, now occupied by the Girls' Polytechnic.

East Is Now West in New York Poker and Bridge High Lights

By Ring Lardner

To the editor: Kipling once made the crack that east is east and west is west meaning that they're little in common between the 2 of them and he was thinking a specially of athletic events like football and etc. and the differences in how they play them in N. Y. and vicinity and out in the far west like O. H. I. California and Missouri.

For inst. if Harvard beats Yale 40 to 0, why both teams wins as its a technical victory for Harvard and a moral victory for Yale, while out west the nine that gets the most scores is the only winner, except in a case like the 1919 world serious when Cincinnati win technically, but the fiscal victory rooted under Chicago's pillow.

Or you take track athletics. They's a boy in California name Paddock that run a 100 meters in nothing, but the record don't count down here on acct. of the differences in time and besides if you told a New Yorker about it he would say if Paddock was in such a hurry why didn't he take a taxi.

And you also take bridge whist. I use to play a game by that name out in Chl and I was a careful bidder and use to let somebody else play some of the hands and when I bid

only caught on to a few of them to date.

When the dealer starts off with "One without," it is suppose to be an abbreviation of one without reason and it means the dealer has got nine high in 3 suits and jacks or better in the other. A plain bid of one club or one diamond means strength in the other 3 suits, but a bid of one club accompanied by frothing at the mouth indicates a high blood pressure.

If the dealer bids 2 of either of these suits it is a hint to take him out as the room is too stuffy. A bid of one spade merely calls attention to a mole or other eye sore belonging to one of the oppts.

A bid of one heart don't mean nothing serious unless gangrene sets in. Two hearts while using a handkerchief indicates strength in the olfactory organs. A double of the two heart bid means you got 13 cards but that ain't enough. A bid of two spades accompanied by planting the feet on the table signifies that dealer is going home after the next rubber.

The initial lead should ought to be a suit that hasn't been mentioned, but if they all been talked about, the one to lead is the one that was spoke of in a sneering way. The lead of a two spot implies that the leader would have a good hand if deuces was wild. The lead of a five or six spot means the leader has got a tenace which is something like a won.

They's little to the play after the 1st. lead. The man that done the bidding generally always flops all his cards down on the table and says "Little slam" and if you question him you get a big slam.

Some times, however, when the bid has been doubted, they don't throw the cards down till 4 or 5 leads has been made and in cases like these the partners is suppose to

say anything they can to irritate each other, like for inst. suppose they was a heart led and spades was trumps and your partner didn't have no heart and slapped a spade down and took the trick. You are suppose to say: "Haven't you no hearts, partner?" like you thought he was either beary-eyed or a moron.

If he leads back the wrong card you say:

"Is that all the better you know how to play partner?"

And they's still another convention that is libel to come up several times during the course of the evening and that is when your partner gets the bid and gets set 3 or 4 tricks. A dirty look ain't enough to cover this kind of a incidence but should be followed by some such remark like:

"Your a fine cheese partner," or "Who learnt you to play bridge?"

This is a important convention and they was a Chicago man here a few wks. ago that didn't know about it and when his partner got set 4, why he smiled and says: "Too bad, partner, but it was my fault for raising your bid," and his partner dropped dead and the Chicago man was arrested for murder which is punishable in this state by a \$5 fine.

RING W. LARDNER. Great Neck, May 13. (Copyright, 1921, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

DANCE!

The Swan will sail up the river tonight. Given by the Bungalow Orchestra, Wed. and Sat. and Sunday evenings. Open to the public. Boat leaves foot of Yamhill at 8:30 P. M. Main 4748.

Einstein Is Hard to Confirm Theory Eludes Explanation

By Garrett P. Serviss Famous Astronomer and Writer on Subjects of Scientific Interest.

It is admitted that the Einstein theories are of counsel of perfection, and that Newtonian laws will continue, just as in the past, to answer all practical and most theoretical human needs and questions. There are things which to comprehend is not given to man, such as infinity, eternity and perfection. Man's conviction that they exist is inborn and unshakable, yet he feels that he cannot grasp them.

If there be any comprehension of them it is inherent in some higher state of light than that which Adam was permitted to take with him out of Eden. Even the great name of mathematics is invoked in vain to convince most of us that space is married to matter in such manner there is no space, or that time is dependent upon motion so essentially that to one traveling with the speed of light there would be no time!

FACT BEFORE THEORY Few confirmations That Einstein and his followers feel the full force of the "common sense" objections to these deductions is proved by their eager grasping after material support and confirmation from physical science. And it is extremely few such "confirmations" that they have been able to find—only two in strict fact, a third being as yet merely claimed in anticipation that is likely to be disappointed—while even these few are strongly disputed.

Astronomers, like Professor Poor, and others do not admit that the unquestionable irregularity of the motion of the planet Mercury, or the apparent deviation of star rays passing close by the sun, cannot be satisfactorily accounted for otherwise than by the Einstein theory, and spectroscopists find no evidence of the existence of the shifting of the lines of the spectrum toward the red end which that theory calls for, and which would constitute the third of the so-called confirmations above referred to.

VERIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE Beyond this the entire structure of the theory is purely hypothetical. In fact, it is metaphysical mathematics, in the sense that, while following methods of analysis that have grown up out of physical mathematics, it has pursued its course beyond the limits of physical verification.

It is important that the layman should understand that these extraordinary conclusions are not to be regarded as demonstrated in the sense in which scientific demonstration is usually, and properly understood. They are the results of pure mathematical processes based on assumptions that have no footing upon the ground of actual experience. This, were in correspondence with physical reality. It may be added that if he had found any of the analytic results inconsistent with facts verifiable by experimental knowledge he would have stuck to the facts and rejected the mathematics—and so should we do whenever such a case arises.

NOTHING BUT VISIONS A man, putting on the blinds of vector analysis and setting his feet on an interminable ladder of differential equations, might at length find himself mounted high into outer darkness where nothing was tangible but the ladder rungs beneath his feet and nothing even seemingly visible except visions of the "Alice in Wonderland" sort.

As to the outcome of this great speculation, wait and see, and in the meantime don't worry if you can't understand it—perhaps nobody really understands it. Einstein himself is said to have expressed a desire to have it return to a point noted a few sentences

back, is the reason for the anxiety which the proponents of the theory do not conceal to obtain material support from ascertained facts.

MATHEMATICS LIKE MILL They are aware that "mathematics is a mill the character of whose grind depends upon the nature of what is put in to be ground." Confessedly, mathematics can make its methods work perfectly well upon purely imaginary material. A celebrated mathematician and astronomer, George B. Airy, made an interesting confession in the preface to a geometrical work on gravitation, "I am not unwilling to avow," he wrote, "that the simple considerations which have been forced upon me in the composition of this treatise have, in several instances, contributed much to clear up my view of points which before were obscure and almost doubtful."

He meant that, until he had presented to his mind concrete geometrical representations of the results to which algebraic and analytic processes led, he had no rational conviction that those results were in correspondence with physical reality. The success of mathematical analysis in dealing with the interpretation of electro-magnetic facts has been, perhaps, slightly exhilarating, and it may have led to over-confidence, in some directions, concerning the ability of mathematics to explain the universe without paying much attention to the concrete results of mere human observation. But most wise minds will always prefer to follow Airy's judicious method of basing conviction only on indisputable, if vulgar, facts.

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The GRAND ARMY

ANNOUNCEMENT was made at the departmental headquarters that the railroads had agreed to grant members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their wives a rate of 2 cents a mile to the encampment at Pendleton. This rate applies only to the G. A. R. and all auxiliary bodies will have to pay fare and one-half. The fare under the 2 cent ruling from Portland will be \$3.25, while the other rate will be \$15.00.

Killingsworth avenues. Prizes will be given the winners. George Wright, Sumner and Ben Butler posts will attend services at the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church, Memorial Sunday, May 23. Rev. C. W. Hewitt will deliver the sermon. Lincoln-Garfield post will attend the First United Brethren church.

A. C. Sloan has been recommended to the commander-in-chief, W. A. Kitchum, for appointment as assistant inspector general for the department of Oregon. Sloan will fill the place vacated by the death of Cyrus Walker of McMinnville.

Mrs. Blanche Beverstock of Keene, N. H., was a guest of Owen Sumners camp, Sons of Veterans auxiliary, two weeks ago. Mrs. Beverstock is national president of the auxiliary and was making her official tour of inspection. She was feted at a banquet and shown the wonders of the Columbia river highway.

Peter A. Porter circle will hold a card party Monday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Courters, 655 Savier street.

The next meeting of Ben Butler Relief corps will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in room 555 court-house.

Adjutant General C. A. Williams will address the pupils of Lincoln school, Oregon City, Monday afternoon. The address is a part of the program in the schools for Memorial day. The committee for Portland schools is making arrangements for speakers in each of the schools Friday afternoon, May 27.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. will hold a card party Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Baker hall, Albina and

Short Skirt Penalty It has been ruled in England that a woman can't get a compensation for a dog bite if she happens to be wearing a short skirt at the time.

A young woman complained to the magistrate in the Thames police court, in London, that a dog had bitten her in the calf of the leg.

The Magistrate—"It is one of the disadvantages of wearing short skirts."

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