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COMMENCEMENT IS OVER

High School and Eighth Grade Hold
Their Closing Exercises with
Packed Houses.

The public school work for the year closed with the commencement exercises of the Eighth Grade at the Opera House last night. The year's work has been of a high standard, and has been of great good for all the students. The teachers have worked faithfully and have done their best which is saying a great deal for their students.

The High School under the care of Prof. Strange has made marked progress, and to him great credit is due, from students and from parents.

The commencement exercises of the Senior Class of the High School Thursday night are worthy of special mention. They had decorated the hall with a canopy of light blue and gold crepe streamers, and the background of the platform was a network of French pinks worked into ropes. Masses of ferns were arranged so as to give them impressions of dozens of rows of potted flowers lining the front of the stage.

Rev. Grace made the invocation. The girls chorus then sang a Cradle Song, which was splendidly done. The girls were trained by Miss Mundy, and showed not alone their good voices, but the result of Miss Mundy's able and careful teaching. Merle Scovell made a masterly oration on "The Reconstruction Period."

Alice Huff gave the reading "The Headless Horseman" with much skill, speaking clearly and distinctly through the entire long poem. She has much ability as an educationist.

Stella Cochlin with a heavy subject in, "The Paternal Tendency of Governments" towards Municipal control of public utilities, quoting instances illustrating such tendencies and made a fine impression.

Katie Knowlton told marvelous tales of the class as the years should find them, woven into the history and progress of the world in a very bright and entertaining way that caught every one's humor.

Mabel Coffman read easily and well "Jacob Whittles Speech."

The chorus sang "Good night" a very pretty little melody for girls voices.

Chas. Hull outlined the Portsmouth Conference and how it was brought about and the power Pres. Roosevelt wielded in the Peace settle-

ment in a concise manner, speaking with great rapidity, yet clearly.

The history of the class was a novel one, and was originated by Agnes Wooley, and told in an entertaining manner.

The Valedictory by Ren. Sanford with the Class Motto as his subject, was a well worded and delivered oration, the result of much study and thought.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, who was present was called upon to speak to the class and made a grand address on their motto, and bid them continue their studies on into the future, gathering knowledge with each day and to strive always and only for the best, in life.

County Supt. W. B. Dillard then presented to the class their diplomas in which the Board has been very generous, in securing the finest of engraved parchments, after which he awarded to Hugh Currin a year's scholarship in Whitman College for the highest grades for the entire year.

The evening closed with the Class Song the words of which were written by Hugh Currin, the master musician and talented inventor and electrician for the class.

EIGHTH GRADE EXERCISES

The class of "1906" were not to be outdone by the Seniors and Friday night gave a splendid program on which they gave promise of great things to be done when they reach their Senior year. Prof. Harvey has worked hard to get his pupils all imbued with the desire for a thorough knowledge of their work, and through his efforts has helped them to make a fine showing. We will hope to give a fuller report next week of the program.

Game Fund Increases From Fines.

Game warden Baker reports several large fines paid into the state treasury by persons caught violating the provision of the State Game Laws. Coos Co., S. R. Lush-brugh, running sawdust in stream, \$50; James Nohn and Thos. Karrie, for killing sea gulls, each \$5; Douglas Co., Arthur. Frost, killing deer, \$250; T. H. Hedghithu, killing deer \$25; Umatilla Co., J. J. Trozall, for dynamiting fish, \$200 and 30 days in jail. The warden says this is the first time in Oregon that anybody has been caught and convicted for dynamiting fish, and he hopes the fine and penalty will be sufficient to keep others from violating this law.

Walter L. Tooze of Woodburn, arrived Wednesday morning to address the veterans of the G. A. R. at their services in the afternoon.

HONORED DEAD REMEMBERED

Decoration Day Fully Observed.

Wednesday the sun shone brightly upon the graves of the dead soldiers, who fought and bled for the Nation, and none less brightly upon the graves of those others who had their battles at home in the struggles of life. All were fittingly remembered. Early in the morning the G. A. R. Post, with the Relief corps, the W. O. W., Odd Fellows, Foresters and kindred organizations marched to the cemetery with arms and baskets laden with flowers to strew on the graves. A short programme was given by the G. A. R. and the Relief corps, after which each comrade's grave was visited in turn and decorated. Hundreds of people were present and the graves were all beautifully trimmed.

The afternoon programme was much more extensive and opened with the introductory remarks of Dr. Woods, commanding officer of the G. A. R. The first speaker was Hon. Walter L. Tooze, who delivered one of the most delightful memorial addresses that has been given in the city for a long time. Mr. Tooze has been the orator on many such occasions, and through his experiences and natural ability was able to make his speech one of much value to the veterans.

Rev. Grace made a short speech in honor of the comrades, who had borne their battles bravely in North and South, never murmuring at their lot.

Dr. Best, Medical Director of the Department of the Oregon G. A. R., who is about to locate here, spoke in a few words of the conflicts that they had to go through with and the courage of the boys and the memorable day of the days.

Appropriate music was given between each speech, in which young and old, comrades and all joined in alike.

Dr. Woods has asked that special mention be made of the thanks of the Post to the band who has kindly donated their services for the day, and added so much to the exercises for which the Post is very grateful.

A clipping from President Roosevelt's Memorial address.

"This day is hallowed and sacred in our history, for this day throughout the land we meet to pay homage to the memory of the valiant dead who fell in the great civil war. No other men deserve so well of this country as those to whom we owe it that the Union was preserv-

ed have left us a country reunited in fact as well as in name. They have left us the memory of the great deeds and the self devotion alike of the men who wore the blue and of the men who wore the gray in the contest where brother fought brother with equal courage, with equal sincerity of conviction, with equal fidelity to a high ideal, as it was given to each to see that ideal.

A Clean Record.

If capability, clean record, fair dealing in office with justice to all and partiality to none, counts for anything, the result of the election in June for Sheriff of Lane County is a foregone conclusion. Sheriff Fisk may justly feel proud of his records that he presents to the people of Lane county as a testimonial in his behalf for their endorsement. In the apprehension of criminals, the proper care of prisoners, in the service of circuit court papers and proper returns thereon, in the collection of three quarters of a million dollars in tax money and its proper distribution, Sheriff Fisk invites the closest scrutiny of his record and books by any taxpayer or committee who may be disposed to examine the same. The experts employed by Lane county have ever found Sheriff Fisk's records, tax books and papers, kept in accurate manner. It can be stated without fear of being successfully contradicted that the records in the office of Sheriff of Lane County are in as good, clean and proper condition as any sheriff's office in the State of Oregon. Regarding this condition of affairs the present incumbent, Fred, feels justly proud and presents his good record of the past, as sheriff, to the people for their endorsement. From all about the county there comes the same voice of satisfaction and the same remark of approval accompanied with the words "It is best to let well enough alone, I am going to vote for Fred."—Springfield News.

Russia is in trouble continuously. It is from one condition to another. The ministry appointed by the Czar and the Douma do not seem to be able to work in harmony, and the ministry has been going ahead making plans, which the Douma will not work under. The trouble has become so intense that reports have been out that the Czar will form a new ministry, with an ex-finance minister, Shihoff, as head.

Springfield is to have a sash and door, chair and box factory combined, which will be built by Eastern capitalists.

SAWMILL ACCIDENT.

S. J. Jones, a Former Resident Here,
Was Killed at Wendling.

S. J. Jones, a former resident of Cottage Grove, employed at the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company's mill at Wendling died about eleven o'clock Tuesday night from injuries received in the sawmill about 2:30 in the afternoon.

He was working on the lath machine when in some unexplained manner a slab flew out and struck him in the pit of the stomach. He was taken to his home and lingered in great agony until night when he passed away.

Mr. Jones leaves a wife and seven children. He had been working there for seven months, going there from Saginaw, and formerly worked at the old Long & Bingham mill here. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World, in which latter organization he carried a large insurance.

The body was brought to Cottage Grove Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon was buried from the undertaking parlors of Veatch & Lawson by the woodmen of the World Lodge and the Circle, both lodges turning out with their entire membership. His wife and children were all present at the final services.

Hon. Walter L. Tooze, a prominent Woodman, and the state of the order, being present, made a most touching reference to the departed comrade, and eulogized him as a model husband and father, true to his family and home at all times and under all conditions.

Governor Chamberlain Made Able Speech Tuesday.

Governor Chamberlain met a large company of voters Tuesday afternoon at the Opera house and made one of the best speeches of the campaign. The governor is one of the brightest and most accomplished speakers on the platform and he carried his audience with him. He spoke evenly and rapidly and stated each proposition clearly and well. He outlined the principal issues, took up the work that has been accomplished by the different administration and what in particular he has aimed to accomplish for the estate, and for the people and what he has had to contend with. He took up the matter of the land office and the frauds that had been perpetrated in the

state. He spoke of the condition when he went into office and the work that had to be done to get it straightened out, and what had been lost to the state school fund through its poor manipulation. He stated that through him the price of the State Land has been increased to \$7.50 per acre and that if all the land had been sold at that price, the state would have had a school fund of \$25,000,000 the interest on which would have supported schools all over the state, without any additional taxation. He called attention to what he has done and that he feels justified in asking for election a second time. The speech won enthusiastic applause and helped many in their view on the situation.

Picnic At Coast Fork Bridge June 9.

A picnic will be given at the Coast Fork bridge on Saturday, June 9, by the public school of the new district in that vicinity. Extensive preparations are being made for the occasion. A program of instrumental and vocal music, recitations and addresses will be rendered and a baseball game between the Pleasant Hill first nine and the married men and bachelors will be played. A basket dinner will be served at the noon hour. The speaker of the occasion will be President Briggs, of the Drain Normal School. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the exercises.—Guard.

Cottage Grove a Musical Town.

Cottage Grove is getting to have a reputation as a center of musical interests. One good band already, and another to be formed, which if all reports are true will eclipse even the fine record of the first band, means a good start and a first class orchestra make us well supplied with musicians. One of the conductors on the train remarked the other day that Cottage Grove must be booming, celebrating all the time, for he never came through with a train that the band was not down at the train playing for somebody or something. Under Chas. Cochran's able instruction the band is getting to do very fine work and will do better right along, as he is an able instructor and has had the best of experience all over the United States with the big bands with which he has traveled until lately. The Foresters of America are to be commended for taking hold of the band and standing as financial backer to it.

F. H. Rosenberg of Eugene was a visitor in town the first of the week.

This Week

We will sell Ladies Waists at 20 per cent off. Ladies Hose, the regular 25c for 19c a pair.

(Just mention that you saw it in your paper.)

WELCH & WOODS.