THEIR SCHOOL DAYS ENDED.

LARGE AUDIENCE ATTENDS EXERCISES AT ELLENSBURG.

Baccalaureate Sermon to the Graduating Class at the Washington State Normal School Preached by Rev. E. L. Smith, of Walla Walla.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

ELLENSBURG, June 13.—The exercises of commencement week for the Washington state normal school at Ellensburg opened yesterday morning with the baccalaureate services, which were held in the auditorium of the normal school building. At 11 o'clock the senior class, led by Principal P. A. Getz and Rev. E. L. Smith, of Walla Walla, entered the auditorium, which was crowded to its fullest capacity. The large audience manifested a deep interest in the class, which, as it entered, made a very excellent appearance.

The decorating committee had put their best efforts upon the arrangement and adornment of the rostrum, on which were seated the clergymen of the city, the principal of the school and Rev. Mr. Smith, who preached the baccalaureate sermon. A choral of a number of students and teachers of the school furnished the music for the occasion. They were assisted by Rev. Mr. Baird, of the Episcopal church, and Miss Orrilla Boydston. The following programme was carried out in all its details:

Doxology ..... Audience
Invocation ..... Rev. J. V. Milligan
Chorus—"The Heavens Are Telling" ..... Haydn
Scripture reading ..... Rev. A. Bard
Prayer ..... Rev. M. H. Marvin
Quartette—"Consider the Lilies" ..... Leslie
Baccalaureate sermon ..... Rev. E. L. Smith

First Congregational church, Walla Walla.

Solo—"Babylon" ..... Miss Orrilla Boydston
Benediction ..... Rev. E. Agar

Rev. Mr. Smith, who is an eloquent and instructive speaker, and who held his audience in most rapt and interested attention, took his text from the Acts xxvi:19: "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the Heavenly Vision." The minister said:

"I want to speak to you today about the Heavenly Vision of Saul of Tarsus. Saul had just given the experience of his conversion before the representatives of the Roman power. He had laid bare his heart to them—had spoken of the revelation which God had made to him on the way to Damascus. His words burned with earnestness and the reply which Festus made was the same reply which is often nowadays made by the world to the man who discloses his spiritual visions. 'Thou art mad,' says Festus; 'much learning and thought have made thee mad.' But Saul never spoke more sanely than in the language of the text. I wish to defend and to honor today the man who has an open ear for the Heavenly Vision. The greatest things that have been accomplished in the world for the betterment and enrichment of life have been done by those men and women who have pierced through the veil of sense, and who have heard voices speaking to them from the world of spirit. The poets have done much to make life a delight. The two greatest poets of this generation, Tennyson and Browning, were men who received the impress of the Divine Spirit and held communion with the Powers that are not seen. The great artists who have constructed the most magnificent temples, and have decorated them within and without, with such adornments as through all time shall inspire the soul of man, have had a vision of their work completed, even before it was begun.

"The great prophets like Isaiah have been men who have listened to the voice of God and who have spoken messages to their own people which would never have been received by the soul of him who knew not the secret of the Heavenly Vision. Jesus himself was supremely the man who held communion with the world of spirit and whose teaching and method and ideals were communicated to Him in these hours of rapt absorption into the Father. Could we spare the poets or the artists or the prophets or the Christ? It is the Heavenly Vision which has made these men absolutely indispensable to our happiness and welfare.

"But to come a little closer to the words of the text and to analyze for our profit this particular vision, we observe that it was to Saul the revelation of a new truth, and that truth which burst upon him so unexpectedly and so completely was none other than that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. A threefold effect of this revelation is perceived in the life of Saul. It gave an entirely new conception of the character and person of Jesus of Nazareth. He thought that he knew Him before. Jesus had been to him a religious enthusiast and a subvert of the religious beliefs and practices of the Jews—a man most dangerous to the future of that people. The multiplication of His disciples meant the destruction of these things to Saul which were most dear to him. Therefore a stop must be put to the growth of this new movement. Jesus Himself had been gotten out of the way, and now His disciples should be arrested and executed. The authority for that proceeding he was carrying to Damascus when out of the open sky there sounded the voice of the very one to whom he ascribed so much evil. But the voice revealed a personality entirely out of harmony with his conception of Jesus. In that single moment when the truth burst upon him he saw the beauty of the life and character of the one whom he persecuted. How many men there are in the world today who are not the friends of Jesus Christ simply because they do not know Him as He is.

"The second effect of this revelation upon the life of this traveler was a complete transformation of his own character. From the blood-thirsty persecutor, he is changed into the most warm-hearted and zealous advocate. There are no more burstings forth of murderers. He is a different man who completes the journey to Damascus. Do you inquire as to the character of this incident which transpired, and ask if these things which happened were really seen and heard—were they objective? We do not care. Paul tells us that it was a vision, but we know that that which could change the entire life of a man so profound must have been an event of most intense reality to him.

"The third effect of this revelation was to give to Paul the message on which the world stood and still stands in greatest need. The greatest service which you can render to the world today is not so much to regulate its thinking or to rectify its doing as to control its affections. And this message, the secret animating purpose of Paul's life, to which he was led by this Heavenly Vision, was the supreme and boundless love of God; and you can do no greater service to the boys and girls of this state of Washington than to teach them through practice this highest secret of life. I beseech you as you go forth to your life's work to keep your souls open for the Heavenly Vision which God in His mercy may grant you."

The senior class day exercises were held today at 2 p. m. The programme was:

PART I.

Quintette—"Pit, Pat! Pit Pat!" ..... Eben H. Bailey
Presentation of bust of Froebel ..... Rosa Weyer, president senior class
Acceptance ..... Ralph Kaufman, president trustees
Solo—Selected ..... Elizabeth Claire Stevens

PART II.

Class poem ..... Margaret Beatty
Recitation—"Bobby Shafto" ..... Anna C. Rock
Class will ..... Adelle Morgan
Class artist ..... Milton Prichard
Recitation—"The Swan's Song" ..... Jessie Stevens
Oration ..... J. P. Richmond

PART III.

Operetta ..... Senior class

COMMENCEMENT AT LA CONNER.

Fifth Annual Exercises Attended by a Large Audience.

Special Correspondence.

LA CONNER, June 11.—The fifth annual commencement of the La Conner high school took place in Fraternal hall Friday evening. The exercises in every particular were of the highest order. Six girls and two boys received their diplomas, and much praise from State Superintendent F. J. Browne and County Superintendent B. R. McElreath. The graduates were Misses Georgia M. Marshall, Lena M. Breslich, Ollie E. Chambers, Rose A. Osber, Pearl L. Galliher, Eunice J. Brewster, Masters Robert E. McGlinn and Fred O. Leamer. Miss Georgia Marshall was salutatorian, and Master McGlinn gave the valedictory address. The themes of the several graduates were: "Commencement," "The Gem of the Antilles," "Equal Suffrage," "Heroes and Heroism," "Why We Need a Strong Navy," "Art," "Hawaiian Islands." The subjects were very ably handled by the young graduates and highly applauded by the audience, which was the largest ever assembled in the hall. The orchestra, the ladies' quintette and the male quartette rendered some very fine music. The hall was most beautifully decorated.

W. E. Schricker, president of the school board, made a short address and introduced State Superintendent Browne, who made an impromptu five-minute talk, and was followed by County Superintendent McElreath, who presented the graduates with their diplomas.

The La Conner school ranks foremost with the public schools of our state, and much credit is due to the proficiency of the present school board and corps of teachers. Mrs. Margaretta Keyes, of Olympia, is principal, and has served in that capacity in a most satisfactory manner for the past three years.

BAPTISTS IN CONVENTION.

Northwestern Association Holds Its Annual Session at La Conner.

Special Correspondence.

LA CONNER, June 11.—The Northwestern Baptist Association held its eleventh annual session at this place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Some fifty delegates were in attendance and a very pleasant and profitable session is the verdict of all. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. L. S. Bowerman, of the First Baptist church of Seattle. The session closed Thursday evening after sending a memorial to President McKinley in regard to the Hispano-American crisis now in vogue. New Whatcom was chosen for the place of holding the next annual meeting.

Skagit Sunday School Convention.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

LA CONNER, June 13.—The Skagit county Sunday school convention will be held at this place Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 and 15. This will make the third convention held here within the past month.

NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES.

The first crop of alfalfa is being harvested at Wenatchee.

There are 292 patients at the hospital for the insane at Medical Lake.

J. M. Edson, an ornithologist of New Whatcom, has collected 185 different kinds of native birds.

Lucian Kellogg, a newspaper man, has been appointed receiver of public moneys for the Waterville land office.

The shingle mill recently destroyed by fire at Acme is being rebuilt. It is expected that it will be in full operation by July 5.

A doctor, dentist and jeweler have located in La Conner during the past week, namely, Dr. W. Appleby, of Whatcom; Dentist H. H. DePew, of Seattle, and Jeweler P. F. Larson, of Chicago.

The weather is still intensely hot at Colfax, the thermometer registering 88 in the shade. As there is an abundance of moisture in the ground, and no hot winds accompanying the hot wave, no damage to grain is feared.

A correspondent of a Tacoma paper says that when the Third battalion of Washington volunteers were lined up for vaccination recently at Vancouver several of the men fainted during the trifling operation.

The Tacoma Athletic Club has collapsed. The trustees have decided to sell the assets of the club at public auction next Friday. The marked activity of the Y. M. C. A. in athletic events is one of the reasons of the athletic club closing its doors.

An express wagon to which two horses were attached, driven by George Irwin, at Vancouver, B. C., was run into by a switch engine, resulting in the total demolition of the wagon. The driver and horses had a wonderful escape from death.

A majority of the business houses of Walla Walla closed their doors last Friday afternoon in order to give every one an opportunity to witness the baseball game between the baseball nines of Whitman and Pullman colleges. The game was a benefit one.

Two men working for Mrs. J. F. Rice, of Davenport, went into Reardan last Sunday, and when they were ready to return home, quarreled about which one should ride the horse they had brought in. A wicked fight was the result, one man having his nose broken and his face badly smashed.

The ladies of Walla Walla have made arrangements with the Union of that city to get out a "ladies' edition," to be issued June 20. The proceeds of the advertising and sales are to be devoted to the Ladies' Relief Society for the care of the families of United States volunteers.

Company B, of Spokane, and the Sons of Veterans, of Spokane, have united forces. R. A. Koontz, who resigned the first lieutenancy of B company after it had been accepted and mustered in because of the illness of his wife, has been elected captain. The new company starts off with a membership of 50.

Mrs. C. Calvin and son, of Samish, while driving home from La Conner last Tuesday, met with an accident on Joe Leary hill by the breaking of the harness, thus starting the horse to kicking and running, throwing both from the buggy, the boy sustaining a fracture of the skull which resulted in his death a few hours later. Mrs. Calvin escaped with but slight injuries.

UNDOUBTEDLY A MURDER.

COSSLY'S BODY BEARS BULLET WOUNDS AND MANY BRUISES.

Three Pools of Blood Near the Place Where the Corpse Was Found, Face Downward—Evidences of a Struggle—No Motive for Crime.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

CENTRALIA, June 13.—Later developments in the finding of Mr. Cossly's body leaves room for doubt as to the cause of death. He was found about thirty feet from the door of his cabin, face down, and the post-mortem resulted in finding a gun or pistol wound in the left breast, between the second and third ribs, taking a downward course and lodging at the base of the spinal column. There was also a bullet wound in the left hand, the ball striking the third finger, partially severing it, and passing out at the base of the thumb. His back showed six distinct wounds, evidently inflicted with a club, as they were only flesh wounds. His gun was found lying in the door of the cabin.

The finding of three different pools of blood other than the one in which the body lay would indicate that a violent struggle ensued before death.

No motive can be assigned for the murder.

RICH KING COUNTY MINES.

Spokane Men Think They Have Uncovered a Bonanza Here.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

SPOKANE, June 13.—Providing the predictions of a number of prominent Spokane mining men prove true, citizens of Seattle and King county will shortly awaken to a realization that within the confines of their county is contained a vast and rich mineral district which is soon destined to bloom into a mining camp equal in proportion and richness to any camp in the north half of the Colville reservation, or in British Columbia for that matter. To these Spokane mining men is due the credit of the discovery of this new district, for it was they who sent the prospectors in there last fall in search of the hidden wealth, and while no doubt they will reap a rich reward in the mining locations made the development of this district means much to Seattle and King county.

The new district is five miles from Salmon Siding on the Great Northern railroad and twenty-six miles from Seattle (as the crow flies) and only forty-five miles from the Everett smelter. With a water power at hand sufficient to operate any number of mines and its close proximity to transportation and a smelter, even were the ore of a low grade, the mines could be worked at a profit, but according to the statement of the parties interested in the new camp, its ore is rich in copper, with good values in gold and silver.

Two locations were made in the new district last fall—the Climax and Lakeside. While the claims are owned by separate companies they are so closely allied that development of the properties will be done jointly. Frank P. Hogan and J. W. Douglas, returned yesterday from a trip to the camp, where they set a force of seven men to develop the properties. By the first of next month this force will be more than doubled, the intention being to push development of the claims and make them shippers before fall.

Samples of the ore was exhibited to your correspondent today, together with assays made from the rock, all of which came from surface showings. The assays ran from $63 to $104 to the ton in copper, gold and silver, copper predominating. The character of the ore is bornite and in color is a peacock blue. Five well defined ledges, according to the statement of your informant, parallel each other nearly the entire distance of the two claims, which join each other, and by mining experts sent to examine the properties, the mineral deposits of the district are true fissure veins. The ledges in width run from two to ten feet.

During the past few months the owners of the Climax and Lakeside have employed a force of men in constructing trails to the claims and erecting cabins. Thus far the only development done on the prospects has been to strip the ledges in a dozen or more places. From the showing thus made the owners are confident that they have discovered what will prove to be the richest properties in the state and they freely predict that before another year is past the new district will be a hummer.

Estimates are now being made for the construction of a wagon road from Salmon Siding to the claims and for a ferry boat for use at the siding. Offices of the two companies will be opened in Seattle within a short time.

Silver Will Celebrate.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

SILVER, June 13.—There will be a grand celebration at Silver on the Fourth of July. A good programme, consisting of horse races, games, etc., will be carried out, and a large crowd and a lively time is expected. A prominent speaker from San Francisco and local speakers will deliver orations. A ball and supper will be given in the evening. Everybody from far and near is invited.

Swinomish Crops in Good Condition.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

LA CONNER, June 13.—The hay and oat crop on the famous Swinomish flats never looked more promising at this season of the year than at present. The ground has been thoroughly soaked by the recent heavy rains, and can now withstand considerable dry weather without damage.

Development of Silver Mines.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

SILVER, Wash., June 13.—Mining circles are beginning active operations and a great deal of development work is being done, with splendid results. Henry Leiser will spend $2,000 on the Smuggler, and the Truax brothers will spend $20,000 on the Mammoth.

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