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ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Large Crowd Attends Exercises at Parmele Theater

The closing exercises of St. John's Parochial School were held last night at the Parmele, the exercises being attended by a monster audience which packed the handsome theatre to the doors and which was well repaid for their attendance.

For the occasion the stage had been handsomely decorated, the footlights showing through a heavy bank of flowers and green bushes and shrubs while the sides of the proscenium were surmounted with trailing vines in the luxuriance of the early summer. The whole formed a handsome setting for the stage and the exercises.

The program as prepared was a very excellent one and highly entertaining. To select any particular number or any one participant as worthy of special mention would not be possible as all did finely and reflected great credit upon the good Sisters who had charge of their training and instruction.

The opening number was a piano duet excellently given considering the tender years of the musicians and indicates much musical talent which time and practice will bring to the forefront. The Mother Goose reception and drill was excellently given by the little folks, the scene opening with Mother Goose entering the stage and after reciting her lines taking a seat at deep center, the several characters which are drawn from the tales of childhood, entering in couples and making the acquaintance of the audience with lines indicative of their names. The little people as is always the case occasioned some little laughter by the extreme care they displayed in taking their positions at the right and left of Mother Goose. But their work on the whole was excellent and pleased the audience.

A vocal duet "Oh, Tell Us Merry Birds," served as a vehicle for showing the beauty of two childish voices which training will develop into finished and sweet voices.

A dainty little operetta in four acts "The Adventures of Little Red Riding Hood," was also well given, the several parts being splendidly taken particularly those of Little Red Riding Hood, the little lady playing that having a fine voice and one which will be heard of later. Anthony, her playmate who also had a clear, resonant voice and who read his lines excellently, the Town Crier a droll conception given quite nicely and with a strict fidelity to the author's idea. The High Sheriff, the Huntsmen who formed an unique brigade and the Bandits who exhibited due feocity. All these characters were well taken and excellently sustained and received their share of applause from the enthusiastic audience.

The conferring of the diplomas upon the graduating class then followed, this being done by Father M. A. Shine. The class of 1909 is composed of Misses Caroline Schulzke, Ruth Hetherington, May Filbin, Albina Jirousek and Messrs. Joseph Skoumal, Raymond Welch, John Jirousek, Edward Fitzgerald.

They were assembled upon the stage and Rev. Father Shine after reading one of the diplomas which recited that the recipient had finished the course prescribed in the schools,

Following the presentation of the diplomas the remainder of the program was given. A vocal solo "Un-forgotten Days" was nicely sung by a little lady whose only failing was nervousness—a failing quite natural and one which many older people are subject to.

One of the best numbers on the program was a violin solo with piano accompaniment. The two little girls who furnished this number did excellently and drew well merited applause. Both the little artists with the violin and the accompanist are real musicians.

A chorus "Tis Our Festal Day" also furnished some fine music, a number of good voices being heard to advantage the expression of the piece was also well handled.

"Jigamaree" a nautical operetta in two acts given by a number of the boys of the school, was a little piece in which they showed to much advantage and won merited applause, then presented each of them with a copy. After so doing he addressed the members of the class briefly admonishing them to remember in their travel through life the lessons of religion and morality which had been inculcated in them during their course through the school and to rely upon them when things looked dark and sorrow and grief lowered. Turning to the audience Father Shine explained briefly the reason for St. John's and other Catholic schools, dwelling upon wherein they supplemented other schools by teaching the principles of religion and morality in addition to the usual courses of instruction and speaking of the benefits which such a course was in after years in greater morality and restraining the passions.

In the commencement of his address Father Shine had taken occasion to thank the sisters for the great amount of labor they had spent in training the several pupils in the exercises, and to thank the parents and friends for their patronage on this occasion. He also commented briefly upon the excellence of the work performed by the pupils and the participants in the exercises. The address of Father Shine while brief was a very able one and was dispassionate and non-sectarian to a degree. There was absolutely no suggestion in it which could offend and the address was well worth hearing.

The trio "At the School Festival" was also good and the pantomime "Nearer My God to Thee" was a finely executed sacred piece and closed a program of real excellence and one which reflects great credit upon both pupils and the Sisters who plainly spared no pains in their instruction.

Other excellent features were piano solos by a young boy who has marked musical talent and who has every indication of becoming a finished musician in later years, and the work of Mrs. H. J. Oltrogge as accompanist. To her excellent playing much of the success of the program is due.

Taken altogether the exercises were well up to the standard of previous years which was everyone known, is very highly, and reflects much credit upon all participating.

A Jolly Fishing Party.

The pond of Chas Metzger last Sunday morning was the scene of a jolly fishing party which put in the day at that point wooing the scaly denizens of the lake with hook and bait. The party gathered early in the morning at the home of Henry Sander, one of the best and most jovial citizens of that section and at once repaired to the pond where they were soon seated on the banks with lines in the water and floats bobbing up and down. By noon the party had landed a big supply of fish and then commenced the struggle over dinner. Those of the party to whom had been assigned the task of cleaning the fish rebelled and declared there would be no dinner unless the others fell to and helped clean them up. This they would not do until they got so hungry they had to. Then a blazing fire was started and soon the savory odor of frying fish filled the air. A fire was had with all kinds of refreshments, the dinner being served under the shade of monster trees, a table cloth being spread on the grass. The dinner was a fine one and the appetites of the diners whetted by the outdoor atmosphere, did it full justice all eating as heartily as the fish had bitten in the morning. After eating their fill the party divided up, a part keeping on fishing and the rest going to Cedar Creek to see the ball game between Cedar Creek and "The Royal Tramps." Those who attended the ball game came back sorry to say their team, "The Royal Tramps," lost but by a few scores. This done, the party then returned to Mr. Sander's where a fine supper was soon had after which all repaired to their several homes having enjoyed one of the finest days they had ever had.

Those who made up this fine party were Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Hennings, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Burmeister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sander, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Albert, Misses Dorothea and Anna Sander; Louise and Helen Hennings, Alma Burmeister; Margaret and Emma Albert, Henry, Andrew and Edwin Sander, Otto Wohlfarth, Henry Soenichsen, Max, Otto and Carl Buermeister, Albert and Herman Hennings, Willie Pohlman.

A Pleasant Gathering.

From Friday's Daily. The Frauen Verein of the German Presbyterian church held its monthly meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. Joseph Wurga yesterday afternoon. The weather being appropriate quite a number were in attendance. Instrumental music was furnished by Misses Hattie Hoffman, Flora Otto and Anna Wurga and Ella Sattler.

Those present were: Mrs. Gorder, Mrs. Wohlfarth, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Zuckweiler, Mrs. Ed. Lutz, Mrs. J. Lutz, Mrs. Ohm, Mrs. Vallery, Mrs. Gooding, Mrs. Hiber, Mrs. Svoboda, Mrs. Bookmeyer, Mrs. H. Donat, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Prettig, Mrs. Guenther, Mrs. Wurtzel, Mrs. Had-raba, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Edna Morrison, Miss Louisa Gorder, Miss Wehr-bein, Miss Flora Otto, Denver, Miss Annie Kopka, Miss Ella Sattler, Miss Hattie Hoffman, Miss Maggie Hodgert.

Recovery Despaired of.

From Friday's Daily. The many friends of Mrs. Fred Horn of Beaver City, Neb., will be shocked to learn that she is critically ill at that point and her recovery is despaired of. Mr. and Mrs. Horn are very well known throughout this section of the county having been residents of this locality up to four years ago when they removed to their present home in Furnas county. It is hoped that the reports of the illness of this most estimable lady are exaggerated and that the next report which will be received will be that she has fully recovered. A great many of her relatives are now at Beaver City called there by messages announcing her critical condition.

River Going Down.

The Missouri river today is slowly receding. The drop is very small but will probably increase tonight and tomorrow. The Platte river is also falling and there is little or no probability of a flood. Neither river is cutting the banks any more than for several days past although it is possible they may crumble away as the water goes down. The report of water being over the rip-rap and in the bottoms is disputed by several who went over to the Iowa side to investigate the matter and it is believed the farmers in the bottom will be able this year to raise a crop.

Smoke "Acorns" the cigar with a reputation. Made by Ptak & Bajek.

More About Huette.

The Journal recently printed an account of the arrest in Lincoln of H. H. Huette with selling a bottle of whiskey to one W. C. Cook on June 19, last. Huette had his hearing on Tuesday last before Police Judge Risser of Lincoln and was held for trial to the district court in the sum of \$300. Huette before his preliminary hearing was commenced asked for a change of venue filing the usual affidavit alleging he could not get a fair trial before Judge Risser or either of the justices of the peace in Lincoln or one of the justices in University Place. He alleged the only justice before whom he could get a fair hearing was Justice A. J. Baker of Havelock. Judge Risser overruled the motion. The testimony at the hearing developed that Cook was given a dollar by Officer Wright and sent to Huette to get some whiskey. He asked Huette for the whiskey and the latter told him he thought he could get him some. He gave him the dollar and Huette went away returning later and meeting Cook in the water closet of the Capital hotel where he produced a bottle of whiskey and both took a drink. Cook putting the bottle in his pocket. Cook was tangled up in his testimony as to the time of the occurrence. After he left Huette, Cook met Officer Wright and Lenz and all three proceeded to Cook's room where they all three took a drink. Later the two officers placed Huette under arrest for selling the whiskey. Cook denied that he knew he was being used as a tool by the officers. The two police officers testified in corroboration of Cook. Huette's attorney made a motion to dismiss the case alleging the state had utterly failed to make a case or to prove anything except that Huette was acting for Cook. Judge Risser, however, held otherwise and held Huette for trial in the district court as above stated.

Burlington Speed Record.

Speed records now used on many railroad engines makes it difficult for engineers to make phenomenal bursts of speed with late trains and escape detection. For instance, the Burlington has a limit on most of its main line divisions of fifty miles an hour for passenger trains. The running time is usually thirty and forty-five miles an hour over divisions. That schedule includes stops, so that it is necessary to keep the engine speeded up to near the rule limit even when a train is on time.

Several days Burlington No. 1, was delayed by landslides in Iowa so much that it reached Lincoln about 7:20 a. m. Instead of 7:20 a. m. The company made a great effort to get this train through to the western terminal as nearly on time as possible, and during 1908 a six months record of time every day at Denver was made. When the train is late every effort is made to get it through without further loss of time. The train left Lincoln in charge of Engineer Young, and the run of ninety-seven miles to Hastings was made in two hours flat, and this included the stop at Fairmont. This was a gain of thirty-seven minutes over regular time. To do this it was necessary to cover almost every mile of the distance at a fifty mile an hour rate, and yet those who saw the tape from the speed record says that in no place was the limit exceeded. Railroad men say it was one of the most remarkable runs recorded here for a long time.—State Journal.

The Fourth at Murray.

All the arrangements now have been fully completed for the celebration at Murray on Saturday, July 3. The committee on speakers have been waiting for some time to hear from Governor Sheldon, whom they desired for one of the orators of the day, but it seems that their letters have failed to reach him. He has been on his plantation in Mississippi, for some time, and it seems the committee could not reach him, and they have engaged Hon. D. W. Livingston of Nebraska City. W. C. Ramsey, of this city will be one of the orators. These two county attorneys ought to be able to make the eagle scream loud enough on the great national day.

George A. B. Hicks came down this morning from Cedar Creek on the Schuyler train to consult the officers. Mr. Hicks suffered a loss last night by thieves and came down for the purpose of having action taken in the matter.

HOME FIRST AND THE WORLD AFTER

Why the Plattsmouth Telephone Co. Should Be Favored.

Plattsmouth is very fortunate in having splendid telephonic connection with the various towns of the county, Cass county having perhaps, the best local telephone system of any county in the country. There is not a town in the county but what is reached quickly and efficiently through the splendid service of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company. In addition to reaching the towns, this company has also grid-ironed the county with farmer lines which brings the farm house right to the door of the business man and the dweller in the cities. And Plattsmouth people do not have to be told what has done all this. In the old days of high rates and inadequate service before the Independent people entered the field, the Bell Company reached a few of the county towns with a toll service which was poor and which was charged for at rates higher than was reasonably fair, while the farm line was something which could not be had for love or money. The theory seemed to be to make the people take what they could get and say they liked it. The advent of the Independent Company changed all this. Rates tumbled with lightning-like swiftness. In the city this was impressed upon the people quickly. The arrogant monopoly in the twinkling of an eye, became the subservient slave of the people. For home service residence phones were contracted for at the rate of fifty cents per month. It was anything to get the business and prevent the Independent people, who were residents of this city and county, getting a foothold. Farmer lines could be had readily from the Bell Company just as soon as the Independent Company went into business and every step which could be taken was taken to end any competition which might come. But the move came too late. The Independent's made good and their phones were placed in the homes of the dwellers in town and country in ever increasing numbers. The cause of this was the liberality of the Independent managers who sought to cover the county with their lines and who put

an exchange in every town and village in the county. In addition mutual phones were put in and connected up with the Independent lines and before many years had passed, the merchants and the resident of Plattsmouth could call the Independent long distance service and in a moment talk to his customer or his friend in far-off Eagle, Greenwood, Murdock, Alvo, Weeping Water, Avoca, Nehawka or Union. Stations were also established in Louisville, where the Independent Company has a large and growing list, in South Bend, in Cedar Creek, in Murray where another big list of subscribers take their phone, and from all these points lines radiate to all points. This service was a godsend to the people and one they needed. The Independent reached out and soon had a line in South Omaha and Council Bluffs. Then came Lincoln and finally Omaha and then the Independents were entrenched in the strongholds of the Bell Company. And all this was because the Independent furnished good service at a reasonable price. This became so evident to the Bell Company that the fight against reasonable rates by cutting below them was abandoned and in this city the old company returned to higher rates. By a recent decision of the state railroad commission the Bell Company is permitted to wipe out its fifty cent and one dollar phones and put the residence phones on a basis of one dollar and a half. Under these conditions the decision of many people here to cut out their Bell phones and install the Independent in its place, is a wise one. They should patronize the people who made decent phone rates possible and who now furnish the service which the merchants and the people want. They have many more phones in active service at present than the other people and their numbers are increasing every day. The merchant who wants to reach the people has to have the Independent phone while the other serves him very little. Advanced rates were not necessary and the merchant and home builder knows this now.

District Court.

From Friday's Daily. Judge H. D. Travis expects to be able to hold the adjourned session of the district court, commencing Tuesday, July 6th, when the jury will report for service at nine o'clock a. m. At present the judge is suffering severely from a large boil or carbuncle upon his neck but in spite of this he hopes to hold the term in Otoe county and follow it up with the July term here. A list of the cases set for trial has been prepared which is as follows:
Henry Herold vs. William W. Coates. Trial July 6, 9 a. m.
Ethel Clark vs. Jacob Fleishman et al. Trial July 8, 1:30 p. m.
Hugh H. Carroll vs. Edwin Jeary. Trial July 9.
Otto F. Lau vs. Charles Hall. Trial July 12.
Smith, McCord-Townsend Co. vs. Henry Gering. Trial July 13, 9 a. m.

The jury will probably be employed some ten days or possibly two weeks.

He Was From Nehawka.

An unknown person who claimed to have come from Nehawka this morning went down to the M. P. yards for the purpose of enjoying a rest. He had squandered his money for liquor and was willing to sleep in the shade of a car with his head resting on the iron rail of the tracks. There was a switch engine at work in the yards and it would have been but a short time before Coroner Karstens would have had a job had not Officer McGuire happened along and taken the drunken man to jail. Some people seem to enjoy sleeping on railroad tracks.—Nebraska City News.

Phillip Meisinger the well known farmer from Eight Mile Grove precinct, is in the city today looking after business.

May Destroy the Crop.

From Friday's Daily. W. T. Smith reports the appearance of a pest in his gooseberry bushes which threaten to destroy the entire crop unless its ravages are speedily checked. Mr. Smith had a number of bushes which promised to yield an abundant crop of berries up to a few days ago when the pest which is a worm resembling the old army worm in appearance save that it is shorter, appeared. It attacked the bushes and in a short time had stripped them of their fruit. The first method of attack consisted of the worm cutting the berry from the bush causing it to drop to the ground where it was devoured. After cleaning the bush of the berries the worm attacked the leaves and stripped the bush leaving it a barren shrub. Out of what promised to be a yield of three to four bushels he was fortunate in saving a half bushel. There is considerable curiosity as to what the pest is.

Means Defeat.

The Aldrich taunt that the insurgent senators are not following republican principles does not square with the declaration of President McKinley, made a few weeks before his death, that the time for trade exclusion was past and that the time for trade expansion through moderate tariffs was at hand. Neither does it fit in with the well known stand taken by James G. Blaine when he was at the height of his popularity. The Aldrich position is not and cannot be the attitude of the republican party. To insist upon forcing the party to such a degree of Bourbonism means defeat west of the Alleghenies at the next general election. In fighting against the Aldrich program the insurgent senators are battling not only for the good of the country but for the continued success of their own party.—Lincoln State Journal.

Marvelous Growth.

Former Senator S. L. Thomas has just concluded the sale of forty acres of his fine farm just west of the city. George Born is the lucky buyer, paying the senator \$5,000 for the forty or at the rate of \$125 per acre. This is a fine piece of ground and Mr. Born believes it to be well worth the price he paid. It immediately adjoins the fine farm of Henry Born and is rich, luxuriant soil. The price is generally regarded as low for so well lying a piece of ground. In 1858 Senator Thomas was offered this forty acres and the forty acres where the county farm now stands for breaking out the eighty acres adjoining. This is some illustration of the marvelous growth of land values in old Cass, the garden spot of Nebraska.

Looking up Evidence.

Several Missouri Pacific men were here yesterday looking up the evidence in the case wherein John Rakes, Jr., lost his limb by reason of falling under a moving train on the Missouri Pacific railway at the passenger depot a week ago Sunday. Rakes gave the officials a list of the names of those who were with him and the full particulars of the accident. He claimed that two local characters were with him and "five guys" from Union. The officers went from here to Union to look us the "guys."—Nebraska City News.

Alfalfa Hay.

I have a number of tons of Alfalfa hay for sale
J. C. Van Dorn,
Plattsmouth.