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\$1 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WAS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

STAR THEATRE PACKED TO HEAR GRADUATES FRIDAY NIGHT—SEVEN BRIGHT YOUNG LADIES AND ONE YOUNG MAN RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS

Never before in the history of Williston has a better program been given at the closing exercises of the High School than that rendered at the Star Theatre Friday night, June 3d. The weather was fine, every member of the class did exceptionally well and the only unpleasant feature was the smallness of the hall.

member, was the most noted lady's man of the high school and accused him of purposely planning to thus graduate.

Miss Lukens was perfectly at ease and spoke sufficiently loud enough to be heard all over the hall, although the order was not the best at any time.

A song by the high school chorus



Top row—Olga Berg, Elsie Hagen, Oleta Lukens, Edna Anderson, Vera Major
Bottom row—Frances Kellogg, Ernest A. Francis, Adele Mounger

MEMBERS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS, 1910

Owing to the trouble in seating the audience the program did not commence until about nine o'clock when the curtain was raised showing the stage beautifully decorated with American beauty roses, streamers of the class colors and with the motto of the class in large letters at the back. Seated upon the platform were the members of the graduating class, the members of the school board, the county superintendent city superintendent and the principal of the high school. The graduates dressed in beautiful white gowns were seated in a semicircle in front, each of the young ladies holding a large rose and the one young man seated in the center with a rose in his button hole.

After a selection by Onstad's orchestra of eight pieces and a short invocation by Rev. F. S. Hollett of the Methodist church, Miss Adele Mounger, stepped forward and delivered the Salutatory. She spoke with ease and quite distinct and her address was unusually practical for a graduating paper. She said that the proper education embraced the all around development; the mental, moral and physical and that education was not merely an acquiring of knowledge but was to secure a life out of living and not a living out of life; and that now as they were to step from the school of preparation into the school of achievement they were determined to be true to their class motto: "We will find a way or make one." She closed by extending to the audience a most kindly and cordial welcome.

After a piano duet by Misses Eidsness and Allen, Miss Oleta Lukens gave the class history in a humorous and somewhat ironically egotistical manner, reviewing the class as a whole from its birth into the high school from the eighth grade, giving a few remarks about the additions to the class as they became members. She said that Ernest Francis, the one gentleman

consisting of six young ladies and two boys, was very well rendered and then followed one of the best numbers of the program an oration entitled "A Dream of Destiny" by Miss Frances Kellogg. The theme was that America was to be a nation of destiny, with all the good features of the old countries and few of the bad, and was to eventually incorporate the true Brotherhood of Man, elevating the masses and giving to those who did not inherit them the opportunities of those who did. In order to accomplish this end it was necessary that America's citizens should possess earnestness, patriotism and devotion, and that thus this country would be known and should be known for other things than selfish aggrandisement. She said America was a nation of homes and in the home was where the country had its best bulwark.

A beautifully worded and well given number was "Day Dreams" by Miss Vera Major. These dreams were a vision of the ideal of achievement and it was the great men of the world who made their dreams come true. The mother's dream was oft an inspiration to her son. And thus imagination, or dreams, were oft a practical help and that the members of the present graduating class hoped to follow the bright star of their day dreams and thus find success. Miss Major spoke well, although she was much handicapped by an interruption in the form of a juvenile solo not on the program.

The most applicable and practical number on the program was an oration by Mr. Ernest Francis entitled "A Study in Agriculture" in which he outlined an agricultural course for the public school children even from the smaller grades. He said this state was destined to become the great food producing section and that therefore the people should be prepared for agriculture. His talk was along the

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Lady Delegates to St. Louis

Miss Pence, Mrs. Louis Perkins, Miss Mary McAndrews, Mrs. D. I. Todd and Miss Ella Gogan left Tuesday for St. Louis where they go to attend the first convention of the American Woman's League, having obtained free transportation and all expenses paid by each securing ten full paid members for the League. The American Woman's League is becoming well known as an institution for the education and betterment of the life of women and has a local federation in Williston of something like seventy members at the present time and good prospects of obtaining more and will secure for the Williston federation a chapter house costing at least \$5,000. The local federation numbers many of the leading ladies of the city among its membership and with the present membership could have a chapter house built costing \$2,500 but desires the better house and will therefore secure the additional members necessary.

Williams Has Best Wheat

David F. King, living near Trenton, this county, received a gold medal last week for an exhibit of wheat which he had at the National Corn Exhibition at Omaha, Nebraska. The wheat was pronounced by the judges to be the best milling wheat raised in the United States and was of the Bluestem variety. Mr. King was in Williston this week and showed the beautiful gold medal to many of the citizens as he is proud of it, not so much on his personal account but because it demonstrates the superior quality of Williams county wheat.

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WHAT PAPERS SAY OF GEO. W. WILSON

COMMENTS OF STATE PRESS ON CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR—LOOKED UPON VERY FAVORABLY

Hon. Geo. W. Wilson, who is a candidate for the republican nomination as governor, is satisfied with the progress of his campaign, and believes that the voters of the state tiring of the continued factional quarrels, will turn to him as a candidate for the office who has no factional entanglements, and believes that the state of North Dakota is entitled to a republican governor and a republican administration.

Wilson was for years editor of the Ward County Reporter at Minot, and has made good. His business qualifications are proven by the fact that at the age of fifty-two years he has accumulated a competence, all of it won from the hard work of a pioneer in the newspaper business in Ward county. He homesteaded originally what is now the townsite of Stanley, the county seat of Mountrail county, and he has realized handsomely from the ownership of the townsite. He owns the telephone exchange at Stanley, has varied business interests and farms 500 acres of land.

He intends to begin within a few weeks upon the erection of a \$50,000 brick business building at Stanley, and has great hopes of the growth and prosperity of that section.

For several years Mr. Wilson has been register of the land office at Williston, but he has resigned that position and the resignation has not yet been acted upon. He has a wide acquaintance through Williams, Ward, Mountrail and McKenzie counties, and he believes this section will cast some 17,000

votes at the republican primaries. He believes that two-thirds of these votes will be cast for him, and that with that as a nucleus he has an excellent chance of gaining the republican nomination.—Bismarck Tribune.

Geo. W. Wilson, of Williston, N. D., republican candidate for the office of governor, is a man upon whom all factions of the state can unite. He does not belong to any particular faction, but is a republican in the broadest sense of the word. He came to Minot about 22 years ago and for about 18 years was editor and publisher of the Minot Daily and Weekly Reporter. About four years ago he was appointed register of the U. S. land office at Williston, when that office was established, but resigned a few months ago when he was urged by his many friends to come out and run for governor. In his capacity as register of the land office he has been fair and square to all homesteaders and done what he has considered his plain duty to all, and thus won a lot of loyal friends who will be too glad to cast their vote for him, not only at the primary but also at the general election. He is the nominee for the office of Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of the state of North Dakota and at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Minot, June 7-8 he will be duly installed as Grand Master or head of that noble order in the state for the next year. Mr. Wilson is also proprietor of the townsite of Stanley, the hustling little city in the new county of Mountrail, and is also owner of the Stanley Sun, one of the brightest newspapers in the state. He is a pleasant and conservant gentleman and if nominated and elected will give the state a clean business administration, and he himself will be the governor, as no strings whatever are attached to him. We recommend Mr. Wilson to the voters of the state.—Lawton Republican.

SENT TO FEEBLE-MINDED INSTITUTE

RUHLE CHILDREN OF NEAR TIoga COMMUNITED TO GRAFTON INSTITUTE BY COMMISSIONERS

As a result of an investigating visit to the home of Martin Ruhle, living eight miles north of Tioga, by County Superintendent Mrs. Tatem on Thursday, May 26, the four oldest children of the family were committed to the institute for the feeble minded at Grafton by the county commissioners this week and arrangements have been made for them to leave next Monday.

The children were committed under the compulsory school law. The family consists of seven children and are the same children who were lost on the prairie in a snow storm some two or three years ago and after wandering to White Earth were finally located at Epping and identified as belonging to the Ruhle family by the address on some mail which they had in their possession.

This is a rather pathetic case, but the school authorities and the county commissioners feel that they have done the best thing for the children and the parents in sending the four oldest to the institute as they will be given advantages there they could not obtain elsewhere, and the commissioners also think some steps will have to be taken to separate the parents as the mother is not of a sound mind either.

For Members School Board

Fred H. Smith and E. B. Link announce themselves as candidates for members of the Board of Education in the Graphic this week subject to the action of the voters at the election to be held Tuesday, June 21st. Both of these gentlemen have been residents of this city for several years and are well qualified for the office and would make good officials if elected.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE GIVES GOOD PROGRAM MONDAY

LADIES ENTERTAIN GOOD SIZE CROWD AT GATES' OPERA HOUSE MONDAY EVENING—ABOUT \$75 CLEARED—GOOD DANCE AFTER PROGRAM

It was a pleased audience that listened to the program given at Gates opera house Monday night by the ladies of the Civic League and the greater portion remained to enjoy a dance afterward.

The program opened with a beautiful selection by Prof. Onstad's orchestra from "Maritana" by Wallace, a piece of music of entrancing melody with a stately cadence that was especially appropriate to the object of the entertainment. This was immediately followed by an exquisite rendering of the Hungarian Rhapsodie of Liszt by Mrs. LeRoy Smith on the piano. She was encored but did not respond.

The violin solo, "Romanze" by Sundson rendered by Prof. Onstad was a most beautiful selection and was given in the excellent style possessed by this talented musician and in responding to an encore he gave a short selection from one of the old favorites that was also appreciated. Another number of the program by Prof. Onstad was a Hungarian dance from Welesche.

A number of exceptional merit and beauty was the vocal solo by Mrs. B. L. Hardaway, the selection being an Irish love song full of all the mellowing memories and endearments so easily expressed by the composers of that enchanted isle. She did not respond to the encore.

A novelty in the form of a reading in country dialect was given by Miss McNevin in which she introduced an imitation of the violin, banjo and cornet, each of which she imitated to such a degree of perfection that it would have deceived the ear. This was one of the best numbers and one of the best appreciated. The imitation of the violin was extra good, so much so in fact that it was beautiful. She did not respond to the encore.

Miss Wilkinson's rendering of "A May Song" was especially good the selection being full of sweet melody which the singer interpreted to perfection. In responding to an encore she gave a short humorous selection.

Another vocal solo was one by Miss Morene Mead entitled "A Garden of Roses" and it was well given.

Mrs. Maud L. Mead told the story of Sakajewea, that beautiful and heroic Indian mother who guided Lewis and Clark over the then trackless mountains and prairies of the west to the Pacific, in a most pleasing and beautiful voice and manner and incidentally mentioned the fact that the statue was about ready to be erected. The statue is to cost \$3,000 and the money is all raised excepting about \$900. Mrs. Mead is a most pleasant speaker and has an ease of manner seldom excelled by any lady while on the platform.

Father S. J. Arsenault gave a reading in French-Canadian dialect that was both humorous and pathetic and was perfectly interpreted by the Reverend Father as he showed himself much at home in handling that difficult speech. He responded to an encore with a short selection.

A piano solo was well given by T. O. Arsenault after which the orchestra closed the program with an overture entitled "Bridal Rose" by Lavelee and the hall was prepared for the dance which followed.

Odd Fellows Meet at Minot

The twentieth annual session of the I. O. O. F. Grand lodge of North Dakota convened at Minot for a session of three days. The Rebekah lodge assembly will convene at the same hour.

An excellent program has been prepared and it is expected there will be at least five hundred delegates in attendance. A large delegation went down from Williston as this city is especially interested because Hon. George W. Wilson is to be installed as Grand Master.

H. Vohs had charge of the arrangements of the delegation to the meeting of the Odd Fellows, while Mrs. Maud L. Mead took the drill team of the Rebekahs.

Following is a partial list of Odd Fellow delegates: Paul Field, J. C. Field, V. R. Asbury, J. J. Bailey, J. S. Penson, J. E. Pettis, W. S. Glissman, T. R. Blankenship and A. J. Field.

The delegates of the Rebekahs are as follows: Mesdames. Wm. Snyder, H. Vohs, W. N. Jeffrey, S. Coulter, J. C. Field, J. S. Penson, T. R. Blankenship, George Hilbish.

New Towns Near Stanley

County Surveyor Frahm, of Ward county, is preparing plats for the new towns of Lostwood and Lunds Valley in Mountrail county. The new towns will be located in the center of a very good farming country with a large and rapidly developing territory adjacent to them. Both will be on the new extension of the Great Northern at present being built out of Stanley. Lostwood will be 18 miles from Stanley and Lunds Valley will be six miles from Lostwood and 24 miles from Stanley.

No announcement has yet been made by the Realty company as to when the opening sale of lots will be held.

TEACHERS WILL BE HERE JUNE 20TH

An excellent corps of instructors has been obtained for the Teachers institute which will meet here at the High school assembly room for one week beginning Monday, June 20th.

Mrs. Tatem, county superintendent, announces that notices have been sent out to one hundred and seventy teachers, over a hundred of whom are sure to be in attendance.

The instructors are as follows: C. C. Schmidt of the State University; Mrs. J. Sanderson of Grand Forks, assistant in elementary work; Miss Fisher of Valley City Normal, assistant in the primary work; Miss Mary Pett of Minot, special instructor in drawing, penmanship and music. State Superintendent W. L. Stockwell will also be here.

The meeting of the school officers of the entire county will be held on Saturday, the 25th, and the teachers will be held over to attend the meeting.

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