

## Central College Commencement.

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you as one that serves," said Jesus.

The life of self-esteem, self-control and self-surrender is not to be despised by any. True enough the Son of Mary alone actualized it in its perfection, and Him we should be too busy imitating to think of His example as an impossibility for us. There are myriads of gentle women and noble men in the quiet, secluded paths of earth who in a high degree are being changed into His likeness. Then there is a vast company of immortals who have been rendered illustrious by their approach to the standard he set for Christian manhood and womanhood. Florence Nightingale, highly educated and richly endowed, yielding herself to this ideal, turns from the glamour of the world, enlists the co-operation of others in alleviating suffering; employs pen and tongue in the cause she espouses, braves the hardships of hospital life in the Crimea, converts chaos into order, moves like an angel baled with glory among the sick and suffering, sends the aroma of her personality to the ends of the earth and erects for herself in the heart of humanity a monument more enduring than the granite mountains of her native Italy. Recently there left us one whose character is rich in example and worthy of imitation. However we may have differed from his political views we honor his principles. Wm. McKinley, as student, soldier, patriot, statesman, president and Christian, challenges a world's admiration. After a half century of worthy living he showed all mankind how worthily a Christian could die. The eye of the malignant assassin he met with "May God forgive him." About to undergo a capital operation, he repeats "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." As death comes apace his lips whisper, "Nearer my God to Thee." A private interview is held with the gentle invalid to whom he had rendered a life of devoted care. Then he meets the affectionate, tearful gaze of watchful friends and utters the exclamation of an heroic soldier dying in the very moment of victory, "Goodbye all, goodbye; it is God's way; His will be done," and his liberated spirit leaped on high to claim a crown of immortality.

My sisters, in leaving C. F. C. and her faculty, I pay you preserve in your after life at whatever cost the spiritual ideal given you. May God bless you, and make you a blessing, and in the end give you a crown, not of gold set with rubies, and pearls, and opals, and diamonds, but a crown of everlasting life.

At the conclusion of the address President Williams made a pretty address to the class, and presented the diplomas.

There were three gold medals to be awarded, and the winners of these medals were called upon the stage. In the contest for the scholarship medal Miss Lina Burgner received the highest grade, but as she won the medal last year, she was excluded from the contest this year. The medal was awarded to Miss Margaret Hunter. There was a very spirited contest for this medal, Miss Maud Duncau and Miss Ethyl Wilson only being a fraction of a point behind the winner.

The housekeeper's medal was awarded to Miss Charlotte Donaldson. The following young ladies were close contestants for this medal: Miss Nellie Deal, Miss Mabel Matthews and Miss Emma Lyons.

The Magazine medal, given by the INTELLIGENCER, is awarded to the pupil writing the best essay published in the Magazine during the year. The essays were submitted to Rev. C. M. Bishop, who awarded first and second honors to certain essays, without knowing the author. Miss Ella Goodwin was the author of both essays, and received the medal.

Rev. W. B. Palmore made the presentation speech, highly complimenting the winner of the scholarship prize; then just as highly complimenting the winner of the Magazine prize. Then he said that these prizes would never have been offered if we had no homes and no housekeepers. He congratulated the winners, the school, the graduates, and closed by expressing his best wishes for each one.

Misses Llewellyn, Miller, Norman and Lyons, the college quartette, then sang "A Song of the Seasons," and the audience was dismissed with a benediction by Dr. Palmore.

Thus closed one of the most successful years in the history of Central College. The president and his faculty have worked together harmoniously; the pupils have all done good work; there has not been a case

of discipline, and no bad feeling on the part of pupil or teacher. The success of the school during the year just closed has been more pronounced than could have been expected, following the drought of last year and the consequent scarcity of money. The work of this year will be a great recommendation for the good of the college next year. We hope to see Central grow and grow, till the present handsome structure will be considered as only an annex to the magnificent main building which the patronage of the school will demand and create.

### Burned to Death.

A horrible story comes to us from Ray county about the burning to death of Mrs. Belle Smith and her two daughters, Maggie and Mary. Mrs. Smith was a widow 50 years old; Maggie was 14, and Mary was aged 8 years. They lived a short distance below the mouth of Crooked River, and in sight of the Missouri River. This location is familiar to hunters and fishermen about Lexington, as it lies just across the river from the old Hicklin lake.

Tuesday night their house was burned, and the woman and her two daughters were burned to death in the building.

Mr. Heisler and his family live about a quarter of a mile from the Smith place. Tuesday night Mrs. Heisler heard screams. She got up out of bed, went to the window and looked out. She saw flames, awoke her husband, put on her shoes and a dress, and hurried to the scene. Her husband dressed as rapidly as possible and followed his wife. Mrs. Heisler reached the place a little ahead of her husband, and heard groans in the building, but it was then a solid mass of flames. The bodies were recovered next day and brought to this city, where on Thursday they were buried from the Catholic church.

We are reliably informed that foul play is strongly suspected in this matter, and the following reasons are given:

A short time ago a man named John Prior received quite a large sum of money from Kentucky. He was a close friend of the Smith family, and it is thought that he had paid Mrs. Smith \$600 only a few days ago. Prior died suddenly of heart disease, in Hardin only two days before the fire, and the death of the woman and two girls will probably forever prevent any information being obtained on the subject. Mrs. Smith owned sixty acres of land, on which she lived.

It is hard to think that any human being could commit such a diabolical act for money—and such a small amount as \$600. But the people of the vicinity are aroused, and are making a thorough investigation. We hope the mystery may be cleared up, and if any one is guilty of this foul deed, that justice may soon overtake him.

The latest information states that the woman and her two children were murdered, having their heads split open with a hatchet, which has been found. Also that Mrs. Smith was known to have \$1,000 in her house, received as insurance money on the life of her husband. It is said a gang of tramps were in the vicinity of the house the day before the murder.

### Miss Frances Bowen Smith.

This most excellent teacher of expression deserves all the compliments that were so freely showered upon her during the closing exercises of C. F. C. She has been at the head of the School of Expression for the past three years, and has given perfect



satisfaction to pupil and patron. Last summer her vacation was spent at Chautauqua, N. Y., in study. This year she will rest at Excelsior Springs, and at her home at Linneus. Her method of teaching is to give an intelligent reading, and to eliminate the unnecessary rant so commonly taught. Her pupils are a credit to her and her methods. We wish her a pleasant vacation, and a speedy restoration to health and vigor.

## PRESIDENT Z. M. WILLIAMS.

On another page we present an excellent likeness of Rev. Z. M. Williams, president of Central Female College. We are safe in saying that the college has been more successful under his direction than it has ever been before. He is an educated Christian gentleman, a thorough business man, and by his social qualities wins the love, confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. President Williams has just closed his fifth year as president of the school, and will continue with it in the same capacity. We congratulate the board of curators, the patrons of Central, and the host of friends on the assured success of the institution.

## PROFESSOR D. F. CONRAD.

Among the members of the faculty of Central College, who have all worked so faithfully and so successfully, no one deserves higher praise than Professor Conrad. Being at the head of the department of instrumental music, he has a multiplicity of duties to perform, yet no amount of work can for an instant ruffle his temper. He is a thorough



musician, a conscientious teacher, and at all times a courteous Christian gentleman. After an intimate acquaintance with him for a number of years, we are glad of this opportunity to testify to his great worth. Central college will have no lack of pupils in the department of instrumental music while he remains in control, and his pupils, while praising him as a teacher and as a gentleman, understand that only hard, conscientious work on their part will receive his endorsement. Central is indeed fortunate in having his services.

## Grand Millinery Clearance Sale at

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We place in this sale our entire stock of the latest and choicest designs of spring and summer millinery. This being a new department there is not an old shape in the entire lot. Our plan is to sell all goods in their season; this applies to millinery also. Nothing shall be carried over. To this end we make these great cut prices. There are over two hundred trimmed hats for street and dress occasions. This department has been the leader of style in Lafayette and adjoining counties. The fact that our styles are copied by others verifies this statement. So many compliment us on the original designs. This department has saved many the expense of a trip to Kansas City and has brought us customers from Lexington and Marshall, also smaller towns.

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## Sydnor-Mountjoy.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Mountjoy, on Franklin street, in this city, at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 5th, 1902, by Elder E. J. Fenstermacher, pastor of the Christian church, Mr. William J. Sydnor and Miss Alice Morton Mountjoy, both of this city. No attendants.

This was strictly a home wedding, only the near relatives and more intimate friends of the bride and groom being invited. During the ceremony the handsome young couple stood in front of the bay window, which was filled with palms, ferns and cape jassamines. It was a crimson and white wedding, the decorations being of flowers and ribbons of these colors. In front of the mantle was a bank of white and crimson roses. The blending of these colors gave a very pleasing effect, which won the admiration of all present.

In the dining room the color effect was again carried out. In the center of the room was a large hardwood table, nearly covered by a centerpiece of renaissance lace, over crimson satin. In the center of this centerpiece stood a bridal present, a handsome mirror, in a silver frame. On top of the mirror stood a tall cut glass vase, filled with American Beauty roses. The lace centerpiece was bordered with maiden hair ferns. At diagonal corners were cut glass bowls of crimson bonbons and French ginger.

The refreshments were elegant and elaborate. The first course consisted of old country ham, tongue, beaten biscuit, chicken salad, French peas on lettuce, orange ice, &c. The second course included strawberries, ice cream, all kinds of cake, pineapple with crushed ice, coffee, and all kinds of et ceteras. Mrs. Mountjoy is an unusually fine caterer, and on this occasion she exerted her talent to the utmost.

The bride wore a gown of white French mull, made demi-train, trimmed with tiny tucked ruffles, with real Valenciennes insertion, and pure white satin ribbon sashes.

Her hat was a flower hat, of geranium blossoms and leaves of geranium color, and trimmed with crimson velvet ribbon. In her hand she carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses.

They left on the 5:30 train for Kansas City, to be absent for several days. On the trip the bride wore a tailor made bisque colored cloth dress, made over silk, the collar of the jacket trimmed with handsome lace and panne velvet. With this suit is a waist of cream colored lace, over white silk, with gloves to match.

Among the many bridal presents we noted a handsome and costly collection of solid silver; a large number of cut glass articles; a number of pieces of hand painted china, a solid mahogany parlor cabinet; a number of chairs, carving set and other costly articles too numerous to mention.

The bride is an educated, handsome young lady, who has been trained well in all the duties that appertain to making a home happy. She is deservedly a favorite with all who know her, and any young man should consider himself fortunate in winning such a bride. The groom is also a favorite in social circles; as handsome as Adonis, and a thorough business man. His integrity and moral character are above reproach. In the union of these two hearts, so well mated, we feel justified in predicting an unusual amount of sunshine and joy, with only an occasional cloud, to make the sunshine the more enjoyable. Our best wishes attend them.

They will return from Kansas City in a few days, and will occupy rooms in the residence of Mrs. Nannie Steele.

## Yates-Nicholson.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank Nicholson, in this city, at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 5th, by Rev. J. C. Given, Mr. John C. Yates and Miss Lucie Nicholson. Attendants, Miss Maybelle Canam, of Kansas City, and Mr. William Nicholson, of this city, brother of the bride.

Miss Nicholson is a pretty young lady, highly cultured, and by her lovely character has won for herself a host of friends, whose love and best wishes will accompany her. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates, of this city. We have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with him, but we know him to be a worthy, industrious, honorable young man, who by his own exertion in the far west has built for himself a reputation for honesty, integrity and ability. He now holds the position of cashier of the Detroit Mining

Company, of Morenci, Arizona, a position of much responsibility, where ability and integrity are absolutely necessary. The INTELLIGENCER dislikes to announce the loss of one of our popular girls, but there is consolation in the fact that she goes to make a happy home for such a worthy husband.

They left on the 5:30 o'clock train for Kansas City, where they will spend a few days, and will then return to Lexington for a short time before going to their future home at Morenci, Arizona. The INTELLIGENCER joins their hosts of friends in extending them congratulations and good wishes.

## Rankin-Bradley.

The marriage of Mr. Paul Rankin and Miss Fleta Lee Bradley took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. G. McGrew, in this city, on Wednesday afternoon, June 4th, at 3 o'clock, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. J. C. Given. Immediately preceding the ceremony Miss Bessie Bradley sang "I love Thee," and as she is one of our finest vocalists, it is unnecessary to say that she did it well.

The bride wore a bisque colored gown of basket cloth, over silk of the same shade; a fancy cream silk waist, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Mary K. Blackwell, as maid of honor was gowned in white French organdy, and carried a bouquet of La France roses.

The young couple, during the ceremony, stood under a canopy of magnolias and jassamines, sent to the bride by relatives living in the south.

Mr. James Rankin, brother of the groom, acted as "best man."

The groom had prepared a cage for his song-bird, and shortly after the ceremony they started for their new home, in Ray county, where they were received by the parents of the groom, Captain W. D. and Mrs. Rankin. An elegant banquet was spread, and was enjoyed by the crowd present including a number of young couples from this city.

A large number of elegant and costly presents was received, which was only a slight testimonial of the love and esteem of their hosts of friends.

The bride is one of our fairest, sweetest, best and most popular young ladies. The groom, handsome, educated, refined, has by his manly behavior, won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. We predict for them happy and useful lives, and hope that prosperity and contentment may ever attend them.

## Republican County Convention.

The republicans held a county convention at Higginsville, Wednesday, to nominate delegates to the republican state convention, which will be held at Jefferson City on the 24th of June, and nominate a state ticket.

Also to nominate delegates to the congressional convention, to be held at Sedalia on the 14th of August.

Also to nominate delegates to the county convention, to be held at Higginsville on the 3d of September, when a county ticket will be nominated.

Mr. John Taubman was chosen as temporary chairman, and afterwards made permanent chairman.

The delegates from Lexington township were as follows:

To state convention—Chris Walk and J. M. Crowder.

To congressional convention—E. M. Taubman and Chas. F. Meyer.

To judicial convention, at Joplin, July 15th, John Welborn.

A new county committee was chosen, the members for Lexington township being John Taubman, Dan Sherman, John T. Bush and Albert Walker.

At 960 feet water was struck in the Hoffman well. The water rose to within 120 feet of the top and is now supplying between 80,000 and 100,000 gallons per day, which is sufficient for all the needs of the ice plant. Mr. Hoffman has ordered a Cook's deep well engine. This engine will have a 36 inch stroke and a 10 inch steam cylinder. The engine is one of the finest of its kind and has a capacity of 60 gallons per minute. The entire cost of sinking the well and the engine will be about \$4,000. Mr. Hoffman deserves to be congratulated for his progressive spirit and his perseverance.

The excursion last Sunday from this city to Jefferson City was a success as far as numbers were concerned, but a failure otherwise. Big crowds were picked up at each station, and the long train was crowded. On the return trip there was fighting and all sorts of deviltry. It was reported that a negro was shot and fell off the train, but this report was probably untrue. It is said that the train was badly damaged by the passengers, many windows being smashed, and several seats damaged.