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# THE DENISON REVIEW

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## NEW OPERA HOUSE THROWN OPEN

Fine Audience, Composed of Eight  
Hundred People, Witnessed the  
Opening Play Monday Night  
MANY HERE FROM OUT OF TOWN  
Splendid Orchestra Made Up of Home  
People, Render Splendid Music  
—J. V. Barborika Leader.

On Monday night the new opera house, which has been under construction for several months, was thrown open to the public and the first entertainment was given. A fine audience was on hand, composed of eight hundred representative people of Crawford county, and some from out of the county. An opportunity to view the interior of the new opera house was easily worth the price of admission, and from every part of the building came expressions of delight and approval on the part of the large audience. The occasion was made something of a social event, there being invitations tendered on the part of many of our people to people living out of the city to attend the opening number.

The opening engagement was furnished by Merle H. Horton, being the "Ghost Breaker," with the well known actor, Victor Lambert, in the leading role. The company was composed of eight people and carried a load of special scenery for their attraction. The play itself was one of the best ever seen in Denison and was clean and wholesome throughout. It had a big run at the Cort theater in Chicago and came to Denison from Des Moines where they played to packed houses. The play was a combination of melodrama, farce and romance, and caused thrills and laughter throughout the evening. Grace Mac Gregor, the leading lady, was exceptionally fine, and the audience fell in love with her in the manner in which she handled her part. Other members of the company were good and in all it was a very creditable entertainment.

The scenery was exceptionally fine, especially the tableau showing the Castle Aragon tower and the audience went into ecstacy over the pretty scene and applauded when they saw the steamer sailing down the river, which was realistic.

Some were disappointed with the production, but it must be remembered that the management of the theater was unable to choose a play which would suit the audience in general, for almost all of the leading attractions have disbanded for the season, and it was with great difficulty that they were able to secure this first class attraction for the opening. The season for the given performance was to close at Des Moines Sunday evening, but through the efforts of Mr. Krauth they were secured to come to Denison. We see no reason why people should be disappointed for the play is one of the best ever seen in Denison and has scored a great success in Boston, New York and Chicago.

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With Number of Business Men  
and Discuss Final Plans  
WORK OF EXCAVATING BEGUN  
Grounds Will be on College Campus;  
New Grand to be Erected and  
Grounds Made Permanent.

Work on Denison's permanent athletic field was commenced Monday morning, and several men are now engaged in getting the grounds graded and leveled up so that they will be in readiness for baseball practice. It is thought that the grading will be completed by the last of next week and then the contract will be let for the grand stand and fences.

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The procession will form on Broadway at 9:00 o'clock. In the following order: Marshall of the Day... Jas. Armstrong, Spanish American war veteran, McHenry Camp S. of V. Floral Tribute John A. Logan Post.

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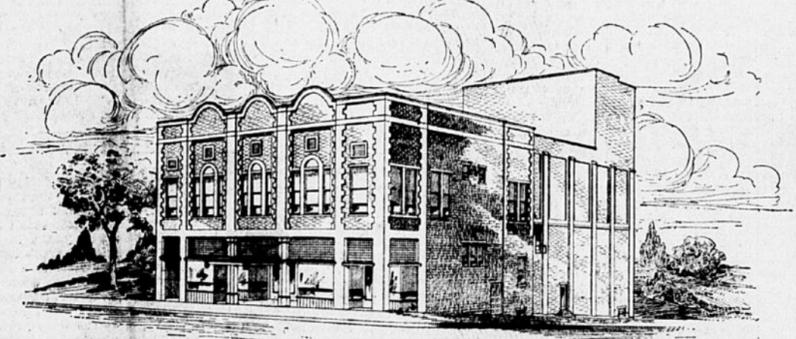
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## ANNIVERSARY OF EPWORTH LEAGUE

Commemoration Takes Place of Regular Sunday Evening Service at the Methodist Church.

MRS. WOOLSTON READS PAPER  
Assisted by Letter From U. G. Johnson, Mrs. Woolston Gives Interesting History of League.

The Epworth League held a special service Sunday evening, taking the place of the usual sermon. As this was the year of the Denison League's 25th anniversary, as well as the date of the annual service for the commemoration of the establishment of the league as a body all over the country, special effort was put forth in arranging the program.

The following is a list of the officers who have been elected for the ensuing year: President—Reta VanNess. 1st Vice Pres.—F. L. Hoffman. 2d Vice Pres.—Willietta Strahan. 3d Vice Pres.—Hattie Hall. 4th Vice Pres.—Lulu Saul. Secretary—Eva Sensesey. Treasurer—Frieda Fastje. Chorister—Malcolm Heiden. Chairman of Lookout Committee—Myrtle McArthur. Pianist—Ruth Weiss. Assistant—Dorothy Parr. Following is the program carried out Sunday evening: Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Prayer—Mr. Sensesey. Collection. Scripture and Lesson—Lulu Saul. Solo—Edna Wright. What the League Has Done—Margaret Carey. Evangelism and the League—Four Girls. Song—Junior Leaguers. History of the Local League—Mrs. Woolston. Male Chorus. Report of Officers. Installation of Officers. Receiving of New Members into the Church. League Song. Benediction.

Congressman Connelly spent a few hours in Denison on Friday last and it was amusing to witness the rivalry of the democratic leaders in their attempt to get next to him. It is said, however, that the boss of the democratic party in the county is disposed to oppose Congressman Connelly in favor of Meredith. Mr. Connelly was able to demonstrate to the rank and file of the democrats that he is a better democrat than Mr. Meredith, whom he says, has been supporting republicans for office. We guess there is something in the charge, but Mr. Meredith should not be ashamed of the fact that where he found a republican a better man than his democratic opponent, that he gave him his support.

Mrs. W. H. Laub, Miss Hazel and Harold and Miss Helen Burch moved to Schleswig Sunday for a visit at the Albert Stoltenberg home.

## DEATH OF ROBERT ROBINAULT

Pioneer Resident of Crawford County Dies at His Home in West Denison Last Wednesday.

Robert Gillespie Robinault passed away at his home in Denison last Wednesday, May 13th, after a long illness. Mr. Robinault was one of the pioneer citizens of Crawford county, coming to Denison almost fifty years ago. For a number of years he was engaged in farming in Goodrich township, moving to Denison in 1890, where he has since resided. Mr. Robinault has been in failing health for the past few years and death came as a relief from his long suffering. He has been afflicted for some time with hardening of the arteries and this death was primarily due to this. The deceased was born Sept. 16, 1849, near Meadville, Crawford county, Pa. At the age of sixteen he moved with his parents to Crawford county, Iowa, first locating on a farm in Goodrich township. He was united in marriage to Mar Lee, Dec. 15, 1873, and to this union three children were born: Charles and Raymond, living, Claude having departed this life Feb. 18, 1909.

Besides his bereaved widow and two sons, he leaves to mourn his death two brothers, Jackson, of Purdum, Neb., and Henry, of Tatt, Cal.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Williams officiating, after which the body was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

Review readers should not overlook the advertisement of the Menagh store in this issue. Section three of this issue containing eight pages devoted to the Menagh store, a strong indication that the firm believes in newspaper publicity and believing have the goods to back up all they say. As will be noticed by the advertisement a new department has been added, that of furniture, and the entire upper floor in the Laub block is taken up with this department. Mr. James Menagh has the management of this department as well as other departments and is ably assisted by a corps of efficient sales people. He says that the sales in the new department have exceeded his expectations and that the management of the Menagh concern is well pleased with the new undertaking. It is seldom a firm does business in a county seat town occupies so many pages in one edition of a newspaper. Even the larger firms of the cities seldom resort to so much space in a single issue. The Menagh store is certainly doing a very good business equal to the amount of advertising sent out. They have just finished remodeling the interior and repainting the exterior of their store building and the frontage on Main and Broadway has a very attractive appearance done as it is in snow white. We ask a careful perusal of the third section of this week's issue.

J. H. Patterson returned Monday from Kansas where he spent several days looking after some land interests he has in the sunflower state. Mr. Patterson says that they have had an abundance of rain in Kansas this spring and indications are that they will raise an excellent crop of small grain.

Clarence Chamberlin is a firm believer in newspaper advertising and while he has not been using a great deal of it until the past few weeks he says that as long as he is selling motorcycles he will continue to advertise liberally. Clarence has the agency for the Harley-Davidson motorcycle and commenced advertising in the Review several weeks ago. Up to date he has sold four of these machines and has several other deals pending. He says that people read his ads and come and ask about his machine. Those who have purchased are Herbert Moss, Dow City; Robert Oliver, Dow City; Mr. Callahan, Maullia, and Elmer Adams, Vaill. His greatest trouble now is supplying his customers with machines. He expects a shipment of four machines some day this week and already three of these have been sold. Clarence is a hustler and will sell many more before the season closes.

## TELEPHONE CASE NOW SETTLED

Supreme Court Again Renders Decision in Celebrated East Boyer Telephone Case vs. Vaill.

THE CASE BEGAN YEARS AGO  
Third Time Case Has Been Before Supreme Court—Judge Church Rendered First Decision.

The celebrated case of East Boyer Telephone company against the town of Vaill claimed the attention of the supreme court on Saturday last and it looks very much as if the decision rendered is a body blow against the East Boyer Telephone company, and that it will now be compelled to submit to the inevitable. This case was instituted several years ago to enjoin the authorities of the town of Vaill from prohibiting the East Boyer Telephone company from locating its poles and stringing its wires through the town of Vaill without first having a franchise to do so.

Judge Church, who rendered the first decision in the case, held in favor of the town of Vaill, but Judge Hutchins later overruled him and decided in favor of the telephone company. The case was taken to the supreme court and the decision of Judge Powers was affirmed, but on rehearing it was set aside and a decision was rendered by that court in favor of the town of Vaill. The case came back to the district court of this county and the telephone company amended its petition and sought upon new grounds to sustain itself, but Judge Hutchins was then upon the district bench, having succeeded Judge Church held against the telephone company, and the supreme court in this late decision sustained him. The point involved in the case was the right of the telephone company, without first having procured a franchise, to invade the streets of the town of Vaill for the purpose of locating its poles, stringing its wires, and establishing an exchange, and the court has now finally held that it had no right to do so.

We quote from the Des Moines Register and Leader of Sunday what that paper has to say about the decision, as follows: Telephone interests yesterday were defeated in their third attempt to establish the right in Iowa to erect telephone lines through towns and villages without obtaining franchises. When the supreme court handed down an opinion in the case of the East Boyer Telephone company against the incorporated town of Vaill, the case had been before the supreme court. It grew out of the refusal of the people of Vaill to vote a franchise to the telephone company in January, 1910. The company proceeded to begin the construction of a telephone line through the town, without permission. The city took active steps to prevent poles from being erected. The company then appealed to the courts to enjoin the town of Vaill from interfering with its operations on the ground that the state has granted to telephone companies the perpetual use of the public highways of the state.

The supreme court in the opinion yesterday called attention to the fact that it has twice ruled upon this matter on a previous hearing. Referring to its former opinion the court said: "It was stated that the question presented was whether a telephone company has a right, under the law of the state to construct and operate its lines in and through the streets of a city or town, and maintain a local system for the transaction of general telephone business in such city or town, without procuring from the municipal corporation, a license for the use of the streets. It was held that the telephone company has no such right."

The court states that the matter presented at the third appeal was substantially the same as the previous hearing. Mrs. James Henry, a resident of Dow City, spent Friday visiting with friends here.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-One Young Men and Women Will Graduate From the Denison High School Next Week.

NEXT WEEK WILL BE BUSY ONE  
May Festival Held at Washington Park Tuesday Afternoon—Class Play in New Opera House

List of Graduates.  
Ben Brodersen, Irene Cook, Dorothy Jay, Fanchon Gamet, Rachel Lally, Grace Ingraham, Mary McHenry, Hazel Nordholm, Glenn North, Mildred Randall, Melvin Romann, Helen Schouten, Andy Suss, Hubert VanNess, Ruth Weiss, Leo Collins, Ralph Dickinson, Harriet Gebort, Paul Hannah, Leona Johnson, Marjorie Lyon, Emma Nielsen, Harold Normin, Ray North, Fern Richardson, Lulu Sacl, Harold Sillett, Alice Swanson, Ralph Weberg, Edna Wright, Hugo Saggau.

Thirty-one young men and women will graduate from the Denison high school next week, and on Friday evening will receive the long sought diploma. These students have all completed the course of work in the high school and have passed the necessary examinations entitling them to diplomas. The 1914 class of the high school will be the largest class turned out by that institution.

Commencement week will be a busy one for the graduates and for the relatives and friends of each member of the class. Special preparations have been under way for a number of weeks for the different events and we are pleased to be able to print the program for the entire week's entertainments. On Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon will be given by Rev. Tourtelot, of the Presbyterian church, the services being held in the Methodist church. There will be no services in the other churches and it will be a union meeting of all churches. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

One of the important events of the week will be the May festival, which will be held at Washington park on Tuesday afternoon, May 26th, commencing promptly at 9:30 in the morning. This will be one of the big events of the week and students of the grades as well as the high school will take part. The May festival will be somewhat similar to the one held a year ago and will consist of dancing, singing, etc. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock field and track sports will be participated in by students of the high school.

The graduating class has prepared a play for commencement week, entitled "An American Citizen," which will be presented at the Germania opera house Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. From all reports the play will be one of the best ever presented by the class. The play will take part in the graduating class. Fourteen of the play and each has the part well in hand.

Friday evening the commencement exercises proper will take place at the Germania opera house, commencing at 8 o'clock, at which time the graduates will be given their diplomas. The commencement address will be delivered by Prof. F. C. Ensign, of the State University of Iowa and will be a most interesting one. Prof. Ensign will also give a most interesting address on "Denison well recommended" and everyone should try to attend. On Saturday evening the alumni banquet will be held at the Hotel Denison and arrangements are now under way for this feature of graduation week.

Sears McHenry returned Sunday evening from Breckenridge, Sask. Canada, where he spent two weeks looking after the extensive McHenry land interests. He reports that conditions were never better in that locality for a bumper crop of small grain. Practically all of the grain is now planted and there has been ample rain to insure a good stand. Sears tells us that the farmers in Canada are more than pleased with the new tariff laws of this country, for with the duty off of grain and cattle they are able to ship to this country with more profit than heretofore. Coming home on the train he sat in the smoker with eight men, six of whom had voted for Wilson for president, and out of the six men not one was satisfied with the policies of the president thus far and would not vote for him again. Some were not in favor of his policies and others were out of patience with the manner in which he has handled the Mexican situation. It was only an example of the way many of President Wilson's former supporters feel at present. Sears says that the McHenry citizens are all satisfied with Canada and think it a great country. He saw Conrad Jackson and found him in excellent health.

Agent Wolf of the Northwestern has requested the Review to announce that train No. 8, which passes through Denison at 11:58 p. m., going east, will not stop at Denison in the future. This train carries very few passengers east after leaving Omaha and it was deemed advisable to have it make fewer stops. It will not stop at Carroll, Marshalltown or Tama. No. 13, going west at 9:50 p. m., will leave Denison fifteen minutes earlier in the future and Denison passengers should bear this change in mind.