

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1901.

Plattsmouth High School.

PARMELE THEATRE.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 6.

CLASS MOTTO: "NOT THE END BUT THE BEGINNING."

Program

March	"Cuban Independence"	Henninger
Selection of Popular Melodies		Tobani Op. 395
Intermezzo	"Cupid's Garden"	Max Eugene
	"America"	
Invocation		Rev. J. T. Baird
Vocal Solo	"Vocal Gavotte,"	Gaston Lemaire
	"Song of Winter,"	Henry Parker
	Miss Catharine Agnew.	
Valedictory	"The High School and the Community,"	
	Paul R. Butler.	
Vocal Duet	"Barcarole,"	Tosti
	Miss Dora Swearingen.	
	Mrs. C. S. Johnson.	
Address	"Some Popular Fallacies"	
	Rev. Ernest Wray Oneal, Aurora, Ill.	
Vocal Solo	"For All Eternity,"	Mascheroni
	Miss Clara Edna Street.	
Presentation of Diplomas		
	C. A. Rawls.	
Benediction		Rev. J. T. Baird

Graduates.

Mary A. Leonard	Alma O. Larson	Amelia I. Metzger
Sally Agnew	Paul R. Butler	Earl C. Wescott
Gertrude Beeson	Nellye L. Whalen	Godfrey A. Berggren
Minta G. Mauzy	Margaret I. Wells	M. Mabel Freese
Glen Phebus	Caroline I. Baird	Hilda Hawkinson
E. Estelle Baird	Pauline G. Martens	Nellie V. Hay
Fred H. Ramage	Forest Q. Hinsbaw	Alwine E. Hofmann
Jean S. Phebus	William P. Ramsey	Altia G. Warner
Ernest E. Wurl	Julia M. Kerr	Leon J. Pepperberg
I. James Hall	Robert H. White	Earle Clark
E. Belle Martin	Millie E. Tubbs	Elizabeth M. Lloyd
Earl R. Travis	Donald C. Despain	

Last night, in a blaze of light, in the full refulgence of oratorical declamation and the splendor of eloquent periods, numerically the largest, in point of efficiency and merit one of the strongest, graduating classes ever sent forth from the Plattsmouth high school, appeared on the stage of the Parmele theatre before a house packed from pit to gallery, with an audience of friends and relatives, delivered its commencement program, received its justly deserved ovation, took its diplomas and went forth to those who crowded about to congratulate them, full fledged graduates.

"In point of efficiency and ability the class of 1901 is one of the strongest I ever saw graduated from any high school, therefore the distinction of heading such a class is all the greater," said Superintendent John G. McHugh on the eve of the exercises. And the honor student of this class, the one who stood first and at the head, was W. P. Ramsey, son of Judge B. S. Ramsey, a standing which gives him the option of scholarships in Bellevue or Doane colleges. His average for the four years was 93 per cent.

From a raised dias the graduating class faced the audience, girls and boys placed with an eye to proportion and harmony which gave the effect of a tableau from some beautiful living picture. To their right sat Rev. Ernest Wray Oneal, Rev. J. T. Baird, C. A. Rawls and superintendent John G. McHugh. In front of them stood a huge holder filled with the coveted diplomas to which during the exercises the eyes of the graduates would wander in spite of themselves. Far above their heads, reaching almost into the loft of the stage, swung the motto engraved in the white and red class colors, "Not the End, but the Beginning."

In the lower boxes sat the members of the board of education and their wives, in the upper boxes were the late members of the board with their wives.

The address of Rev. Oneal was one of the most brilliant and forceful ever heard in the city. He spoke for forty-five minutes, with a dramatic eloquence that held his audience spell bound.

Paul R. Butler, valedictorian of the class, did himself proud, his thesis being "The High School and the Community." His oration has been pronounced by many an able judge as one of the best ever delivered at a high school commencement exercise. The thought was profound but clear, his delivery free an easy, his enunciation so perfect that without effort every word was distinctly heard in all parts of the house.

Although Superintendent McHugh took no active part in the exercises his presence spoke much for the successes of the hour. It was his class and he had every reason to be proud. In the distinction which this class brings to the school Mr. McHugh comes in for a generous share, for it is his school, and it is generally acknowledged that he has made it what it is.

The exercises were inspiring, the

music and singing beautiful, the oratory eloquent, but in spite of the little part they took in the program the 36 graduates were the center of all interest, the cynosure of all eyes, the bright particular stars of the evening, the constellations of the firmament of dotting relatives, proud friends and envious underclassmates. It was their day, the hour of their triumph. Many a fond parent's heart beat high with hope and pride, rejoicing in silent exultation in the honors won by faithfully studious daughter or son, and many an earnest prayer ascended to the high empyrean that all may be spared the crushing blows of adversity which older age comes to know so well, and that as they go forth fortune may smile sweetly upon these juvenile wayfarers just stepping through the portals, and but darkly seeing before them in the dim and uncomprehended vista the mysteries and the wonders of the world which from now, their beginning, must be their arena until the End.

Base Ball

The Plattsmouth boys went over to Pacific Junction to play ball Wednesday. During the first three innings McCauley pitched for the Plattsmouth boys, wilkins, of Glenwood, pitching the nine innings for the home team. After the third inning Scott, who had been playing short, pitched the remainder of the game. The game resulting in a score of 13 to 5 in favor of the Junction boys.

Band Concert

The first open air concert of the season to be given by the B. and M. band, a performance rendered before a large and well pleased audience at Sixth and Main streets Wednesday evening, was unfortunately cut short by a threatening hue of the sky, and the rising wind. Thursday evening of next week the band boys will furnish the music for the Old Settlers picnic at Palmyra.

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