PRESBYTERIAN.

Mineral Springs College.

Commencement Days at the Sodaville College.

(EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

The writer visited at the Sodaville Cumberland Presbyterian college, May 5, and spent part of two days at the famous Soda Mineral springs, where Hon. M. A. Miller immortalized himself by securing the erection of a state building over the greatest soda fountain in the state. The water gushes out free like Methodist salvation. While the effervescent bubbles rise to the surface, the delicious mountain air bears to the lips the odor of wild flowers and flavors each glass with the scent of millions of blossoms. No use for anyone to set up a soda fountain here in this Cumberland Presbyterian town. We had never seen a live specimen of this species and did not know but what they were some kind of fur bearing animal, like the old preacher in West Virginia we heard tell about.

He was a stranger and stopped at a cabin to ask if there were any Cumberland Presbyterians in those parts. The old lady took him around to the back of the cabin where all kinds of skins of wild animals were hung up to dry. "There mister," she said, "are raccoon and bar and catamount and my old man has killed nigh onto five of every species that ever trod the mountains. But I don't believe he's ever killed one of them varmints you call Cumberland Presbyterians."

We found these educated Presbyterians in the mountain college town agreeable and sociable people. They treated us well and we lived well while among them. A Salem man you know can't live on mountain air and mineral water. As a rule they live on something more substantial with plenty of appropriations thrown in, and this reminds me that here is a flourishing, growing, well-attended college that has never received a cent of state appropriations.

THE ENROLLMENT

this year was about 130 young men and women. You bet, they believe in co-education up here, and the young women hold their heads up and look as bright and cheerful and independent as the young men. Dr. D. M. Jones of Sodaville sent his boy Tommy Miller to meet us at Lebanon with a buggy. Tommy had a pug dog named "Pennoyer." That dog is said to be the smartest dog in Linn county and he is not a middle-of-the-road dog at all.

THE COLLEGE

stands up at the edge of the Cascade foothills, just a good appetizing walk from town. The walk leads through the mineral spring building where we imbibe several glasses of soda. The more we drink the more we seem to want, until we walk up the hill with our insides swashing about like a half-filled churn. Dr. Jones accompanied us and told us it was all right so we didn't mind it.

Jones is an old pioneer of the medical profession and was one of the Willamette medical faculty, and is now lecturer on physiology and hygiene, and engine, steam boiler, regulator, whistle, smokestack and bell ringer of the college. He is devoting his life and character and resourses and enterprise to the upbuilding of this school. He talks about it by day, dreams over it at night, prays for it, writes for it and fights for it if necessary. He is ably backed up by President J. R. Geddes. They two are a team and its hard to tell which is lead horse. Geddes can teach the classics or sciences, unravel mathematics or lick a smart-aleck, solve equations in the sixteenth degree or make rails to enclose the college grounds. Geddes is no dude professor, but a man of hard common sense, an educator of life-long devotion, a progressive thinker, and a man not all crusted over with theology until nothing but a hardened skeleton underneath.

I shook hands with some of the men and women teachers who were working hard with their classes in the big building and found all bright and cheerful, hopeful and hard-working, putting on no style, just plain, common, everyday people. But when it comes to studies, well, they will hold their own with any class of college students in the state.

I was told that this college was originally founded in Eugene, and the class of 1860 contained such men as Joaquin Miller, the poet, H. R. Kincaid, Secretary of State, ex-Mayor Matlock of Eugene ex-Congressman Henderson, of Oregon. It is not always the biggest, most-talked-about, state-aided schools that turn out the ablest men and women.

SECOND COMMENCEMENT.

The annual commencement of the Mineral Spring college begins Sunday May 23, and closes on the 28. Following is the complete program and friends intending to visit the college will do well to preserve it for reference.

SUNDAY, MAY 23.

11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon Rev. C. A. Wooley, Fairmount.

8 p. m.—Evening Sermon, Rev. J. H. Longhbottom, Alsea.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

8 p. m.,—First: Opening and Welcome addresses. J. H. Bond, student in the Classical Course. Second: Graduating exercises of the Preparatory Department and presentation of Diplomas, By Mrs. J. R. Geedes, principal.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

8 p. m.—Graduating exercises of the Business Department and presentation of Diplomas, by Dr. D. M. Jones, Sodaville: Prof. J. C. Fowlie, principal, assisted by Profs. Pearl Hobson and J. G. McCully.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

8 p. m.—Graduating exercises of the Normal Department and conferring of degrees, by Rev. C. A. Wooley; Pres. Geddes, principal.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

8 p. m.—First: Lecture, by Hon. G. M. Irwin, State Supt. Pub. Inst., Salem. Second: Address to Normal class and presentation of Diplomas, by Supt. Irwin.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

8 p. m.—First: Lecture, by Rev G. A. Blair, Portland; entitled "The Manly Man." Second: Alumni Association Literary Program and Reception. Third: Alumni Banquet; Prof. D. C. Peery, President of Association.

Musical Director, Prof, Dora Altermatt.

Commencent Marshal, B.F. Simons.

Commencent Chaplain, Rev J. H. Boyles.

Com. on Entertainment, Prof. Herschell Mack, Wade Thomas, Webster Jones and Louie Newland.

You are cordially invited to be present at the commencent excercises of this college, May 23, 24, 25, 26, 17 and 28, 1897.

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