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THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1907.

## Graduating Exercises

A large crowd assembled last Saturday night to witness the graduating exercises of the Valentine High School. The weather was not most favorable and people who attended were obliged to go and come in the rain, which began about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and continued most of the night. Notwithstanding this the hall was well filled but many, of course, were deprived of the pleasure of the event.

Twelve graduates marched down the aisle and onto the stage, accompanied by Rev. Connell of the M. E. church, Prof. R. H. Watson, principal of our city schools, and W. A. Pettycrew, chairman of the school board, while the orchestra played one of their choicest pieces of music and the opera house resounded with applause from the audience.

The principal part of the program for the evening was an address by Dr. F. M. Fling of the state university at Lincoln, who was delayed in reaching our town by an accident down the road which caused the early passenger to be over two hours late.

Dr. Fling's subject was "A World Crisis," in which he told of the value of graduating, the study of history and the close connection of the people of the world of today which he illustrated as a world society. People are in closer touch with each other around the world today than they were between small countries adjoining in the earlier days when it took 40 days for the fleetest messenger to travel from Northern Europe to the shores of the Mediterranean, now one can go around the world in that time, and by the click of the telegraph can flash messages to the other side of the world instantaneously. Over one billion people enjoy this closer relationship and the time is drawing nigh when a world court will exist in which to try international questions.

Already we have the world congress in which representatives meet at the Hague tribunal and in conference over international questions. Our people have a right to the resources of our country, and corporations who furnish transportation and communication through franchises and coal for heat are expected to supply the demand. While they are at variance with their employees the people are made to suffer.

There must be some way of handling these questions and a means provided for a continued supply of coal or of transportation. Our people have demanded reform along these lines. Corporations have been drawn into courts and redress for wrongs and grievances asked.

A world crisis is at hand. Never before has such a state of affairs existed. History does not repeat itself. Something new is constantly coming up. We study history for the benefit of guidance but no such questions have ever before been handled as they now are.

The common people of France demanded better government, and because it was not granted by the nobility, a revolution dethroned the nobility and gave the people the power of selecting their own form of government. All of Europe were in sympathy then with the nobility, but now they are in sympathy with the people of Russia as against the nobility.

Great questions have arisen in recent years. People who used to talk of the division of China and wondered what part England would take, what part Russia would assimilate and the part Germany would want are now confronted with that little band of Japanese, who, 100 years ago, were pirates and now have come off the battle field victorious after an encounter with the strongest nation on the earth as formerly considered.

Our forms of dress and customs may appear as unique or ridiculous to the men of the robes and pig-tail as their's to us, but wise and educated men may be found among them as among other nations whose manners and customs may differ from our's, and yet, are our equal or superior individually. China, with her four hundred million people, have a fine soldiery and the man with the simple garment is capable of good training on the battlefield.

Russia needed a sea port and being hemmed in on the south and the west and by a frozen north tried to gain admission to the Pacific ocean but Japan was overcrowded and needing more space must crowd back onto the main land and both contested Russia's advances to the sea port.

What can other nations do against the encroachments of necessity for broader fields for overcrowded China and Japan? What protest could Russia make against the advance northward of the Chinese, or how could we hold the Philippines if an attempt be made by foreign powers (Japan and China) to take them from us? Our hope for future success lies in world organization, if we should encounter the yellow race in rivalry with the white, and propagate the peace sentiment, arbitration treaties and the Hague tribunal, or peace parliament.

Dr. Fling appealed to the class to take these matters seriously. Their labors are just begun. Their duties to serve the world in a greater capacity by reason of their superior ability in the struggle for world justice and world peace.

Prof. Watson spoke briefly of school work and the needs of a more spacious building for the high school to meet the increasing demand and told of his vigilance in keeping out the disgraceful class fights, rows and hazing so frequently indulged in at some schools and colleges; of the importance of teaching order at public gatherings, and of his interest in the high school work and the graduates.

Mr. Pettycrew discussed the needs of more spacious rooms for our high school work and of the faulty law providing for a county high school, which required more signers than could be obtained in some small western precincts where the whole voting population would not suffice. He concluded with a few words of approbation and congratulation to the class and presented them with their diplomas.

Rev. Connell, who delivered the baccalaureate sermon on the previous Sunday evening in which he gave them words of cheer and guidance, pronounced the benediction and the class was congratulated by numerous friends and relatives.

Flowers in profusion and presents were laid at the feet of each graduate as tokens of admiration from friends or relatives.

The graduating class consisted of the following members: Misses Anna Ashburn, Alfa Dunham, Elizabeth Ryschon, Geraldine Tracewell, Ennis Boyer and Hilda Green. Messrs. Charles Lewis, Herbert Jones, Chester Wells, John Helzer, Willie Morey and George Hornby.

After the program for the evening was concluded a banquet was given by the high school alumni to a number of invited guests, and the evening passed into history.

A well-to-do man in the vicinity of Creston went into the drug store at Creston and inquired the price of sulphur. "Ten cents a pound," said Dr. Arrowsmith, the manager of the store. "Isn't that pretty high," asked the customer, "why, I can get it from Montgomery Ward for seven cents." "You can get it in hell for nothing," answered Doc, "and you won't have to pay any freight, either."—Ex.

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"The best way to settle the presidential squabble is to elect W. J. Bryan president. We will then have in the presidential chair a man who will do things," says C. L. Mayes of the Rushville Standard. There is no doubt about it, Bro. Mayes, and it would be with the accent on the "do."  
—The Oakdale Sentinel.

### The Court of Appeals.

Mr. Bryan has put the whole affirmative argument in a nutshell when he says that he does not see how anybody who believes in the right of the people to govern themselves can object to the initiative and referendum. The initiative and referendum are self-government. They enable the people to propose to the legislature measures they desire enacted, and enable the people to have referred them such enactments as they desire referred, so that they may either approve or reject them. Because of the nature of the case it follows that those who seek to argue against the initiative and referendum in a nation dedicated to self-government, are driven to wretched and tortuous expedients. A writer in the North American Review, for example, solemnly puts forth this contention:

Still another objection to the referendum is that it lowers the sense of responsibility on the part of representatives of the legislature. One would naturally expect a representative to feel less responsibility when his action, instead of being final, is sure to be reviewed by his constituents, as in the case where the referendum is compulsory. M. Droz, a high Swiss authority, says the referendum weakens the character of the legislators.

We suppose that M. Droz, would likewise say, then, that a supreme court weakens the character of inferior courts, and makes them careless! Because, you see, appeal can be taken and the inferior court's action is not final!

Every reasonable man knows that the existence of the court of appeals makes the judge on the bench more careful than he might otherwise be. It is the fear of being reversed that makes him put more of his strength and knowledge of law into the trial of the case, and that holds him to impartiality and fairness.

Exactly the same thing would be true of the legislator, if he knew that his constituents had the right to require any law that was enacted to be submitted to them for approval or rejection.

It's human nature that the legislator, knowing that his acts were subject to appeal to the people and review by them, would do them, would do the very best he could. He would realize the futility of helping to enact unjust and oppressive laws, laws favoring special interests, laws that were backed by boodle lobbies. Like the judge on the bench he would be thinking of the court of appeals.

The referendum, then, would not weaken the legislator. It would strengthen him in the way he needs strengthening—the way that makes for righteousness and justice.—Daily World Herald.

### "Professionals" vs "Scrubs."

The Valentine "Professionals" were defeated in a eleven inning game of base ball last Sunday by the "Scrubs," the final score being 25 to 18. The score stood 16 to 4 in the fourth inning in favor of the "Professionals," when the "Scrubs" took a brace and tied the score—18 to 18—in the ninth inning. Excitement ran high and the cheering was tremendous for the "Scrubs" the latter part of the game. Several home runs were made by each side and the hard hitting was the feature of the game. George Stetter, who relieved Valentine in the third or fourth inning, did much toward helping the "Scrubs" win the game. Score by innings:

Profess. 7 3 2 4 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—18  
Scrubs 1 3 0 0 2 1 3 6 2 0 7—25

The personnel of the teams were as follows:

Professionals—Haley 2b; McDonald, ss; Ayers, cf; Hunter, 3b; Fischer, p; Ferry, 1b; Holloway, lf; Dailey, c; Harvey, rf.

Scrubs—Brandon, c; Valentine and George Stetter, p; Flinn, 1b; L. Stetter, cf; Peterson, 3b; Davenport, ss; Tobien, 2b; Shepard, rf.

### Will Tripp Open?

It has been very doubtful in the minds of well informed persons whether or not Tripp county would be opened to settlement the coming fall, in fact it has become a settled opinion about here that it will not. However, the Gregory County News, says:

"The work preparatory to the opening of Tripp county is being 'hurried' along and indications are that before snow flies one of the greatest of land openings ever recorded in the history of the United States will have taken place in that land widely known as Tripp county.

There are all sorts of rumors as to the time when this county will be opened to settlement.

Senator Gamble says this fall.

Ex-Congressman Burke designed his bill and rushed the legislation through with the view that it would open this fall.

Special Allotting Agent Scriven says it will open this fall—if it is at all possible to complete the work of allotting the Indians.

And certain it is that the Department of the Interior wants to have the land opened for settlement this fall.

John H. Scriven of Mitchell who has his commission as special allotting agent for the Rosebud Indian Reservation, expects to begin at once the work of allotting the Indians who are entitled to land in Tripp county.

He gave it as his opinion that he could complete the allotting of the Indians in Tripp county, from the information he had at hand, in order to give the department ample time to have the opening this fall, and from the best information that he had on the matter that this was their desire.—The Springview Herald.

J. M. Moffett of Stanwood, Iowa, has several short horn bulls from the Elmdale Stock Farm on sale at Shepard's barn. Notice his large advertisement on fifth page of this paper.

## THE STOCK EXCHANGE

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### NOTICE.

Parties wanting wiring done or needing repairs to their light service will please phone No. 9 or notify the office by noon and their wants will be promptly attended to. Grain or feed order should also be placed at office to insure prompt delivery.

Anyone noticing street arcs not in working order will confer a favor by notifying us. 6tf S. F. GILMAN.

### For Sale.

House and small barn, with two lots, close in, near school building, for sale at a bargain. House is new, lawn and shade trees, good sidewalk, all fenced. Part cash, balance easy payments. Call on I. M. Rice, agent.

This is just the place for some ranch owner or farmer to select for his wife and children to live during the winter and send children to school. Don't delay as this property will find an owner soon. It may be yours. Come and see about this first time you are in town. 18

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