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COMMENCEMENT

Dr. F. S. Stein, of Lincoln, Delivered an Able Discourse on Educational Themes

The following is the class of 1912: Esther May Kettle, Lily Maybelle Leeper, Blanche Irene Draper, Florence Amelia Depew, Marie Florentine Ohlsen, Francis Ernestine Corning, Winnifred Voltairine Gasteyer and Walter Earl Callahan.

Friday evening last, at the M. E. church occurred the Commencement exercises of the Loup City High School. The weather was ideal for the occasion and the attendance was flatteringly large. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, banners, of the Loup City high school, the class colors of Dark Blue and White, and everything was in keeping with the joyous occasion. The class of 1912, the teachers of the high school, members of the Board of Education, officiating ministers and the speaker of the occasion, Dr. Stein of Lincoln, occupied the rostrum.

The exercises opened with a voluntary by Mrs. R. P. Starr, followed by invocation by Rev. J. Tourtelot. This was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. Starr, which was well received. Dr. Stein was then introduced with a few well chosen and felicitous remarks from Superintendent Miss Abi Beynon, and was enthusiastically received.

Ex-State Superintendent J. L. McBrien of Lincoln had been selected by the faculty to deliver the address before the class, but at a late hour he sent regrets for inability to keep the engagement, and provided an able representative in the person of Dr. Stein, who, as an orator on such an occasion proved par excellence, so to speak.

Dr. Stein opened his address by referring in warm terms to some of the citizens of Loup City, whom he had met elsewhere, who reflected credit upon our town, notably mentioning Hon. W. B. Mellor, and stated his acquaintance with him and others had made him determine that the first occasion he had to visit Loup City he would accept, and when the present occasion presented itself he hesitated not the least to embrace it. Space and inability to do justice to the most excellent address of Dr. Stein prevents a resume of the scholarly and masterly effort of the speaker. With a voice strong and surprisingly clear, with a familiarity with his subject born of fifty years and over in educational affairs, with a personality which held his audience close listeners from the opening to the close, and frequently punctuated with warmest applause as his points went home with telling force, the address was one of the best ever delivered be-

fore a graduating class in this city, and we have had with us such noted men as Dr. Roach, and ex-Governor Shallenberger on like occasions in the past. Dr. Stein physically is of very short stature, rotund form, quite advanced in years, hair as white as the driven snow, but in no word, motion nor action showing his age, but with the energy and vim of one-half his years, and a physique kept strong and well by a life of correct living, showed a wonderful vitality, making his points of more telling effect.

Following the address, came the presentation of diplomas to the class by Hon. J. S. Pedler, president of the school board, who has a number of times in the years past graced a like occasion, and as usual with Uncle Joe, who is a great friend of the young people and of our student scholars in particular, did well and gave to the graduating class some good and wholesome advice, which, if lived up to, will have a good bearing upon their future prosperity and happiness.

A splendid duet by A. J. Johnson and L. N. Smith followed by the benediction by Rev. Dr. Leeper, and the Commencement of 1912 was closed.

Dandelions Easily Killed.

The Lincoln capital stops talking politics long enough to make the following sage observations:

"It is easy to kill out the dandelions and keep them out, when your neighbors do their part. It is a mistake to say that the plants come from the same root every time they are cut off. They soon get discouraged and quit. It is constant seeding from other years that makes vigilance necessary."

"The writer is not theorizing when he says that dandelions can be kept down. He can show the results of genuine experiment, without falling back on the various liquid nostrums of fake 'dandelion bugs.' An old butcher knife does the business, and is death to the yellow flowers, even when the balance of the precinct is seeded with them."

The Quiz man is glad to have some one add to the testimony he has been bearing as to the vulnerability of the dandelion ever since they showed their yellow faces in Ord. We have said over and over again that a dandelion cut off a little below the top of the root will never come up again, and we have proved it by the condition of the largest lawn in the city. But practically every one says, 'I don't believe it.' It is our opinion that a cause of this doubt is the dislike of getting after the little pests. All we do to keep them down is, every time we see a yellow bloom on the premises, to pull out our trusty jack-knife and sever the top root, and the job is done. Do you doubt Thomas and Tabbies see any dandelions on our lawn?—Ord Quiz.

Rebekahs at Rockville

The fourth annual district meeting of Rebekahs opened at Rockville last Thursday, with State President Mrs. Holcomb of Broken Bow in charge. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent, after which the ladies served punch and the meeting was adjourned until the next afternoon. At 3 o'clock, Friday, the session opened again with small delegations present from Sargent, Loup City and Boelus, and with Mrs. Thos. Lay and Mrs. Dr. Dickinson in the chairs, and Miss Nettie Conger as secretary-treasurer. In the hands of these capable women the work moved right through. A splendid address of welcome was given by Mrs. Dickinson, and was responded to by Mrs. J. W. Conger of Loup City. The district officers were then elected for the year as follows: President, Mrs. R. D. Hendrickson of Loup City; vice-president, Mrs. Thos. Lay of Rockville; secretary, Miss Nettie Conger of Loup City; treasurer, Miss Elva Thompson of Rockville; warden, Lillie Coltraine of Sargent; chaplain, Mrs. J. W. Conger of Loup City. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Clark of Boelus, and also one by Mrs. Conger. The state president gave an hour of much needed instruction, questions being freely asked and answered. Mrs. Holcomb makes a very able presiding officer and was helpful to all. The meeting was then closed till 8:30 and the sisters were nicely entertained in Rockville homes. At 7 o'clock a banquet was served, the like of which would be hard to equal. The hall was beautifully decorated with the lodge colors and potted plants and about 75 persons could be seated at one time. From the abundance of good thing constantly put before us, one would think they were in league with their doctor. After viewing the neat little town, we returned to their large hall and at 8:30 the meeting was called to order and the Rockville lodge initiated four new members in the mysteries of the order. By request, the papers read in the afternoon were repeated. The committee on resolutions read their report, after which the new officers were installed and fancy drilling was done by the Rockville team. On behalf of Sargent, Miss McGregor invited the next district meeting to be held at Sargent, which invitation was accepted. Too much praise can not be given the ladies of Peerless lodge of Rockville for their cordial treatment of the visitors and for their labor in preparing the banquet. The team deserves special credit for the splendid way they put on the work. The fancy drills were beautiful and the music throughout was fine. At 12:30 the meeting closed and all present were taken back to the banquet hall and served with ice cream and cake, after which each went her way, glad that she had been fortunate enough to at-

tend this district meeting. It is to be regretted that more did not avail themselves of the privilege. It is affairs of this kind which draw people closer together and opens the way to each others' hearts. Three cheers for Rockville and the Rebekahs.

St. Elmo Hotel to Be Rejuvenated

Saturday of this week, will be June 1st, at which time the St. Elmo is to change hands and name. E. F. Milburn, the new owner is to take charge and change the name to "The Milburn." Mr. Milburn arrived Monday morning to take charge of the work of rejuvenating the hotel building and make it up-to-date. He informs us he is to have the building repapered and repainted over the entire interior, new floors where needed, electric light system installed, new furniture throughout and new dishes, crockery and cooking utensils, and in fact, everything new in their entirety. This fall he expects to install a heating plant for the entire building, and starting this week Saturday will keep on doing things and adding this and that necessary to make the Milburn all that it should be to make it a favorite hotel for the transient trade, to which he will for the most part cater. The house will be closed Saturday and remain closed for a few days, until the new papering, painting and flooring can be rushed to completion, and hopes to be able to open again to the public if possible by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. His new furniture, carpets, kitchen stuff and all necessary to furnish the house in good shape has been ordered and is now here awaiting installment.

A Moving Picture Theater manager Speaks

Following is a communication from a moving picture exhibitor, published in the June Womens Home Companion. It gives an idea of the troubles of the moving picture man and shows how he looks at his business. The letter is written by an owner and proprietor of a little moving picture theater in Tynall, South Dakota:

"I wish to speak a word for the much abused exhibitor. Most of us are doing the best possible with the material we have to work with. As for the subject, the manufacturer is the one to praise or blame for the good, bad, or indifferent subjects. The exchange that supplies us sends us what we ask for, and I am sure most exhibitors get all of the best subjects they can secure; but to a certain extent we must run what is sent. The exchange must send out what they buy, and it stands to reason they can buy only what is released.

The manufacturer is free to make what he wants to, and the threadbare excuse cannot be given much longer, as the 'dear public' do not demand what they call the 'low-brow' subject. It is true, we endure it and laugh at it, but we put up with much that we dislike for the good that is to come.

"Great credit is due the manufacturers who are using the best talent that money can secure. They are not afraid that we cannot understand or appreciate first-class drama or comedy. Take the educational picture: every audience wants that. Then when they run out of other material, they can give us athletic subjects.

The general public has not had even a taste of this. It need not be world-renowned prize-fighters; give us good gymnasium and fieldwork.

"The motion-picture show in the smaller towns, when managed with intelligence, has been a real boon to the people. Many come in from the country, five and ten miles, as automobiles have made distance no object and the exhibitor is anxious to have a program that will repay a patron for the gasoline it costs to run in to the show each evening.

ASHTON 9, ROCKVILLE, 8.
The start of the game looked like it would be a slugging match by the score. Rockville getting two runs in the first inning and Ashton 5. In the 9th inning with Rockville 1 ahead of Ashton it looked very bad, but two singles, a couple stolen bases and a two base hit by Kwiatkowski gave Ashton 2 scores.

Score by running,	R	H	E
Ashton	9	11	13
Rockville	8	7	11

Bases stolen: Ashton 6, Rockville 7. Struck out by Jezewski 14, by Chiland 9, 2 base hits L. Polski, Jezewski, Geo. Polski, Kwiatkowski, Werner, 3 base hits S. Polski, Base on balls of Jezewski 3, off Chiland 1, hit by pitcher by Jezewski 1, time of game 2:20. Umpires Jamrog and Kozel.

Church Has Nursery.
In order that mothers with babies might be able to attend church, and not be troubled with the infants, a nursery has been established by the First Methodist church at Vancouver, Wash. A room in the basement is used, and is equipped with toys for the amusement of the children.

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