THE RICKREALL SCHOOL

Graduating Exercises Held on Thursday Evening, May 16.

A VERY ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME.

Essays, Recitations and Music—Interesting Address by Prof. Hayes—Presentation of Diplomas.

The third annual commencement of the Rickreall public school took place last Thursday evening at Orr's hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The board of directors and Prof. Hayes having taken places on the stage, the class, consisting of the following: Aurelia Burch, Isaac Goodell, Edna Simonton, John Orr, marched in, being led by their teacher, Mr. Hoag, and took places on the stage.

The program was opened by prayer by Mr. Goodell, followed by a duet. Next was a recitation, "The Eagles Rock" by Jessie Heffron. Her delivery showed the effects of good training.

"There is no Excellence Without Great Labor" by Isaac Goodell, was worthy of much praise. It gave evidence of considerable thought and much pains.

We were then favored by a male quartette which had an agreeable effect upon the audience.

Miss Edna Simonton delivered an excellent comparison of "Life and the Seasons." Childhood being compared to spring which is the real beginning of the year just as childhood is the first period in human life. After springtime, summer, so after childhood, youth. With middle age comes the autumn of life, the harvest time. And then comes winter which very much resemble the closing years of life.

The oration on "Mammoth Cave" by John Orr was well composed and was delivered in such a manner as to hold the audience in perfect quietness.

The Misses Orr then favored us with a duet.

The valedictorian, Miss Aurelia Burch, took for her subject the class motto. "Deeds, not Hours are the Measures of Life." It showed evidence of much thought and much pains and was delivered in a very pleasing and interesting manner.

Prof. Hayes then addressed the class in an able manner, advising them not to be contented with a public school education, but to strive for something higher. As Prof. Hutchinson did not come as expected, Prof. Hayes also presented the diplomas to the class of '95.

The last number on the program was a quartette, after which the crowd returned home.

SPECTATOR.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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REPORTS.

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For the month ending May 3, 1895:

Number days attendance	482
" enrolled, boys 14, girls 17, total	29
Average attendance	
Number tardies	
Visitors during the month	

Names on roll of honor, Phoebe Cornwall, Laverne Burns and Edith Fri

C. . GRAHAM, Teacher.

DALLAS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For eighth month.

Number days attendance	4228
" " absence	290
" tardies	22
" enrolled	249
Average number belonging	233
" daily attendance	215
Per cent of attendance	94.6
Number neither absent nor tarby	94
" visits from board	2
" " from patrons	20
" " by teachers to patrons	28
" cases corporal punishment	2
" girls enrolled	165
" boys "	171
Total number enrollment during the school year	336
Per cent of attendance for the whole term	94.1
Total number of tardies for whole school year	295
Total number days attendance for whole school year	37618
Total number days absence for whole school year	2394

There were 260 boys and girls that were never tardy, leaving all the tardiness to 76 boys and girls, with the greater part of this from fifteen families. One family furnishing 44 cases. With only an 8 months school to do nine months work there were only a few failures. From the 8th grade there were no failures of those who tried to make it, some dropped out who possibly could have made the grade by hard work, but this they either could not or would not do.

W. I. REYNOLDS, Prin.

RICKREALL PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For the year ending May 14, 1895:

Number days taught	155
" " attendance	6889
" " absence	517
" tardies	225
" enrolled boys 34, girls 29, total	63
Average number belonging	47
" daily attendance	44¼
Per cent of attendance	94

Those that were neither absent nor tardy are: Aurelia Burch and Jessie Heffron. Aurelia Burch was neither absent nor tardy last year.

D. A. HOAG, Teacher.

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News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

Evangelist Ross is expected here from Southern Oregon the middle of next week.

Thirteen persons were baptized at Buell's chapel last Sunday and a month from that time quite a number more will receive the order of baptism.

The South Methodists have agreed upon a plan for their new edifice and will at once begin work on it. It will be both handsome and convenient. The estimated cost is $2,500, but they hope to reduce it below that figure. It will occupy the same spot where the old church has stood for so many years. The Christian church people have kindly offered them the use of their house during the summer.

Wm. Parker, of Ballston, is to teach a summer school over in Tillamook.

There has been a slim attendance at circuit court except those whose duties or interests brought them here. Judge Hewitt's department of the court will begin the first Monday in June.

The grand jury in making their final report say they found all the officers and books in good condition, and records seem to be correctly kept. The county jail was reported as in a bad condition and changes and repairs were recommended. The sheriff was in no wise to blame for the condition of the jail.

Some two years ago J. S. Michell and wife, of Falls City, concluded that they were not congenially mated and obtained a legal separation As time went on each saw the mistake they had made and regreted their action. A full reconciliation was made and last Friday at the home of N. Chapin they were reunited by Rev. A. M. Bryant.

(Observer.)

Dallas bicyclists have built them a first-class race course in the east part of town, along the railroad track. The boys are going to be in this season for fun or chips.

The late legislature certainly, made a costly mistake for the third judicial district in not abolishing a extra judge. Polk county with a circuit court docket of about 90 cases, divided into two equal parts, is forced to hold court at two different dates—all told probably two weeks. Formerly one judge would handle the same docket in one week. Of course, the taxpayer pays for all improvements over the old style of doing things.

Superintendent Hutchinson has sent out a circular letter to the Polk county teachers announcing that a summer normal institute will be held at the Normal school building in Monmouth, and it is hoped that large number of teachers will take advantage of this training school. A small tuition of probably $5 will be charged for attendance to the school.

The Dallas Curfew bell rang out its tuneful peal Wednesday evening; but Elton Connoway and Travis McDevitt forgot to obey its warning, and both the boys were brought before Recorder Stouffer yesterday and fined $5. Boys should remember that the City Dads were not funning when they passed that curfew ordinance.

(Transcript.)

The following corps of teachers have been selected for the next year of the Dallas public schools: Prof. W. I. Reynolds, principal; Misses Hattie Williams, Loretta Smith, Mary Parker and Ruth McDevitt and Mesdames F. H. Morrison and W. A. Wash, assistants.

Last fall in a runaway scrape Mr. Joseph Black had his right shoulder injured and at times since then it has given him much pain. It went on until last Thursday Dr. Stanley examined it and found it to be dislocated. Assisted by Dr. Embree he proceeded to put it back in place, since which time Mr. Black has been resting much easier than for months past.

For some time past there has been a habit among the boys of wantonly defacing fences and buildings about town. Hardly had Abel Uglow got his neat fence built and painted when a boy of 15 or 16 whittled several pickets thereof, thereby marring the beauty of the fence. For this he was taken before Judge Stouffer, Monday, and fined $6.50. This ought to be a lesson to the young man and to others. There is no use of this reckless destruction of property and it is high time a stop was put to it.

West Salem is the Polk county contingent of East Salem in Marion county, and is growing to be quite a neat little city. They have just completed a new hall to meet the requirements of the place, and other necessary buildings will soon follow. Gov. Fletcher, of the Independent and Post, is the moving spirit of the place, being a rustler from the Dakotas.

Durability of Woods.

Several years ago a farmer in north Missouri made a series of experiments with different kinds of woods to ascertain which would last longest when exposed to all the vicissitudes of weather. He took a number of stakes 2 feet long and an inch thick, drove them into the ground and left them there for four years. At the end of that time he found that the elm, ash, hickory, white pine, oak and fir were entirely rotted, so that in some cases the stick could not be drawn out of the ground, and in several it left only a line of rotted vegetable fiber. Yellow pine and teak were decayed on the outside only, the interior remaining firm and solid, while the best cedar was as good as when put into the ground. The experiment ought to be of value to people who make fences, also to builders, as showing what kind of wood will best suit places where dampness and moisture are the natural conditions.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Double Yolked Orange.

A curiosity in the shape of "an orange within an orange" fell to the share of Mr. Morris A. Thomas once in a lot of fruit purchased by him. The orange outside gave no evidence of being other than an ordinary one, but inside, when split in half, was another and a perfect orange, except that it had no rind and was only about an inch and a half in diameter. It also had a sort of stem, about as large as a clay pipe stem, running up through the center of what might be termed the parent of the baby orange to the main stem. The baby orange was not in the center of the larger one, but very close to the outside rind farthest from the main stem.—Baltimore American

Two Classes of Numskulls.

There are two classes of men about whom the public are actually tired of reading. One is the man who didn't know it was loaded. The other is the man who buys gold bricks. A case of the first sort has just occurred in one of the suburbs of New York city. Two young men were talking together at noon in the planing mill in which they worked. One of them found an old revolver and flourished it. He didn't know it was loaded, of course. But the next moment his companion was dead. An instance of the gold brick idiocy occurred at Lyons, Ia., where a wealthy farmer paid out $2,600 for a brick worth $8,000, and is, it goes without saying, out his $2,600. How men who live in this age can make such blunders passes comprehension. We advise them to subscribe for a newspaper and by close application to its columns save themselves the trouble of learning by experience.—Omaha World-Herald.

Pictures of Life In Old Egypt.

Among the most interesting of the photographs and drawings of the paintings and sculptures in the rock tombs of El-Kal, or Nekheb, as it was formerly called, are those which illustrate the daily life of the ancient Egyptians 3,000 B. C. and later. There you can see men hunting and fishing, making wine, harvesting corn, plowing and hoeing, cooking and so on. There are representations of funerals and merry makings, with dancing girls and musicians, boating on the Nile, etc. At least one picture shows that, contrary to the common belief, the Egyptians had some knowledge of perspective.—London Globe.

Wild Oysters.

A traveler who has eaten oysters in all lands has this to say about wild oysters: "I never want to eat better oysters than some I found growing in the trees at Station Creek, Port Royal. I used to go out before breakfast and pick enough for a feast. They were tree oysters, and I used to take a stone to dislodge them. Sounds like a yarn, but it is true every time. The tide comes in there 10 or 12 feet high, and the trees were submerged twice every 24 hours, and the oysters lodged in them. And they staid there and attracted more. When the tide went out, they were stranded high and dry, and lazy fellows like myself were glad to eat them."

Safe and Unsafe Rubber.

Rubber articles that float in water and are elastic and soft are harmless.

Black rubber dolls that are colored throughout the mass and the material of which sinks in water contain lead and are dangerous.

Red and brown rubbers contain antimonic sulphide, and when colored throughout the mass are not dangerous, as the antimony does not dissolve in the saliva or in milk.

Gray rubber contains zinc oxide and is dangerous in any articles likely to be put into the mouth.

Rubber articles colored on the surface only are unsafe.—Medical News.

The Military Drill.

Athletic sports have their due, perhaps undue, attention in most of the colleges and high schools, but in the graded schools, within my observation, exercise is casual and undirected. None of these exercises or sports is, however, a substitute for military drill, and some of them create a new need for it. A good oarsman need not be erect or graceful; a good arm and plenty of wind meet his needs. The champion "cyclist" is not apt to have square shoulders. The football captain is so padded that a safe judgment can hardly be formed as to his natural "lines," but a good leg and more stamina seem to me—a noneexpert—to be his distinctive marks. In baseball the pitcher seems to an occasional observer to have parted with all his natural grace to endow the curved ball.

A military drill develops the whole man, head, chest, arms and legs proportionately, and so promotes symmetry and corrects the excesses of other forms of exercise. It teaches quickness of eye and ear, hand and foot, qualifies men to step and act in unison, teaches subordination, and, best of all, qualifies a man to serve his country.—Benjamin Harrison in Century Magazine.

Russian Etiquette.

If you invite a Russian to dinner, make a point of offering him before he takes his seat at the table certain hors d'oeuvres, and above all do not forget to accompany these with a dram of spirits. The stronger the latter the higher the Russian guest will esteem his entertainer, who must pour the cognac out himself, not into a liquor glass, but into a bordeaux glass, and it is indispensable that he should drain the entire bumper to the health of his guest before the latter has time to put his glass to his lips. Each time you make a speech at dinner, or at any repast, be careful to have your glass filled to the brim before you begin speaking, and the moment you have concluded your remarks drain your glass to the very last drop at a gulp, since that if the slightest heeltap remains it means in the eyes of the Russians that your remarks have been insincere.—Petite Republique Francaise.

The Irish Woman at the Bank.

An old woman of undeniable Celtic origin entered a down town savings bank the other day and walked up to the desk.

"Do you want to draw or deposit?" asked the gentlemanly clerk.

"Naw, Oi doan't. Oi want ter put some in," was the reply.

The clerk pushed up the book for her signature, and indicating the place said, "Sign on this line, please."

"Above it or below it?"

"Just above it."

"Me whole name?"

"Yes."

"Before Oi was married?"

"No, just as it is now."

"Oi can't write."—Boston Transcript.

Khirgese Prefer the Moslem Faith.

Our Odessa correspondent says that the Russian orthodox missionaries have so failed in their proselytizing efforts among the Khirgese that the missions will probably be shortly withdrawn. Nearly the whole of the steppe tribes, generally described as "heathens," are now adopting, almost "en masse," the Mohammedan faith, which is spread among them chiefly by Tartar teachers. The Mohammedan Tartars have always enjoyed the right of free proselytism among the natives of the Khirgese steppes.—London News.

A Hopeless Case.

They met by chance in the waiting room of a railway station.

"My friend," began the man with the valise full of tracts, persuasively, "have you ever reflected on the shortness of life, the uncertainty of all things here below, and the fact that death is inevitable?"

"Have I?" replied the man in the shaggy overcoat cheerfully. "Well, I should reckon! I'm a life insurance agent!"

"Ah—um—looks as if we were going to have more snow, doesn't it?" said the other, locking his valise again with a snap.—Chicago Tribune.

Expensive Wall Covering.

Register Gates of the land office tells a story of the most expensive wall paper he ever heard of. It was in a house in College street, Jackson, Tenn. One of the rooms was papered with land grants belonging to one of the volumes of the land grant office for western Tennessee. These papers had been lost since the war and represented more than $2,000,000 in value. These papers were carefully detached and preserved for future reference.—New York Herald.

Her Excuse.

"Well, I am very sorry you are not as happy as you expected to be, now you are married," said old Mr. Birmingham to his daughter, "but you will remember I told you to look before you leaped."

"I did look, papa," she replied, "but you know I always was near sighted."—Exchange.

Etching Photographs on Glass.

It is now found that in the art of etching photographs on glass a very satisfactory result may be secured by covering the surface with a solution of gum made sensitive with bichromate of potash, and printing the same under a negative. After the image has in this manner been produced, it is dusted over with minium or red lead, and the red picture which is thus obtained is fixed and burned according to the usual process. The easily soluble red glass which comes from this method is treated with strong sulphuric acid, when a white matte design is produced, and the picture appears by transmitted light as a positive. Some specimens in this line by German artists are described as exhibiting superior merit, as compared with those produced by ordinary means.—New York Sun.

A Fable and a Moral.

A cock, scratching for food for himself and his hens, found a precious stone, on which he said: "If your owner had found thee and not I, he would have taken thee up and set thee in thy first estate, but I have found thee for no purpose. I would rather have one barleycorn than all the jewels in the world. However, on second consideration, thou wilt make a good addition to the gravel that is in my craw and may help to correct the slight dyspepsia that has troubled me of late." This said, the cock ceased moralizing and swallowed the jewel.

Moral—There are a great many people who wear diamonds for their health.—Hallo.

No Cause For Alarm.

"There, I suppose my dress is ruined forever."

Landlady—What is the matter?

"Mary spilled milk all over the sleeve."

Landlady—Never mind that now. Just as soon as the water dries out you can brush the chalk right off.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Some Alaskan names are: Ahgomethelanaghamute, Ahgulakpaghamate, Chokfoktoleghamute, Kahlukhtughamute, Kennachanaghamute, Kyktoltowtin, Quischogamute, Teeuahotozna and Akgulurasiglak.