

## NOW DRAWING TO CLOSE

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO-NIGHT END ACTIVITIES.

#### Various Societies of High School Entertain With Splendid Programs. Banquet Tomorrow.

This has been a busy week with the Dallas public schools, as commencement week always is. There has been something doing every evening, commencing with Sunday, when the Rev. Curtis delivered the baculaurate sermon to the thirty graduates and a large audience of their friends and admirers. The Adelpian and Philology societies have each had splendid programs, followed by the Junior-senior reception, which was a brilliant affair. Last night was the seniors' class day program, which was the last prior to the commencement exercises tonight. This, of course, is the event of the week. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill will deliver the address to the class, and that it will be a masterly effort, and one well worth hearing, goes without saying. Mr. Churchill is an able speaker. On Saturday night the Junni banquet will be held, and from present indications the attendance will be large. The affair will be quite elaborate. Those events of the week not already "covered" by The Observer in its Tuesday issue are as follows:

#### Philology Program.

A splendid program was given by the Philologia Literary society at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening. The entertainment was well attended, every seat in the house being filled and a number were standing. The program consisted of a play, "The Keptomaniac," put on entirely by the girls. It took much preparation and drilling, but it was well worth the time spent in rehearsals. The scene occurred in the drawing room of Mrs. John Burton, wife of Lawyer Burton, a noted lawyer of the day. A number of her friends call to see her during the afternoon. Mrs. Burton, having been to a recital last her purse and a suspicious looking woman sitting near Mrs. Burton picked up the coat which she had dropped, thus suspicion was directly laid to this person. After notifying the sophomore detective agency of the loss of the purse and calling up the Imperial hotel, it is discovered that the suspicious looking woman was the wife of her husband's client, who is to dine at her home that evening. After much telephoning and confusion they succeeded in calling up the police and in waylaying the detective. And then, as Miss Freda Dixon, the afternoon caller, goes to leave she suddenly finds that she has exchanged coats with some one. Upon further investigation she also finds that the coat belongs to Mrs. John Burton. The rings and money are returned to the owner.

The following young ladies were in the play: Mrs. John Burton Peggy, Helen Casey; Mrs. Valliere Chase Armsby, Val Young; widow, Hallis Smith; Mrs. Charles Dover, a newly wed, Marjorie Holman; Mrs. Preston Ashley, Bertha Helen Loughary; Miss Freda Dixon, Maudie Barnes, Evelyn Evans, Journalist, Thelma Lund; maid of Mrs. Burton, Naomi Scott. Before the play the Philologia orchestra rendered a few selections, which were greatly appreciated. Miss Georgia Curtis also sang a solo, which was well received.

#### Juniors Entertain Seniors.

One of the most elaborate affairs of the season was given at the Woodman hall, Wednesday evening, by the Junior class in honor of the Seniors. The guests began to arrive at 8 o'clock and each girl was presented with a senior class rose. The Seniors were then ushered into the hall by Mrs. B. Casey, one of the patronesses. The members of the Junior class received their guests. The hall was artistically decorated in vining maple ivy and bowers of sweet peas. Japanese lanterns hung in festoons from the ceiling, giving the room a Japanese effect. In one corner was a Japanese booth, decorated in orange and black festoons, ivy and maple and Japanese fans and umbrellas. Two girls in kimonos presided at the punch bowl.

Novel and original games furnished amusements throughout the evening. A very unique program was given to each student. The boys signed for their partners, and then games were played. The first number on the program was the Grand March, led by Miss Griffin and Mr. Eakin. "Farmer in the Dell," Jerusalem and poetry telling were also played. Mr. Hubert Shepherd won the prize, a Japanese umbrella, for having the most original poem. And then later each senior was given a number. Then one of the juniors called for the numbers when each member claimed his or her present, which varied from fans to baby dolls.

Late in the evening luncheon was served. Misses Cartwright and Irwin presided at the lunch table. The refreshments were greatly appreciated by all present. The pink and green color scheme was carried out throughout the evening.

Miss Elva Lucas rendered a number of vocal solos, which were greatly appreciated. Miss Lucas has wonderful talent in music and the guests considered themselves lucky in securing her as soloist for the evening. Miss Irvin also rendered a vocal solo, which was well received. Mr. Eakin's orchestra furnished music.

The members of the Senior class wish to thank the Junior class for the splendid reception. It will remain with them in memory their remaining year of school work.

The patrons and patronesses were: Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mr.

and Mrs. B. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dunkleberger, Miss M. A. McDonald and Miss Rose Sheridan.

#### Seniors Give Program.

The senior class gave a very unique program at the auditorium last night and were greeted by a splendid audience which was more than appreciative. The stage was artistically decorated in ivy and vining maple. At one corner of the stage was the anvil, and on the stage was also a campfire which gave the scene a vague gypsy effect.

The first portion of the program consisted of selections by the high school orchestra, being followed by an instrumental solo by Muriel Grant; reading by Gertrude Wilson; instrumental solo, Dorothy Bennett; reading teacher's petition, Leonilla Smith; class will, Jost Helgeson; the gypsy scene.

When the curtains were drawn, behold a number of gypsies sitting and reclining on the floor. A number of gypsy men were playing cards around the fire.

The first number of the gypsy scene, solo, "Gypsy John," Jack Eakin; anvil chorus, senior class with the anvil accompaniment; duet, "Home to Our Mountains," Jack Eakin, Lucille Hamilton; Gypsy, senior class; Carmina wait, Florence Allen, which was cleverly danced; class prophecy by Marie Griffin, which aroused much laughter and merriment among the audience; class song, senior class; Dallas High, (Sunny and Smithie.)

#### EASTERNER SEEING AMERICA.

##### Allen Dunkleberger of Pennsylvania Paying Visit to Coast Country.

Allen R. Dunkleberger, brother of H. H. Dunkleberger of the Dallas high school, visited the latter and his family during the past week. Mr. Dunkleberger left the east April 30th for the Pacific-Panama exposition, stopping at Chicago, Newton, Kansas, and in Colorado. He spent about ten days at the San Diego and San Francisco fairs and speaks in glowing terms of the exhibits and attractions. The attendance is large at both, but many of the eastern tourists fail to come by way of Oregon on account of the discrimination in rates. Mr. Dunkleberger, being in the employ of Uncle Sam as mail carrier, finds it easy to get permission to be off duty frequently. This has made it possible for him to do much traveling. But he believes in seeing America first and has, therefore, done his sightseeing in our own country, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. This is his second visit to the coast, having been here before during the Seattle fair. He also visited the Jamestown fair and the St. Louis fair. Being a baseball fan he follows the league games quite closely, and can speak with enthusiasm of Ty Cobb and his kind. He has visited every state in the union but four, and has seen all of the great cities.

He likes the spirit of the west and is greatly impressed with the progress of San Francisco and Portland, but he doesn't hesitate to express his loyalty to his home city, Reading, Pa., which is the fourth largest in population and third largest in point of manufactures in the Keystone state. Being only two and a half hours distance from New York city, and one hour's distance from Philadelphia, it has easy access to the great ports from which many of its principal manufactures find their way to Europe.

He is now visiting the Rose fair, but expects to be back for a day or two before leaving for Vancouver, B. C. From the latter point he will follow the Canadian Pacific route through the Rockies, and reach Toronto and Buffalo by way of the Great Lakes, expecting to reach home about July. While in Dallas, he accompanied the Dallas high school students on their mountain day trip and greatly enjoyed the sociability of the young people.

#### Far Beyond His Expectations.

"We enjoyed a wonderfully large trade last Saturday, and in fact ever since our sale started," said Mr. Howe of the Dallas Mercantile company yesterday. "Our newspaper announcements," he continued, "brought the crowds. After they came they found that genuine bargains were awaiting them, and naturally this brought hundreds of others. This special sale has given better results than we anticipated."

This is a splendid testimonial to the value of advertising in the local newspapers. Very naturally, Mr. Howe anticipated drawing crowds to the sale, but not for a moment did he expect the continuous jam brought about by this agency. The sale was scheduled for thirteen days, and those that have gilded into the beautiful beyond have been busy ones at the store of the Dallas Mercantile company.

#### Music Highly Appreciated.

Mrs. Oscar Hayter and Messrs. U. S. Grant and John Uglov of Dallas will furnish the music when the grand officers of the Order of Eastern Star convene in Portland next week, for the purpose of exemplifying the work. On the occasion of the recent grand matron's visit to Dallas this trio entertained with musical numbers at her reception, and so appreciative was she of its excellence that she issued an invitation to the performers to furnish music for the grand officers' gathering.

#### Commission Fails to Arrive.

The Railroad commission did not go to Airlie yesterday to investigate a complaint of inadequate railroad service, as had been announced. Neither had the people there been notified at a late hour yesterday when the investigation would take place. There is anxiety among Airlieites over the matter, as they are convinced that the commission will, when it learns the real facts in the case, come to their rescue.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

William Jennings Bryan, three times democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned on Tuesday as secretary of state as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany. The resignation was accepted by the president. The cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting secretary Robert Lansing signed the document on Wednesday and it was cable to Berlin. Secretary Bryan returned to private life on Wednesday, when his resignation took effect.

## FINISH EIGHTH GRADE CLUBS MAY BE UNITED

### POLK COUNTY STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL IN EXAMINATION.

Only Twenty-Three of the Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Fail to Pass, Making High Percent.

Two hundred and ten pupils of the Polk county schools, having successfully completed the eighth grade for the school year 1914-1915, will receive their diplomas from Governor James Withycombe at the Rickreall picnic tomorrow. There were 233 pupils who wrote in this examination, of which number only 23 failed to pass, making the percentage of successful ones 94, surely a splendid showing, and one of which Superintendent Seymour and his corps of rural teachers have every reason to be proud. The picnic at Rickreall tomorrow is held, in part, in honor of these graduates, a list of whom is given in the following:

- Zena, District No. 1—Helen Baker, Mary Leota Catton, Frank Lee Catton.
- Dallas, District No. 2—Virgil Brock, William Young, Merle Ramey, Edwin Serr, Beatrice Springating, Sarah Allen, Clarence Nelson, George Smith, Dale Brock, Zelma Fulgham, Mildred Shaw, Elma Hayes, Clara Ramsey, Wayne Schriver, Elwyn Craven, Nellie Allen, Echo Ellis, Raymond Gohrke, L. Z. Rockwell, J. Dell Sieforth, Olga Zollin, Verneeta Smith, Nada Wilson, Irvin Baldersee, Belva Beebe, Lewis Hosh, Phillip Wilson, Gertrude Ragsdale, Lunda Pitzer, Nathalia Bosler, Loyd Prichard.
- Smithfield, District No. 3—Peter J. Heindricks, Elsie Smith, Johnnie Trent, Charles Ernest Bones.
- Pedee, District No. 5—Blanche Lacey.
- Lewisville, District No. 6—Reatha Grant, Samuel F. Schirman.
- Ballston, District No. 9—Muriel Newhill, Iva Kenworthy, John Focht, Salt Creek, District No. 10—Amos Hinton, Erwin Foster, Lillian Rastlaff, Parker, District No. 11—Herbert Coleman.
- Valley View, District No. 12—Ralph V. Kester, Daniel B. Hewitt, Grove A. Peterson, Jr., Helen De Armond, Rachel E. M. Boyer.
- Monmouth, District No. 13—Donna Mason, Lowell Hudson, Denzel Moore, Hope McDonald, Christine Halvorsen, Maxwell Bowersox, Glen McNeil, Willie Harvey, Everett Evans, Myron O'Connor, Beatrice Pearce.
- Orchards, District No. 15—Johnny Voth, Daniel J. Bartel, Helen Wiebe, Henry Classen, Maud Lyons, Elmer Lyons, Dietrich Bartel.
- Airlie, District No. 16—Helen Jones, Agnes Bevens, Thelma L. Turner, Donald Turner, Eric A. Petre.
- Bethel, District No. 17—Lucy Ingram, Elsie Christenson, Monroe Cooley, Willis Cook.
- Polk Station, District No. 18—Mary McNulty, John Charles Tigner.
- Oak Grove, District No. 19—Emil S. Stevens, Elvin Robert Shaffer, Viola Cordelia Smith.
- Perrydale, District No. 21—Otelia Friar, Herman Gilliam, Preston Jones, Percy Zumwalt, Kenneth Connor.
- Fairview, District No. 22—Gladys Wilson, John Currie.
- Butler, District No. 25—Richard Hagman, Ebben Ray, Clifford Wood.
- Rickreall, District No. 26—Herschel Walt, Myrtle Valliere, Jamie Farmer, Frank Braden, Marie Sherwood, Lynn Dempsey, Marjorie Bennett.

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a valued employee of the billiard table manufacturers, but was let out when the state was voted dry last fall. This, however, caused him no great concern, for he had through frugality accumulated sufficient means to keep the wolf from the door for many moons. But the unexpected happened. Two brothers, while visiting in their native land, were drafted into the British army, both losing their lives. One left a family of wife and three small children, and Monroe went to their rescue, liquidating claims against them, and giving them his savings of years that they might have the necessities of life without seeking charity, feeling that he could make his way alone.

#### OREGON HEN LEADS OTHERS.

##### Agricultural College Leghorn Makes Record at Exposition.

The sixth report of the world egg-laying contest at the Panama-Pacific exposition shows that the O. A. C. Leghorns led with 368 eggs and the crosses were second with 188. The Barred Rock dropped back one place in the race. For the term record at this, the middle point of the race, the Canada pen of Adams' White Wyandottes is still in the lead with 773 eggs, while the O. A. C. Leghorns are in second place and have all but overhauled their splendid competitors. Last month the Leghorns were 47 eggs behind their rivals, this month they are but five behind. The O. A. C. crosses are third with 712 eggs, having advanced from fifth place last month. The O. A. C. Barred Rock are now fifth in the term records with 694.

There are 66 pens in the contest. The lowest record is 127 eggs for the six months, made by a San Francisco flock. The O. A. C. Leghorns and crosses are now ahead of any other pens from the United States or England. The encouraging thing about the O. A. C. flock is that the three pens stand close together right near the top. They were bred by the same selective method and results show beyond question that the breeding has been good. The highest individual record is that of the New York Leghorn with 111 eggs for the six months. Two O. A. C. crosses are tied for second with 107 eggs each. The third highest is an O. A. C. Leghorn with 105 eggs, and another Oregon Leghorn is sixth with 95 eggs.

#### GRAND OPERA AT CHAUTAUQUA.

##### Leading Stars Will Present II Trovatore Under Huge Canvas.

Those who attend the Dallas chautauqua next month will be privileged to hear grand opera by a company composed of stars in the grand opera firmament. When it is considered that grand opera is a luxury which even the big cities can see now and then such a statement as the above is apt to be questioned. But the war is the explanation. The abnormal condition in Europe has hit the highest priced singers in the world as hard as any class. Artists who never appear at a single concert for less than several hundred dollars are now stranded in America and have made terms with chautauqua bureaus which permits smaller cities to enjoy such rare talent.

The II Trovatore Grand Opera singers are among the ablest artists on the stage. II Trovatore will be presented in full costume and to the accompaniment of Cirillo's concert band. It will be such a feast of music as will be long remembered. This concert alone will be worth the price of a season ticket to the assembly and usually costs this much when presented before audiences of thousands.

#### FOURTH PLANS ARE LAID.

##### Independence Will Hold First Program in Many Years.

Arrangements are being made to hold a Fourth of July celebration in Independence on Saturday, July 3. Independence is one of the many cities that have not had celebrations of this kind for several years, and the general committee of business men and Commercial club, Civic Improvement league and Sunday school representatives is laying the plans. The program will include parades, races, a basket dinner and a gathering at the city park for addresses.

#### Pays Heavy Tuition to Salem.

H. C. Seymour, county school superintendent of Polk county, on Tuesday forwarded to the superintendent of the Salem schools \$960 for tuition for the Polk county pupils attending Salem schools during the term just closed. The amount is for twenty-one students at \$49 each who attended the Salem schools during the entire term, and for one student who attended only the last semester, paying \$20.

#### Leo Frank Must Hang.

The state board of control yesterday has ruled that Leo M. Frank, whose sentence some Dallas people asked to be commuted, must hang for the murder of little Mary Phagan. The appeal for a commutation of Frank's sentence to life imprisonment was denied. The decision came as a distinct surprise as it had been freely predicted the appeal would be granted.

#### Will Observe Memorial Sunday.

The Knights of Pythias will observe their memorial day on Sunday, June 20, the sermon being delivered by Rev. Geo. H. Bennett at the Methodist Episcopal church. The members will meet at Castle hall, and go to the church in a body, attending the morning service.

#### An Old-Time Meeting.

Fifty years ago yesterday a meeting was held in Dallas "for the purpose of discussing such measures as will tend to maintain civil authority." Judge Boise and J. S. Smith were speakers.

## NATION ASSERTS RIGHTS

### AMERICANS ENTITLED TO TRAVEL REGARDLESS OF WARNING.

#### Summary of America's Note to Germany on Sinking of Lusitania Presented Yesterday.

The American rejoinder to the German government's reply to the note following the sinking of the Lusitania was made public today and the text is given below:

- Recognition by Germany of principle of freedom of seas and vessels, in cases of Cushing and Gulflight noted with gratification.
- United States surprised by Germany's contention in case of Falaba that effort of merchantmen to escape alters obligation of attacker in respect of the safety of those on board.
- Government declared to have performed fully its obligation to see that neutrality was not violated by Lusitania.
- Germany said to be misinformed in assumption that vessel was armed or violated United States law with respect to cargo.
- Details of German contention held irrelevant to question of legality of methods.
- Sinking of passenger ships declared to involve principles of humanity which life is out of the class of ordinary subjects of international control.
- United States contends for something greater than rights of property or privileges of commerce. It contends for sacred rights of humanity.
- Only actual resistance or refusal to stop could have justified putting lives of those on board Lusitania in jeopardy.
- United States ready at any time to act in attempt to bring about understanding between Germany and Great Britain by which character of sea warfare may be changed.
- Meanwhile United States solemnly renews representations of note of May 15.
- Proclamation of war zone or warning of neutrals not admitted as abbreviating rights of Americans on lawful errands to travel on merchant ships of belligerent nationality.
- United States deems it reasonable to expect that Germany will adopt measures to safeguard American ships and lives and asks again for assurances that this will be done.

#### Will Receive Diplomas Tonight.

This evening at the high school auditorium the annual commencement exercises will be held, when thirty students will receive their diplomas. This is the largest class ever graduated from the high school here. The members of this year's class are: Ray Day Armond, Florence O. Walker, Vera E. Wagner, Edward Preston, Elmer W. Baldersee, Herbert H. Shepherd, Ray G. Grounds, Willis H. McDaniel, Lucile B. Hamilton, Oscar H. Peterson, Gertrude R. Wilson, Sarah Gertrude Toews, Muriel Olivia Grant, Oda M. Blodgett, A. Marjorie Bennett, J. Russell Shepherd, Lucie Gertrude Ramsey, Georgia Vae Curtis, Miriam Gertrude Hart, Leonilla L. Smith, Elsie Echo Prizell, Dorothy Sarah Bennett, Millie Alice Skers'ns, Florence Vernon Allen, Susie Ethel Ramsey, Joseph Norman Helgeson, John B. Eakin, Alfreda Garner, Ernest D. Hoisington, Marie V. Griffin.

#### PORTLAND SUFFERS FIRE LOSS.

##### Early Morning Blaze on East Side Results in \$221,000 Damage.

Early Tuesday morning a fire on the East side water front at Portland, destroyed property estimated at \$221,000. The Standard Box and Lumber company, located at East Water and Pine streets sustained a loss estimated at \$200,000. The Acme Planing Mill company property was damaged to the amount of \$18,000. Miscellaneous damage to the amount of \$2,000 was estimated. The buildings burned were located near the railroad tracks and trains were delayed for many hours. Just how the fire was started has not been determined.

#### NEW HIGHWAY TO COAST.

##### Yamhill and Tillamook Decide on Sour Grass Route at \$20,000.

The county courts of Yamhill and Tillamook counties, at a session in Tillamook on Tuesday, decided to form a joint road district to build the Sour Grass route, each county appropriating \$10,000. It is the intention of the county courts to call for bids at once, and it is estimated that the road can be built and planked in sixty days for \$20,000.

#### Mr. Prichard Improving.

Last reports from C. L. Prichard, who underwent an operation at the Dallas hospital for gallstones, are to the effect that he is greatly improved, and that chances for his recovery are favorable. Mr. Prichard was considered in a dangerous condition on Tuesday.