

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, JUNE 5, 1902.

NUMBER 27

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

Held at the Opera House Saturday Evening.

W. C. HAWLEY DELIVERED ADDRESS.

"Climb Though the Rocks be Rugged" Life's Slogan of the Class of 1902.

No person has a right to question the loyalty of the citizens of Independence toward the public institution of learning situated in our midst. Notwithstanding other entertainments were held in this city and also in Monmouth, the opera house was packed and standing room at a premium by the parents and friends of the young people who start so auspiciously in their life's work.

Seated on the stage were the members of the board and faculty of the school, whose excellent personnel has contributed so much to the success of the past school year's work; the graduating class, seated in a semi-circle, and W. C. Hawley, Willamette University's eloquent ex-president.

It took but a few strains of music from the mandolin club to put the audience in good cheer to expectantly await the program proper. Rev. E. J. Thompson, the venerable pastor of the Presbyterian church, in a few well-chosen words invoked the Divine blessing to rest upon and guide each and every member of the class in the life's battles yet to be fought.

Then Miss Mae Kennedy advanced to the center of the stage and spoke pleasantly and instructively on "Joan of Arc." She treated the character of this intrepid female leader in an elevated and from a historical standpoint.

"Marconi and His Invention," by Floyd P. Mix, a promising member of the class, was ably handled. Wireless telegraphy was discussed from its most chaotic state to its grandest possibilities in a sensible, matter-of-fact manner.

At this point in the program Mrs. George Conkey, one of the most gifted vocalists of this city, rendered a solo in her usual acceptable manner.

Miss Almira I. Kimberlin paid a merited tribute to the "Pioneers of Oregon," displaying the utmost familiarity with her subject. Her delivery was among the best of the evening.

Another historical character, "Elizabeth," was selected as the theme of Miss Inez N. Warner. The career of this most remarkable woman of mediaeval history was well portrayed by Miss Warner. Her oration displayed much research and an original manner of treating her subject.

Miss Bowden's cello solo—the next number on the program—needs no praise at our hands. This gifted musician is recognized as one of the best interpreters of stringed instruments in Oregon.

"My Nightingale," one of De Koven's popular classical solos, was rendered by Miss Lee in a



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manner to receive the approbation of the entire audience.

Miss Anola Owen is one of the youngest members of the class, and she treated the subject of "Cleopatra" in a manner that was a credit to herself.

The rejuvenation of "The South," from the effects of '61-'65, was ably handled by Frank E. Richardson, who enters active life with many promises of a useful career.

"The Ship I Love"—well it was sung by J. A. Mills. Isn't that enough to make any audience clamor for more? Well, it was on this occasion, but encores were not permitted by the manager of the program.

Miss Belle Elaine Dickinson entered the field of prophecy and lifted the screen which discloses the present from the future. Her forecasts were well chosen, dignified, and stamped Miss Dickinson as a bright, sensible young lady.

Julien Hurley had the honor of delivering the valedictory, a task he performed most excellently, taking for his subject the old, but forever new, subject—"Oregon." In concluding he paid a glowing tribute to the members of the faculty and board of directors.

"Far Away," by Messrs. Mills, Conkey, Walker and Osborne, brought down the house, and in spite of all efforts to check it the enthusiasm of the audience compelled them to return, this time George Conkey rendering "My Old Kentucky Home" with voice accompaniment. They were called to the front again, but would not sing.

Dr. E. L. Ketchum had the pleasant task of presenting the diplomas, after which Prof. W. C. Hawley, of Salem, addressed the class. His deep, sonorous voice reached every part of the hall, and his plea for the young graduates to give this old world an impetus it would always feel was reciprocated by every member of the vast assemblage.

The mandolin club then rendered

"Valse Romantique" and so far as the audience was concerned the program was over.

Not, however, with the class. They repaired to the I. O. O. F. hall where a banquet was spread, and amid the greatest gaiety the school year of 1902 was ushered out, and the "Climb, Though the Rocks be Rugged," entered upon.

Rose Fair.

The Presbyterian ladies will hold their Rose Fair on Thursday and Friday evenings, the 12th and 13th inst, in the opera house. They have been earnestly at work on the evening entertainments which will be exceptionally fine.

On Thursday evening, June 12th, will be put on the Albino Minstrel show, given by local talent. This promises to be the event of the season.

Cash prizes will be given for fine roses as follows:

Best collection not less than 10 varieties, \$2; second best collection, \$1.

Best collection of not less than four varieties, \$1; second best collection, 50c.

Best specimen red rose, 50c; second best specimen, 25c.

The same for yellow, pink and white specimens.

All flowers should be at the opera house as early as possible on Thursday—not later than 4 o'clock P. M. All who grow roses are cordially invited to bring their flowers and compete for the cash prizes.

Ice cream and cake will be served each evening for 10c. General admission, 15c; children 10c. Reserved seats for the minstrels on sale at Locke's drug store, 25c.

On the first indication of kidney trouble, stop it by taking Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by A. S. Locke.

DECORATION DAY.

Fittingly Observed in Independence Friday.

REV. H. OSBORNE DELIVERED ORATION.

In the Morning Old Soldiers Strewed Flowers on Departed Comrades' Graves.

No more shall the war cry sever,
Nor the winding river be red;
They banish our anger forever,
When they laurel the graves of our dead,
Under the sod and dew
Waiting the judgment day—
Love and tears for the blue,
Tears and love for the Gray.

Last Friday the historic custom of paying tribute to the memory of the defenders of our flag was fittingly observed in Independence.

In the morning several members of the G. A. R. Post drove to the cemetery and there bedecked with garlands of flowers the final resting places of seven departed soldiers-in-arms, namely: Comrades Cressy, Poole, Townner, Teague, Stine, Wilkins and Clancy. And not only were the graves of soldiers remembered, but throughout the entire day conveyances loaded with flowers thronged the highway leading to the cemetery, until the marble slabs and the verdure under foot seemed transformed to a veritable flower garden.

In the afternoon business houses closed and our citizens repaired to the Auditorium, where the following program was rendered:

Song, Battle Hymn of the Republic
Invocation, Rev. B. J. Kelley
Solo, "The Holy City"
Rev. G. Howard Osborne.
Reading, Rev. B. J. Kelley
Song, "Red, White and Blue"
Oration, Rev. G. Howard Osborne
Song, "America"

This was the first occasion of this nature that Rev. Osborne ever attended or officiated in any capacity, and his effort was exceedingly creditable. His rendition of "The Holy City" again demonstrated the power of his vocal talents.

After the program old soldiers—Union, Spanish-American, Indian war veterans—school children and others marched to the inspiring music of the fife and drum to the river bank, where flowers were strewn in remembrance of the unmarked graves of some of America's noblest heroes—her sailor lads.

As the old soldiers marched through the streets, with bent form and hoary heads, one could not help noting their thinned ranks and realize that in a few years more they will all be gone. As these old men—the last who are left of the Old Guard—old in years, but youthful, vigorous and strong in that quality of patriotism which broadens and deepens as the years speed by—as they marched forward bearing the loving cup of broken but not forgotten companionship, one could not but be thoroughly impressed with the great debt that the individual, the state, the nation owed, not only to the few survivors, but to the countless number whose last resting

places are so graciously remembered once every year.

Death of D. S. Nash.

Special from Buena Vista.

Daniel Sandusky Nash was born in Madison county, Ohio, October 9, 1821, and died at McMinnville, Oregon, May 30, 1902, aged 80 years, 7 months and 21 days, interment taking place at the Buena Vista cemetery last Sunday. Rev. B. J. Kelley, of Independence, conducted the services, assisted by the G. A. R. Post of Independence.

The children who survive him are Mrs. Margaret McLane and Jake Nash, of Buena Vista; Mrs. Mary Rathburn, of Montevilla, Portland; Mrs. Martha Gray, of Lowen, Oregon; Mrs. Eunice Bonney, of Woodburn, Oregon. One son and three daughters preceded the father in death. There are 32 grand children and 23 great grand children. Deceased's first wife died August 2, 1882, and in 1885 he was married to Melvina C. Halford, of Sprague, Washington, who still survives him.

On July 18, 1861, Mr. Nash enlisted in the Union army from Putnam county, Missouri, under Gen. Prentice. He received his honorable discharge March 15, 1862. In 1864, he with his wife, six children and three grand children immigrated to Oregon. The following year they settled at North Yamhill. Mr. Nash has resided at Eugene, Buena Vista and McMinnville.

Deceased was a man of integrity and Christian character. He held the relation of local deacon in the M. E. church. He also comes from a historic family. John Nash, a great uncle, established a trading post called Port Nash, which afterward became Nashville, Tennessee. Richard Nash, the grand sire, helped to survey and plot the old town of Boston, Massachusetts. He also sectionized a large part of the Alleghany district. Thos. Nash, the father of Daniel Nash, deceased, served in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, Co. M., under Colonel Morgan. This company was known as the "Bloody Seventh."

Jake Nash, a son of the deceased, belonged to the Missouri state militia in the early part of the Civil war. Deceased was a member of the George A. Custer Post, of McMinnville, Oregon.

MARRIED.

FREEMAN—HOPPER.—On Wednesday evening, June 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Paddock, John Louis Freeman was united in marriage to Clara B. Hopper, Rev. G. Howard Osborne officiating.

A goodly number of friends were present to greet the young couple, and after the ceremony a pleasant evening was spent and a wedding feast partaken of, after which toasts were given for the health and happiness of the young couple.

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excess drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by A. S. Locke.