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EUGENE'S BIG FIRE

Just as the Leader goes to press the news of a big fire at Eugene is flashed over the wires. It seems to have started in Baugs livery stables which it destroyed together with six or eight ware houses between Eighth and Ninth street and the Central telephone office. The flames then leaped over the M. E. church to 11th street, set on fire and destroyed the Christian church. The fire occurred this afternoon and was under control at 4 o'clock. Damage is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Having paved about all of its streets Eugene is now preparing to pave its alleys.

Effort to invoke the referendum on the Agricultural college appropriation has failed as it deserved.

This is the week for school-closing, and schoolmams are returning to their homes from every gulch, nook and corner of this great Nesmith country.

A foot of snow on the Great Northern stopped trains in Montana. In Alberta a big snow storm killed thousands of calves, recently. Better remain in Oregon.

A macadam road is being built out of Salem to Ankeny bottom, and the people along the route are highly pleased with it. Macadamized streets and roads have come to stay in Oregon.

Editor Shutt of Drain, is authority for the statement that a new drink to take the place of whiskey has made its appearance. He says after sampling it he felt like calling on the fire department.

E. E. Lilly came down from Bohemia Monday and brought some fine specimens of ore from the "Nim claim" near the Musick mine and which ledge crosses the Ophir. The new claim is owned by Mr. Lilly and O. P. Adams of this city and is showing up well, the specimens of ore exhibited carrying both gold and copper in paying quantities. These gentlemen are pleased with the showing this property is making.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow check, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 40 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.



THE HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATING EXERCISES

At the armory Friday evening the house was packed, demonstrating the great interest taken in local educational matters by citizens and patrons of the local schools, this occasion being the graduating exercises of the High school class of '09.

The stage was beautifully decorated in the class colors, purple and gold, the class motto being prominently displayed at the front and top of the stage. College pennants were also used to good advantage in completing the decorations.

Tables at the front of the stage were faintly banked with baskets and bouquets of flowers, tokens of esteem presented to the members of the class by their friends.

The exercises opened with a well executed piano duet by Misses Mabel Veatch and Mabel Rosenberg. Invocation by Rev. S. M. Nickle, pastor of the M. E. church. The vocal duet by Misses Anna Rhode and Grace Lilly was well rendered and was very pretty.

The class salutatory was delivered by Miss Nora Hull with ease and grace and was well received.

That beautiful vocal solo, "The Spring Song" was rendered in a charming manner by Miss Ella Anderson, one of the local teachers.

"The Characteristics of Our Age" was the subject of Miss Anna Wood, another member of the graduating class, the presentation of which brought this charming young lady many well deserved compliments. The vocal duet, "The Day is Done" by Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle, was deserving of special mention.

"Webster and the Constitution" was the subject selected by Miss Eunice Van Denberg, a theme which she presented in a clear and concise manner, her delivery being excellent. The double quartet by Mesdames Macy and Hemenway, Misses Anderson, Hawkins, Rhode, and Messrs Woods, Macy, Finnerty and Awbrey, was a well rendered musical number.

"Class History and Prophecy," was the subject assigned to Joe Arnold, the sole male member of the class, and Joe dreamed a great dream, which he related in a very graphic and humorous manner, the class members naturally figuring as principals in its mystic revelations.

The valedictory, "The Open Portal" was delivered in a charming and impressive manner by Miss Nieta Hazleton, who like the other members of the class, acquitted herself admirably. At this juncture I. M. Isham rendered a splendid vocal solo, and then came the address to the class and presentation of diplomas by Prof. E. K. Barnes, superintendent of the city schools. He congratulated the class upon its success in mastering the studies of the high school and admonished them to higher ideals, at the same time giving them some excellent advice, endeavoring to impress upon each of them the great value of character. The diplomas were presented to each of the five graduates by as many little flower girls, who also played their parts well. Prof. E. K. Barnes and his high school assistants, Misses Mundy and Curriu, as well as the class, are entitled to hearty congratulations upon the success of these exercises as well as upon the success of their educational work.

The closing musical number was a southern melody, "Hush Yo' Honey, Hush," by the ladies quartet, Mesdames Van Winkle, Conner, Brund and Miss Hutchinson, the latter taking the place of Mrs. H. O. Thompson who was absent from town. Benediction by Rev. W. A. Elkins of the Christian church.

Joe Arnold was awarded a Whitman college scholarship and an Albany college scholarship was awarded to Miss Nieta Hazleton, honors fittingly bestowed.



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Farewell Surprise Party.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Isham, principally members of the M. E. Church, assembled at their pretty home on Third street Saturday evening, giving them a complete, but very pleasant surprise. As evidence of the high esteem in which they are held by their friends, they were presented with a beautiful set of solid silver spoons and silver cake knife. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served and Mr. Isham and Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle favored the guests with several vocal and instrumental solos. Mr. and Mrs. Isham and family will take their departure in a few days for Grants Pass, where Mr. Isham has been assigned to the position of station agent. Their host of friends in this city will miss them very much and especially will Mr. Isham be missed in local musical circles, but all unite with the Leader in wishing them happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Nesmith Wins Again.

That was a clean, snappy game of baseball which was played on the local diamond Sunday between our own Nesmith all-stars and the Myrtle Creek-Roseburg-Oakland aggregation. The visitors demonstrated the fact that they had learned the game and were a fine bunch of boys, but they could not get next to Nesmith's pitcher and they were therefore put down and out to the tune of 7 to 3. The fans all got their moneys worth and no kick was heard from any source.

Died.

SMITH—At the family home in this city, May 21, 1909, Mrs. Geo. W. Smith of blood-poisoning.

Marie G. Torgeson was born in Norway Dec. 27, 1878, came to this country and married G. W. Smith at Rugby, N. D., Nov. 14, 1900, to which union has been born two sons and one daughter, all living. The family came to Cottage Grove five years ago where Mr. Smith has followed saw milling. They have made many friends here who unite in extending heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing husband and children in their bereavement. Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Nickle, interment at the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where the services were in charge of the lady Maccabees, of which order deceased was a member.

Card of Thanks.

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