

## CLOSING EXERCISES ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

A Very Interesting Program Rendered, and the Same Received by a Very Large and Appreciative Audience.

Thursday the closing exercises of the St. John's Parochial school were given to a well filled house of admiring friends and relatives, at the Parmeille theatre.

The program throughout showed a great deal of work and training on the part of the instructors, who had had the matter in hand during the past year.

The first part consisted of a burlesque operetta, "King Cole." This showed the first scene in the king's court; later the presence of the queen, after which they fall asleep in their chairs, and the attendants or officers of the court, following the old saying that "When the cat is away the mice will play," the court officers and attendants, numbering thirty in all, concluded that while the king and queen slept they would vote for war, and did so.

As no enemy appeared they had to fight among themselves, and in the battle were scared worse than hurt. When they found they were uninjured they concluded to have no more war. The costumes were very gorgeous and made a very beautiful picture as the different colors mingled together.

Following this was the address by Rev. W. F. Bradley, and the presenting of the diplomas. In the address Rev. Bradley congratulated the patrons of the school and members of the Catholic church on the very successful year which had just passed, and thanked Father Hancek and the members of his parish for the assistance rendered in accomplishing this success. He said that at that time he would state a fact which he had kept from the public until then, and that was this, that during the year just passed there had been grave cause to fear that the school would have to be closed with the ending of the present term, as a great demand existed for the service of the Dominican Sisters at other points where greater numbers are to be taught, but the danger had passed and the school was assured for the coming year. The enrollment for the year past had been 116 and the average attendance about 100.

In addressing the class before the presentation of the diplomas, he told them of the sacrifices of their parents for their welfare, of the hard and continuous work of the Sisters in their instruction, and said that a portion probably were ending their school career, and a portion would continue in school, and would pass through the public schools. But, he continued, in the schools to which you go, remember you are Catholics, do not forget this and let your actions be such that the world will know it. Remember the patient teaching of the Sisters who have labored with you in bringing your education thus far. Then followed the presentation of the diplomas, which were given to the following who have completed the eighth grade: John Janda, Terese Droege, Hazel Paege, Zora Smith, Mary Jelinek, Charles

Kratocil, Sofia Steczowski, Lucile Baehr, Lily Novetka, Rose Janda, Mary McElroy, Lillian Schudice, Sophia Chaloupka, Leo Walch.

Then came a very pretty presentation of "Gipsy Zoo," which brought down the house. This was followed by the "Music Lesson," in which the four didactic pupils worked the favorite one, whom the professor had left in charge of the class. The comic duet, "Reuben and Rachael," was applauded to the echo.

The last part of the program, "The Whole Year Round," an operetta, was first introduced by a chorus of nine young ladies, giving the song "Awake! Awake!" which was followed by a solo and chorus by a stranger and attendants, with a quartet and chorus, the "Four Little Seasons." A recitation by a stranger, introducing the seasons and calling for winter, which was responded to by a chorus of boys with their skates of their shoulders who sing of the winter joys, followed by summer, with her garlands of roses, and spring and autumn in their order.

In this was introduced many songs and swinging drill, with costumes which were pleasing to the eye, bringing forth many rounds of rapturous applause. The summer representation, as put on by the little girls dressed in white, and trimmed with roses and green leaves, carrying wreaths and garlands of roses as they sang, presented a very beautiful sight. Every season showed the glory of that portion of the year, and the joy of the whole year, closing with a song of thanksgiving and a chorus by all.

In the matter of the numbers, as given by the different ones, they were all so well delivered that special mention of any one in particular would be inappropriate, unless it were possible to give each special notice, and this would not be permitted by the space which is available for the treatment of the event.

However it is well to call attention to the training which it was necessary to give and the seeming almost endless amount of work required to successfully place the entertainment on the stage. Miss Clara Janda, who did the training of the operetta, "The Whole Year Round," certainly did well and gave an endless amount of work to the perfecting of the children in the different parts. Miss Janda is a former pupil of the school, having graduated some time ago.

Mrs. H. J. Altrogge, and the Misses Marie Fitzgerald and Hermie Chaloupka also did good work in the preparation and the presentation of the production last evening. Take it all in all it was a most creditable entertainment, and was most pleasing to all in attendance. That it was a grand success in every particular, all present can attest.

nine two cent stamps and one penny will appear, the remaining penny going for service. The great merit the machine possesses is absolute honesty. It won't allow you to cheat. Should you drop a counterfeit dollar into the machine it will be quickly thrown back to you. The same thing will be repeated should you drop a spurious nickel. It is the purpose to place these machines in all public places in the large cities for the accommodation of the people. In large cities the postoffice and substations are often a distance from hotels, thus causing annoyance to guests who want stamps. It is indeed a wonderful machine and represents the great possibilities that yet lie hidden in the field of invention.

Find Many Bridges Damaged.  
Chas. R. Jordan and M. L. Friedrich, commissioners, returned Friday evening from a trip out in the county in the neighborhood of Cedar Creek and Louisville, inspecting damaged bridges and ascertaining what repairs are necessary for their being placed in good order again. They report they find that considerable damage was done by the recent storms. They are making arrangements to get at the work as soon as possible.

### NAME MAY BE WITHDRAWN

#### Governor Johnson Not Sure It Will Go Before the Con- vention.

"Affairs may so shape themselves within the next week or two as to result in my name not being presented to the Denver convention."

This statement was made by Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, who spent a few hours in Omaha Thursday on his way from Lawrence, Kan., to Minneapolis. The statement was made in reply to a question whether he was still a candidate for the democratic nomination for president.

Continuing, the governor said: "So far as I know now Minnesota will present my name to the convention, but you never can tell what a week or two will bring forth, and there is a possibility, of course, that my name will not be presented."

"Will Minnesota give a majority to the democratic nominee?" was asked. "We certainly will do our best, and I believe our state will be in line, whatever the outcome of the Denver convention."

"Will you support Mr. Bryan if he is nominated at Denver?"

"I certainly shall support the nominee of the convention."

Taft, said Governor Johnson, looked like a sure winner at Chicago, but one never could tell what accidents might happen to upset things and put predictions all away. The governor declared his visit to Kansas City had no significance, politically, his sole purpose being to address the students of the University of Kansas. He did not say so in many words, but his action indicated there was considerable doubt about his name being presented to the democratic national convention. He was emphatic in his statement that he would support the nominee of the convention. He declared that he had given no attention to the matter of Thomas F. Ryan making a contribution to the Nebraska campaign fund four years ago, and declined to talk about it.

#### Business Before Health.

The desire to make money is so deeply planted among our people, that to it health and even life is often being sacrificed. We forget our own bodies while being immersed in work and business, for fear, that a slight rest might offer a welcome opportunity to our competitor to jump into our place and rob us of the fruit of our hard labor. We deny ourselves the pleasures of life, working overtime and concentrating our whole mind on our business, until the body collapses. The poor stomach usually suffers the most; instead of supplying it with nutritious foods we often whip it only with strong liquor, finally becoming the martyr of dyspepsia. Strengthen your stomach and the intestines with Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine, whenever they are overworked, weakened and exhausted. It will heal the inflamed membranes, strengthen the muscles of the digestive organs and you will be able to attend both to your business and to your body. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, 616-622 So. Ashland avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

#### German Visitors Depart Friday.

Herr L. Kluttinger, of Bologna, Italy, German Consul to that country, and Herr Max Mayr, also of Bologna, Italy, who have for some time been visiting with their relatives, the Geringhs at this place, departed on the fast mail for Cedar Falls, Iowa, where they will visit for a while, and later at Naperville, Illinois, after which they will continue to the old country. They will sail on the 23rd of this month, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Paul Gering. Mrs. Gering, son Matt and daughter, Miss Mia, accompanied the party as far as Omaha this afternoon.

#### Our First Cherry Pie

We are indebted to our good friend J. T. Bates, the carpenter, who lives west of town, for a quart of the finest cherries we have seen this season, which also furnished us our first cherry pie this year. It is awfully nice to be thus remembered by those who know our taste for such luscious fruit. Thanks, old friend, thanks.

#### Safe for Sale.

The Journal has a splendid safe for sale—one that has been in use by us until we were compelled to get a larger one. It is just what a farmer needs in which to place his valuable papers for safe keeping. It is as good as new and will be sold cheap. Call at the office and examine it, or write us.

#### Fourth of July Meeting.

At the meeting Thursday in the interests of the Fourth of July celebration, every one of the committees were represented, and the reports were very glowing. Everything points to most glorious and grand good time on the natal day. The committees are working harmoniously and all pulling together to reach one end—success. Let the watchword be—onward, right onward to the biggest time in the history of the old town.

#### GOV. SHELDON FOR VICE PRESIDENT

#### Senator Burkett Boosting Him in Washington.

A special from Washington under date of June 11, says: "Governor Sheldon's name has been seriously considered today by persons near Secretary Taft for vice president. In fact, representations have been made to both President Roosevelt and the secretary of war outlining good and sufficient reasons for Governor Sheldon's nomination to the second place on the ticket. Senator Burkett has been active, nay, even busy, in the last forty-eight hours, in preaching the nomination of George Sheldon as Taft's running mate, and, while yesterday he was looked upon as an enthusiast, today his work for the governor of the Antelope state has been taken into serious consideration."

"Senator Burkett tonight was enthusiastic over the success he met with in presenting Governor Sheldon's name for vice president, and he said that Sheldon was a thousand miles nearer the nomination than the man from Massachusetts or the man from New Jersey and he believed that the leaven was working in behalf of the young governor from Nebraska. One thing is definite, Burkett believes that Sheldon stands a chance for the nomination, and if the Dooliver atmosphere was wholly eliminated he thought there would be no doubt of Sheldon's choice by the convention."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT  
AT THE SHOPS

#### E. G. Pangburn Experiences a Painful Wound Friday Evening.

Last evening while testing the new derrick car, which is being constructed at the local shops, a slip of the machinery caught the right hand of E. G. Pangburn, terribly lacerating the same and cutting one finger off. In the testing of the lifting machine they had lifted thirty steel rails, and were letting them down for a new hold, when E. G. Pangburn who was working with the machine attempted to throw off the sling of the grapping chains, the throw off of the engine was released and the mass of steel went down catching and pulling his hand through the pulley, stripping the flesh from the middle finger, cutting off the ring finger and leaving the broken end hanging by a shred of skin, while the little finger was stripped and broken in two places. The hand was dressed by the company's physicians but is giving Mr. Pangburn a good deal of pain. And while he put over a painful night with the injured member, he is feeling somewhat better today. The Journal hopes for his speedy recovery.

#### Experiments With Hog Cholera.

Dr. Peters, of the department of animal pathology of the state university, is conducting experiments with hog cholera, says:

"The hog cholera scourge has heretofore resisted the efforts of veterinarians. We have been proceeding on the theory that the cholera germ was discovered and treatment has been given in the form of re-injections of a germ culture which was not a cure. Dr. Dorsett of the biochemical department of the bureau of animal industry, Washington, appears to have solved the problem. Tried in thirty or forty herds throughout Iowa, where experiments have recently been made, it has cured well established cases of this disease. It consists of the injection of the blood of an affected animal into the circulation of one not under the influence of the disease. This must be combined with the injection of the serum of an animal already immune. The production of a vaccine by means of infected blood instead of artificial cultures of the germ is the basis of the cure."

The final settlement of the matter of the guardian of Searle Davis was heard, today, he becoming of age June 11, Troy Davis having been his guardian.

### INCREASED REAL ESTATE VALUATION

#### The Assessors Seem to Have Done as They Were Instructed.

The predicted boosting of the assessed valuation of the state which it was thought would be caused largely through the increased valuation of the real estate is borne out by a report of the county clerk of Red Willow county to Secretary of State Junkin, says the Lincoln News. The report shows that real estate in Red Willow county was last year listed at \$4,444,150 full value and this year it was increased to \$10,300,000. From every quarter comes reports of a large increase in real estate. Other property is also supposed to show an increase, but the greatest is looked for in real estate for the reason that is the first revaluation of land since the enactment of the general revenue law. This law provides for valuing land every four years, while personal property is listed each year. When the present revenue law first went into effect in was said real estate was not valued at its actual worth. The railroad tax commissioners have since used this statement as an argument in favor of the lowering of their taxes or an increase in land values. This year the new county assessors were cautioned by the state board to assess all property at its full value and the results are now appearing. The total assessed value of all the property in Nebraska last year was \$329,413,349. Before the county assessors went to work it was predicted that this would be increased this year to \$350,000,000. The state board will not take up the work of equalizing between counties and classes of property in counties until it completes the valuation of railroad property and also adjusts values of railroad property in towns under the terminal tax law. None of the work has been finished and the board will probably accomplish little until next week.

#### A Good Law.

The Oklahoma banking law insuring depositors has had its first test. The bank examiner, becoming suspicious of a certain bank, made an examination and closed its doors. Within an hour the doors were opened again and the examiner was paying all demands, the insurance reserve fund of the state being drawn on for the necessary funds. There was no run by the depositors to secure their money, there was no distrust of other banks through fear of their being involved, there was no withdrawal and hoarding of funds. Whatever may be said against the law, there can be no question as to its advantages in such cases as that, and it would probably be extremely hard to convince the depositors that it wasn't about as good a piece of legislation as was ever placed on the statute books. Under the old system they would have had to wait for several weeks or months before they could get any of their money at all, then they would get a hold of a fourth of it, with later perhaps another fourth with the balance a loss. In addition there would have been the unsettling of business with quite likely the failure of other business houses. This test of the law will undoubtedly strengthen it in the minds of the citizens of the state, and incidentally, it will strengthen the position of every Oklahoma bank in the confidence of the public.

#### Trains Over Fremont Bridge.

The Burlington bridge at Fremont has been opened for traffic, the repairs having been completed last night, says the Lincoln Journal. The bridge has been closed to traffic several days, the high water in the river taking out one bend and permitting two spans to sag nearly to the water's edge. Because of the high water repair work progressed slowly. It was necessary to take flat boats from the Missouri river at Omaha, transport them by rail to Fremont, and put workmen on them to accomplish the rebuilding of the damaged structure. In the meantime passenger trains were handled over the Northwestern's line between Fremont and Lincoln, perishable freight via the Omaha road, and dead freight held until the line could be opened.

#### Will Go West Soon.

Leon Pepperberg came in this morning from Washington, D. C., where he is attached to the government geological survey. He will visit with his parents for a short time, after which he will depart for the west, going from here to Livingston, Mont., where he will be given charge of a surveying gang who will work on the famous Milk river.

#### Examined By State Bar Commission.

Among the forty-five applicants examined yesterday by the state bar commission for admission to practice law in Nebraska, is Edwin D. Crites, son of Judge Crites of Chadron. Edwin previously graduated from the state university with the degree of bachelor of arts, and now ranks among the youngest attorneys in the state. He is a native born Plattsmouth boy, born in Plattsmouth January 29, 1884. The Journal is pleased to note Edwin's deserved success and extends congratulations.

### A NON-PARTISAN SKETCH OF BRYAN

#### Written Strictly as An Appreciation of the Peerless.

The first life of William J. Bryan, written strictly as an appreciation of the man, from a non-partisan standpoint, will appear in book form about July 1. The book is written by A. L. Gale, managing editor of the Lincoln Star, and G. W. Kline, news editor of that paper, and will be a truthful, comprehensive and complimentary review of the career of a man who is at last appreciated by the people of his home city.

Mr. Gale and Mr. Kline announce in their introductory chapter that although the book is written by two men who are not of Mr. Bryan's political faith, its compiling is prompted by a thorough appreciation of a good and noble citizen.

"The demand for such a book as this," the authors say, "need not come alone from those who are in sympathy with Mr. Bryan as a democrat. Those who do not follow his teachings, but who have come to believe that, right or wrong as to his politics, Mr. Bryan has proved himself one of the great men of present-day life of the United States, may find this little volume to their liking."

The book will contain a number of photographs of Mr. Bryan, showing him in characteristic poses and while engaged in various tasks and pleasures. The price of the volume is \$1, which may be sent to the authors at Lincoln by those who want to read a book that is written in Lincoln that really gives Mr. Bryan credit for being an able and extraordinary individual.

#### Do Not Be Fooled.

For the general guidance of our readers, we would caution all against answering advertisements where representation is made that experience is not necessary in order to gain a large salary, with cash and expenses prepaid. A little reflection should convince anyone that a firm making such a pretense is managed either by a fool or a swindler. No firm can afford to hire Tom, Dick and Harry, regardless of experience or capacity, and pay fabulous salaries for such help. The very man or woman who has been accustomed, for example, to getting in the country twenty to forty dollars a month and board, eagerly snaps at the bait of eighty-five a month and board and others expenses, with a trip to California and all that throwing in, and yet why should a firm offer such an unreasonable inducement to inexperienced help, when there are thousands of people who have had experience in almost any line who are looking for just such a proposition, if it is a genuine position?

#### Will Visit in the East.

Robert B. Windham departed Friday evening for Chicago, where he will spend some three days at the republican national convention, and will endeavor to have that body nominate J. P. Doliver for vice president on the republican ticket. From there he will go to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he will visit the law school where he graduated in 1872, just 26 years ago. The number of pupils that graduated when he graduated was about 1600 and at the graduation this year numbered in excess of 7,000. Mr. Windham will be away about ten days and we can see where he will have a fine time.

#### Thinks He Has Found Coal.

Charles Kradochil, who is digging a well on the lot of the Bohemian Catholic church, struck rock, then after having passed through a strata of some twelve feet of blue granite, struck a black shale, which resembles coal. Into this he has gone some four feet, and thinks it appears to more nearly approach coal as he goes deeper.

Charles is willing to do the digging to find out if there is really coal in the hole, if some one will come and haul the dirt and broken rock away. It seems as though some one should be interested enough to assist in finding out if we surely have coal or not.