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COMMENCEMENT K. H. S.

Excellent Program Well Rendered
The Class Address Fine Honors Awarded

As a general thing, commencement exercises are of interest principally and generally to those who have relatives on the program, but there was an exception to this general rule at the court house Thursday night of last week.

From the opening march to the benediction the numbers on the program were well rendered and well received by the more than crowded house.

Seldom has there been a setting more beautiful for the purpose of lending charm to an occasion than that arranged by the young women of the graduating class, assisted by young men in and out of school. The stage, if such it could be called, was indeed a bower of beautiful flowers so arranged that they gave a most enchanting surrounding for the youth and beauty destined to walk forth into more rugged scenes from the close of the exercises.

The opening march by Miss Maude Rucker indicated the high class program which was to follow. After the invocation by B. G. Rudd who has a style which he suits to the occasion, Miss Edith Taylor's number, a piano solo, in no wise disappointed those who had encored Miss Rucker's selection. The quartette, Misses Hulda Taylor, Mary Thrash, Donna Byerly and Emma Clifton Rucker, violin numbers from Schuman and Bvordk, delighted the audience. Miss Roberta Parks selection, piano solo, Les Myrtes, Wachs, astonished her friends as well as delighted them and the young girl was recognized as a coming artist.

The number of the evening was the valedictory, Miss Katherine Sigloch not disappointing the expectation that the address would distinguish the entertainment. Her subject, Edgar Allen Poe was handled in a way that would have done credit to a finished writer. We will have the privilege of publishing the article in full, tho not before next week, as it now appears, but whenever we can give it to our readers, we commend it to their attention.

The vocal solo by Prof. Fred Cowles was splendid and on a par with his best efforts in song.

We have had class addresses and again class addresses but in ever, there have been few times indeed when an address to the graduating class at this city has so pleased the class, teachers, audience and sightseers. Rev. Fred V. Loos will have a crowded house every time he appears here until he quits public speaking. Prof. Gibbany popularized himself by his selection for the address and Elder Loos established himself in the estimation of the community as one of the most pleasing speakers it has been our good fortune to listen to. In some way Elder Loos' remarks at certain points left the impression that he was a democrat, and if he was given a fair opportunity, he could say something along that line which would be instructive to g. o. p. or Moose. Yes, Elder Loos captured the audience by his masterly speech.

The commencement was a grand success and we unhesitatingly congratulate each and every one connected with it on his and her excellent contribution to an entertaining and instructive program.

George Calleyhill Martin
At the family home in the city of St. Louis Saturday June 17 George Martin gave up his hold on life, having suffered from heart disease for several years.

George Calleyhill Martin, son of John and Eliza Martin, was born in Mead County, Kentucky, December 25, 1850 and with the family came to this city when he was six years of age, the family first living at the residence of Kimball Adams in the eastern suburbs which was purchased before they left Kentucky, and a few years after, moving to the old homestead now owned by W. E. Williams west of town where George lived until his marriage to Miss Louan Swain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Swain.

There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Martin, George, Winnie and Joe Charley, all of whom were with their father at his death and burial, and in addition surviving the deceased are his sisters Mrs. Bettie Lowry and Mrs. J. M. Hawkins and brother Thomas J. and his widow, Mrs. Louan Martin. The family with a young friend of the boys, James Holden, came Sunday from the city and Charley Swain from Warrensburg to pay their last dutiful respects to the deceased, Miss Minnie Lowry of Marceline, a niece also being present.

Funeral services Sunday afternoon were conducted by Rev. Myers at the cemetery in the presence of a large number of the old friends of the deceased and the family in addition to the relatives mentioned.

George Martin was a prince of good fellows in his young days. Born of sturdy, old time aristocratic stock; handsome and sociable and popular with all, he was a recognized leader in his set and few social occasions were held without him.

His marriage to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Swain, one among the most prominent families in the county, was a social event. For several years they lived in the property yet owned by the family in the northwest section of the city and until about eight years ago when they made their home in St. Louis.

The Courier extends deep sympathy to the survivors of one of its editors old friends and youthful companions.

M. U. Corps Again Honored
It has been announced by the United States War Department that the Military School of the University of Missouri at Columbia, is again one of the "ten distinguished institutions" of the country. This is the third time that Missouri has received this distinction. The other two times were in 1914 and 1915.

The military department for the past year has been under the direction of Lieut. McH. Eby and Cadet Colonel H. R. Gibson. Lieutenant Eby was called into active service in February and Cadet Colonel Gibson assumed supervision of the department.

The distinction the school has obtained entitles the University to name a second lieutenant in the United States Army. President Hill will recommend A. Worrel Roffe of Blue Springs, Mo., who was graduated from the School of Law this spring, for this post. Mr. Roffe was major of the first battalion and acted as colonel when Mr. Gibson assumed the duties of commandant during the past year.

For winning a "distinguished" place three consecutive times, the department will be permitted to turn in the old rifles and receive the new model Springfield Army rifles.

Congressman W. W. Rucker Speaks

His Personal Ambition Subordinated to Duty.
His Open Letter to Constituents.
Relies on Service.



CONGRESSMAN W. W. RUCKER

To Democratic Voters.

I had hoped to return to the district and meet you personally before the primary but, with Congress in session, I cannot do so without neglect of duty. I have never faltered in the discharge of official duty and will not do so now even to advance or protect my political welfare. I prefer to remain at the post of duty, submit my interests to your intelligent judgment and abide your decision.

I am gratified to know that no charge has been made involving my official integrity or my devotion to the interests of my constituents. Were my record subject to impeachment it is safe to conclude it would have been assailed. The attitude of those who oppose me is a splendid endorsement, as they virtually admit by their argument, that I have performed my duty so well and kept my official record so free from blame, that no one can successfully attack it.

My tenure of office is much discussed. It consists of a number of short terms—two year terms. At the end of each term you had an opportunity to retire me but, acting in harmony with the sentiment prevailing in many districts in the state and nation, you re-elected me. Each election was an expression of confidence and approval. For every term given me I have rendered the district which honored me, and my country, two years of faithful, loyal service.

Although this same argument has been made in several campaigns, and every voter in the district knows how long I have been in office, my opponent has taken nearly two years to teach you that I have "served too long." This involves a criticism of the intelligence or good judgment, or both, of those who have each two years expressed confidence in me. Until it is shown that I have been negligent or indifferent to my obligations I shall deny this implied criticism. It is unfortunate for a candidate to have to appeal for votes on a theory which reflects upon the good judgment of those whose support he seeks.

With a deep and lasting sense of gratitude; promising loyal and faithful service if re-nominated, I respectfully ask support upon my record, assuring one and all that I will continue to so conduct myself as to bring no discredit upon the district, or make any man ashamed of having given me his confidence.

Thanking all friends in advance for any assistance they may be pleased to give me, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,
W. W. Rucker

Co. Poultry Association

The big show will be held in Brunswick Nov. 29 to Dec. 2.

The Chamber of Commerce of that city has the thanks of the County Association for its efforts to secure the show and its encouragement of poultry industry.

A heavy rain all over the country Tuesday morning. Put that ground in corn, all of you. If an early killing frost, soft corn beats no corn, but the prospect is for a late fall. Plant corn right along, if not earlier than July 3, then turn out and come to Keytesville.

Salisbury 8 Booneville 5

The game at Salisbury was of a higher order than usual and since the home team was all Salisbury, so much the better. Salisbury has the material, why send away for worse?

Will Hamilton of Keytesville-Brunswick was an important official Elk in Moberly this week.

Hogs are going up since the re-nomination of Wilson and wheat took a tumble after Hughes was named at Chicago but recovered at the conclusion of the Democratic Convention in St. Louis.

Salisbury Scribbblings

John W. Cooper and wife, L. H. Miles and wife and son, all of Kansas City, spent the week end with friends here.

Mrs C. W. Aldridge and son Charles, in company with Miss Rosa Lee Jennings left Friday for an extended visit in California. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hawkins have returned from their visit to Detroit and while gone took in Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sweeney have returned from attending both the big conventions and are thoroughly well posted on the merits of both candidates.

Our city is becoming noted for dogs and weeds, and both can be readily spared. Will some one take the lead in this needed reform?

J. T. Windsor and wife have returned from Muscogee Okla. where they wintered and again located on second street. They liked Okla. but love old Chariton.

A fine rain fell here Tuesday, which some say was needed but others say we could have waited a while longer.

Word has been received of the death of N. D. Walker at his home in Webb City Mo. Mr. Walker once lived here and was well respected. We regret his passing and tender condolence to those left behind.

Preparations are being made to oil our streets. The dust has been bad nearly all spring when the street were dry.

Word was secured here Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Frank Lay at her home in Clifton Hill. She was formerly a resident of this place and had many friends.

The wedding of Miss Alice Stewart to Mr. Henry Reiman of Okla. is scheduled to take place here today (Wednesday).

Miss Lora Osborn of Mission South Dakota is here spending her vacation. She is a fine teacher in the Episcopal school there.

Locke Evans and bride arrived from Colorado this week to visit the formers parents.

Miss Katie Miller who has been making her home with Mrs. Arthur Warner, on W. 4 th street left this week for Baltimore Md. on an extended visit.

Word comes from Wheeling Mo. that Mrs. Nellie Weeks, formerly Miss Nellie Powell, and who lived here until last year is in a poor state of health with something like Brights disease.

E. M. Williams and J. C. Comer went to Mexico Wednesday on business of important nature.

Mrs. N. Huber has returned from a visit to St. Louis.

W. C. Moredock and Wm. Gartner are seriously ill and remain about the same.

Mrs. Roy Mc Kittrick who underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Louis is reported as getting along nicely and a speedy recovery is hoped.

Fred Philpott of Cincinnati was here the first of the week visiting his mothers family.

Frank Burton of Kansas visited friends here this week.

Revs. Baker and Pugh attended the Sundry meeting the latter part of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Sidener and Miss Ranson of Brookfield passed thru town Wednesday in a car bound for Moberly to be on hand for the Elks meet.

WAR WITH MEXICO

State Guards Reinforce Regulars
Ultimatum to Carranza
Europe Concerned

What has been looked forward to for a long time is about to take place. Mexico has practically defied us and President Wilson has ordered thru the war department a hundred thousand State guards to the border. Mobilizing of soldiers about Mexico is under way. Warships are near Mexican ports and a blockade is imminent. The allies in Europe see a prospect for having their supplies from this Country shut off, and they are greatly alarmed.

The European War

Nothing doing at Vredun. Russians have repeatedly repulsed Austrians. Germany has sent a large army to join Austria and the advance of Russia has been checked in Poland.

Circuit Court

May adjourned term, June 19. Matters passed at regular term. J. H. and W. G. Smith vs. Jno. Bills, J. B. Vassar and B. S. Payne, Judgment for pfs. \$28.15.

O'Keefe Bros. Gro. Co. vs. N. W. Ins. Co., motion for new trial overruled. Former Judgment Buford Kuhn sustained.

Inza Brown vs. Thos. Karcher. Dismissed plffs. cost.

Bruce C. Newman vs. Martha Newman plff. divorced.

Lettie A. Cooper vs. William Cooper contd.

Suits for tax continued and dismissed.

New School Building

The patrons of the school at Gillis Chapel voted unanimously Tuesday to have a new building. There were 14 for, 0 against and \$1000 will be spent in addition to material in the old house.

Supt. Schools Carlstead and Chas. Bondurant were boosters at the election.

Local U. S. Marine

Herman F. Cooley son of Mrs. Alice Latham, of this place, is with the expeditionary force of U. S. Marines recently rushed to Santo Domingo for the protection of the American Legation the current revolt against President Jimines.

Young Cooley enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Seattle, Wash., recruiting station on December 18, 1913.

Ebel Lewis, juvenile Afro-American will hereafter have no doubt of the accuracy with which Frank Drew, juvenile caucasian can curve a rock off his, Lewis' noggin. Last Friday the boys settled a difficulty by an appeal to arms and rocks with the result that Lewis had a surgeon plaster a wound in his forehead as center as a measurement could have placed it. Drew escaped injury and officers.

A Chemical fire engine was in town Tuesday, enroute to Carrollton to demonstrate. It was and is a beauty and we would not have deplored an alarm of fire to witness the demonstration here but if the fire should have been among some of the disgraceful old shacks which refuse to blow down or burn or disappear before a wave of pride in our town, we would have been glad had the engine failed to do business.

Chas. L. Herring took in the Elks meet at Moberly yesterday.