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## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

Large Audience in Attendance at the Parmele Theatre Thursday

GAVE AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

Every Attendant Gives Praise to the Splendid Exhibition by the Pupils

To a good sized audience at the Parmele theatre Thursday, was given the closing exercises of the St. John's Catholic school. At the beginning nearly all had collected but a few were belated, and those who were, lost something, for with the opening number began the excellent program which was presented. While the people were getting their fans going and getting cooled off from the heat of the day, an instrumental number on the piano occupied the time and quieted their nerves.

Following this was the welcome greeting sang very sweetly by six very beautiful young ladies dressed in pure white. "Come and Buy My Oranges" was presented by little Genevieve McElroy, who carried a basket of the delicious fruit, offering them as she sang, and the sweet way in which she announced her wares and the fine looking oranges, made them doubly tempting. Then came the taking number of this part, "The Boys' Entertainment," which was conducted by Master Johnnie Shields, and he proved himself a master entertainer. In this was a representation of the closing days of school, and among the numbers was one rendered by Carl Droege; in which he told of buying a printing press and printing some invitations for his sister's wedding and to save postage, posted them in public places around the town. His description brought applause again and again. In the last number of the boys' program was a recitation where the speaker was addressing the flag which he carried, and the entertainment was disturbed by two persons who accused the speaker of stealing his watermelons and a little dog, which almost broke up the entertainment, but quiet was restored when the intruders were told that the strong arm of the law would be invoked.

Following the boys was a pantomime representing San Dolphin, written by Henry W. Longfellow, and was presented by seventeen young ladies dressed in pure white. Their rendition was very beautiful and there was not one but what performed her part as an artist. The effect produced was grand and sublime, and in the dim religious light, looked like a scene from another world. "Beautiful Flowers" as sung by little Lillian Hartwick was a pleasing number and as she, with a basket of roses, sang "I Gathered Them for You and You" and in the chorus she threw the roses one by one into the audience, and received great applause. "Rivalry Among the Flowers" followed by a young lady decked with roses, and taking the crown, placed it upon her head and took a seat on the throne, saying that she would keep it. Numerous flowers came and demanded of the rose why she had assumed to be the "Queen of the Flowers," and demanding she should give up the place to them, but unto all their demands and entreaties, the rose turned a deaf ear until the "Sun Flower" and "Poppy" came; and the "Sun Flower" took the crown from off the rose and led her down from the throne. After much consultation, it was again agreed that the rose should be crowned as the "Queen of the Flowers" and the "Dahlia" was given the honor of leading her to the throne. "Boy and Girl" duet as sung by Miss Mae Daugherty and Johnnie Janda, was well received, in which each presented the joys of being a girl and boy. They both brought down the house, but little Miss Daugherty was exceptionally clever in the presentation of her part.

Rev. W. F. Bradley in a very neat talk told of the work of the sisters' school and how they were working with the scholars and sacrificing for them

and their good, and soon the Catholic church hopes to be able to carry the pupils to the end of the high school course. He thanked all who has in any way contributed to the success of the school, and congratulated those who had successfully passed the eighth grade which is their graduating point at this time. Those to receive the diplomas were, Mary Svoboda, Clara Janda, Mary McGuire, Irene Hartwick, Frank Sieczkowski and Nellie Fitzpatrick. As the diplomas were presented, Zora Smith handed them to Father Bradley, and he, to the ones to receive them. Each as they received their diplomas thanked the reverend gentleman, bowing very politely to him and the audience.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. J. E. Copus of Creighton college of Omaha, who said in substance: "That the public schools were well conducted and well equipped, and the work done by them was fine in every respect as far as mental training is concerned that had to do with the life of the individual on this earth." But, he said, "They do not go far enough, as they failed to make any provision for the world to come." He urged all Catholics to agitate the proposition of their claim that they should be accorded the privilege of using such a portion of the funds allotted for the use of education to the number of pupils they educate, as to the amount of the funds used, and the number of pupils of school age.

He then addressed those who were graduating, saying: "That they would find that this was one important thing in their lives, as it marked the time when they had left the school, which had not only given them the elements of an education, but had also given them an insight into that great beyond, which was so vast in proportion to this life, that the earthly life was small in comparison." He congratulated them on their passing from the Sisters' school with honor, and said: "By all means get a higher education. As you do good in that life that is now opening up before you God will bless you. I wish you success, and bid you good night."

In part two, Miss Clara Janda gave a very difficult instrumental execution at the piano, entitled "Columbini," which showed she had given much attention to acquiring the mastery of that number, and which was greeted with cheers. The "Dragon Fly Benefit Ball" presented by twenty-two children, in which eight of the girls danced, was very pretty and pleased the audience greatly. Then followed "Columbia," or "America's Cantata," in two acts, the striking point of the first being the singing of "America." In act two Uncle Sam was sitting in a chair, and in came ten "Yankee Doodle Boys," who sang "Yankee Doodle," followed by thirteen little girls representing the thirteen original states, and singing a song, each one for her particular state, followed by five Indians who created much merriment by their comic antics. They were followed by six Mound builders, telling of the times when they were on this continent, and of the work they did, and after them came six Aztecs, who told how the Spaniards had come and destroyed their country and wrought ruin and desolation to their fair land. But the hit was made when the ten U. S. Navy boys came in and sang "The Deep Blue Sea."

In all there were fifty-two on the stage at the end, and the exercises were closed by singing the "Red, White Blue" while the well pleased audience departed.

### New School Ma'am

Superintendent J. W. Gamble was giving the teachers examination Friday to a house full of teachers, some of whom are taking the examination for the first time. The following are those who are working on the papers today, with more to follow tomorrow: N. M. Thomas, city; Nellie Nichol, Elmwood; Blanch Ingram, Louisville; Alice Oliver; Murray; Jennie Craig, Ashland; Irene Squires, Wabash; Leda Anderson, Louisville; Blanch Robertson, city; Verona, Langhorst, Elmwood; Pearl Barker, city; Ethel Dean, Greenwood; Elen Anderson, Louisville; and Marie Atte, Wabash.

### THE LATE MRS.

J. B. MEISINGER

Born in Germany April 8th, 1838, Died in Cass County June 19, 1907

Anna Eva Meisinger was born April 8, 1838, in Ballstein, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, leaving the place of her birth together with her parent for America when she was 15 years of age, settling near Pekin, Illinois.

At the latter place, in 1856, she was united in marriage to J. B. Meisinger who survives her. Remaining in Tazewell county, Illinois, until 1872, when they removed to Cass county, Nebraska, and located on the farm (which was at that time raw prairie) upon which they have since resided.

From this union were born ten children, eight of whom survive the mother whom they so dearly loved. The children are: Mrs. Fred Druesen of Unadilla; Mrs. William Heil, G. G. Meisinger, who resides on the farm near the old home place; C. A. Meisinger, of Springfield, Nebraska; J. B. Meisinger, of Benson, Nebraska; W. G. and L. A. Meisinger, who reside with their parents upon the home place. Nineteen grandchildren are also left to mourn the loss of a dear old grandmother.

Mrs. Meisinger had been ailing for ten years, but nothing serious was thought up to ten days previous to her demise, although during this time she had been confined to her bed several times.

Mrs. Meisinger was a most noble-hearted lady, an affectionate wife and mother, and kind to all with whom she came in contact. All who knew her esteemed her most highly, and her death is sorely felt by those who knew her so well. The Journal extends to the deeply bereaved husband, and sorely afflicted children its sympathy over the loss of a dear one from the family fireside.

### THE SMITH-CANDY WEDDING

Which Occurred at the Home of the Bride's Parents in Havelock

In speaking of the marriage of Miss Alta Smith on Tuesday evening, June 18, 1907, the Havelock Times says: "The happy wedding of Miss Alta Smith to Mr. Frederick W. Candy, was dedicated at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Smith Tuesday evening, June 18th at 8 o'clock P. M. D. W. Wilt officiating. The guests, some of whom were from out of the city, were all relatives of the contracting parties. After the ceremony the wedding supper was served and the bride and groom made recipients of a number of valuable gifts. They are exemplary young people who are highly esteemed by a large circle of friends who extend heartiest congratulations. They are at home in one of J. D. Youngs' houses two blocks south of the Methodist church." The bride is well known in Plattsmouth and in the south part of Cass county, where she has relatives residing. Her parents formerly resided in this city, where she was almost reared to womanhood. She has a host of friends here who join the Journal in wishing the newly wedded all the happiness possible, and that prosperity will always attend them.

### Advice in Time

Fourth of July accidental killings have already begun. The coming Fourth promises to be a record-breaker in wounds, maims and kills. You had best lecture your boy every day now until after the day is past, and then maybe he will not shoot off more than three fingers.

### THE NEW PRIMARY MARY LAW

Not Many Weeks Until You Will Have Use for It

The voters of Cass county should be thinking more of the new primary law, and getting ready to hold forth under its provisions next September. Every voter should fully understand its provisions.

Within a fortnight it will be the duty of the county clerk to publish a notice of the primary election, as under the law this must be done sixty days before said election.

The general terms of the new primary law are quite generally known in a general way, but few of the common herd know them in detail, and even the lawyers have taken but a perfunctory interest in the new law, and will hardly see the session laws before September.

The new primary law provides that at least twenty-five days before the primary, the county clerk shall make public under proper designation the title of each office, the names and address of all persons for whom nomination papers have been filed, the date of the primary, the hours of opening and the closing of the polls—all to be posted conspicuously.

The vote shall be by ballot, with separate ballots for each political party and the names of the candidates shall be arranged alphabetically. All expenses for the primary shall come out of the public treasury. The polls shall open at noon and close at 9 p. m. The ballots shall be counted and the results returned to the county clerk in the same manner as at the general election.

Each political party shall be entitled to one challenger at the polling places. Vacancies on the ticket after the primary shall be filled by the county central committee.

The one thing to remember is that under this new law, the political pot begins to boil in midsummer, and aspiring politicians will soon get busy.

### Edith Boetel's Burial

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boetel Thursday, was held the funeral of their little daughter who died Wednesday of spinal meningitis. The little child, Edith, had been sick for some three or four weeks, and had suffered a great deal. Rev. A. L. Zink delivered the funeral sermon, which was very touching, calling attention to the sunshine that had been taken from the home, directing them to the one who bears all our sorrows and grief for us. And to Him, and through Him, is the way to the rejoining of the little one who has gone before. Interment was made in the Oak Hill cemetery.

### A Former Resident

Berwell Spurlock, a former citizen of Cass county and of Plattsmouth, but now of York, came in last evening and made an address at the Methodist Church Jubilee. Mr. Spurlock is looking the picture of health for a man of his age, and says that he is feeling as fine as the young men. In this we congratulate him. His intention was to return home today, but when he got here and met the old friends, he could not return without staying to the finishing of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church here. We are glad that the old associations, and the beautiful city appeal to him in such a way that he will wish for more of our company.

### White Clover Year

A prominent farmer said to a Journal reporter the other day: "This year is white clover year, and it might be well for the newspapers to warn the farmers against allowing their horses and stock from eating too much white clover. White clover is all right, but it causes a horse to slobber, thus bringing on indigestion. The saliva of the horse is requisite for his digestion, just the same as that of the human, and if it is perverted from its natural channel the animal will suffer from the effects of the loss. The coming winter many horses will be sick and farmers will be doctoring for this, that and another disease, when there is nothing in the world the matter with the horse but indigestion caused from eating too much white clover." Our farmer friends will do well to heed the warning, as indigestion is as fatal to a horse as to a human, and an ounce of prevention is worth the price of the horse if you know it in time.

Impure blood runs you down—makes you an easy victim for organic diseases. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies the blood, cures the cause, builds you up.

### It Should Be Done

The mayor of Omaha has issued a proclamation prohibiting the shooting of firecrackers and other explosions previous to the night before the Fourth. The mayor of Plattsmouth should do the same. It may be the means of preventing a runaway and the injury of someone. There is no sense of firing crackers a week before the 4th, especially on the business streets.

### A PLEASANT AFFAIR

In Honor of Miss Mary Hungate of Weeping Water

In honor of Miss Mary Hungate, of Weeping Water, Misses Vesta and Marie Douglass, at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Douglass, gave a lawn party Thursday, which was enjoyed by a large number of happy young people.

The lawn was lighted by Japanese lanterns, and the tables by electric lights. The evening was pleasantly spent in progressive carrom, at which Harold Brady, of Omaha, a guest of Miss Catherine Dovey, won the prize. Punch and light refreshments, including ice cream and cake were served. Misses Vesta and Marie, having charge of the refreshments, and performing their part to that perfection that no one will question that they know well the art of pleasing. At a late hour the happy throng dispersed, all delighted with the evening's entertainment, and the associations formed and the friendships strengthened by the joyous occasion.

Those present and participating in the merrymaking were: Misses Mary Hungate, Weeping Water; Doris Patterson, Arapahoe; Vernon Storey, Red Cloud; Margery Kimball, Lincoln; Lorene Lenhoff, Omaha; Gertrude Morgan, Hallie Parmele, Catherine Dovey, Elizabeth Falter, Mildred Cummins, Lucille Gass, Kathryn Windham Ellen Pollock, Marie Donnelly, Bessie Edwards, Helen Clark, Beatrice Haase, Vesta and Marie Douglass, Masters Hal Brady, Omaha, Tom Swearingen, Paul Morgan, Milford Bates, George Dovey, Edwin Fricks, Wayne Murphy, Frank Cloift, Clyde Murphy, Bruce Rosenkrans, Sidney Miner, Clarence Staats, Wayne Dickson, Lynn Miner, Governor Dovey, Jack Patterson, Elmer Root.

### THOS. WILES INJURED

While Engaged in the Work of Hauling Logs to Mill

Thomas Wiles, who resides west of Weeping Water, a son of Mrs. Stephen Wiles, who lives west of this city, was the victim of a very severe accident, the fore part of last week. While hauling logs to a saw mill which he owns, two miles west of that city, he received a blow from a log which rendered him unconscious for some time. He had a hitch which draws the log that is being hauled up, under the axle of the wagon, thereby avoiding the lifting of it over the wheels. He had just hauled a log to the mill and had loosened it for unloading. The middle of the log rested on the ground, leaving the end free and when loosened, slewed sidewise with the force of a pile driver, striking Mr. Wiles on the forehead, cutting a severe gash and rendering him unconscious, he remaining in that condition for a considerable length of time.

Thomas Wiles of this place, a cousin of the injured man, was down to Weeping Water to the commencement exercises of the academy, and visited his cousin while there, and says his condition is still serious. He is at a house near the saw mill and on Friday last had not been able to keep anything which he had eaten on his stomach, nor was he so far improved as to be able to be removed to his home.

### Mrs. Weisinger at Rest

The funeral of Mrs. Bals Meisinger was held yesterday from her late home about seven miles west of this city. There were present many neighbors and friends to celebrate the last sad rite, in the laying to rest of this friend and neighbor, whom to know was to love. Mrs. Meisinger, who was in her 70th year, was a good mother and wife, and those children only knew her as mother who can never be replaced; whatever friendships may be made, however dear the tie may be which will bind the lives and loves in after life, none can take the place of mother.

In his declining years, Uncle Bals will feel the loss of the companion who has with him, fought the battles of life, and with him won the success that has crowned their efforts here. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. Sprengle and the interment made at Oak Hill cemetery.

### WIND UP OF FAMOUS TRIALS

Sentenced for Three Months and \$6,000 Fine

FOR TODD AND HUNTINGTON

Notice of Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals

A special from Omaha says: "Thomas M. Huntington and Ami B. Todd were sentenced by Judge T. C. Munger in the United States district court Thursday morning to pay a fine of \$1,000 each and to be imprisoned in the Douglas county jail for a period of three months. Fred Hoyt was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and stand committed to the Douglas county jail until the fine was paid.

"The sentences are the result of the conviction of three men after a ten-days' trial in the United States district court on an indictment, returned April 18, of conspiracy to defraud the United States out of use, possession and title to large tracts of land in Sheridan and Cherry counties by means of false, fraudulent and fictitious entries and for the subornation or perjury.

"Immediately following the conviction of the accused their attorneys filed a motion for a new trial and the motion was argued before Judge T. C. Munger June 7. Judge Munger took the matter under advisement and handed down his decision Thursday morning, overruling the motion for a new trial and imposed the foregoing sentences.

"Immediately upon the announcement of the sentences the defendants gave notice of appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals on a writ of error and executed a bond in the sum of \$5,000 each. Pending the hearing and decision on the appeal to the circuit court of appeals the defendants will be at liberty on their respective bonds.

"The conviction and sentence of Hoyt, Huntington and Todd finishes the last of the big land trials held in the United States district court at Omaha. The accused constitute the second or last group of defendants in the famous Richards and Comstock case.

"An indictment was found by the federal grand jury in May, 1906, against Bartlett Richards, Will G. Comstock, Charles C. Jameson, president, vice president and secretary and general manager, respectively, of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company; Aquilla Triplett, agent; F. M. Walcott, attorney; Thomas M. Huntington, Fred Hoyt, James C. Reid officers of the Maverick Loan and Trust company of Gordon and Rushville, and Ami Todd, of Plattsmouth and Denver, a land locating agent.

"In handing down his decision in the case Judge Munger said he had given the matter much attention and the testimony given in the case against Hoyt was hardly sufficient to warrant his conviction of the charge of conspiracy and the jury evidently did not place such a construction on his acts. The exclusion of the Clark letters was not an error, as there had been no proper foundation laid for the admission of such evidence. For these and other reasons the motion for a new trial would be overruled."

### A Rat Story

The tale goes, that at the Bauer Hardware company's store, a half dozen large, new wire rat traps had been purchased, and as they were unpacked, they were packed on a row of ranges standing in the store. And the other morning when John Bauer, Sr., came into the store a little dog followed him in and kept looking up at the traps and making a fuss. The actions of the dog attracted the attention of Mr. Bauer, and upon investigation he found in the six traps fourteen rats. Now these traps were not set for the purpose of catching rats, but were only put up there to get them out of the way. They were placed upon the row of ranges where it was thought nothing could get to them but they brought the answer all the same.

### Accident Near Union

Monday afternoon Dr. Walker was called to Frank Curtiss' south of town to attend Mr. Curtiss' little son about four years old. The little fellow was out where they were loading hay with machinery, and with a lad's usual inquisitive nature he wanted to see how the pulleys worked, and in so doing his left hand caught in the pulley, resulting in the fracture of two bones of the hand. The wound was very painful and the little fellow will be cautious how he uses that hand for a few weeks.—Ledger.