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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1909.

DEFENSE OF THE CANAL.

Although announced as purely tentative, the contemplation of so large a task as the fortification of the Panama canal surely means some belief in its necessity and a long step toward final execution.

This gives rise to the question whether fortification has been in the past a success, and whether it is necessary. The spending of the initial seven millions means a cost to the government of a considerable sum yearly in interest alone, not to mention the future expenditures in maintenance.

The position of the Panama canal is one to mock at the modern bugaboo of nations—airal attack. It can only be threatened by sea, and no enemy could afford to destroy it. It must be taken unharmed to be of much offensive value to an enemy.

On the other hand, any amount of money is well spent that will prevent the rapid movement or the junction of hostile fleets, should some disaster occur.

MARATHON RUNNING.

One cannot know whether it was pride in his speed or the duty of a soldier that spurred Miltiades' unre-memorable hero to Athens and death with his message of a Greek victory over the Persian legions.

nia for speed had possession of our foot-racing as of every other of physical activity. It was not only the result, but the cause as well, of nervousness, fragility of constitution, premature athletic decay.

It must not be expected that the "Marathon" of medium distance—say from three to fifteen miles—is an exercise for the trained runner alone. There never was better exercise for any man with sound vital organs.

GRADUATES OF GRAND FORKS HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVED DIPLOMAS TODAY

Annual Commencement Held in Metropolitan Opera House—Orators Show Splendid Ability—Dr. Robertson Delivered Address the Students

The annual commencement of the Grand Forks high school was held this afternoon at the Metropolitan theater, the program beginning at 2:30 o'clock and being heard by an immense audience which included parents, friends, relatives, schoolmates and teachers.

The following are those who have completed the high school course and received their diplomas this afternoon: Stanley Armstrong, Maude Agnes Bezz, Ethel L. Berg, Edna Elizabeth Brooks, Jessie Margaret Burdick, Gertrude Cunningham, Nellie R. Edwards, Lena Gillan, Andrew Gunderson, Jacob Arnold Hofto, Mathilda G. Hofto, Theodosia Houghton, Therese Lillian Hultgren, Temple Irwin, Maude A. Iverson, Angie L. Johnson, Vera Kelsey, Isabelle M. Larson, Anna Lindas, Edith Anderson, Anna Margach, Cecelia Mildred McGrath, Ruth Norquist, Gretchen Helen Oeschger, Florence Agatha Opsahl, Minnie C. Paulson, Annie Eleanor Poupore, Leo M. Rasmussen, Kenneth Read, Isaac A. Rose, Ernest P. Rorke, Eva A. Rorke, Mary Loretta Ryan, Margreta Rosella Sande, Walter H. Schlosser, Charles Smith, Michael Tellefson, William R. Torgerson, Grace Vikoren, Martha Louise Williams, Clarence W. Wolff.

The commencement program was fittingly appropriate and carried out with all the dignity that usually attends such a notable event. The stage was festive and fragrant with large vases of cut flowers and green and in the midst were seated the graduates, the high school faculty and the commencement speaker, Dr. E. P. Robertson.

The orations were works of genius and the speakers are to be highly commended for their efforts. Each one showed careful preparation and a thorough knowledge of the subject in hand.

The complete orations of the class valedictorian, Miss Annie Poupore, of the class salutatorian, Miss Gretchen Oeschger, and the four elected class orators follow: "The Mission of the Drama."

Regular running over a distance of ground at a slow, steady gait and with deep breathing will strengthen all the muscles and the heart, banish the very dread of tuberculosis, keep off fat, and fit a man for fighting, thinking, or playing.

Customs nearly akin to such a rule are what enabled the Indian of a century ago to outrun a horse. It is not to be supposed that the soldier who ran from Marathon to Athens was the only Greek who could have done it.

Which shows us the realistic picture of life in the different sections of our country. The eastern play shows us the life of the ranchman, the south-free spirit of the prairies, the broad-ern gives us a vivid picture of old plantation life, and the effects of the great civil war.

Now let us enter one of the modern theaters. Crowds throng the entrance. We see that 300 years have not lessened the popularity of the drama. Surely, there must be something of wide human appeal in this form of amusement.

Both the Elizabethan and the modern audience came for amusement, but what was of universal interest to one in Shakespeare's time, now appeals only to scholars.

The life of the man of the present is so filled with responsibilities, and plans which require careful thinking, that when he goes to the theater for an evening, he desires to forget all the realities of his day.

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EACH FRIDAY this store puts on extra steam and unusual values are the result. All who come may expect dozens of broken prices throughout the house, but it's possible to mention only a few on this page.

Friday Prices On New Foulard Silk. \$1.25 Foulards per yard98 / .85 Foulards per yard59 \$2.00 " " " " " " \$1.25 / \$1.00 " " " " " " .79

The silk at \$2.00 per yard is 42 inches wide; the others 24 inch, 26 inch and 27 inch; our very newest patterns and colors; plain and novelty shades of rose, wistaria, brown, green, navy, Copenhagen, tan, moonlight blue and many others; a vast assortment from which to choose; soft dressy fabrics that wear and wear and wear.

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Body Brussels Rugs Size 9x12 feet, \$27.50 for \$25.00. Wilton Velvet seamless Rugs; size 9x12 feet, \$32.50 for \$27.50. 9x12 feet Velvet Rugs, \$22.50 for \$17.50.

Axminster Rugs Size 36x72 inches, \$4.50 for \$3.50. Size 27x54 inches, \$2.25 for \$1.98.

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