

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES.

A Large Class of Bright Young Students Are Presented With Diplomas.

On Saturday afternoon, August 12, the annual Eighth Grade Commencement exercises were held in the court room which was handsomely decorated in purple and white, and the class motto read "Keep On Keeping On," very suggestive for these bright young students who are climbing the golden ladder that leads to happiness and power.

Dean Perisho, of the State University, delivered a very interesting address. Miss Arnold, of the Normal Institute, sang two solos, and the sweet little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tossini Marie and Louise sang a duet, "Sweet and Low," charmingly.

County Superintendent Wimple presented each graduate with a diploma and in general terms paid the class a high compliment for intelligent effort and congratulated them over their success and desire for higher education, and the County Superintendent seemed as happy as the students when she had completed a very pleasant duty.

The following is a list of the graduates with district and teacher:

- Laura Coon, teacher district No. 51, Ethel Albers, Grace Norton, Orin Wardwell, Ray Dodd.
- Clara Cotton, teacher district No. 24, Laura Alness, Anna Ronnie.
- Nellie Kuhns, teacher district No. 31, Edwin Amber, Thilie Joinke, Claude Whitlow.
- Zepha Everhart, teacher district No. 34, Lillian Anderson.
- Clara Peterson, teacher district No. 9, Bessie Bainbridge, Margaret Gorman, Mary Gorman, Naomi Nelson.
- Lucille Byers, teacher district No. 27, Grace Bent.
- Alida Sandvorn, teacher district No. 18, Lena Burghuis, Ivy Huxtable.
- Elsie Parke, teacher district No. 77, Addie Frinkman, Pearl Hemphill.
- Ina Johnson, teacher district No. 44, Augusta Gimbel, Jennie Owen.
- Alice Hokenstet, teacher district No. 60, Helen GINGERICH, Ruth Steike, Hannah Aus, teacher district No. 4, Macnild Gutbrud, Philip Rusten.
- Olive Nyhus, teacher district No. 21, Louise Husman.
- Winona Dunn, teacher district No. 73, Alice Lubrs.
- Ernest McKellips, teacher district No. 43, Gertrude McKellips.
- Flora Sheldon, teacher district No. 33, Eva Phelps.
- Naomi Thomas, teacher district No. 41, Price J. Riley.
- Vernie Crane, teacher district No. 68, Lulu Burnett.
- Sophia Burke, teacher district No. 39, Lydia Birkland, Florence Blumer.
- Lucille Larson, teacher district No. 85, George Dewey Burney, Benjamin Drey, Harold Harrison, Agnes Johnson.
- Katharine Devitt, teacher district No. 36, Blanche Clay.
- Christine Monrad, teacher district No. 38, Agnes Eggie.
- Maud Sullivan, teacher district No. 56, May Edison, Forest Kuhns, Floyd Kuhns.
- Maud Mayer, teacher district No. 70, Olive Fossum, Randy Hegge, Leo Crawford, Ova Crawford.
- Chas. D. Trilt, teacher district No. 49, Edna Roti, Gilman Roti, Nona Schoen, Amy Webber, Henry C. Olson.
- Jessie Holz, teacher district No. 26, Lula M. Sheldon.
- Merle Watwell, teacher district No. 35, Wm. Smeenk, Chester Stillwell.
- Eva Arendt, teacher district No. 88, Maud Swark.
- Bertha Wallace, teacher district No. 42, Rachel Sanford, Ruth Sanford, Esther Sundstrom, Eschel Sundstrom.
- Emma Paulson, teacher district No. 43, Eddie P. Sine, Thilie Paulson.
- Lucy Gibson, teacher district No. 52, Albert Thorsen.
- Mrs. Henry Hanson, teacher district No. 12, Mabel Walquist, Pauline Strand, Alma Syvertson.
- Alma Nelson, teacher district No. 22, Ruth Johnson.

SLADE WILL SEND STRING.

South Dakota Breeder to Have Runners at Interstate Fair.

Sioux City Journal: "Top" Jones, one of the leading trainers on the W. K. Slade farm near Hudson, S. D., where scores of thoroughbreds are reared, is in Sioux City. He says Mr. Slade will send a big stable of runners to the Interstate Fair races next month. Mr. Jones now is working such good gallopers as Dwight Slade, Cherry Girl, My Rosie, Yankpoo, Elizabeth Betts and McDode for this meeting. However, he may decide to let them run at the Huron meeting previous to coming here.

In addition to these runners from the Slade farm Jim Hand, another trainer from this breeding farm, will be here with a string. He now is at Des Moines "laying up" for the state fair races. In Hand's string is the derby horse, Jack Laxon, and Dottie, who holds the Woodland track record for one-half mile. She ran this distance over the Woodland park course in 47.

Besides having one of the highest class lot of runners ever gathered at Woodland, Mr. Slade probably will place a few horses in the show ring, competing in the thoroughbred class. He contemplates entering Cherry Leaf and Goldsmith, now at the head of his stud on his breeding farm.

Lightning Hits Dr. Lewison Home.

During the electric storm last week a bolt of lightning bound north found a chimney in its path on the big handsome residence of Dr. Lewison, and the chimney was demolished. Mrs. Lewison was shutting a window when the bolt hit and she lost all interest in that window for a moment, but was soon looking around to see if there was any damage done. The laundry was in the ironing in the basement and for some reason or other the iron refused to work and the electric explosion at the top of the chimney sent a shower of dust into the basement and the girl knew something was wrong. The destruction of the chimney and a few broken shingles on the roof represent the damage, a very lucky escape indeed.

SPLENDID NIGHT ATTRACTION.

Feast of Ceres To Be Given Fair Week in Sioux City By Tribe of "Indians."

It is a little early to talk about the fall festival program which is being planned by the Tribe of the Sioux, a new Sioux City booster organization of 1,000 members, to be presented in Sioux City during the week of the Interstate Live Stock Fair, for the plans are only in the making. However, it may be said that the Tribe intends to put on some monster parades at night which will be on the style of the Ak-Sar-Ben parades in Omaha and those of similar organizations in other cities. One of these parades will represent Sixty Years of Progress in Sioux City.

DR. E. S. O'NEIL RETIRES.

A Popular Canton Dentist Gives Up Work After 30 Years Continuous Service in Canton.

Dr. E. S. O'Neil retires from the dental profession in this city this week, after 30 years of active work, and 28 years in the same rooms in the Hiebhorn block about to be occupied by his successor, Herman Syvertson, son of M. L. Syvertson, Canton's oldest jeweler. Dr. O'Neil in years as an active dentist in this city, ranks any other dentist in the state, and retires from a splendid business to enjoy a much needed rest. His son, Guy, is a dentist at Roundup, Montana, and his son Veo was engaged in dentistry at Hamilton, Montana, but was obliged to give up the work owing to a failure of eyesight, but he now owns a fine fruit and poultry farm about 22 miles south of Portland, which he finds profitable and a pleasant occupation.

Dr. O'Neil expects to visit his son in Oregon and enjoy rest, and recreation wherever fancy directs with a comfortable fortune to make his declining years pleasant as far as wealth goes. He has been a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank for years, and an active member of the Building and Loan Association since it began business and is now a member of the board of state dental examiners, and has always been prominent in the business affairs of the city.

He and his wife will be warmly missed by a host of warm personal friends, because of their social position, and long residence here, coming in 1881, and their loss in a social way is what makes the parting a sad one. Still the doctor intends to make Canton his summer home, spending his winters at Los Angeles where he will be found next winter soon after leaving Canton. He says he has plans for a handsome bungalow building for his summer home in Canton and may erect it next summer, and it is the guess of the LEADER that after roaming around for a year or two he will find that Canton is the best place to live after all.

NEWS BRIEFS FOR BRANSON.

A Few Editorial Opinions Quoted. One of the Fairest, Squarest Gentlemen.

Centerville Chronicle: Hon. O. L. Branson of Mitchell was a Centerville visitor Thursday afternoon of last week, calling upon his friends in the city. He made the Journal a pleasant call, and remarked that he was making a preliminary tour of the new first congressional district, with a view to becoming a candidate before the coming June primaries for the nomination for congress on the Republican ticket. "I can say for Mr. Branson that he is one of the fairest, squarest gentlemen we have ever met. For some ten or a dozen years we lived only a few miles from his home, and learned to know much of him and his record although meeting him for the first time personally, last week. He is no chronic office seeker, but has represented his county in the state legislature a time or two, with credit, and has ever been on the side of the people as against machine politics. He is a banker by profession and president of the First National Bank of Mitchell. He is recognized as one of the ablest speakers in the state, and will be heard from during the campaign should he decide to announce his candidacy.

Compliment For Branson.

Vermillion Republican: A great many kind words are being said by the press of the state in behalf of Hon. O. L. Branson of Mitchell, who is looked as a prospective candidate for congress. It is our belief that he is deserving of every good opinion expressed of him, his record and his aspirations.

Branson Able and Clean.

Parker Press Leader: Hon. O. L. Branson of Mitchell, who is in the city Monday to look into the political situation in this city and county. It is very likely that Mr. Branson will be a candidate at the next primaries, to represent at Washington the newly created congressional district. Mr. Branson is an able man, a clean man, has served in the state senate and should prove a strong candidate and one whom this district could well support and depend upon.

He Is Clean and Honorable.

Letcher Blade: O. L. Branson of Mitchell is mentioned quite favorably by the newspaper men of the first district as a candidate for congress. No better selection could be made. We have known Mr. Branson personally for several years and know him to be clean and honorable whether in business or public life.

The Popular Candidate.

Woonsocket Herald: O. L. Branson, president of the First National Bank of Mitchell, was in the city Tuesday on his tour of the counties of the southeastern portion of the state comprising the first congressional district, which he is making in the interest of his candidacy for the republican nomination as United States representative from the district. The fight thus far lies between Mr. Branson and C. H. Dillon of Yankton. Mr. Branson is very naturally the popular candidate in this section, being a pioneer of the neighboring county of Davison, and a man who has exemplified his worth in numerous ways. He was a member of the state senate at the time W. N. Brown represented this county in that body.

Mighty Good Advice.

Inwood Herald: County Treasurer G. G. Dokken, Merchant Dan Bragstad and Mine Host T. J. McDermott of the Rudolph came over from Canton yesterday to interview Inwood people in regard to the Fairview Hydro-Electric Power Company which is now being organized to develop the power site at Fairview. It is desired to have not less than fifty thousand dollars subscribed before incorporating the proposed company. Between thirty-five and forty thousand dollars have already been subscribed in Canton, Fairview and Inwood, who could be one of the chief beneficiaries of such a company has not as yet subscribed anything. Is it possible that there is not a man in this vicinity who has not the means the courage, and the public spirit to give this project a boost? Will Inwood lay down and let a means of gaining wealth, industry and growth go elsewhere for lack of energy and push to get this very desirable thing for the town and community. The door of opportunity does not always remain ajar in matters of this kind.

Dr. Wendt's Lake Okoboji auto party encountered much rain and bad roads and were tied up at a point 18 miles east of the lake for 48 hours.

REV. P. H. TETLIE SURPRISED.

A Delightful Society Event Planned in Honor of Mr. Tetlie and Sister.

Rev. Tetlie of the Lutheran church is enjoying a visit from his twin sister Mrs. Anna Mitchell of Omaha, California, and according to a well arranged plan Mr. and Mrs. Knud Erikson gave dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tetlie, Mrs. Mating and Mr. and Mrs. Bjoro of Kenosha, Iowa, last Friday evening and during the dinner Mr. Erikson said that his friend from Kenosha would like to see the interior of the new Lutheran church he and he heard some about Mr. Tetlie thought it might be a good time for the visit, but Mr. Erikson said his location was so long home Saturday morning, therefore Mr. Tetlie agreed to show the church after dinner. The program the surprised had outlined was working all right.

After dinner the entire party accompanied Mr. Tetlie to the church and as they passed the imposing structure Mr. Tetlie remarked that there was a light in the basement. "Something going on by the young people, I suppose," remarked Mr. Erikson, and the visitors proceeded and were soon inside. The large number of people present and the general appearance of things caused Mr. Tetlie to remark "This seems to be an unusual gathering of church people and should have been announced in church last Sunday," but Mr. Erikson was mute and the balance of the party had nothing to say, in fact, it was a pretty well organized combine that Mr. Tetlie was up against, and for some time was unable to understand the meaning of it all, but finally, when Mr. Knudson got up and began to talk, he realized that the surprise was complete, and the gentleman from Iowa was smiling and Mr. Erikson was nowhere in sight.

Last Friday was Mr. Tetlie's birthday and as he and his twin sister had not had a birthday together for 20 years, friends who were familiar with these facts arranged the program for a surprise which was so nicely carried out by Mr. and Mrs. Erikson and the smiling gentleman from Iowa. Rev. Tetlie and his sister were each presented with a souvenir spoon and the good pastor was given a large sized purse full of money, and when it was all over Mr. Tetlie congratulated Mr. Erikson and Mr. Bjoro over their success, and Mr. Knudson for the kind remarks, and then everybody congratulated Mr. Tetlie and his sister, but he believe Mr. Bjoro went home without seeing the handsome interior of the big church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Start For Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rudolph left Tuesday noon bound for the Bitter Root Valley in Montana to enjoy a visit with Gen. Wagonmuth and family. They took the Milwaukee north bound train and found a thorough sleeper at Bristol and thence west to Aberdeen and west to Missoula, and then south to the great fruit ranch of Gen. Wagonmuth, near Hamilton.

We can just imagine the meeting and the greeting of these old friends and veteran business associates for many years. They were the organizing and directing power that made the Canton Mutual Fire Association so prominent and successful, and just how a handsome man who had a well come at every cross road in the state could out lose from associates and comrades and glory, good dinners and good cigars, and take himself away out to the golden fruit region of the Bitter Root valley, and hide behind his great big apple trees, is not clear to one who loves Dakota. Yet, in fancy we can see the general pacing eastward over the Rockies and east, looking his eye over the Black Hills and on to the rolling prairies where stands Mitchell, and then to Canton and in memory's view a bear him exclaim, "I wonder what eat and the boys are doing? how are they in trees in that God blessed country, and I hope and am turned with a sigh a big apple dropping discolored the sweet vision. Then he goes into the house and figures up the profit on his big fruit crop, and lays aside some for a little pleasure trip back to the best country and best people on earth. Then he turns to the tariff and slanders.

Canton Improvements.

The new Kennedy Opera House, the new gas engine plant, the new Catholic church, the addition to the Anderson furniture house and twelve new residences finished and being finished worth a cash value of \$10,000 worth of improvements in Canton this year.

McCLELLAN'S BRILLIANT CAMPAIGN.

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McClellan's Brilliant Campaign.

This campaign of McClellan was one of the most brilliant in the early part of the war. In the subsequent controversies over his conduct about Washington much was said to disparage his personal credit in western Virginia, but his actual achievement still remains. It was stated, for example, that the success of the campaign was due to his subordinate commanders, Rosecrans, Morris and others. This is frequently true of any commanding general, as subordinates must do the actual fighting, but the chief must take the responsibility for approving and executing plans and therefore is entitled to the lion's share of the glory.

After all is said that honestly can be said to discredit McClellan it still must be admitted that his conduct of affairs in western Virginia was admirable. Perhaps his dispatches were a trifle boastful, but he was not the only young general guilty of that fault. With his air entered this appreciation his performance in western Virginia. That the above estimate was the universal one made at the time, from the president down, is evidenced by the fact that this single campaign soon after made McClellan commander of the Army of the Potomac and within a few months general in chief of all the Union armies.

Two things that helped General McClellan in western Virginia were the

McClellan Faces Pegram.

While this engagement was being fought on top of Rich Mountain General McClellan had brought up his entire force facing Pegram, ready to give battle the next morning. Threatened thus from two sides, with more than half his army lost or scattered, the Confederate commander broke camp during the night and tried to rejoin Garnett. With his own rear thus



COLONEL JOHN PEGRAM, C. S. A., DEFEATED AT RICH MOUNTAIN BY COLONEL W. B. ROSECRANS, JULY 11, 1861; ROSE TO BANK OF MAJOR GENERAL, MADE NOTABLE RECORD AND WAS KILLED AT HATCHER'S RUN, FEB. 6, 1865.

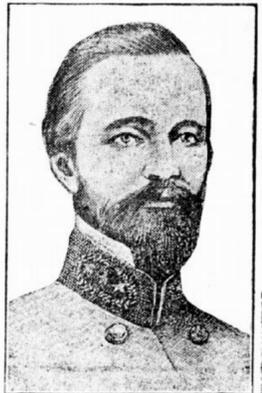
exposed by Pegram's defeat and withdrawal, Garnett in turn fled before Pegram could reach him.

At first General Garnett tried to return to Beverly and escape to the south, but McClellan was too swift for him and occupied Beverly first. Then the Confederate commander turned north and risked the hazardous chance of eluding pursuit and getting through the mountains by way of St. George.

Fight at Carrick's Ford.

General Morris and Captain H. W. Benham were sent in pursuit of Garnett. It was easy to trace the fleeing Confederates by the knapsacks and provisions thrown aside on the way. The race northward began on the 12th, the southern troops having about twelve hours the start. Both armies rested that night, and the next day the Federals came up with Garnett at a ford of a branch of the Cheat River. The pursuit was continued until the next ford (Carrick's) was reached, a running fight for four miles having been kept up along the way. Here the Confederate commander stopped to give battle. The banks were steep, and he chose his position on high ground. An attempt was first made to flank him, but this was abandoned. In the meantime Colonel Steedman's Ohio regiment had given battle in which other northern regiments soon joined.

The Indiana troops were ordered to charge the foe in front, and as the Hoosiers swarmed up the banks the Confederates fled. Not only were they outnumbered, but their ammunition was almost exhausted. Garnett fell while trying to reform his men. The Union men lost two killed and ten wounded, the Confederates thirty, killed and many scores wounded and



MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT SELDEN GARNETT, C. S. A., KILLED JULY 13, 1861.

prisoners. The Federals also captured a cannon, wagons and a large store of provisions.

McClellan Wires News of Success.

After the battle of Carrick's Ford McClellan sent the following telegram to Washington, summing up the result: "The campaign: Hatcher's Run, Va., July 14, 1861.

Garnett and forces routed; his baggage and one gun taken; his army demoralized; Garnett killed. We have annihilated the enemy in western Virginia and have lost thirteen killed and not more than forty wounded. We have in all killed at least 200 of the enemy, and their prisoners will amount to at least 1,000. Have taken seven guns in all. The troops defeated are the crack regiments of eastern Virginia, aided by Georgians, Tennesseans and Carolinians. Our success is complete and succession is killed in this country. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Major General Commanding.