

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT THE PARMELE

Owing to Storm, Opera House Was Not So Crowded as On Former Occasions of This Character.

The graduating exercises of the Plattsburgh high school last evening were somewhat marred by the fact that the rainstorm kept a large number of the friends and patrons of the school from attending and enjoying the splendid program that had been arranged, but nevertheless a large audience was present at the Parmele theater to witness the exercises.

The young folks of the different classes had been busy at the theater in the afternoon, as the decorations showed, and each class had placed its colors, draped from the balcony, which added a pleasing touch to the scene, as the red and black of the sophomores, the gold and black of the juniors and the rose and white of the freshmen mingled into a bright harmony and expressed the feeling of class pride entertained by the young folks. Across the center of the stage the lavender and white of the senior class was draped. Preceding the opening of the exercises the different classes, which were seated in the balcony, gave their stirring class yells as well as the cheers for the school, and also for their friends who were just leaving them after four years of very pleasant association.

As the curtain rose the sight was very inspiring with the twenty-eight young men and women seated on the stage in their gray caps and gowns and each with the class flower, a beautiful pink rose, adorning them—the largest class in numbers that ever was graduated from the Plattsburgh high school and one most efficient in their studies during the time they were in school, with an average of 84 in their school work.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. C. E. PerLee of the Christian church as the audience stood with bared head to receive the blessing on the observance of the evening.

The opening number on the program was the piano trio, "Grand Galop Brilliance," Op. 7, by Wallen-haupt, given by Misses Ethel Seybert, Blanche Sayles and Edith Ramge, splendidly executed, and the young artists in their playing won the hearts of everyone in the beauty and manner in which it was rendered.

Miss Elizabeth Hall took as her subject for the salutatory "Character," and presented a very pleasing and able address on this subject, taking up a discussion of the formation of the proper character for the battle of life and the effects of a good character on the life of man or woman. Truth, justice and honesty, the cardinal principles that go to make up character, had been found pre-eminent in the lives of the great men of the world, and without there it was useless to attempt the formation of the proper kind of character. The past once gone could not be recalled, but the young man or woman must be sure that they were prepared by the formation of the right kind of character for the battle of life. The remarks of Miss Hall were delivered in a forceful and effective manner, filled with the words of good advice to the class who were soon to separate and take up their way in life.

Charles S. Dovey, who had been selected by the class as valedictorian, took as his subject "Stand for Something," and in his farewell he urged his classmates to be frank and honest in their dealings with their fellow-men and, above all else, to be honest with themselves, to consider all matters with a temperate viewpoint, to weigh each question carefully, and, deciding on their highest ideals for the betterment of their fellowmen, to stand by that idea and principle. He pointed out the necessity for individual thinking, to judge each question for themselves, and to see that their line of thought and action was laid along high and helpful lines. The lives of the great had stood for something in the way of principle and character, and without these success was impossible. Mr. Dovey expressed the feeling of gratitude to the superintendent and faculty of the high school for the careful training they had been given and for the efforts put forth to provide them with a substantial education for their battle with the world. Now that graduation was over the class must think and act for themselves and would have to take their stand for something definite in the world to score the success desired.

Following the class addresses the audience and class were treated to a most pleasing violin solo by Miss Agnes Knoflicek, who selected as her numbers "Romanze," by Beethoven, and "The Bee," by Schubert, and these were given in the usual pleasing manner and display of skill upon the violin, whose notes drawn forth seemed almost divine.

The orator of the evening was Rev. A. A. Brooks of Hastings, Neb., who was introduced in a few well chosen words by Attorney C. A. Rawls. The topic of the address of Mr. Brooks was that of "The Possibilities and Perils of Our Country," and was a most eloquent address from start to close and should have been heard by every man, woman and child in the community. To hear the address made everyone better Americans in act and thought and filled them with an idea of the true greatness of the republic. Mr. Brooks in his opening outlined a few of the great possibilities of the greatest democracy that the world has ever seen, whose wealth was greater than half of the world together, whose productiveness made it the greatest country of the world in all of the natural resources. The sacrifices that had been necessary to produce this great country was recounted by the speaker, telling of the early colonization of the continent by the hardy races of Europe who came here to escape the oppressions of the old world and fought and suffered here that they might find a free country. In the opinion of the speaker, the United States was not at the height of its good to mankind, but was destined to a greater future as the bright light of liberty illuminating the world and bringing to all the nations the great example of a free people exercising the right of government. To keep this future it was necessary that we face the perils of the present when the danger arose from within and not from without, to feel, to act, to be Americans in deed, thought and action, regardless of all the other nations of the earth. He deprecated the policy of departing from the sturdy faith of the fathers to maintain which was necessary to the life and welfare of the republic in the years to come as it had been in the past. To the foreigner from another clime there was always something in the land they had left behind to remind them of the land across the sea, but in the great American republic, stretching from ocean to ocean, it was impossible to attach to the soil the sentiment that brought throbs of love of country as the shamrock did to the Irishman or the heather to the Scot, but in this land it was necessary to make Americans, to plant in their hearts the love of the principles of the free republic. Settled from all sections of the earth, it was necessary that the citizens should gather the inspiration of the thought of being allowed to be a vital living part of a free country, where each man was the equal of the other and where the crowned heads of the old world were voiceless to demand tribute from the masses.

The announcement of the honor graduates of the school was made by Superintendent Brooks, and as the highest graded student in the class Raymond Larson was awarded the honor, having a grade of 94. Miss Alice Weyrich was second with a grade of 92.

Secretary E. H. Wescott of the board of education presented the diplomas to the members of the class that entitled them to step forth as graduates of the Plattsburgh high school, and these were presented in a very neat address.

EASTERN NEBRASKA GETS A GOOD SOAKING

Heavy Rainfall for Nearly Three Hours Steadily Last Night—Hail and Wind in Places.

Omaha, June 1.—Rain, hail and heavy winds characterized the storm last night, which raged principally in the eastern part of the state and in western Iowa. Between here and Valley, on the Union Pacific, the rainfall was heavy, with strong winds, and hail in places, particularly at Valley, the size of a man's fist. There was no rain west of North Bend.

South of here as far as Union there was much rain, but practically no hail or wind. To the north there was plenty of rain, the wet belt extending as far as Sioux City, Ia. At Blair, Neb., there was a constant downpour extending over a period of three hours. On the Burlington line it rained as far west as Lincoln, and a heavy wind was blowing. No damage was done, according to reports at most of these places, with the exception of Valley, where it is feared the crops have suffered, with severe damage to the fruit trees.

There was some wire trouble on the various railroads, the telephone and telegraph lines, but nothing of a serious nature.

Locally, where the rainfall was intense and prolonged over a period of about three and a half hours, there were numerous trouble calls coming in constantly at the police station.

At Thirteenth and William streets there was a cave-in of the walk where the water had washed out a big hole. At Twentieth and Arbor streets a washout, likewise at Twenty-fifth and Mason streets and Twenty-ninth and Grant streets. A man and five children at 2737 South Twelfth street were forced to ascend to the upper story of their house because of the sudden influx of water. They telephoned in that unless assistance came at once they would be drowned. Police arrived at the scene and assured them otherwise.

According to the chief operator in the South Side exchange over 500 telephones running out of that exchange were put out of commission by the storm. Not a single wire running down Fort Crook boulevard was in operation, and communication was entirely suspended south of South Omaha.

Lightning struck a street car at the end of the Happy Hollow car line last night, and for a few moments there was much excitement until it was ascertained that no one had been injured. The electric facilities on the car were entirely put out of commission and it was necessary to pull the car in.

OMAHA COMMERCIAL CLUB TO VISIT HERE TOMORROW

The trade extension committee of the Omaha Commercial club has planned an auto tour of Cass and Otoe counties to get acquainted with the residents of this section and will, if the weather permits, make the trip tomorrow (Friday). There will be in the neighborhood of fifteen or twenty automobiles in the party and carrying some eighty of the Omaha boosters. Leaving Omaha, Plattsburgh will be the first stopping place, and the Omaha travelers expect to reach here about 8:30 and will spend some twenty minutes here looking over the town and visiting the places of business, getting acquainted. The object of the visit, as laid out by Commissioner Robert H. Manley of the Omaha Commercial club is to offer an opportunity to the Omaha representatives to meet the business men of the two counties in the different towns visited during the tour and meet as many of the people as possible.

The visitors should receive a cordial welcome to our city and be shown every courtesy while they are with us. The schedule as prepared by the Omaha club includes the following towns in the order named: Plattsburgh, Murray, Nehawka, Union, Wyoming, Nebraska City, Dunbar, Berlin, Avoca, Weeping Water, Manly, Louisville, Springfield and Papillion.

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NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Interesting Happenings Printed in Condensed Form.

TOLD IN A FEW WORDS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Points in the State and So Reduced in Size That it Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

About \$50,000 damage was done to property in Valley county by a storm Lawrence Jessee, well known stock farmer of Nemaha county, is very ill. Mrs. Frank Peck committed suicide at Hill ranch, near Brady, by drinking strychnine.

Mrs. Henrietta Zessin died near Madison at the age of ninety years death resulting from old age.

R. H. White shot himself in the head in his room at the Savoy hotel, Lincoln. He will probably die.

The Morehead boosters' special to the St. Louis national convention will leave Lincoln at 4 p. m. June 12.

Colonel J. H. Presson of the governor's official staff addressed the inmates of the penitentiary Sunday.

The Farmers' union would extend the scope of the organization and amend the law regarding rural schools.

After an illness of several months, E. C. Hunt, a veteran newspaper man of Omaha, is dead. He was fifty-two years old.

Omaha was chosen for the 1917 meeting place of the International Association of Railway Special Agents and Police.

The physics department of the Hastings high school was presented with a \$500 X-ray machine by Dr. C. K. Struble of that city.

Monday was commencement day at the Immaculate Conception academy, Hastings. The address was delivered by Bishop Thien.

Robert Parmelee, wanted in Nebraska for jumping a \$2,000 supreme court bond, was captured in Alabama after a long chase.

Bankers of group six of the state association, meeting at Gordon, took a decided stand for county road engineers and better roads.

The state banking board has refused the application of Sutherland men for the establishment of the Stockmen's bank there.

Two deaths by drowning marked the opening of the swimming season at Lincoln. The victims were Arthur Sorenson and Lawrence Dwyer.

Several hundred persons from all parts of the county gathered in North Platte for the dedication of the third Oregon trail monument to be placed in Lincoln county.

With a program of unusual merit, the members of the Retail Credit Men's association who go to Omaha in August are in for a profitable three days' session.

William Block, one of the pioneers of Walnut, fell from a load of lumber between his place and Verdigris, the wagon wheel passing over his head and killing him instantly.

The body of seven-year-old Glenn Wiggins, who was drowned in Rose creek, near Fairbury, two weeks ago, was found in the water, a mile west of the scene of the accident.

M. W. Coleman has been appointed by the district court of Burt county as receiver for the Farmers' State bank of Decatur, which was closed by the state banking board recently.

Firebug's working in Columbus set fire to Mrs. McCormick's building the second time in a week. Investigation made showed shavings and waste had been set afire in an upstairs room.

No material increase will be made in the assessed valuation of railroad property of Nebraska this year, while the valuations of other property will be held down as much as possible.

The county jail in Banner county is not a fit place to keep hogs, says John W. Shahan, clerk of the state board of charities and correction, in a report filed with Governor Morehead.

"It is a fifty-fifty shot," says Dr. George E. Condra, director of conservation in the University of Nebraska, "that oil wells will be struck in Nebraska within the next two years."

Hotel men from Nebraska, Iowa, the two Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin will gather in Omaha, July 10 to 12, for the annual convention of the Northwestern Hotel Men's association.

A heavy wind, which assuaged the proportions of a tornado, passed over the northeast part of Osmond. A big livery barn was unroofed and many barns and smaller buildings were razed.

Adjutant General Hall has completed arrangements by which Uncle Sam becomes the owner of about 900 acres of land near Ashland on which will be located the government rifle range.

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Paris Believes That New Offensive Is Supreme Attempt to Take the Fortress.

ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF BATTLE

Paris, May 31.—The hundredth day of the world's greatest battle at Verdun found the crown prince rushing into action fresh legions west of the Meuse.

The new German offensive, initiated Sunday, is the final supreme attempt to pierce the French lines, French military critics agree. The volume and violence of the artillery fire and the frequency and intensity of the infantry attacks eclipse anything seen on any battlefield.

The Germans are hurrying into action against Verdun every man the kaiser can spare. The kaiser himself is reported to be returning to the Verdun front. For the past seventy-two hours military trains have been unloading fresh divisions from the Russian front. One new division was hurled into action northwest of Verdun Monday night.

Rumor Austrians Coming. There are widespread rumors that a large Austrian force is en route to the western front. Swiss reports said the aged Emperor Franz Josef asked that Austrian troops be allowed to share in the final assault. Some believe the Austrian offensive against the Italians was delivered to conceal the shifting of Austrian forces to the west. Before the end of the week, it is believed here, the crown prince will be hammering the French lines with nearly 1,000,000 men.

German Gain for Two Miles. London, May 31.—The Germans have captured French positions on a front of approximately two miles between Deadman's Hill and the Cu-mieres village, northwest of Verdun, according to Berlin. These gains were made Monday and were only partly admitted by the French.

IRREGULAR LIVING. It is a fact that many people pay very little attention to their health, neglecting it entirely. They eat either too much or too little; they drink more than they should; they do not sleep enough or sleep too much; they do not take enough exercise or work too hard; they do not have enough of pure fresh air. As a result of these abnormal conditions, poor appetite, melancholia, insomnia and weakness will soon appear, followed by general debility. To all such people we wish to recommend heartily Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine, an excellent tonic and laxative. It will remove poisonous matter from the body, strengthen the digestive organs, improve the appetite, open the bowels and create new energy. It will bring quick and permanent relief. At drug stores. Price \$1.00. Jos. Triner, Manufacturing Chemist, 1333-1339 S. Ashland avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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Admission 25c

Guy Crook, who has been here visiting his relatives and friends for several days, departed this morning for Lincoln, where he will resume his work.

Mrs. Henry Horn came in this morning from her home near this city and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha, to spend the day with relatives and friends.

W. F. Moore and wife from near Murray came up yesterday afternoon from their home to attend the graduation exercises, where their daughter, Miss Vera Moore, was a member of the class.

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