

...Public School Notes...

High School.

The high school orchestra organized last evening, electing the following officers: President, Miss Adolphia Hedstrom; Secretary, Miss Amanda Bonhus; Leader, Mr. J. Biggs; Director, Miss Wilkins. The orchestra at present numbers eleven, three more are to join soon, and as the society is to be put on a business-like basis, it will soon be an organization of which the high school may be proud. They started practice last evening upon the orchestral parts of the operetta "Sylvia," which will be given Dec. 13th, 1912.

The high school choral club at present are working upon an operetta "Sylvia," by W. Rhys-Herbert, to be given on December 13, 1912. The operetta is unusual both in arrangement and music as it has no objectionable parts so usual in a play of this kind, while the music is very pretty and catchy. The story of the play is as follows:

Act. 1.—Sylvia, a great lady, tired of her betrothed, wanders into a hayfield where she overhears Betty bemoaning her fate and wishing she were engaged to marry a rich nobleman instead of honest William. Sylvia suggests that, as they envy the other her lot, they exchange places for the rest of the day, that Sylvia masquerade as the farmer's daughter and Betty as the maid of honor to the queen. Betty tells of the flower called "the Cupid's Eye" which would blind the poet and the farmer to the fact that such an exchange had been made and the two girls set off to find the magic flower and change costumes.

In the meantime Betty's companions who had left her in the hayfield, return to find her. They meet the farm lads on their way to the plough field and half promise to meet them at the style on their way home from work. A cloud appears in the sky which throws them into great consternation as they fear rain and when Prince Tobbytum appears they besiege him to know what the weather will be. Indignantly he informs them who he is and they apologize. He accepts their apology and offers to allow them to kiss his cheek. They pretend to accept but instead dance about him pelting him with flowers until he escapes.

Sylvia and Betty return, dressed in each other's clothes and with the magic flower in their possession. Betty successfully fools DeLacey, and Sylvia as successfully fools William. DeLacey and Betty set forth to stroll through the woods and lanes, and William drags Sylvia off to help him weed the potato patch. Robin sounds the dinner horn and the haymakers return to the hayfield to spend the noonday hour.

Act.—Toward the close of the afternoon the haymakers rest from the toil and stroll to and fro in the cool of the day. The farmers' daughters set forth on their walk to the stile. Sylvia worn out from her experiences of the afternoon, returns to the field and Betty rushes in having run away from DeLacey and a bull. Each girl declares that hereafter she will be content with her own lot and will not envy the other. They retire to change clothes and to set off in search of the poet and the farmer. Unfortunately their prank is likely to have serious consequences, for the Lady Arbella saw DeLacey and Betty walking arm-in-arm and this news is imparted to Prince Tobbytum, who resolves to expose the Lady Sylvia that night before the assembled court. William, accompanied by the farmers' daughters and farm lads, is searching for Betty, and he runs into DeLacey who is looking for Sylvia. The two men are about to come to blows when Betty and Sylvia separate them. The ladies Arbella and Araminta, thinking it possible that they have been mistaken, ask the prince not to mention what they have told him. Prince Tobbytum tries to make mischief but is foiled. A song of greeting to the harvest moon, rising over the tree-tops, ends the evening, and all wend their way homeward.

Some of the members of the Choral club favored the students with a few selections of music Tuesday morning.

The students of the high school are going to enter the contest offered by the Chautauqua board, of writing essays on the subject, "Why Valley City should maintain a Chautauqua."

The Valley City high school football team went to Casselton last Saturday and played a very close game with that team, which now proves to be the last of the season. Casselton had promised to play a return game here next Saturday but they have made other arrangements so the season of football, which had not been very successful from the standpoint of the score, but which was a source of pleasure and satisfaction and benefit to the team—has now come to a close and new diversions must take its place. Basketball will be next, a game in which the high school has usually been rather successful, and it is believed, from the prospect of good material that this year will be no exception.

Much interest is being taken in the high school debating club. The membership is now twenty-eight, and all have been regular in the attendance and enthusiastic in the weekly programs. Enderlin has been challenged to a debate, and it is hoped to ar-

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range a contest between the two schools some time in December.

The classes in mechanical drawing will be started this week. This subject is taught as a part of manual training, three days per week being given to shop work and two days to drawing. Due to much larger classes than ever before, an additional room is being fitted up for this purpose. It has been impossible to find space in the high school building for drawing because of crowded conditions, and the attempt is being made to utilize a room in the Ritchie building. However, this room is not nearly large enough for satisfactory work, and is too far separated from the shop. It is sincerely hoped that not far in the future more room, conveniently located, will be available for both drawing and shop work. The department has always been handicapped by lack of room, and as the enrollment increases the cramped quarters are more of a disadvantage.

Lincoln School.

The per cent of attendance and punctuality in the eighth grade, for last week was 100, so that room has the flag this week.

In the mock election held by the seventh and eighth grades last Thursday afternoon, fifty-one voters came to the poles. Sixteen voters were challenged, but only eight were found to be illegal. The election returns corresponded closely to those of the county election; some voters ran Harold Karns independently for Commissioner of Railroads; Mr. C. J. Chaffee for Public Administrator; and Richard Thoren for Judge of the District Court. Frank Tracy and Harold Olsby were judges of the election.

Laura Conley and Mabel Morgan have entered the seventh grade, Lincoln, coming from Urbana district school.

Ernest Jacobson is absent from the second grade this week on account of illness.

A small child came in crying from recess because she had lost her "rain bow." Upon questioning, the teacher discovered she meant "the thing Santa Claus drives." Still not realizing what the child had lost, the teacher went out with her to hunt about the playground, and they soon found a Bull Moose button, which the child had cherished and for the loss of which she had cried.

Jessie Sims and Eva Kelly, both of the senior class at the Normal visited the first grade at the Lincoln.

Mrs. Earl Collins visited the first grade room last Thursday.

Ritchie School.

Raymond Holzman entered the B division of the first grade this week.

Frank Lanan entered the B division of the first grade.

The sixth grade boys have started to practice basketball and are very enthusiastic. They have material for a very good team.

Axel Jensen of the third grade has not been in school for nearly a week on account of sickness.

Geo. DuVall of the fourth grade was sick Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The Northwest Nursery company have let a contract to W. J. Curran for the erection of a concrete block building which will be built south of the N. P. trestle and which will be used for a packing house, for a root cellar and grafting room. The structure will be frost proof and will enable the company to keep their skilled men at work all through the winter months. Provision is made in the cellar for a grafting room where apple and plum seedling will be grafted at times when it is too cold for them to work outside. The company have in storage at this time over a hundred thousand apple seedlings besides all the other small trees that are taken out of the ground in the winter. The building became an absolute necessity.

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## HOME RULE FIGHT IN COMMONS ENDS

### Opposition Acquiesces in Government Program.

London, Nov. 19.—An amicable arrangement of the home rule quarrel in the house of commons was brought about when the dispute as to the government method of procedure which led to such disorder last week was settled.

The government announced its intention of reaching the end it desired by a more roundabout means and Unionists having made good their demand for the observance of precedent raised no objection.

The net result of the squabble will be to delay the progress of the home rule bill for ten days.

Violation of Law Alleged.

Winnipeg, Nov. 19.—Sir Redmond Roblin, premier of Manitoba, and Hon. Robert Rogers, lately appointed Dominion minister of public works, are named as principals in a case alleging violation of Canada's election laws in the McDonald district. The trial promises to be the most sensational in Canadian political history.

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### PACKAGE OF \$3,000 STOLEN

Postoffice Inspectors Probing Theft of Registered Parcel.

Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 19.—A registered package containing \$3,000 in currency, consigned to a bank at Morris-town, S. D., by one of the local banks, disappeared suddenly and mysteriously from the strong box in the transfer mail clerk's room at the Milwaukee station and a staff of half a dozen federal postoffice inspectors are investigating every clue to run down the thief.

Several local persons are under surveillance and arrests are expected.

### EXACT TOLL OF AUTOISTS

Negroes Jailed for Unique "Get Rich Quick" Scheme.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Two negro Dick Turpins are in jail at Hyattsville, Md., as the result of a unique "get rich quick" scheme. Obtaining a rope, the two men stretched it across a bridge on the highway between Washington and the Maryland town and at the point of a shotgun held up automobiles for toll. Constable Thomas H. Garrison of Hyattsville organized a posse and surprised the men as they were holding up a big touring car. They were overpowered.

### FORCE OF MARINES LANDED

Government Permits Bluejackets to Enter Constantinople.

London, Nov. 19.—Two thousand bluejackets and marines have been landed in Constantinople. The Turkish government was quite willing to have them land, but the troops were careful to move with the least possible ostentation to avoid angering the masses in the capital.

### TWO ALLENS TO DIE FRIDAY

Floyd and His Son Will Be Executed This Week.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19.—A new trial was refused Floyd Allen and his son, Claude Swanson Allen, by the supreme court of Virginia.

The men are condemned to die in the electric chair next Friday for the murder of officials of the Carroll county court at Hillsville, March 14.

### WIFE SHOTS HER HUSBAND

Calgary Liquor Man Fatally Wounded in Family Row.

Calgary, Alta., Nov. 19.—William E. Gardner, formerly of Portland, Ore., was shot and fatally wounded by his wife during a family quarrel. The pair came to Calgary two months ago from Portland. Gardner was engaged in the retail liquor business.

### WOMEN SPENT ABOUT \$15,000

Losing Fight for Ballot in Wisconsin Proved Expensive.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 19.—Approximately \$15,000 was spent by the Wisconsin equal suffrage organizations in their fight for the ballot during the last campaign. The Political Equality league of Wisconsin spent \$10,000 of the total amount.

### COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 20—Frederick Preston Search; cello recital.
- Nov. 27—Thanksgiving ball.
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- Dec. 1—Oratoria, "St. Paul."
- Dec. 10—Quartette Recital.

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