Suits
——to-measure,
$35==

THE only way to fit a man is to first find out just what kind of a man you have to fit—that's just what we do take your measure exact—and cut the suit for you—and it must fit, or we'll keep 'em.

—tailoring
—exclusively.

CHAS. McDONALD,
The Tailor.
523 Commercial Street.

Few Men Would Ask for a Finer Dinner

than those we serve. We're trying in every way to make them the most enjoyable in town. All the "good things" of the season—cooked by our excellent cook—in the most delicious style. Perfect service.

If you invite a friend to the Palace Restaurant the place is a sufficient guarantee that he will receive a good meal.

The Palace Restaurant

Sterling Silver!

Never has there been such a stock of sterling silver jewelry as that now on display at our store. Half the town does not realize the immensity of this assortment.

EXSTROM, the Jeweler.

ASTORIA -
MATTRESS
- FACTORY,
378 Commercial Street.
—o—
Manufacturers of every description of Lounges, Mattresses, etc.

REPAIRING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES

When the tide sets one way there is always a cause for it.

Women don't come here to buy roast steaks, and all other kinds of meat simply because it's Christensen & Co.'s.

Of course there are a few, a very few, who buy out of compliment, or from ignorance, but the great mass of housekeepers buy where they can get the best and for that reason we supply the majority of the families in Astoria for they know by experience that we have only the best.

WASHINGTON MEAT MARKET,
CHRISTENSEN & CO., Prop'rs.

Hundreds of business and professional men are now coming to our place—

"THE RESORT"

Daily. Why? Because they can at any time, day or night, call for a sandwich here and get it.

We expected to be mobbed for these sandwaches and our fresh 5 cent beer when the railroad comes.

Grosbauer & Brach.

Dalgity Iron Works,
General Machinist and Boiler Works.
All kinds of Cannery, Ship, Steamboat and Engine Work of any Description. Castings of all kinds made to order.
Foot of Lafayette St., Astoria, Or.

A Poor Cigar

—— W. F. SCHIEBE never made.
—— Don't expect to make, either.
—— But marke this—s-a-t-i-s-f-a-c-t-i-o-n of the 22-karet sort has
—— accompanied every purchase of
—— one of the cigars made by him
—— since he began business. We've
—— got the notion that a satisfied
—— customer "cuts a big figure" in
—— building up a business. That's
—— the reason La Belle Astoria takes
—— so well.

ROSS HIGGINS & CO.
Grocers, : and : Butchers
Astoria and Upper Astoria.
Ine Teas and Coffees, Table Delicacies, Domestic and Tropical Fruits, Vegetables, Sugar Cured Hams, Bacon, Etc.
Choice - Fresh - and - Salt - Meats.

White Kid Slippers!
White Kid Oxfords!
White Canvas Oxfords!

In buying these goods from us for graduation exercises one can be suited here just as well as though they had sent to San Francisco and had the goods made for them.

JOHN HAHN & CO.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

WHAT ABOUT
OUR SHOES ?

Aren't they worn out around the sole somewhere? Don't they need a patch on the side? We will make them good as new.

S. A. GIMBRE,
Kitty Corner From Fisher Bros. Store.

F. KROSEL.
420 Commercial Street.
Fresh Candy Made Every Day.
FARM PRODUCTS BOUGHT AND SOLD. Butter, Eggs, Cheese and all kinds of Fruit in Season.
Cigars, bacco and Groceries.

75c
White Chamoie
Gloves!
ALBERT DUNBAR.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Try Smith's ice cream.

Fresh strawberries at Smith's today.

Sweet cream at Smith's 20 cents pint.

Don't use a plaster, but take Rogers' Kidney Cure for lame back.

DON'T PASS BY—But step into Jeff's and try one of those 25c meals.

POSTAGE STAMP DEPOT—H. Jeldness, No. 613 Commercial street.

A FEW LEFT—Of those 25c meals at Joe Tarp's; try one; 130 11th street.

THE SPA—Colman's old stand, is the place for fresh candies and ice cream.

THE SAME PLACE—118 12th street is the place to buy fresh fish every day.

GRAND OPENING—Of all kinds of foreign novelty goods, at 566 Commercial street.

T. E. Schultz, frescoe and scenic artist, with B. F. Allen, 365 Commercial Street.

WANTED—People to call at the Scow Bay Wood Yard and learn the prices on wood.

The Palace Barber Shop is now giving one of their two-bit shaves for 15 cents.

Our milk is guaranteed strictly pure and fresh from the cow daily. Reith & Wilson.

The Palace Bath House encourages folks to bathe by having everything first class.

The vanilla and lemon extracts put up by the Printz-Crain Drug Co. are the best made.

PAT LAWLER & CO.—Fine line of canned goods and fresh fish, 574 Commercial street.

YOUR TURN NEXT—To get one of the finest cigars for the least money. No. 459 12th street.

Call at the Printz-Crain Drug Store and get a sample of their Anticeptic Tooth Wash free of charge.

GRAEFE & HANKE—No. 628 Commercial street, will repair your clothes for little money. Try them.

WORLD'S FAIR SALOON—Keeps the finest line of liquors and cigars in the city. Call and sample them.

FOR FINE DENTAL WORK—Go to Dr. Howard, No. 598 Commercial Street. Removed from Astor House.

If your watch don't run, call at 574 Commercial street, across from Shanahan Bro.' and have it repaired.

DON'T FORGET—That at Nos. 214 and 216 Tenth street is the place to have your horse shod and repair work done.

Smith's ice cream is unequalled. Ice cream soda a specialty. Private parlors for ladies. Commercial street.

DROP IN—Next door to McLean's Blacksmith Shop and get prices on all kinds of carpenter work. A. Paulsen.

WE HAVE IT—The place to get a 25-cent meal for 15 cents, only white labor employed at 684 Commercial street.

WAH SING & CO.—Merchant tailors, 636 Commercial street, cheaper than you can buy ready made. New stock complete.

RAILROAD SURE—If W. T. Beveridge cannot suit you with cigars and tobacco on Commercial street, he can on 11th street.

A SURE THING—That you can get fruit and candy for less money than anywhere else at M. Moulor's, on Bond street.

STOP—At the Horse Shoe Chop House and try one of those 15 cent meals, same as you pay 25 cens for elsewhere, 546 Commercial street.

Will spend the summer in Astoria, one of Portland's most artistic dressmakers, late from Chicago. Patronage solicited. Look for card later.

JUST RECEIVED—At 615 Commercial street, fine line of extension tables, center tables, lounges, and kitchen treasures. J. G. Ross, proprietor.

L. I. JOHNSON—Opposite Central Hotel, will kindly thank the public for a share of its trade. Fresh strawberries by every morning's steamer. Prices to suit.

What cows received first premium at the World's Fair for producing the richest milk? Jersey cows, and those are the only kind that J. A. Rowan sells milk from.

No better milk was ever brought to Astoria than is furnished for five cents a quart by Reith & Wilson, and delivered in a clean and tightly closed glass bottle at your door every morning.

Arrived—Mrs. Zwemer, trance medium. Can be consulted on all affairs of life. Call at Mrs. M. A. Hall's residence, 361 Exchange street, old Ross residence. Circles every Tuesday and Friday night at 8 o'clock.

What brings people back to the Astoria Wood Yard after they have sounded the possibilities everywhere else? May be it's one thing, and May be it's another. But the fact remains—back they come. And of course the Astoria Wood Yard is proud of it.

Mothers raising their babes on the bottle will have fat, strong and healthy babies by using J. A. Rowan's Jersey milk, as he makes a specialty of milk for babies and the sick. Try him and be happy.

Business men of Astoria visiting Portland have for years been accustomed to take their mid-day lunch at the "Gem." The "Gem" is now located at 72 Third street, next door to the Ainsworth Bank. Jos. E. Penny.

What is the use of having a "human form divine" unless you care for it, and drape it and clothe it so as to make it a source of joy to yourself and a pride to your friends? Nature supplies the form. A. Lake, the tailor at 359 Commercial street will make the raiment. See him.

If you want a bicycle repaired or a lock fixed, or any other first-class work done, call on C. H. Orkwitz, next door to Martin Olsen's Auction House.

EYES—Two hard-woking servants—Yet quickest to rebel when over-worked. Glasses—the right ones—scientifically, delicately adjusted ones—the remedy. The ability that experience and study gives can be had at J. H. Seymour's. Charges—only for glasses—are modest.

CHAMBER SETS

At your own price at Foard & Stoke Co.'s.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local weather for the twoney-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, furnished by the United States department of agriculture weather bureau:

Maximum temperature, 66 degrees.
Minimum temperature, 55 degrees.
Precipitation, none.
Total precipitation from September 1st, 1894, to date, 73.77 inches.
Excess of precipitation from September 1st, 1894, to date, 5.55 inches.

AROUND TOWN.

Fresh candies every hour at the Bonbonniere.

Best ice cream and ice cream soda in the city at the Bonbonniere.

Look out for the High School Football Club excursion on the Fourth.

Mrs. Wyman, an aged lady of the city, it is understood yesterday donated $200 for the railroad.

Astoria will surely improve—The Tighe Hotel has a new balustrade at its 11th street entrance.

Go to Fort Canby on the 4th with the High School Football Club. Only 50 cents for the round trip.

Big celebration at Fort Canby on the 4th. The Ilwacos and the High School Club are to compete.

Constable Fred Oberg has been appointed by the police commissioners, special officer for Saturday nights.

Quite a number of businessmen remarked last evening that the day was the busiest Saturday for many months past.

Look out for the K. P. basket picnic at Seaside on the Fourth. Old-fashioned sports are promised and a general good time.

Miss Mary Fossett, one of the teachers of the Adair school, left Friday evening on a trip across the continent to her home in Maine.

Those having flowers to donate for the Knights of Pythias reception Wednesday evening will confer a great favor by notifying Mr. Herman Wise.

Miss Maud Bayles, of Astoria, had the honor of being valedictorian of the class at the class at the Monmouth normal school—a credit to Astoria.

Don't miss the great time at Fort Canby on the 4th. Twenty-two events to take place. The steamer Mayflower leaves Hume's dock at 8 a. m.

Past Master Workman Charles H. Stockton was yesterday appointed grand guide of the jurisdiction of Oregon, A. O. U. W. (Seaside Lodge cannot be suspended.)

Tickets will be sold for the steamer Telephone and Bailey Gatzert July 3 and 4, good until 5th, at one fare for the round trip, to all points between Astoria and Portland.

The ladies of the Library Association have announced that, owing to the coming Art Loan Exhibition, the reading room and circulating department will be suspended until the close of that event.

Charles Chassy and Charles Danby, two men arrested several days ago on suspicion of being implicated in the recent up-river robberies, were discharged by Justice Abercrombie yesterday afternoon.

About 20 men who have been busy grading a lot in block 23, Shively's Astoria, for J. W. Welch, completed their work yesterday. This is one of the lots facing on the new street now being opened.

Jack Carlson's good luck continues. Last season he was high boat and thus far this year is a good distance in the lead again, having up to date caught 14 tons of fish, an extraordinarily large catch.

Captain Parker, of the steamer Ilwaco, complains that the scows on Sand Island, recently ordered out of the channel by Major Post are still stationed in a position so as to greatly interfere with the coming and going of steamers.

Sheriff Hare returned from near Brownsport yesterday afternoon having in charge a man named Theodore Kalin, who is accused of net stealing. The man when arrested admitted to the sheriff that he had committed the theft.

It is common talk that the bicycle which is to be given(?) as a premium in the school teachers' editing contest, has already been arranged for Professor Jackson, of the Cedar Street School. If the rumor is correct, the work of the judges will be that much lessened.

The following were among the passengers for Portland on the Potter last evening: J. F. Hamilton, H. Vesper, W. Jacobs, H. L. Nettleton, Miss Thover, H. C. Thompson, L. Jesting, A. Llewelling, Mrs. Harrison, S. P. Marsh and 19 Italian laborers.

First M. E. Church—A very interesting service at 11 a. m. A young people's rally at 7 p. m. At 8 p. m., sermon by the pastor; subject, "Every Man a Tower Builder." The great tower in the plain of Shinor, its remains and its lessons. Everybody cordially invited.

The Knights of Pythias have issued their invitations to all Knights to bring their wives, mothers, daughters and sisters (mothers-in-law barred) to the coffee social to be held next Wednesday evening at Pythian Castle, when a lodge of Pythian Rathbone Sisters will be instituted.

The board of school directors met in the office of School Clerk Ferguson yesterday morning. The object of the meeting was the election of a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. P. Dickinson. Owing to the absence of Benj. Young, caused by sickness, an adjournment was taken until Tuesday morning.

Work will be commenced tomorrow morning on making the necessary improvements towards turning the Fisher building on 12th and Exchange streets, into a theatre house. Alterations have been made from the plans originally drawn, and the improvements contemplated will be on a much smaller scale. The building will not be enlarged and the only change that will be made is the raising of the basement floor. No gallery will be erected, and instead of having a seating capacity of 1500 or more, as at first intended, the new theatre will accommodate but 500. The building will have four entrances, and two stairways, the main entrance being in the shape of double doors at the southwest corner. The stage will be 18x35 feet and the interior of the building will be fitted up in a comfortable manner. The hall upstairs will not be changed, and will still be used as a dancing room.

The fresco work in the store of Chas. Rogers has been completed by the artists, Messrs. Allen and Schultz. The ceiling is one of the handsomest on the coast, and is done in soft colors beautifully blended, the design being original and all of the work being hand work. The borders on the walls above the shelving are of a unique pattern and match the other work. This enterprising firm are most certainly making a reputation for fine work, not only in the city, but abroad, and have an enviable reputation established.

Agents wanted to sell the Morgan adjustable pattern; most wonderful invention ever made. By its use any lady can get the same results as by the tailor system without the work. Ladies taught how to fit a perfect fitting dress, and supplied with the system for only $5. Call for one week on Mrs. J. W. Brown, Hotel Tighe, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

The church notice of the Methodist church was omitted from yesterday's issue because of the crowded condition of the columns of the paper at the late hour in which the notice was handed in Friday. If all such notices are handed to the city editor by 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, as is the rule, there will be no difficulty in having them inserted in the Saturday paper.

In the warehouse of the West Coast Cannery in Upper Astoria is stored about 50 tons of salmon bellies. They are packed in uncovered tanks and barrels, and are in a very bad condition. If in the least disturbed a foul stench arises which has caused much complaint from people in the neighborhood, who say that if they are not removed soon the proper authorities will be informed of the matter.

The old favorite steamer R. R. Thompson is again on the Astoria-Portland route, after having been thoroughly overhauled, re-painted and re-fitted with new and elegant furnishings, including carpets, mattresses, etc. Besides this there has been placed on the Thompson a complete electric light plant. All of these features combined make the Thompson one of the most comfortable boats on the river to ride on.

Commissioner McGuire arrived in Astoria on the Telephone yesterday afternoon. The commissioner's business in this city is in relation to matters regarding the question of river jurisdiction and the enforcement of the law in reference to Sunday fishing. Preparations were made for a patrol of the river during the night, but at a late hour no start had been made. Mr. McGuire places no confidence in the rumor that the Pacific county grand jury has indicted him and says that the report of militia, kidnaping, etc., is in his opinion nothing but wild talk. He will remain in town several days.

Thanking the good people of Astoria and surrounding country for their liberal patronage during the thirty days I worked at reduced prices. I hope by professional courtesy, honest and durable work, to merit a continuance of the same.

MENTOR HOWARD,
Surgeon Dentist.
Dental parlors, 598 Commercial street.

ART LOAN EXHIBIT.

Arrangements About Completed for a Splendid Entertainment.

The several departments of the loan exhibition are gradually being brought to a finish and when the doors are opened Tuesday eve the exhibits will all be in place. The task of arranging this exhibit in two days is a mammoth one, and it will only be by prompt action that it can be done. Persons loaning articles will confer a favor by either bringing them Monday, or packing them early, so as to cause no delay to the carriers.

It is said by those having seen exhibitions of this kind elsewhere, that the exhibit for this occasion far surpasses anything they have ever seen. Thousands of dollars worth of articles, beside numerous heirlooms and curiosities that no money could buy will be exhibited. In view of this fact there has been detailed special police protection for the entire exhibition. The association has been to considerable trouble and expense to provide catalogues, without which the visitor would be unable to properly appreciate the exhibition. Previous to the opening night these catalogues may be found at city bookstores—Price 10 cents.

The exhibition opens at 8 p. m. Tuesday, the 25th, and closes Thursday at 10 p. m., open afternoons between 2 and 5:30 and evenings from 7 to 10 o'clock, and will consist of articles of value loaned for the occasion, with a competitive exhibit as follows:

Premiums (1st blue and 2nd red) will be awarded for the best amateur work in the following: Picture in oil, water color, crayon, photography, three pieces hand painted china, tissue paper articles, single piece of embroidery, ideal honitan, drawn work, knitting, crochet, display of roses, pansies, geraniums, ferns, collection growing plants, cut flowers—Decision by judges. The best hat and bonnet will be decided by popular vote—the vote announced each day. Judges will award premiums on the flowers Wednesday noon, and the other departments Thursday before 7 p. m. As an attractive adjunct to the exhibition there will be the dime museum—see dodgers for particulars. Division of exhibits are: Art gallery, flower show and refreshments, next door M. E. church; curio, china, embroidery, etc., in the library room; the dime museum in Mrs. Ross' millinery room in the evenings only.

Season tickets, good for five admissions, $1.25 (transferable); single admission, 50 cents; children's season tickets, 75 cents, single admissions, 25 cents; one ticket admits to all but dime museum. See the catalogues at the bookstores.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ASTOR HOUSE.

T O Connell, Cathl
Wm H Hill, Skipa
G O Chowder, Salm
Geo McIntire, Prind
Miss Ruth Sutherland, Portland.
H A Melkel, Jno Day
G L Wilson, Ft Stev
S P Andrews, Oysterville
Nancy J Andrews, Oysterville.
W E Weed Ft Stvns
Howard Wilson, Fort Stevens.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, June 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The feature of the business week is the customary check to activity in trading in staple articles of merchandise, due to the near approach of midsummer, with the accompanying stock taking in some lines; in addition to this the only other matter of note pointing to an improvement is the reaction of the price of cotton, coal, wheat, flour, corn, oats, pork and lard from the previous activity and higher levels. In almost all other directions the reports on the business situation and outlook are exceptionally favorable. The more active Pacific coast cities are almost alone in presenting distinct features of trade each week. San Francisco reports that hot winds have affected the California wheat crop, which now will not likely exceed 33,000,000 bushels.

Fall trade prospects at Portland, Ore., are bright.

Tacoma announces exports of flour, cotton and machinery to the Orient, and lumber to South Africa, while Seattle has sent large amounts of silver money to Mexican ports.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

A Few Sample Essays of the Graduates Selected.

EXERCISES AT THE SCHOOLS

Much Thought and Careful Training Shown—Bright Ideas Expressed by the Grammar Scholars.

(The three essays published below were handed in by the teachers of the Court and Cedar Street Schools, as selected samples of the work of the graduating class. The one by young Gray, on political parties, was prepared by himself without assistance, after careful research and study.—Editor.)

POLITICAL PARTIES.

Politics is that branch of human duty that has for its object the proper mode of governing a state, so as to secure its prosperity, peace, and safety, and to attain as perfectly as possible the ends of civil society. Among the subjects which political science embraces are the principles on which government is founded, the development and increase of resources of the states, the protection of the rights and liberties of citizens, the preservation of their morals, and the defense of the independence of the states against foreign control or conquest. The ancient Greek writers treated politics with reference to an ideal state, which each propounded according to his own speculative views, pointing out the variation of every existing government from his standard.

The politics of a country, in common speech, implies the course of its government, more especially in its relation with foreign powers.

French history tells us that, "The states general, that is to say, a convocation made up of deputies from all classes in France, convened by royal order in 1789, opened its sessions May 5 in Paris. It was called the constituent assembly, but by its own act, June 17, 1789, named itself the national assembly. A universal desire for the repealing of all feudal privileges seized all classes, and even those who were about to lose them, resolved to offer voluntarily as a sacrifice, what they foresaw would soon be demanded. On motion of Marquis de Noailis, Aug. 4, 1789, all feudal privileges except royalty were abolished, including those of the religious order." This was undoubtedly the first political assembly with pronounced republican ideas. Political parties belong to a republican form of government because they are more independent than any other form, and are organized by people to announce their views as to the proper manner of conducting the government.

The development of political parties in the United States first originated in 1796, and primarily by reason of a desire of the sympathizers of France in America whom President Washington had great difficulty in restraining from enlisting the people of the United States in foreign war. Alexander Hamilton and John Adams were leaders of the Federalist party, which supported the administration of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Randolph became leaders of the republican party which opposed the United States banks, the English treaty, and the assuming of the state debts. Since that time political parties have dominated the policy of the president and congress of the United States. The first parties that appeared in the field with issues were the Federalists and Republicans. The Federalists were in favor of internal improvements, a protective tariff, and a strong national government. Internal improvements consist of the improvement of rivers and harbors, the building of dry docks for the repair of our navy and merchant ships, the construction of custom houses, postoffices and other public buildings. A protective tariff not only provides revenue for the expense of the government to make internal improvements, but also discriminates its duties, so that they are levied principally upon imported articles that come in direct competition with home industries and so adjust the rate that such competing foreign productions can not be placed upon our markets at rates less than the reasonable home market price. A strong national government was one in which the president was given power by congress to protect the various interests of the people by discriminating against foreigners that levy a prohibitive tariff upon American products.

The Republicans fearing the doctrine of the Federalists, lest the republic should become a monarchy and the president a king, opposed their ideas and advocated states rights. The Republicans at this time were accused by their opponents of being friends of France, and the Federalists were accused by those opposing them of being friends of Great Britain and its aristocratic institutions.

The old Republican or anti-Federalist party abandoned that name and assumed the name of the Democratic party in 1828, at which time the present Democratic party was born. The Federalist party in 1825 was superceded by the Whig party, who were in favor of a protective tariff and internal improvements. The Whigs and Democrats were the two principal political parties until 1856, when the Whig party was succeeded by the present Republican party. The Republican party was formed in 1854, principally by those opposed to the further extension of slavery in the United States, but did not present a candidate for the presidency until 1856. The several presidents were as follows: Washington, our first president, was elected by the people and had no opponent, John Adams, a Federalist, was the first president elected by that party in 1797. After Adams came Thomas Jefferson, a Republican, who was elected president for two terms in 1801 and served until 1809. He was succeeded by James Madison, a Republican also, who served for two terms until 1817. He was succeeded by James Monroe, a Republican candidate, who served two terms until 1825. The next president, J. Q. Adams, owing to four different candidates, none of whom obtained a majority of the electoral votes necessary, was elected by the house of representatives and served until 1829. He was succeeded by Andrew Jackson, the first Democratic president, who inaugurated the American policy in politics, "to the victor belongs the spoils," or rotation in office. He served two terms until 1837, and was succeeded by Martin Van Buren, also a Democrat, who was succeeded by William Henry Harrison in 1841, the first Whig candidate, who died a month after his inauguration, and was succeeded by John Tyler, vice president, by his successive vetoes he caused great anger and excitement among the Whigs, who had elected him. James K. Polk, a Democrat, was elected president in 1845, and during his term of office the war with Mexico, which gave us California, Arizona and New Mexico, also the settlement of the Oregon boundary question, which gave us the state of Washington, and a part of Idaho, were consumated, principally through the statesmanship of Daniel Webster, his secretary of state.

The Whig party was next victorious and in 1849 elected General Zachary Taylor, who died about one year after his inauguration, and was succeeded by Millard Fillmore, vice-president, who was succeeded by Franklin Pierce in 1853, the Democratic nominee. During his administration the Whig party ceased to exist, and was succeeded by the organization of the Republican party. And in 1857 James Buchanan, a Democrat, was elected president. His principal opponent was John C. Fremont, the Republican nominee. In 1860 the Democratic party divided and made two nominations for president, Stephen A. Douglass, who favored squatter sovereignty, and John C. Breckenridge, who claimed that slavery could be carried into any territory. The Republican party nominated Abraham Lincoln, who held that while slavery must be protected where it was it ought not to be carried into a free territory. Lincoln was elected and inaugurated March 4, 1861. In February, 1861, seven of the Southern states seceded from the Union and formed a government called the "Confederate States of America." In April General Beauregard, who had command of the Confederate troops at Charleston, South Carolina, demanded of Major Anderson, the commander of the United States troops occupying Fort Sumter, to surrender, and upon his refusal fired upon the fort. This was the beginning of our great civil war which lasted till the expiration of Lincoln's first term of office. Lincoln was again elected in 1864, and was inaugurated March 4, 1865. He was assassinated April 14, 1865, when Andrew Johnson, vice president, became president until 1869. The Republicans again nominated and elected as president for two terms Ulysses S. Grant. The next president was a Republican, Rutherford B. Hayes, who was inaugurated March 4, 1877, he served four years and was succeeded by James A. Garfield, a Republican, in 1881. President Garfield was assassinated July 2, and died September 19 of that year. Vice President Chester A. Arthur then took the oath of office and assumed the duties of president until 1885, making twenty-four years of Republican administration. Then a Democrat, Grover Cleveland, was inaugurated president March 4, 1885. He was succeeded in 1889 by Benjamin Harrison, a Republican, who held the office for one term. Grover Cleveland was again elected and is the present incumbent of that high office.

From the above we find the number of presidents and length of time of each; the Federalists elected one president, serving four years; the Democrat Republicans elected two, serving sixteen years; the Whigs three, serving twelve years; the Democrats six, serving twenty-eight years and the present Republicans five presidents, serving twenty-eight years.

The principal political parties of today are Republican, Democratic, Populist and Prohibition.

The principal issues of the Republican party are the protective tariff and the internal improvements and maintaining our national credit. The principal issues of the Democratic party are tariff for revenue only, permitting the importation of raw material of all kinds into the United States, and are divided as to what course to take in maintaing our national credit, and the management of our finances. The principals of the Populist party are in favor of the government ownership or control of railroads and telegraph lines, the large increase of our currency and the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The principals or objects of the Prohibitionist party are to enact laws to prohibit the use and sale of intoxicating liquors, and its followers, coming from all other parties, are divided upon other issues.

It should be the aim and desire of every boy and girl as well as citizens, to work for the upbuilding of our country, to study its history and try to follow the example and teachings of the great and brave men who made our Constitution and fought to sustain its principles that we, the grandchildren, may enjoy the blessings of living in the great republic and the proud honor of saying to all the world, I am an American.

THE DAY THAT IS HERE.

"Every day hath its dawn,
Its soft and silent eve,
Its noontide hours of bliss or bale,
Why should we grieve?"

And yet, how few of us see the brightness or joy in the day that is here; how small a thing it seems; how we allow it to go in anxious longing for the bright tomorrow, in vain regrets for the happy past.

How many of us now, looking backward to some other day, will sigh, "Oh, how happy I was then; surely the sun was brighter, the flowers more fragrant, and friendships warmer, and then the consoling thought, the soothing balm—the bright and beautiful future; but the living present, the day that is here, has no fascination for us.

"We will not clasp it as it flies,
Nor kiss its lips and brow,
We will not bathe our wearied souls,
In its delicious Now."

Why do we not make the best of these fleeting days, that perhaps in after years we would give our lives to recall? Why do we, heedless, let them fly as carelessly as winged butterflies, with never a thought of

"How we heap huge mounds of years,
Before us and behind,
And scorn the little days that pass,
Like angels on the wind."

How few of us now are living this beautiful June time with a full appreciation of its glory? Why must past times seem so much more radiant and future summers glowing with promise, while the beauty and bloom of the day that is with us is clouded by strife and ill will, darkened by the evil deeds of those who through petty jealousies, seek to injure us and marred by our own wilful spirit of revenge. Ah! Could we but learn a little lesson from those days that will never return, could we but improve each shining hour with some good deed, striving rather to bring happiness to some lonely life, to warm some dreary heart with the gentle influence of love, than to injure another by word or deed, that we may ourselves soar higher and triumph over those whose lives we have blighted.

Fellow classmates, let us today, as we are about to enter upon a higher course of education, resolve to live the living present for the good that we can do, to think of that eternal future and prepare ourselves for it by deeds of love and kindness and to remember through the coming year to

"Count that day lost
Whose low, descending sun,
Views not from from thy hand
Some worthy action done."

ADELE SOVEY.

BOOK OF FATE.

Heaven from all creatures hides the book of fate.

Fate is the friend of the good, the guide of the wise, the tyrant of the foolish and the enemy of the bad. It is far better we know not. But how different our lives would be and how bright the lives of others. If we only could look forward and see which one of the two roads fate is going to lead us into. The one road leading us into a peaceful, sunny land, covered with a fertile harvest and resounding with soft, sweet songs; or is our fate to be the fate of many, conducted into a deep, dark cave, whence there is no issue, where poison flows instead of the beautiful cool, clear water, and where serpents hiss and crawl.

Fate has led and will still lead many of our friends and companions along the dark dreary road. While others will trod the paths of virtue and industry and will be honored and happy. Fate has carried me. 'Mid the thick arrows, I will keep my stand. Not shrink and let the shaft pass by my heart, to pierce another.

Ye who still linger on the threshold of life, doubting which pathway you will choose and wondering which pathway fate will lead you. Struggle against fate if it leads you into the wrong road, for remember when years have passed and your feet shall stumble on the dark mountains you will cry bitterly, but cry in vain.

O, youth, return, oh, give me back my early days, that I may struggle against fate and conquer.

WINNIE BELL.

CEDAR STREET SCHOOL.

The parents and friends of the Cedar street school were much pleased at the impromptu graduating exercises held in the girls' playroom yesterday morning. The room was neatly decorated for the occasion. At 10 o'clock Professor Jackson began the exercises by calling upon Miss Bessie Sabo for an address, which was well rendered. Then followed a solo by Mr. William Belcher, which received hearty applause. A well written essay by Hugh Bowby was then read, followed by a song from Mrs. H. T. Crosby. Willie Gray read an essay on "Political parties," which would have been a treat for old campaigners to listen to. Amy Lemon's essay, on "Proper Indulgencies," was well received. Miss Barth and Miss Alice Gray sweetly sang a duet. Austin Osburn followed, delivering in a creditable manner the valedictory. Rev. Liddell delivered the address to the graduating class, pointing out the great good to follow the storing up of knowledge, etc. Mr. Thomas Dealy, chairman of the board of school directors, then presented the diplomas, after which Professor Jackson closed the exercises.

M'CLURE'S SCHOOL EXERCISES.

The exercises of the eighth grade pupils of Astoria were held this evening in the hall of McClure's school.

The pupils bade farewell to the common school and received certificates of promotion to the high school. The certificates were presented by Mr. H. C. Thompson, and the exercises were very entertaining.

The valedictory was delivered by Miss Ella Nelson of Alderbrook, who, it was decided, had the highest standing, 98 per cent.

As they stood on the eighth round of the ladder—finished the eighth year of school—there seemed to be a little note of regret for lost opportunity, but a still louder one of determination for the future. If younger pupils are anticipating this and in their future would lay with a little more care the foundation they are building, it would be well.

ADAIR'S SCHOOL.

Thursday afternoon the pupils of Adair's school entertained parents and friends with an interesting program of recitation and song, after which the visitors went down stairs to see the exhibition of the work of the pupils, some of which was regular work of several months ago.

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