

NOW COMES COMMENCEMENT

Time of Year When Graduates Have That Poetic Feeling. DAYS OF ORATIONS, FLOWERS AND GOWNS Once More Are We to Be Told that Beyond the Alps Lies Italy— Found and Lingering Goodbye.

This is commencement week in the various institutions of Omaha and several bright classes are to be turned out. The high school exercises will take place Friday night. Davenport college has fixed its date for Thursday night. These two are perhaps the most important of the lot, although there are several others attracting more or less attention.

Commencement week naturally calls to mind the soft sigh of the organically graduating gown, for the sweet girl graduate is among us still, and her beaming countenance, illumined by flowery June, makes a picture well worth painting.

But not all of the graduates are girls. Therefore they are not all sweet. Young America also has his inning, although this year, as usual, he is outnumbered by the girlie sex in the matter of diploma awards.

Of course, there will be the usual complement of commencement orations. Some of the orators tell us that "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy" despite the fact that it would be mighty sight more timely, besides giving a refreshing local color.

Just why the graduating exercises of a school should be called commencement, when, in fact, it is the end, is more or less a mystery. Perhaps the most plausible theory is that it is the commencement of a studious effort on the part of the girl graduate to make her debut in society and the commencement of the young man graduate to hustle for a job. Be that as it may, some authority in the early ages dubbed it commencement week, and the generation will probably let it stand so.

One sad feature of commencement week is the numerous goodbyes that will be said. There is, as a general rule, more adieu to the square inch around a graduating class than there is about a whole shipload of gold-seekers bound for Cape Nome. The favorite style in which to close a commencement day oration is something like this:

And now, dear parents, dear teachers, dear schoolmates and dear friends, say goodbye—a lingering, fond goodbye—for I am going out to meet the world, etc. After all that they're back home in time for supper.

Through Optimistic Eyes. But for the goodbyes, the same which has been explained in the foregoing, the average graduating essay inclines to the sanguine and its optimistic rays cut a rift in the pall of sorrow occasioned by the parting ways-taking. On commencement day the world looks bright to the graduate. Some of this brightness is found in the following extract from the notebook of a student who will be among the graduates next Friday:

From my vantage ground, the world seems surpassingly sweet. I see cities farther than the sun's rays, I see the twinkling luster of a moonday sun or the twelve signs of the zodiac. Life holds out to me future more bright than the shimmering retrospect of paradise down, down, through all its eons.

The author of this had studied the dictionary in the night. Commencement comes but once a year. So let the buoyant young graduate indulge that "poetic feeling" to the limit. Who knows but that in after years it may be chastened and the reality of a cold, clammy kitchen in the gray dawn, or if the graduate be a man in hustling freight around the depot platform.

SOME BELLISTED PROGRAMS

Plans for Big Nights During the Remainder of the Band's Engagement.

The delegates who are in the city attending the grand lodge of the Bankers' Union of the World will attend the Bellstedt concert this evening, together with a large number from the local lodge, and as the order is strong in Omaha, it is believed by the committee that at least 400 delegates and members will be present.

Tomorrow evening will be Elks night and the special features will be the "Elks' March" composed by Emil Reichard, former bandmaster of the Twenty-second regiment and a member of Omaha lodge, Conductor Bellstedt has complimented this march very highly to Prof. Reichard and to members of the order of Elks, to whom he has spoken on the subject. Joe P. Barton, a member of Omaha lodge, will sing "The Holy City."

THEY DO IT

People Quit Coffee and Get Well on Postum Food Coffee.

A man in Milford, Ind., says he did not quit drinking coffee because he thought it hurt him, but because he thought it was a beverage he liked better in Postum Food Coffee, but to his wonder and surprise, he found in a few weeks all the old symptoms of sickness had left him.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

Indignation over the returns made by Tax Commissioner Fitzgerald continued yesterday and the Board of Review had a busy day of it. Complaints were filed by dozens of property owners who protested against the assessment made against their property. The principal complaint appeared to be the disparagement in the assessment of the small home owner and the property of a packing plant. While the total valuation has been increased \$447,000, a very slight portion of the increase has fallen upon the individual citizens. As far as known no corporation managers have called upon the Board of Review to have their assessment lowered, but many who have struggled hard to secure homes for themselves are presenting themselves before the board for the purpose of asking a readjustment of their taxes.

According to the new charter the Board of Review has the power to increase or decrease the valuation of property without the assent of the city council. Under the old system the council met as a board of equalization, but if a reduction in the valuation was to be made on one piece of property the difference had to be added to another in order that the total might not be changed. The Board of Review can double or treble the assessed valuation as returned by Mr. Fitzgerald and thus show a very large profit to the city.

"On account of the bonds it has to sell within the next year," said a member of the city government last evening, "we must show a high valuation and a low levy. The mayor looks at a levy of 49 mills he becomes frightened and the prospect of buying our securities. As a large batch of bonds must be taken up shortly it certainly behooves the Board of Review and the city council to raise the valuation and decrease the levy."

The total amount of personal and real taxes paid by the packers and Stock Yards company last year was: Swift & Co., \$3,450; Omaha Packing company, \$1,566.50; Cudahy Packing company, \$3,611.92; Armour & Company, \$3,298; Hammond Packing company, \$1,281.65; Union Stock Yards company, \$5,366.75; total, \$19,533.37.

Should the council make a levy this year of 49 mills, which is the least that can be made under the present valuation and paying running expenses, the corporations mentioned will pay: Swift & Co., \$4,620; Omaha Packing company, \$2,400; Cudahy Packing company, \$5,220; Armour & Company, \$4,180; Hammond Packing company, \$1,480; Union Stock Yards, \$7,980; total, \$29,940.

The increase as per the figures given above is: Swift, \$1,170.55; Cudahy, \$1,603; Omaha, \$798; Armour, \$2,275; Stock Yards, \$2,613.25; total, \$10,460.55. "Had the tax commission assessed these corporations at one-fifth the value, as he did other property," said Councilman Ed Johnston, "the valuation would have been about \$2,000,000. The stock yards this year come in for \$1,000,000, which is valued at \$153,000, while it should be \$65,000. Cudahy gets off with \$2,000, when his assessment ought to be \$450,000. Armour, with a plant worth not less than \$3,000,000, is assessed at \$35,000. As for the packers, they are assessed on a valuation of \$15,000, which gets in for a little less than \$77,000, when if the rule had been carried out, his valuation would have been \$385,000. The Hammond company is set down at \$35,000, five times this amount is \$208,000. As for the Omaha, it is valued at \$41,000, when \$208,000 would be the correct figure. This is a total of \$2,495,000."

The total valuation, as returned by Fitzgerald to the council, is \$15,000,000. As for the packers and the yards, it is only \$2,432,000. If the tax commission had assessed the packers and the yards at the same ratio he did private property owners the valuation would have been more than doubled.

It was reported on the streets last evening that a body of citizens proposed calling upon the Board of Review and demand that the corporation assessments be raised to conform to other property assessed.

WANTS CLEAN STREETS.

Mayor Kelly intends to have the streets kept in better condition than at this time. Yesterday he requested the newspapers to state that any storekeepers found throwing their refuse and sweepings into the gutters would be arrested and prosecuted. The ordinance now in force. The mayor said: "Residents do not seem to take a bit of pride in keeping the sidewalks and streets free from rubbish. Merchants allow their porters and sweepings into the gutters, and as long as this practice keeps up the streets cannot be kept clean. I propose to have the police notify all persons on the principal streets in case they do not arrest them in this respect. In follow they do not arrest will follow."

McGinity Is Dead.

McGinity, one of the best known dogs in the Magic City, died at the stock yards Monday and was buried yesterday in a quiet corner of the park surrounding the stock yards office. McGinity was given to E. B. Fenton in June by Ed Rothger and was taken to the stock yards the same year. He was known to almost every shipper who visited this market and was a general favorite. For a number of years McGinity was noted for his teeth, but his bulldog tenacity stuck to him to the last and this caused his untimely death. He got mixed up with a trained bear a short time ago and never recovered from the shock. McGinity had a habit of going to every fire and never appearing to be happy as when running alongside of a fire train.

Council Meeting Tonight.

At tonight's council meeting it is expected that charges against Tax Commissioner Fitzgerald will be made by the mayor and three councilmen. When charges were filed by the district court and a date for a hearing assigned, City Attorney Lambert sent yesterday in Lincoln, but it is expected that he will be able to formulate the charges to be preferred before the meeting tonight.

Looking for Location.

Two eastern foundrymen spent yesterday in the city looking over the ground for a location. Harry Christie, secretary of the Commercial club, showed the visitors around and several available sites were looked at. The impression prevails that the old electric light building on Railroad avenue will be rented from the Thomson-Houston people and converted into a four-story office building. The Thomson-Houston burned here some time ago South Omaha has been without a foundry.

Street Fair Matters.

There was little doing in street fair matters yesterday, for the reason that only every member of the association attended the initiatory exercises at the Akropolis building Monday night. The six Mexicans who came here at the request of the association loafed around the streets yesterday, dressed in picturesque tropical costumes, and attracted a great deal of attention. Work on the pavilion to be erected at Twenty-fifth and O streets was commenced yesterday and will be completed in a few days.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

L. E. Champney of Fremont is at the Millard. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Medlar left Tuesday night for a few weeks visit at the Buffalo hotel and with Mr. Medlar's relatives in Pennsylvania.

E. N. Stevenson of Columbus, E. G. Yates of Lincoln, W. C. Kearney of St. Paul, F. G. Simmons of Seward, R. A. Stewart of Yorktown, J. J. Sorensen of Lincoln, G. Griffiths of Elgin, are state people at the Millard.

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Every working woman owes it to herself to bring her physical health to the highest standard of excellence—not only because it increases her happiness, but also because it increases her earning capacity. It is a cruel fact that the floor-walker has, as a rule, no sympathy with the backache and weakness which impel a woman to seek an occasional moment's rest for her aching back, if only by leaning rigidly against the shelves behind her.

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