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27 GRADUATE FROM CITY HIGH SCHOOL

OPERA HOUSE FILLED WITH ADMIRING FRIENDS.

PRES. W. J. KERR IS ORATOR

Sheepskins Are Presented by Mrs. Jos. Moss, Chairman of Board of Education.

- 1913 Graduating Class.
- Viola Marie Birr.
- Ruth Josephine Bradford.
- Mildred Eva Churchill.
- Minnie Marguerite Cleveland.
- Bertha Marie Coats.
- Edna Frances Cornell.
- Margaret Jeanette P. Cramer.
- Wilda Counts.
- Catherine Francesca Galvin.
- Alice Edith Hansen.
- Robert Foote Harris.
- Amy Thorp Layton.
- Reva Lorraine Hill.
- Della Emerald Jewell.
- Paul Mathews Kinney.
- Esther Ethelyn La Brie.
- Robert Benton Harryman.
- Bertha Mable McCallister.
- Ethel Leora McCallister.
- Myrtle Mae Tuttle.
- Fay Grace Savage.
- Gertrude Avanelle Parker.
- Matthew Casey Riddle.
- Adah Alice Eugenia Morrison.
- Lilith Arline Sweetland.
- Edward Thomas.
- Victor Emanuel Newell.

Surrounded by admiring friends the twenty-seven young men and women whose names appear above were presented with the parchment that marked the completion of the course of study of the Grants Pass high school, the ceremonies of the occasion taking place at the opera house Tuesday evening, the building being crowded to its doors with our citizens.

The members of the graduating class were seated upon the stage, the "sweet girl graduates" in their pretty commencement gowns vying with the flowers of nature in their gracious beauty, while the young men were manly and strong, among the number being future pilots of the great ship of state.

The stage, decorated with fragrant bloom and with school and college pennants, was a pretty setting for the significant ceremony, and words of wisdom that fell from the speaker's lips were received and assimilated by the 27 to whom they were addressed. A vocal solo, "Spring," by Mrs. Ireland, was the opening number on the program, and following it Superintendent Turner, in the happy manner of his public speaking, introduced President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon State Agricultural College, who was to deliver the address to the graduating class.

Pres. Kerr's Address.

Pres. Kerr dealt with the topic "Development of the Educational Idea," wherein he showed the wonderful growth in the fundamental spirit of college and university education that has taken place in this country in such a comparatively short time. He outlined briefly the old straight-laced courses which were universal a few years ago, from which no one gained any direct training for a future work and from which woman was practically excluded, working up to the modern tendencies in higher education as seen in the advanced courses open to the young people of today. Present-day educational ideas are favoring the establishment of a greater number of practical courses fitting one for definite future work, and in this connection a greater variety of courses has been thrown open to women, especially those dealing with the work in the home. For men, are found courses in almost any line of work, professional or otherwise, and from these advances in the colleges, has come the great advance in the courses avail-

able in the high schools throughout the nation, so that today many practical courses are open to the boys and girls in our high schools. Thus in all this progress in the spirit of education woman has come to take a more and more prominent place, and now in most high schools courses are open to girls in which they learn the elements of domestic science and home management. The demand for practical education for boys in the high school has been even more insistent than for girls, and the result has been the addition of many such courses as agriculture, engineering and the great variety of commercial courses. And indeed it is necessary that this training be given in the high school, said President Kerr, for many of the young people in attendance at these schools will not go on to a higher institution, and it is becoming more and more recognized that the men and women who will have the best chance in the future are those who receive the best fundamental training directly in the interest of their future work.

President Kerr urged all the young people of today to put forth their greatest efforts to gain a college education and said they should set about to create the opportunity rather than merely wait for the chance to come to them, citing the many instances where young people are today working their way through college. He especially emphasized the inestimable value of this higher education, and gave his opinion that the time has come when all young men and women possessing good health and independence may go on to college if they so will it.

Diplomas Are Presented.

Following the address of President Kerr and a piano solo by Miss Bernice Quinlan, the diplomas were presented the individual graduates by Mrs. Jos. Moss, the chairman of the board of education, the presentation being preluded with appropriate remarks.

The graduates were the recipients of many gifts of a floral or of more substantial nature, the orchestra pit being banked with the remembrances of friends of the young people.

Class Day Exercises.

The high school auditorium was crowded Monday evening with the parents and friends of the graduates to hear the class day program.

The exercises opened with a selection from the high school orchestra which showed thorough preparation.

Miss Bertha Coats, in the salutatory, gave a sketch of the life and work of Jane Addams. The historical review of the class was given by Ruth Bradford. Edward Thomas showed a knowledge of the subject he had chosen, "Conservation," in the masterly way in which he handled it. The class prophecy found in the "book of memory" was given in a dignified manner by the prophetess of the class, Jeanette Cramer. Victor Newell contributed his share in the program by a piano solo which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. The last will and testament of the class of '13 was read by Edna Cornell in far too vivacious a manner to lead anyone to suppose there was anything dead about the class. The poetess, Esther LaBrie, recited a poem which dealt in a pointed way to the different members of the class. Matthew Riddle had the honor of valedictorian and his subject, "Industrial Education" showed excellent preparation and a grasp on the practical side of life. The closing number was the class song composed by Miss LaBrie which brought the entire class of 28 members on the platform. The song was well rendered and was enjoyed by all as was also the pretty picture made by the class in a group.

The following program was presented:

- Music.....High School Orchestra
- Salutatory.....Bertha Coats
- Jane Addams and Hull House....
- Class History.....Ruth Bradford
- Class Oration, "Conservation".....
-Edward Thomas
- Music.....High School Girls Chorus
- Prophecy.....Jeanette Cramer
- Piano solo.....Victor Newell
- Class Will.....Edna Cornell
- Class Poem.....Esther LaBrie
- Valedictory "Industrial Education".....
-Matthew Riddle
- Class Song.....Class of 1913

PROVIDE FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ORDINANCE IS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

COMMISSION OF 13 NAMED

Ladies Auxiliary Heads Movement, And Pledges Subscription to Start Fund.

MAYOR SMITH NAMES LIBRARY COMMISSION

- At the special meeting of the council Friday night Mayor Smith announced his appointments to the library commission as provided in the recently enacted ordinance. The commission, composed as follows, was at once approved by the council:
- Mrs. Arthur Conklin.
- Mrs. C. L. Hobart.
- Mrs. W. E. Everton.
- Mrs. J. E. Hair.
- Mrs. C. W. Courtney.
- Mrs. A. J. Klocker.
- Miss Minnie L. Tufts.
- Prof. R. R. Turner.
- Mrs. Ruth Dennison.
- Councillman R. S. Morgan.
- Rev. I. H. Teel.
- G. H. Carner.
- Mrs. Jos. Moss.

Any who may have feared that the Grants Pass women were unprepared for the duties of citizenship would have had their minds freed from doubt had they been present at the meeting of the city council, Thursday evening, when a delegation from the Ladies' Auxiliary piloted the new public library ordinance successfully into port. The ordinance was up for final passage, and as it embodied the features that made the public library possible, laying the foundation upon which the loyal women who had been boosting for it for months expect to build a great and a necessary institution, they were present to aid in its final passage.

Citizen Hunton Attacks.

When the ordinance was up for final consideration, Citizen C. W. Hunton attacked it because he said it conferred too much power upon the library commission, and he feared the commission might exercise its authority to the detriment of the library. Mr. Hunton was especially fearful that the commission might censor too closely the literature allowed in the institution.

Answering Mr. Hunton's argument, Mrs. Hair, chairman of the committee from the Auxiliary, said that friends of the library movement had the greatest confidence that a commission appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council would be faithful to its trust, but that if there was quibbling over immaterial details, "we will be from now to doomsday getting a public library."

Councillmen Seek Knowledge.

Councillman Everton wanted to hear from the visiting ladies on the merits of the ordinance, and Councillman Clark was curious to know how a building was to be provided, and where the maintenance was to come from.

It was explained by the mayor that the proposed ordinance carried no appropriation and made no provision for the expenditure of public funds, and that when it came to the making of appropriations for the library it would be time enough to arrange the details for its expenditure. Everton read several proposed amendments by which he would wind yards of red tape about the management of the library, and wanted the ordinance made "more complete and full, for we expect to give this commission funds to spend some day."

Mrs. Hair argued for the passage

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES SUNDAY

TO REVERE MEMORY OF HONORED DEPARTED.

SERMON BY REV. JEFFREY

Decoration Day Will Also Be Appropriately Observed, Hon. E. E. Blanchard to be Speaker.

Memorial day services, commemorative of the sacrifices made by the brave boys who have defended the honor of the stars and stripes on many fields, will be held at the Newman Methodist Episcopal church, on Sunday morning, May 25th, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Wm. Riley Jeffrey Jr. preaching the sermon.

The general public is invited to this service, and especially is the invitation to the veterans of all wars, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, and to Spanish-American war veterans, all of whom are requested by the committees of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. in charge to meet at Woodman Hall, on G Street, at 10:30 sharp, and march in a body to the church.

On Friday, May 30th, the annual Decoration day will be observed, and at 2 o'clock there will be appropriate and interesting services at the opera house, Hon. E. E. Blanchard, representative from this legislative district, to deliver the address. The committee extends a special invitation to the school children, and to their parents, and to the public generally, and to every old soldier who participated in the Civil war whether they wore the blue or the gray, to participate in this service and revive the memory of the departed comrades.

The committee asks that all old soldiers, G. A. R., W. R. C., fraternal or civic organizations that wish to join in the parade on Decoration day meet at Woodman Hall on G street, at 1:30 sharp on the afternoon of May 30th, and march together to the opera house where the services will be held. The committees from the G. A. R. and W. R. C. also request that all business houses of the city be closed on the afternoon of May 30th.

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANNERY EQUIPMENT.

C. B. Fowler has been elected by the directors of the cannery company to manage the business of that institution during the building up process, and he will enter at once upon an active campaign of soliciting for the sale of stock and getting the stockholders to make plantings to furnish material for the cannery.

A. Rupert was here from Portland during the week in consultation with the directors, and after a thorough investigation of the old plant he gave the board a detailed list of the equipment necessary for this season's operation. A man to be put in charge of the canning of the fruits and vegetables is now in view, and will be contracted with in a short time. He is a competent man, and will have charge of the canning operations.

The directors have purchased several thousand tomato plants in the north during the past week, and every plant obtainable has been set out. Another shipment will arrive Tuesday, but these are all spoken for, and other orders will be placed at once. All who want more plants are requested to phone to Mr. Fowler, phone No. 109, without delay. A great many tomatoes are being planted out and Mr. Fowler will go to Hugo next week where arrangements will be made for ten acres more. The cannery will specialize on tomatoes and pears this season.

Derring mowers and hay rakes at Cramer Bros.

GRANTS PASS SHOULD CELEBRATE THE 4TH

The feeling around town is pretty general that Grants Pass should celebrate the Fourth of July in fitting style this year. It has been four years since the eagle has screamed in the chief city on the banks of the Rogue, and each year has seen a stream of people, and the steam of people represented a stream of golden coin, leaving for the neighboring cities where patriotism has been unloosed.

Committeemen from the Commercial club have discussed the question up one side and down the other, and they are assured that the necessary funds for a rousing celebration will be forthcoming from the business interests of the city. This committee has been on a still hunt for several days past for attractions, and it has a number of thrillers on the string that will give the people something to talk about. As a chief attraction one of the Curtiss aviators is now held for this place under a tentative agreement, and it is expected that he will be engaged for an aviation meet to cover two days, Friday, July 4th, and Saturday, the 5th. Definite contract must be made with the Curtiss people within the next two or three days, and to bring things to a focus, and decide whether or not the city will celebrate, the committees are to commence a canvass of the city tomorrow to see what amount of funds can be made available for the celebration. Several of the business men have voluntarily expressed themselves as willing to subscribe liberally, and the committee starts out with confidence.

No program has been outlined as yet, and will not be till funds for the celebration have been provided, but as soon as the money is in sight to do the two days justice, attractions now in view will be closed with. At a committee meeting this morning the committeemen were unanimously in favor of closing with the birdman for the aviation feature, and to make this one of the big events of the celebration. It was also proposed to make everything free, and to entertain our friends from the neighboring country and cities in becoming manner.

If the committee is accorded the reception which it anticipates on its round of interviews Wednesday, the machinery will be set in motion at once, and attractions will be listed before they are picked up by other localities.

RAILROAD PARTY GOES TO CRESCENT CITY

Messrs. W. D. O'Brien of San Francisco, Ed. Barnett of Los Angeles, and E. Phelan of Omaha, Neb., arrived in the city Sunday evening to make further investigations concerning the proposed Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad, coming as representatives of the syndicate that is considering the financing of the road. The gentlemen represent three branches of inquiry, Mr. O'Brien being a mining engineer who will make a somewhat detailed examination into the extent and the quality of the ore deposits in the territory which the road is to traverse; Mr. Barnett is a civil engineer, and Mr. Phelan is one of the leading railroad contractors of the country. In company with Dr. Reddy, the gentlemen left by auto Monday morning to go out over the line and to visit the mines and the timber bodies along the route. They propose to be gone several days, stopping first at Patrick's creek, and then going on to Crescent City. They go in a Cadillac automobile which Mr. Helm, the Los Angeles gentleman who heads the organization, has recently purchased for use in this territory, finding it better to own the machine than to have to depend on hiring one when it is needed in conducting the business between Grants Pass and Crescent City.

W. B. C. Attention!

Members of Gen. Logan W. R. C. are requested to be at Dixon's hall at 10 o'clock Sunday morning to join the G. A. R. in the march to the Newman M. E. church where the memorial day services will be held. Minnie Curtis, Chaplain.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROSES IN JUNE

ANNUAL EVENT TO BE OF INCREASED MAGNITUDE.

OREGON PRODUCTS DINNER

Towns and Granges of the County to Join in Success of the Elaborate Program.

Co-operation of the towns of the county and the county granges with citizens of Grants Pass will insure the most elaborate festival ever held in our county and which it is confidently expected will surpass any enterprise of this nature ever attempted in the state of Oregon. A carefully selected committee, looking to the perfecting of the multitudinous details, has been appointed, their full share of responsibility being given over to the respective granges of the county, which are invited to share in the matter of exhibits and the liberal prizes which are to be offered, and it is realized that people from all over Josephine county will carry off prizes, representative and impartial judges to be named who will stand for partiality for none and justice for all.

The "Oregon products" dinner at which it is anticipated hundreds will be served, will be one of the chief attractions and this feature, unique and practical, is sure to attract state wide attention, as well as the patronage of distinguished personages. An especially strong committee, expert housekeepers and cooks, will serve the county on this most important committee and an equally strong committee has in charge the matter of entertainment and amusements, although still others will be added as plans are further elaborated. A later issue will inform the public of details of the mammoth enterprise, the proceeds of which it is designed to devote exclusively toward the ultimate establishing of a great, free library, accessible to every citizen within the borders of Josephine county. Several hundreds of dollars are already set aside in the town of Grants Pass alone for this purpose.

Mrs. L. L. Herrick, chairman of the initiative committee, has already received communications from several of the granges signifying their intention of co-operating in the matter. A list of the committees from the granges will be published when all have responded.

The following is the list of committees to date:

- Dinner (chairman not chosen)—Mesdames Prescott, Townsend, Bobzein, Loughridge, Martin, Blake, Macy, J. E. Hair, Ryckman, Vedder, W. Coutant, Sexton, Albert Coe, E. E. Blanchard, Amos Myers, Kiser, Reynolds, Teel, Quinlan.
- Prizes—Mesdames Stutenroth, Tracy, R. G. Smith.
- Hall—Mesdames McCracken, Henkle, Nutting and Messrs Cooklin and Heath.
- Soliciting and Collecting Flowers—Mesdames Burke, M. C. Ament, Carner and Miss Tufts.
- Advertising—Mesdames Bartlett, Demaray and H. G. Marshal.
- Entry—Mesdames Clevenger and Maxwell and Messrs Barnes and T. P. Cramer.
- Decorating—Mesdames Conklin, E. F. Heath, J. M. Kemp, Klocker, assisted by a committee of young men and women not yet arranged.
- Finance—Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. Clements.
- Entertainment—Mesdames Hobart and Baker and E. S. VanDyke.
- Mrs. Herrick, the acting president of the Auxiliary, will meet the chairmen of the various committees on Monday at 2:30 in the Commercial club parlors.
- Mrs. C. B. Ward and daughter, Mildred were in the city on business Thursday.
- Robert Harriman left Wednesday for Eastern Oregon, where he has employment for the summer.