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CLASS DAY EXERCISES

Another Event in the History
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School.

A MARKED SUCCESS

In Every Particular, Students Rendering Excellent Programme.
Graduating Exercises.

The second annual class day exercises of the graduating class of the Billings high school took place Wednesday night at the opera house and were a marked success in every particular, the students acquitting themselves creditably.

The opera house, which was filled with an enthusiastic audience, was handsomely decorated, the graduating class colors, pink and green, and the tenth grade colors, old gold and purple, being everywhere in evidence, while several of the classes were quite conspicuous by their yells, which resounded throughout the house during the entire evening. It was the students' night and they were there to enjoy themselves. Despite all this a feeling of sadness pervaded the presence of the scholars, occasioned by the sudden death of Miss Mattie Hoe, a graduate in last year's class, who just a year ago stood on the stage and took part in the class day exercises.

The programme of the evening was opened with a violin solo by Romeo Lavigne, who performed remarkably well for one so young. The class history by Miss Truence Miller was good, being reviewed from its organization. The class prophecy was revealed by Miss Delia Loftus, which showed the members in the future following different lives and each one making a success of their chosen professions. The Girls' High School Quartette, comprising Misses Tompkins, Lampert, Goddard and Brayton, sang "Bridal of the Birds" in such a manner as to elicit much applause. Miss Winifred Rixon recited an original composition, the class poem. The funeral oration over geometry by Fred Penrod was dispensed with out of respect to the death of Miss Hoe, and in its place was read by Miss Sara Evans, high school teacher, some touching resolutions adopted by the school in memory of Miss Hoe. The graduating class then sang a song, the words of which had been written by Miss Hattie Brayton. In behalf of the class Miss Harriet Stebbins, made the address to the tenth grade. She supplemented her courteous salutation by some paternal advice to the juniors, urging them to bear in mind the fact that the mantle of the retiring seniors was soon to fall upon their shoulders and that it involved great responsibilities which they should in nowise shirk. The speaker placed great stress upon the fact that the retiring class was the smartest and most learned that had graduated from the Billings high school. She spoke of how the juniors must conduct themselves after becoming seniors, all of which the tenth grade took with a grain of salt. The juniors had chosen Miss Lora Goddard to respond in behalf of the class and that they had chosen wisely in so doing was proven by the masterly manner in which she "got back" at the grave and reverend seniors. Miss Goddard also made the address to the ninth grade, it being nicely responded to by Miss Winnie Jones. Miss Martha Tompkins, a promising young vocalist, sang "The Song of the Brook," and was followed by Miss Alice Nord, who rendered the recitation "King Robert of Sicily." The delarte movement, "The Bugle Song," by Miss Maude Grawell, was well executed. "Life's Dream is O'er" was a pretty duet, sang by Misses Mary Towne and Ida Lampert. The presentation of society diplomas was made by Miss Tompkins and Guy Wagner for the Longfellow and Irving societies, respectively. The Girls' High School Quartette sang in closing "Commencement March" and after shadows by different students, class day became an event of the past.

Tomorrow evening the graduating exercises will be held at the opera house, when six orations will be delivered and the presentation of diplomas by Hon. J. R. Goss, president of the school board, will follow. The programme will be as follows:

Overture.....Smith
Orchestra.

Invocation.....
Rev. W. D. Clark.

Salutatory—"A Philanthropic Movement."
Jane Winifred Rixon.

"Home for the Holidays".....Schumann
Ladies' Quartette.

Martha Deunham, Dora Grawell,
Mrs. M. H. Tompkins, Mrs.
C. H. Barstow.

"The Nicaraguan Canal".....
Delia Maylinda Loftus.

Valedictory—"The Queen of American Women".....
Harriet Cornelia Stebbins.

Popular Song.....Arranged
Male Quartette.

H. M. Allen, Ira L. Whitney,
E. H. Hollister, Frank Damsell.

Presentation of Diplomas.....
Jas. R. Goss,
President Board of Trustees.

Address to Class.....
H. M. Brayton,
"Auf Wiedersehn Waltzes".....Bailey
Orchestra.

Benediction.....
Rev. Jacob Mills.

"Progress".....
Truence Lora Miller.
Cornet Duet—"Concert Polka".....
Strassburger

H. A. VanHorne and W. O. Allen.
"Imperialism".....
Frederick Billings Penrod.

"A Scientific Wonder".....
Hattie Louise Brayton.
Vocal Solo (a) Swallows.....Cowen
(b) Little Doris DeKoven

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Sunday evening, at the court house, the Rev. Father Van Clarenbeck will deliver a baccalaureate address to the graduating class, friends and all others being invited to attend.

FALSE REPORT.
Cheyenne Indians Are Ugly, But No Depredations Have Been Committed.

The report reached this city Wednesday that the Cheyenne Indians had started depredations in the Tongue river country by burning three ranch houses and outbuildings, the news being brought by a gentleman who had heard it at Forsyth. F. H. Benjamin, who is a solicitor for the Helena Independent, and has a ranch in that vicinity, was in Billings and became alarmed for the safety of his family, and telegraphed to Forsyth to learn if there was any truth in the report. He received an answer late in the afternoon that there was no danger from the Indians and that the report was untrue.

A special of Tuesday to the St. Paul Dispatch from Rosebud, Montana, says: "The most serious trouble, however, is apprehended over an attempted assault made last week by a Cheyenne brave, and which will result in a lynching if he is caught. The daughter of a ranchman named Hanson, while riding along, met an Indian, who dragged her from her horse in a desperate attempt to ravish her. She bit one of his fingers during the struggle, which only served to further enrage him. Fortunately, however, a cowboy was attracted by her cries, and the Indian, upon seeing the approach of assistance, took to the hills. He has not since been seen."

"But few troops are now in the state, and an appeal for more will be made to Washington. Last Wednesday a band of Indians approached a farm house occupied by Mrs. Lorraine and her little son. They frightened her out of her wits, and with her little son she fled to the nearest neighbor's, where she fell prostrate to the floor, uttering the single word, 'fire.' Investigation proved that the Indians had deliberately and wantonly fired a haystack valued at \$800. The feeling against the Indians is intense, and if their deviltry continues will result in loss of life, as the settlers feel the issue must be made for supremacy sooner or later, and if the government does not protect them they will be compelled to take the law into their own hands."

ROOM IN WOOL.
Activity of Wool Market Sustained During the Week.

The Boston American Wool and Cotton Reporter of Wednesday says of the wool trade: "The strength and activity previously noted in the wool market has been well sustained during the week under review, and in some respects the movement partakes of the characteristics of a veritable boom. It is not as yet, however, a manufacturers' market, although consumers have been a little more in evidence than previously. The greater portion of the business done consists of purchases by dealers themselves, although as a rule, where manufacturers have bought they have been obliged to pay higher prices, or they have not succeeded in getting the wool. A number of dealers are not offering their wool and are practically out of the market. The advance in the price of territory wool in this market has resulted in checking the export movement, and the few remaining lots of Australian wool in bond, owned by dealers, are held at higher figures than foreign buyers will pay."

"The sales of the week at Boston amount to 6,081,000 pounds domestic and 657,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 6,738,000 pounds, against a total of 8,315,500 for the previous week and a total of 2,340,000 for the corresponding week last year. Sales since Jan. 1, 1899, amount to 96,391,800 pounds, against 48,348,310 pounds last year at this time."

Wm. Howard was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary Wednesday at Bozeman for attempting to defraud Gallatin county by importing wolf and coyote pelts and applying for the bounty.

A GRAND CELEBRATION

The People of Billings Will
Observe the Fourth
of July.

MOVEMENT STARTED

Today with a Subscription Paper.
City Council to Hold a Special
Session to Take Action.

Mayor Yegen has called a special meeting of the city council for next Wednesday evening, at which time the city fathers will take the initial step toward holding a Fourth of July celebration. The subscription paper will be started this afternoon and Mayor Yegen is confident the business men and citizens will subscribe liberally, as several have signified a willingness to assist the movement in a financial way. The celebration should be made a magnificent one and will therefore necessitate the expenditure of no little amount of money, but it will all return an hundred fold to our business men. Sheridan has made no arrangements for celebrating and an invitation should be extended them to join hands with Billings, bring their band and ball club and make the event a gala day. When the committee having the subscription paper calls on you, give them a cordial reception and send them away happy.

17½ CENTS FOR MONTANA WOOL.
About 100,000 Pounds Sold in Boston Recently at That Figure.

About 100,000 pounds of last year's clip of Montana wool that was stored during the winter in Boston, was sold a few days ago for 17½ cents. The wool was the property of the Bank of Fergus County of Lewistown. This price means that the price for wool in this state this year will be from 15 to 16 cents per pound, allowing 1½ cents per pound for shipping to Boston and for commission.

Ex-Senator Power, president of the state sheep commission, when asked what he thought of the Boston sale as an index of this year's prices, said he thought it augured well for the Montana sheepmen.

"I believe," said he, "that if the staple is as good as it was last year that the price will be about as good." He thinks that about 15 cents will be the average price, although it may be a shade better, as he says, upon the quality.

American wools have advanced recently because of the 20 per cent advance at the London wool sales. The advances there resulted in a foreign demand for American wools and for the first time in years a large amount of the article has been exported. This is encouraging news for the sheepmen of Montana.

BURLINGTON OFFICIALS.
Freight Men Visit Billings on an Inspection Tour.

A party of nearly seventy-five freight officials of the Burlington road, from the eastern and middle states, arrived in Billings this morning from a trip to Nebraska and spent two or three hours here. The party occupied a special train of three Pullman cars, the Tolva, Valpa and Vilano, the dining car St.

Louis and a coach, placed at their disposal by the Burlington. The Burlington has expended considerable money in improving the road this spring and is taking this opportunity of introducing these eastern men to the extreme western portion of the system. The party consisted of officials of the C. B. & Q.; H. & St. J.; S. L., K. & N. W.; C. B. & K. O.; K. C., St. J. & C. B. and Burlington, all of which are a part of the great C. B. & Q. system.

Immediately upon the train's arrival in Billings the distinguished officials were taken in charge by a committee of business men, who showed them about the city. W. W. Johnston of Beatrice, formerly commercial agent in Billings, was greatly surprised at the city's growth during the past year and spoke in flattering terms to his associates of its future.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY IN THE WEST.
Received a Perfect Ovation in Omaha—May Visit National Park.

There can be no mistaking the hearty welcome accorded to Admiral Schley by the people of the west. Though the trip was taken for a well-deserved vacation it has been transformed into something of a triumphal procession. Between Washington and Chicago innumerable delegations invited the gallant admiral to stop off to visit their respective towns, while nearly every city, village and hamlet along the Burlington route from Chicago to Denver requested the pleasure of entertaining him. The only place where he made a visit of any duration was at Omaha. There he remained a week, the guest of Charles F. Manderson, general solicitor of the Burlington railroad. While in Omaha he received marked attention, the public and the private receptions given in his honor being the greatest ovations witnessed there since President McKinley's visit last year. May 25 was spent in Denver and today in Colorado Springs. Then the itinerary of the party includes a trip to Salt Lake City over the Denver & Rio Grande road, spending May 28 at the Utah capital and returning from there to Omaha. It is reported that Admiral Schley may visit the National park, in which event he will come to Billings on the Burlington from Omaha.

JOE LOGAN DEAD.
A Well Known Cowboy Passes Away Alone at His Ranch.

Coroner Townsend and Sheriff Hubbard received a telegram Tuesday night from Junction stating that Joe Logan, a well-known cowboy of the Musselshell, had been found dead and that murder was hinted at. The officials left the next morning for Junction, but upon their arrival there they learned that their presence was not needed as the justice of the peace of the Musselshell district had inquired into the particulars and found that Logan had died a natural death and the body was then buried.

Just a week ago today Logan, who is one of the best known and oldest cowboys in Montana and has of late had charge of Ryan Bros.' horses, was found dead in his cabin. It was known to his acquaintances that he had been drinking hard lately and it was supposed that his debauch caused his death. There were no marks on his body or any disturbance in the house to lead one to believe he had met with foul play in any manner.

W. T. Bell, the newspaper man who with his wife committed suicide in Boston last Monday, was well known in Montana and worked in Butte about ten years ago.

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