

Baccalaureate Address to High School Graduates

THE DIGNITY OF SERVICE.

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An old Arabian proverb says: He who knows not, and knows not he knows not, is a fool—shun him. He who knows not, and knows he knows not, is simple—teach him. He who knows, and knows not he knows, is sleeping—awaken him. He who knows, and knows he knows, is wise—follow him.

The successful leaders in the world's progress have always been those who know, and who know they know. Ignorance is weakness while knowledge is power.

In knowledge lies hidden the secret of success. Helen Gould one day addressed a class of nurses, and spoke in high praise of their long and arduous course of study. She said she had little sympathy with the amateur nurse. One of the amateur nurses had taken a correspondence course of three lessons, and then went out looking for wrecks and runaways wherein she might test her skill. Soon she was rewarded, and found a man with a broken leg. Now she would distinguish herself. She at once took command, and called for a cane. She broke it in pieces for splints; she tore up her skirt for bandages; and when the ambulance arrived, she had the injured man pilloved on overcoats, and bandaged in snowy linen, as though some eminent surgeon had been present. The ambulance surgeon examined the patient, and with a look of distress, enquired "who bandaged this limb?" "I did it," said the amateur nurse. "Well," said the surgeon, "it is admirably done—but you made a small error." "What is it, doctor?" "Nothing," said the doctor, "except that you bandaged the wrong leg." And so the value of exact and reliable knowledge is illustrated every day.

Many a dull boy, and many unpromising students have proven to be diamonds in the rough. They needed only the grinding of study and the polish of instruction to dazzle the world with their brilliant achievements. A barefoot boy who drove a mule on the towpath of the Erie canal, and so earned a meagre living, in after years by the power of knowledge, became Garfield, the general, the statesman, and the president of his country. A little man, wearing a slouch hat and muddy clothes, driving an ox-team as he hauled wood day after day into Galena, afterward, by the power of knowledge became the victorious Grant, who gave Lee his Appomattox and saved the Union. An ungainly and awkward backwoodsman and railsplitter, an uncouth river boatman, in later years, by the power of culture and knowledge became the defender of the Union and liberator of the slaves—Lincoln the illustrious and immortal. Then he not dismayed, for even meagre talent under the thrill of ambition and the touch of culture becomes the golden key to unlock the doors of noblest service.

A patriotic orator recently declared the United States the greatest country in the world. The reasons he assigned were, that we produced more wheat, corn and beef, more copper, iron and gold, more sugar, lumber and woven fabrics than any land on the globe. But is this the measure of true national greatness?

True Measure of Our Greatness.

Greatness.

If commercialism is the true glory of our country, we have small reason for boasting. Palestine, the home of true religion, and Greece, the home of idealism, and Italy, the birthplace of art, and Germany, the mother of music and philosophy, all excel us. What then is the noblest product of any nation? It is men and women of superior talents of mind and heart. We may point with pride to such a type of American citizen: Washington and Jefferson, Franklin and Beecher, Crookes and Lincoln, and a thousand others of heroic spirit. We may point with pride to a noble galaxy of women, like Clara Barton and Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frances E. Willard and Fanny Crosby, and a thousand others of talent. But a thousand and citizens of such high type is not enough. America stands among the greatest of the great today, because she continues to produce men and women of this high type, and they are found in all the walks of life.

Columbia extends the warm hand of affection and welcome to the hardy Scandinavian, and the dogged Briton, and the studious German, to the artistic Italian, and the French with his idealism, and from this amalgamation of national traits, she is moulding the new manhood and better citizenship of this western continent which is leading the world.

Important Work of Church and School.

How vastly important is the work of the church in giving a safe moral foundation to our citizenship, and how vastly important is the work of the school in bringing the rising generation up to a high grade of intellectual culture. It is not enough to produce a few men and women of superior culture—we must produce here a high average of such citizens—and this is the work of the school.

The eye has been created for the light, the ear for sound, and the mind to apprehend truth. Millions have observed the fruit fall from the trees, but it remained for the trained mind of Newton to see in it a clue to the laws of motion. Millions have listened to the sputtering of the tea-kettle, but it remained for the trained mind of Watt to give the world the steam engine. Millions have watched the soaring birds of prey, but it remained for the trained mind of Langley and Wright to conquer the firmament of heaven in flight. Nature has ever been replete with facts and truths, but only thoughtful and cultivated minds have been able to discern them, and give the world their priceless benefits. God has thus placed a premium upon knowledge—for all the great inventions and achievements of history have been but the trophies of scholarship.

Advantage Is With The Educated.

Appleton's Cyclopedia of Biography contains sketches of fifteen thousand persons eminent for service. Five thousand were college graduates. America has produced two hundred thousand graduates. The remaining ten thousand had no college training. If our country has had a population of two hundred millions since the day of the first college graduate, then but one in twenty thousand of the non-college people has become eminent, while one in forty of the college graduates has attained eminence through useful service. Education surely raises the average of efficiency among our people. What is education? It is storing the mind with knowledge. It is also something more. Man is something more than a parrot or a phonograph. An educated mind is one which, by study has developed its powers of conception, reasoning and judgment, and its faculties of memory, imagination, and association of ideas. Education means a fully developed mind well stocked with useful knowledge.

Why spend so much time, money and labor upon an education? Because every boy and girl is entitled to receive that full measure of mental development which makes their whole mental power available for work. Parents have no right to make their children pay their way to the exclusion of education. The glow-worm exhibits an efficiency of 95% in producing its light, while the electric lamp only 2%. The lump of coal loses 90% of its efficiency in the furnace. Improvement will give the world a more efficient electric lamp, and steam engine, and so education and mental improvement will give the student and toiler greater success.

Virtue Is Power.

Ignorance is weakness, and knowledge is power. It is also true that vice is weakness, while virtue is power. The best life will always be that ruled by virtue and knowledge. The wise and virtuous easily distinguish the true from the false. The brightest flowers often lack the sweetest perfume. The gayest birds are often the poorest singers. Gems of the purest luster are often locked in a matrix of common mineral. Swift waters are generally shallow, but still waters run deep. A mother whose daughter married a gambler said one time, she hoped her other girls would marry gamblers. When asked the reason, she replied, "O, they have such elegant homes, and plenty of money, and every luxury, and everything." And then we thought, "O yes, they have everything, everything but character." Power without virtue is like fire in a powder mill.

Who then will be chief among you? Will it be the one most famous? Do not be misled. Judas Iscariot won undying fame, but only as a treacherous friend who sold his Lord for the price of a slave. Fame sometimes only spells infamy.

Will it be the leader among you? Davis was a great leader. He led eleven great States in rebellion against the Union in a war for the perpetuation of slavery. He was president of the Confederacy and commander-in-chief of its armies in a war costing a half-million lives, and six billions of treasure and headache. Leadership often spells treachery.

Will it be the one of genius among you? Edgar A. Poe was a man of rare poetic genius. But in an evil hour he fell a victim to weakness and appetite, and filled a drunkard's grave. Genius sometimes only spells degradation.

Who then will be chief among you? Will it be the one most wealthy? Too often riches are amassed by fraud or extortion; too often is it gained in an immoral business. Riches often spells injustice.

Will it be the one among you of greatest personal popularity and magnetism? Be on your guard. Aaron Burr resolved to be a perfect man of the world. He was fascinating in manners and personal appearance. He was a man of cool self-possession, and dauntless determination, a master of intrigue. Burr was endowed with the finest mental gifts, but he was utterly devoid of moral principle. What cared he for the virtue of woman or the honor of man. His career was meteoric—and went out in darkness—for at least he was shunned and

despised. Popularity too often spells depravity.

The world has need of you. But knowledge guided by virtue only can render the world the greatest and best service, and win the world's true esteem.

INDEPENDENCE ITEMS.

News Nuggets Gathered From The Observer's Exchanges.

E. E. DeArmond brought a hog to Independence Wednesday and sold it at Nelson's market, which weighed 595 pounds. Mr. DeArmond says that had it been fall or winter he could have made the animal weigh at least one hundred pounds more. When the farmers of Oregon get to raising hogs, then they will be very well to do and can all have an automobile.

O. D. Rider, an old highly respected resident of Independence died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Netwon Jones, in this city, Monday, aged seventy-five years.

Mr. Rider was born in Genesee county, New York, April 30, 1839.

Rev. F. N. Sandifur delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Independence High school.

C. N. Plowman, who was married by Rev. Tapscott in Independence April 28 to Miss Jennie Burkhardt, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis last week at his home near Toledo, Monitor.

GIVES GRANT THE CREDIT.

Virginian Holds Dallas Man Responsible for Long Mohair.

Mr. U. S. Grant of Dallas, president of the National Mohair Growers' association, has received word concerning the shear of "Grant's King," an Angora he recently sold to H. G. Hunter of Virginia. This particular goat sheared 21½ pounds and brought a large price. In a letter to the American Sheep Breeder, Mr. Hunter says: "All my Angoras are U. S. Grant stock from Dallas, Oregon. He deserves all the credit for the long mohair I have been producing. Anybody can get long mohair if they have the proper stock to start with and keep them in condition and free from vermin. Mr. Grant can tell you how to do it, and those who deal with him will find what he tells you is absolutely correct."

Mr. Grant is a breeder of thoroughbred goats, of which he now has about one hundred head.

SHERIFF HAS NEW BOARDER.

Mike Olson Undertakes to Clean Out Independence.

Mike Olson was incarcerated in the county bastille on Friday, having been brought hither from Independence by Constable Moran and D. M. Hampton. Olson became hilarious on the public streets of that town, thus offending against the dignity, if not the peace, of the people. When the municipal marshal undertook to quell the riotous conduct, Olson resisted arrest, making the attack so effective that several huskies were necessary to subdue him. Being tried before Justice J. D. Wynn, the offender was assessed \$30, but not possessing sufficient coin of the realm to liquidate the indebtedness, he was sentenced to serve fifteen days at Hotel de Grant.

New Buildings Under Way.

The Dallas Warehouse and Manufacturing company is busy these days turning out finishings for new residences in both city and country. Among those building at this time are Mr. Hughes living on the Oakdale road. He is building a splendid dwelling. L. G. Miller, who also resides on this road, is building an addition to his home, and enhancing the comforts thereof by adding a fireplace. The company has just completed a pretty cottage for Lew Ballantyne of this city.

"Uncle Tom" Saturday Night.

Burk's "Uncle Tom's Cabin company," the largest organization of its kind in America, will exhibit here next Saturday night. On this occasion the famous old play will be presented in as new and elaborate a form as modern thought and stage invention will permit. The principal characters will be interpreted by a very competent cast of lady and gentlemen artists that have been selected especially for their ability to give a correct interpretation of Uncle Tom.

Few Fur Bearing Animals.

From November 1, 1913, to February 28, 1914, there were 51 mink and 189 muskrat trapped in Polk county, according to returns by the trappers. For the former they received \$156 and for the latter \$35, a total of \$191. Of predatory animals five bob cats and one cougar were killed in the county between October 1 last and May 10.

Steel Now at Hoskins.

Work on the telephone line from Airline to Hoskins and thence to the headquarters of the Siletz river is advancing rapidly. Mr. Bowman, who is in charge of the work, says steel on the Valley & Siletz railroad has been laid as far as Hoskins. The line from Simpson to Independence will probably be built in the near future.

Action for Dissolution.

Suit has been instituted in the circuit court for Polk county to dissolve the co-partnership between Andrew Wilson and Peter Kurze, the latter being the plaintiff. The parties do business at Independence.

ROAD WORK UNDER WAY

SEVERAL DISTRICTS MAKING GOOD IMPROVEMENTS.

Grading and Reducing Grades Rocking and Other Work Progressing Well.

In district one in Northwestern Polk, a mile and one-half of grading, done under difficulties, is about completed. Owing to the boulder formation, removal of stumps and the widening of the grade along the mountain side, together with other obstacles, the cost of this preparation will be upward of \$1800. There remains the opening of trenches, and laying, spreading, and rolling of the rock, which comes of tested quality from the new quarry near the Butler store. By the time this work is completed and the old road patched, Mr. Tharp, the supervisor in charge, will have spent approximately \$4000 on this strip of road.

Mr. Dorton has done a great deal of grading in District No. 2, consisting of smoothing and patching, and has most of his roads in good summer condition. The remainder of his funds will be expended in gravel to be put on the bad places.

Work in District 3 has been going on under the supervision of D. L. Keyt, who has been working on the hills leading from Perrydale to Dallas. Mr. Buhler has been doing some contribution work south-west of Perrydale in the hills where it gets very bad in the winter. If the county court has sufficient funds the Perrydale people will get the Goetz hill cut down to a 4 per cent or 5 per cent grade, and gravelled.

Mr. Cochran has charge of District 4, in which locality he has been preparing grades for gravel. Most of his money will be spent in permanent work. The main road in this district is the one leading from Salem north toward McMinnville, which rutted pretty badly this last winter. Some difficulty is encountered in getting gravel in this district, owing to the indisposition of the property owners.

In District 5, or better known as the Eola district, Mr. Putnam is spending about \$900 on the road leading from West Salem northwest into those beautiful Eola hills. The work consists of grading and graveling. Extensive patch work has been going on along the Salem road preparatory to oiling.

Trenching and graveling has been going on in District 6, where Frank Vallier holds forth. A hill has been cut out and a fill made at the base-grade about 5%; cost about \$275. The road from Crowley Station has been graded and if funds last it will be gravelled.

A much needed mile of grade and gravel road construction has been started from Seth Fawks south past Lewis' toward the Rieckreath-Salem road. There has been about \$300 donation work. Vallier has had a crew at work patching from Monmouth north toward Dallas preparatory to oiling. This district draws down about \$2,000 this year, and much good work will be done.

Chas Darrell has charge of District 7, south of Independence. The best of gravel pits is located in this district. Mr. Darrell has been busy working for the county the last few weeks. The main road leading south from Independence through his district, will have a mile or two of oil.

Welcome the Cherrians.

The Cherrians, one of the live booster organizations of Salem, will arrive in Dallas by special train shortly after 1:00 o'clock next Thursday afternoon, and will tarry half an hour, during which time a drill will be given on the streets. The Cherrians consist of some of the leading business and professional men of Salem. They wear white uniforms and present an attractive appearance.

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