

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

Graduating Exercises of the Red Cloud High School.

This has been a busy week for Superintendent Dudley, his assistants and the pupils of the high school.

The exercises of commencement week began Sunday evening, when the Methodist church was completely filled with the pupils, patrons of the school and their friends to listen to the annual baccalaureate sermon, which was this year delivered by the Rev. Ward L. Austin, pastor of the M. E. church.

The graduates and their instructors occupied seats in the center section of the church, and the young ladies looked very charming in their white dresses, black caps and gowns. The two boys in the class looked very lonesome among the bevy of eleven pretty girls.

The special music for the occasion was well rendered by the church choir, and Mrs. Omer Doling sang a beautiful solo. Rev. G. H. Rice delivered the invocation, Elder E. C. Davis read the Scripture lesson, following which Rev. Austin delivered the annual baccalaureate sermon, which was highly appreciated by the graduates and others present.

The church was tastefully decorated in white by the members of the tenth grade.

Following are the members of the graduating class:

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| Ethel Kenady | Josephine Mizer |
| Frances Ward | Carrie Goble |
| Cora Weesner | Frances Nesbitt |
| Lora Weesner | Edna Austin |
| Annie Gilham | Jim Cather |
| Cora Clauson | Sheridan Phares |
| Ethel Garber | |

Commencement Night.

The program Wednesday evening consisted of a short musicale program and an address by Hon. G. W. Berge of Lincoln.

Although the exercises were scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock, the audience was very slow in assembling and it was nearly 9 o'clock before the curtain rose for the first number. Seated on the stage with the speaker of the evening were the members of the class, Superintendent Dudley, Misses Ellis and Ducker, principal and assistant principal of the high school. The opera house was decorated in white, the class color, with a sprinkling of green to relieve the monotony of white.

The first number on the program was an alto solo by Miss Jessie Wert, "Good-By, Sweet Day" (Kate Zannah), following which Superintendent Dudley introduced the speaker, Hon. G. W. Berge.

At the close of Mr. Berge's address Miss Josephine Mizer sang "The Nightingale." Miss Mizer bids fair to rival her sister, Mrs. Florence, as a vocalist.

The concluding number of the program was a double quartet, "I Sing Because I Love to Sing," by Misses Mizer, Nesbitt, Garber and Austin.

MR. BERGE'S ADDRESS.

The faculty of the high school made no mistake when they invited G. W. Berge to deliver the address to the class. Mr. Berge was at his best Wednesday evening, and the audience became so intensely interested in what he was saying that they forgot to applaud when he made some of his strongest points. The trend of Mr. Berge's address was to the effect that it never pays to compromise with wrong-doing or dishonesty, and that right will always prevail in the long run. As an illustration he reviewed the history of slavery in this nation from the time of its introduction in the Virginia colonies in 1619 until its abolition in 1861, showing how great men had at all times flirted with the question and accepted compromise which did not settle the disputes, but merely put them to sleep for short periods. He showed how Clay and Webster both lost the presidency of the United States by compromising upon the question. Then came Harriet Beecher Stowe, whose great story giving the true facts concerning slav-

ery had fanned the dying embers of anti-slavery agitation into a flame that did not die until the shackles were stricken from four millions of slaves, through the firmness of President Lincoln, the man who did not know the meaning of the word "compromise" when he knew or thought he was in the right. Mr. Berge also told how, had the colonists been willing to compromise with England by accepting tea free of duty in lieu of representation in parliament, there would be no revolution and we might now be subjects of King Edward.

Mr. Berge also paid a high tribute to the boys and girls of the farms and smaller towns, showing that environments gave them an opportunity to be alone and develop their powers of thinking and acting independently of the great throng, with whom those bred and raised in the cities had to keep step. He also had a few words to say about the young men and young women who thought more of their personal appearance than did of what they really were or expected to be in this world. On the whole, Mr. Berge's address was very entertaining and instructive, and should have a large measure of influence on the lives of many of the young people who heard him.

Class Night.

Every seat in the opera house was

filled by the beautiful rendering and showed the careful training given them by Miss Igoe.

Miss Frances Ward took for her subject "Progress of the Aryan Race," and told how the descendants of this people had migrated from Persia to the countries of Europe, and finally to America, where the highest state of civilization had been reached.

Perhaps the most enjoyable number on the program was James Cather's oration, "The Myth of Coronado." "Jim" is a rather original sort of a young man, and his handling of the story of the wanderings of Coronado and his soldiers of fortune in their search for the mythical city of "Quivera," streets of which were supposed to be paved with gold, was appreciated by everyone.

Miss Lora Weesner gave an interesting interpretation of "Lady Macbeth," and was followed by Miss Annie Gilham, whose reading of the big fish story from "Eben Holden" was very entertaining.

Miss Josephine Mizer sang a solo in three parts, "Who is Sylvia?", "Standchen" and "The Year's at the Spring," and her sweet, clear voice blended nicely with the accompaniment. She responded to the hearty encore with "The Amorous Goldfish."

Miss Cora Weesner had the closing address, and her words of farewell to



P. P. BILHORN.

The above is an excellent cut of the man who will have charge of the music during the month of evangelistic meetings which begin this evening. By the force of his aggressive nature, backed by talent of a high order, he has won for himself a place among the leading gospel singers of this century. As a hymn writer he stands second to none in the world today. Mr. Bilhorn will be assisted by a large local chorus and the book used will be one of his own publications. The meetings will begin this evening.

sold for Thursday evening's exercises, and many were turned away.

The exercises were opened with a piano solo by Miss Irene Miner, following which Elder Davis invoked Divine blessing.

Miss Carrie Goble delivered the opening oration "Incentives to Success." She enumerated the reasons why the members of the class should strive to do right and reach the highest goals, and paid eloquent tribute to the board of education, teachers and parents.

Miss Cora Clauson's subject was "The Role of the Laborer," and she handled it in a way that showed she had carefully studied the problem.

Miss Ducker sang "Love in Springtime," and was followed by Miss Ethel Kenady, who delivered the class poem.

Sheridan Phares, whose subject was "Trusts," gave a resume of the formation and evils of the great corporations, but saved himself by announcing that he would not attempt to suggest a remedy for the evils.

The class quartet, Misses Josephine Mizer, Frances Nesbitt, Ethel Garber and Edna Austin, sang "To the Sunshine" and responded to the encore with "By the Sea," both of which

the class and teachers were very tender.

E. J. Overing, Jr., made the presentation of the diplomas, and Rev. Ward L. Austin closed the exercises with the benediction.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON May 28.—In a letter to Senator Millard, chairman of the senate committee on interoceanic canals, former Chief Engineer John F. Wallace makes a sharp reply to Secretary Taft's testimony before the committee recently. He throws down the gauntlet to the secretary of war, but as Mr. Taft is too fat to train readily into fighting trim it is not likely that the defl will be taken up. In his letter Mr. Wallace says that Secretary Taft abused his official position in making a second attack, and that his testimony "was calculated and apparently intended to affect my reputation for veracity, such as he would not make to me as one man to another, face to face." That good and rotund Nebraskan, Governor Magoon, also comes in for a few shots from Mr. Wallace's epistolary broadside. Mr. Wallace accuses him of a breach of confidence in having advised a certain course of action and then anticipating

it by writing secretly to the secretary of war. Altogether, the row that has been kicked up since the federal government took a paternal interest in Panama canal threatens to assume the proportions of a scandal. New rows crop out in the commission with as beautiful regularity as the revolutions on the isthmus. Maybe it's due to the Panama water or the mosquitoes or the sun. At any rate congress and the country are growing weary of it.

The passage of the free alcohol bill this week will be hailed with acclaim by the whole country. The farmers have been deeply interested in the success of the measure, as the agriculturists of Nebraska flooded their senators and representatives with petitions for its passage. The bill becomes effective January 1, and it is expected to revolutionize the lighting and heating interests of the country. The alcohol can be distilled from grain, potatoes and a number of other vegetables. It is said that three gallons may be produced from one bushel of corn, and that the residue after the alcohol is extracted is just as valuable as before as feed for stock.

President Roosevelt is as pleased as a boy with a new top over the passage of the naval appropriations bill. He is especially pleased with the provision made for the gigantic battleship that is to fly the Stars and Stripes. He congratulated Representative Foss, chairman of the house naval committee, this week when the Illinoisan called at the White House. It was due in large measure to Mr. Foss' insistent demand for adequate funds for the naval establishment that the measure went through. The monster war vessel that is authorized will be the most powerful fighting craft afloat. It is to be bigger, better armored and faster than the Dreadnaught, the pride of the British navy. Its armament will be especially powerful, and altogether the title, "Skeered-o' Nothin'," which John Sharp Williams honorably conferred on it, will not be so much of a joke after all.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers for week ending Wednesday, May 30, furnished by Walker & Bailey of Webster County Abstract company.

Angeline Robbins to Geo Beardslee part lots 2 and 8 and all of 3 and 9 block 3 LeDuc add to Red Cloud wd.....	\$ 500
Chas Spence to D E Crom lot 5 block 2 Spence 2nd add to Bladen wd.....	100
Vica J Largent to Geo W Crow lot 10 block 12 Guide Rock wd Blaney Waterbury to Wm Borwege lots 7 to 12 block 3 Grusel's add to Blue Hill wd.....	300
W F Williams to Wm F Foster lots 1 to 6 block 3 R R add to Red Cloud wd.....	1900
Paul C Pope et al to Wm Wolfe et al lots 10 11 and 12 block 27 Red Cloud wd.....	600
L A Haskins and wife to Ella V Haskids lots 6 and 7 and part 8 block 8 Garber add to Red Cloud wd.....	1000
Augusta Schultz guardian to Jos Topham part ne4 ne4 35-2-11 deed.....	400
H Gund & Co to Claas Rose lot 5 block 12 Rosemont wd.....	450
W G Hastings judge to Henry R Wood w2 set 13 and sw4 24-1-11 and ne4 29-1-12 decree.....	100
Total.....	\$7250
Mortgages filed.....	\$4000
Mortgages released.....	\$4200

Excursion.

I will make another trip to the Sunny El Rito Valley, New Mexico, Tuesday, June 5, at 7 a. m. We go by Denver, thence over the D. & R. G. G. railway. There is some of the nicest scenery in the United States along this route. If you want to join this party let me know soon. The car fare for the round trip is \$29.55, which is credited on your hand if you buy.

J. P. HALE.

MORSETNIEF CAUGHT.

Sheriff Hedge Picks Up Youthful Mar-ian County Criminal.

Lynn Callahan, about 19 years of age, wanted at Alma for horsestealing, was captured by Sheriff Hedge in the Burlington yards early Wednesday morning, having beaten his way here on a freight train after breaking jail at Alma.

The story of young Callahan's crime is somewhat romantic. He had been working at Stamford for about four months and, falling in love with a young lady whose parents objected to his attentions to their daughter, they had frequent stolen interviews. Last Friday young Callahan procured a team and went buggy-riding with his sweetheart. The opposition of the young lady's parents aroused her fighting blood, and she proposed to her youthful lover that they steal the team and clope. This he objected to, but proposed to take her home, then take the team and sell it, and with the money they would run away, get married and have an enjoyable honeymoon. In accordance with this plan young Callahan started out to sell the team, which was a valuable one. At one time he was offered \$150 for the outfit, but refused it. The sheriff got on his trail so closely that he was compelled to abandon the team and take to railroading. The authorities at Holdrege were notified to look out for him, but when they went through the train he was chatting with a young lady, with whom he had picked up an acquaintance, and his appearance was so innocent that he completely fooled the officers. He tried the same game at Oxford but the cops there were not so easily fooled, and he was arrested and taken to Alma, where he pleaded guilty at his preliminary examination. Tuesday night he broke jail at Alma, caught a freight train going east, and was picked up here by Sheriff Hedge.

When arrested here Callahan protested that he was not the party wanted, but when he was finally landed at the jail he owned up and told the whole story.

Sheriff Davis came down from Alma Wednesday, but decided to leave Callahan here until court sets or he pleads guilty.

The Leavening Power Always Remains the Same.

You cannot experiment every time you make a cake or biscuits, or test the strength of your baking powder to find out how much of it you should use; yet with most baking powders, you should do this, for they are put together so carelessly they are never uniform, the quality and strength varying with each can purchased. Therefore, at one time a baking powder will produce less leavening gas than at another.

If you base your calculations on the strength and results of a previous can, you may use too much or not enough of the new; your cake or biscuits will not raise; they will remain heavy and your materials in time will be lost; or else you will have a harshly acid or strongly alkaline cake or biscuits.

Avoid the cheap and "Big Can" baking powders. Cheap baking powders leave bread sometimes bleached and acid, sometimes yellow and alkaline, and always unpalatable, they are never of uniform strength and quality.

Calumet Baking Powder is made of chemically pure ingredients of tested strength. Experienced chemists put it up. The proportions of the different materials remain always the same. Sealed in air tight cans Calumet Baking Powder does not alter in strength and is not affected by atmospheric changes. Yet it is only one-half the price of the Trust baking powders.

In using Calumet you are bound to have uniform cake or biscuits. Calumet contains no cheap, useless or adulterating ingredients so commonly used to increase the weight. Food prepared from it is free from Rochelle salts, alum, lime, ammonia and the cost is moderate.