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High School Commencement.

The High School commencement exercises were held last night in the auditorium of the school building, before one of the largest audiences ever assembled within the walls of the new structure and as one of the most elaborate and entertaining in the history of the school.

The class which received their degrees last evening bears the unique distinction of having two first honor pupils—Miss Margaret Grinnan and Miss Frances Hancock. The program was as follows:

Music—"Loin Du Bal".....E. Gillet
High School Orchestra.

Invocation.....Rev. G. W. Clarke

Chorus—"Star of Descending Night"
.....Emerson

Oration—"The Genii of Nations"
.....(Salutatory)
Miss Birdie Woolstein.

Oration—"Man's Entrance and Exit"
.....Leo Hawes

Music—Marguerite waltz (Faust)Guncod

Oration—"The Horizon Widens as
We Climb".....Miss Edith Stivers

Oration—"Whispering of the Pines"
.....(Valedictory)
Miss Frances Hancock.

Music—Lily of the Nile Waltz.....
Mandolin Club

Address to Graduates.....
Prof. E. C. McDougle, Eastern Kentucky Normal School, Richmond, Ky.

Chorus—"The Song of The Triton"
.....Molloy

Presentation of Diplomas.....
Dr. F. L. Lapsley
Secretary Board of Education.

Music—"Lower Song".....Lange
Orchestra.

Benediction.....Rev. C. E. Morgan

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Wednesday evening despite the inclement weather, a good sized audience was present to witness the commencement exercises of the grammar school in the auditorium of the school building. The occasion was the first of the kind in the history of the school and as the only one held by all present.

The music by High School orchestra, invocation by Rev. G. W. Clarke and the chorus, "Joys of Spring," were followed by the presentation of "Modern Pandora" in which each member of the class took part, and which reflects great credit upon the efforts of the pupils.

The lengthy introduction of the ancient legend was delivered by Marmaduke Brown, the second honor pupil of the class, in a very artistic manner: Miss Clara Beets essayed the part of "Hope," while Miss Elsie Heller, the first honor pupil of the class, in the part of "Pandora," did herself proud in bestowing upon each member words of good cheer and happiness to which each responded.

At the conclusion Dr. F. L. Lapsley, Secretary of the School Board, in a happy manner, presented certificates to the following members of the class: Wm. Grinnan, Elsie Heller, Blair Varden, Marmaduke Brown, G. C. Thompson, Lena Thompson, Brunette Arnold, Earl Dickerson, Wm. Harper, Clara Chambers, Clara Beets, Mary Hayden, Olive Taul, Mary Lou Rice, Katherine Lancaster, Tom Link, Ethel McGinley, Clara Collins, Maude Fitzgerald, Nellie Rummans.

Negro Risked Life to Save Cow.

Monroe Smith, colored, risked his life on Wednesday in the hope of saving that of a cow which he believed would be drowned. The cow was the property of Mr. R. B. Hutchcraft and was being driven by Smith, when she entered the lot of Mrs. Sue Green on Second street.

The cow rushed across the lot to Huston creek, which was high and swift, and plunged in. Smith thinking she would probably drown when she reached the swift current, and in the hope of turning her course, also sprang into the water.

The swift current carried him several hundred feet below the bridge, where he, almost exhausted, secured a firm hold on a tree which probably saved him from drowning. The cow came out on the opposite side a short distance from where she entered the stream.

Mayor O'Brien Rescinds Order.

The stockholders meeting of the Paris Base Ball Club was well attended Tuesday evening at the court house notwithstanding the heavy downpour of rain. President J. W. Bacon of the club presided, and addressed the meeting. He was followed by Vice President, Dr. W. C. Ussery, who had just returned from the meeting of the Blue Grass League Directors at Lexington. He stated that the Paris management had agreed to play the regular schedule up to and including June 15th, excepting the game Sunday with Shelbyville. Then it would be announced whether or not Paris would continue in the League.

Mr. Geo. Rassenfoss then addressed the meeting and proposed that a petition setting forth the purposes of the management regarding Sunday ball play, and after getting signatures to same to present it to Mayor O'Brien. The following petition was then prepared:

"To the Honorable James M. O'Brien, Mayor of the city of Paris: Fully appreciating the situation under which you as Mayor of our city, have been compelled to take action regarding Sunday base ball, we, the undersigned citizens of Paris, are fully in sympathy with your action regarding the keeping of the reputation of our city as a law-abiding community above reproach. However, the action of a few in the crowd of 2,000 people, which attended last Sunday's game, can hardly be considered a just cause to deprive a whole community of a pastime that cannot be immortal under ordinary circumstances, and we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to fully stand by you in your effort to keep the moral reputation of our city above criticism.

"We do most earnestly ask you to rescind your order regarding Sunday base ball."

The above petition was presented to Mayor O'Brien last evening with the signatures of 375 representative citizens of our city.

After this petition was in the hands of the Mayor he was handed the following petition:

To the Hon. James M. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Paris, Ky.:

Dear Sir—We the undersigned members of the Board of Council of the City of Paris, believing that the enforcement of your order of recent date prohibiting the playing of base ball within the city limits on Sunday afternoon will deprive a large number of hard working, law abiding citizens of Paris of the opportunity to enjoy a clean, manly sport, respectfully request that you reconsider your action in that matter.

While we realize that your action was the result of the just indignation of an order loving official we do not believe that the misconduct which caused you to issue that order was the fault of officials of the Paris Base Ball Club or that there would be a recurrence of that misconduct.

We well know and heartily commend your high sense of official responsibility, and if we felt that compliance with this request would justly subject you to adverse criticism the request would not be made.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN B. ARKLE,
D. C. PARRISH,
T. P. WOODS,
JAS. B. DEMPSEY,
T. F. BRANNON,
J. W. TAYLOR.

At the regular meeting of the Council last night after the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mayor O'Brien arose and asked for a few minutes of their time before taking up the regular business. He stated that they all were aware of his action taken in regard to Sunday base ball, after the disgraceful proceedings of last Sunday afternoon. He stated his position in regard to base ball, being a lover of the sport, and he felt there was no harm in a clean gentlemanly game of ball on Sunday afternoon. He referred to the two petitions filed with him, especially the latter one, which he felt bound to consider. That he had fully considered both. That he had never been considered by his enemies even a moral or political coward. That he had endeavored to be the best of his ability to enforce the laws and he intended to continue to do so. He said that he would rescind his order to the Chief of Police, but he wanted it distinctly understood that he would not tolerate a repetition of the disgraceful scenes of last Sunday. He did not mince his words.

It is now up to the patrons of the Sunday games whether or not they have Sunday ball in the future. Mayor O'Brien's action last night made many people happy in Paris. The working people want some of the pleasures of life and by not giving them a chance to witness a game of the manly sport at home you forced them, you might say, away from home on Sunday.

The directors of the Paris Base Ball Club hereby announce that the first person caught betting at any ball game in Paris will be promptly arrested and taken from the grounds. The presence of megaphones, horns, bells, tin cans and all noise producers will be strictly prohibited. No person having such an instrument in his possession will be allowed to enter the gates. It is the intention of the management to profit by its past mistakes and conduct clean, gentlemanly sport.

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