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JUNIOR PUBLIC LAST NIGHT

SATISFACTORY TO BOTH AUDIENCE AND PERFORMERS.

SCENES FROM SHERIDAN'S RIVALS

Large and Enthusiastic Audience—Seniors Were in the "Clear."

In the high school hall last night took place the great school event of the Junior year—the public. As a whole it was a success and satisfactory to both audience and performers. The only thing that seemed to detract, in the opinion of many persons, was the fact that scenes from Sheridan's, "The Rivals," were given instead of an entire play, as has always been the custom up to this time.

A great many were rather inclined to "knock" the public on that account. While it is true that "The Rivals" is one of the most noted comedies of today, yet when only parts of it are given, it can never be quite the success of a whole play. However, the play came off finely. The following was the cast:

Sir Anthony Absolute—Karl Pierson.
Captain Absolute (Beverly)—Arthur Meyers.

Mrs. Malaprop—Miss Lent Coffin.
Lydia Languish—Miss Tilara Haas.
Lucy—Miss Hazel Reid.
Fag—Harry Sloan.

The scenes given were those connected with the story of Captain Absolute and Lydia Languish. Captain Absolute is ordered by his father to marry the girl the latter has chosen, and he naturally refuses, as he has never seen the girl. However, when he learns that the girl his father has picked out is Lydia Languish, whom he has been making love to under the name of Beverly, he quickly consents. Mrs. Malaprop, the aunt of Lydia, arranges things suitably for the two younger people, and, after several stormy periods, all ends well. Miss Lena Coffin was the bright particular star of the play. Her acting was exceedingly fine, her speech was a fine imitation of what Mrs. Malaprops might have been, her words distinctly articulated.

Altogether, she is one of the finest amateur actresses that has ever been on the high school stage, and her work was the more remarkable when one considers that it was her first appearance. Indeed for that matter it was the first appearance for all of the performers.

Karl Pierson was a close second to Miss Coffin, and, in the scene between him and his son, was especially strong, acting the part of a willful old English baronet to perfection.

Miss Haas and Arthur Meyers were very good and acted their parts very creditably. Miss Reid and Harry Sloan carried the two minor parts very well also.

When the curtain rose again after the play, it revealed the Misses Elizabeth Hasemeier, Lillian Horton, Edith Moore, Bessie Trueblood, Ethel Henderson, Edna Jones, Ethel Lockwood, Hattie Lyons, Mary Wilson, Nellie Williams, Irma Horn and Matilda Von Pein, all dressed in Colonial costumes and with be-ribboned stiffs in their hands. These young ladies then went through one of the prettiest drills ever seen on the high school stage, being full of intricate maneuvers and windings. They received warm and well-merited applause and were encored again and again.

The high school orchestra then rendered the "Naiad Queen," by Rolinson, in its usual pleasing manner.

The next number was the most unique and absolutely novel that any public has given. The description of it on the programs was this: "One of our learned professors, while returning from a midnight stroll, started to pass through an obscure and deserted churchyard just as the clock was striking the midnight hour.

Hearing weird music, he hastily secreted himself and was witness of the fools' fantastic dance. With great presence of mind and lightning rapidity, he drew his faithful kodak companion and secured this representation of their revels: 'Tis midnight, birds, owls and crickets are heard, the steeple clock striking the hour. They dance, but are frightened by the watchman's pistol."

A beam of revolving light, from an improvised cinematograph was thrown on the stage and presently Fred Gennett, Harry Niles and Geo. Rettig appeared, clad in a parti-colored fools' costume of red and yellow. They then performed a fantastic dance, which was very fine, especially the fancy dance by Harry Niles. This was the greatest "hit" of the public, and its mysterious title only added to the favor with which it was received. It was encored several times.

The following boys appeared in tennis costume and gave a very pleasing drill: Merle Genn, Galen Hopkins, Paul Kienker, Frank Dickinson, Rudolph Hill, Orba Decker, Harry Sloan and Burt Johnson.

Then followed the class song. The curtain rising, showed the entire class weeping around a grave on which was inscribed "1904. Requiescat in Pace." Then a large, electric-lighted "05" flashed into view and the song changed from a dirge to a song of triumph. This was a new and novel way of upholding the Junior class over their Senior schoolmates.

One notable thing was the non-appearance of the Seniors at the crucial point. Generally the upper class, not giving the public, shows in some way that they are still in the running, but, strange to say, beyond a few stampings of feet, the Seniors were not heard from.

Notes of the Public.
Miss Katherine Schaefer was in charge of the public.
The newly painted scenery was shown for the first time last night.

TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS KILLED

AND FIFTEEN INJURED IN A RAILROAD WRECK

ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Indiana Family Among the Killed—Eight of the Dead Are Americans.

(By Associated Press.)

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 20.—Twenty-five people were killed and fifteen injured on an explosion of dynamite caused by a collision of two freight trains at Jackson, on the Ogden-Lucien cut-off of the Southern Pacific railroad.

A great amount of railroad property is destroyed. Eight of the killed were Americans, the others being Greek laborers. Among the killed was T. W. Burke, wife and three children, and W. L. Holler, formerly of Andrews, Ind.

THE ACCUSED

Plead Not Guilty and Says He Can Prove an Alibi.

Benjamin Day, a Henry county man, whom we mentioned yesterday as being arrested for stealing a horse and rig from Greenville, Ohio, was tried at Muncie yesterday and he pleaded not guilty. He says he can prove an alibi. His father is wealthy and will fight the case.

Mr. Charles Goodwin, of Middletown, Ohio, and Mrs. Lydia Smith, of Berne, Ind., were married at 6 o'clock last evening by Rev. M. E. Nethercut, at the First Methodist Episcopal parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin left last evening for Dayton, where they will make their future home.

ANOTHER LINE FOR RICHMOND

THE OHIO AND INDIANA TRACTION COMPANY'S SURVEYORS

ABOUT FINISHED WORK

Having Been Working All Winter—The Route Given Here.

That Richmond is to have a traction line from Liberty seems almost certain. The Liberty Herald of this week gives the following account of the new road:

"The Ohio and Indiana Traction company's surveyors have about finished their work, having been plugging at it all winter, trying to secure the best possible route into Liberty, and, since the severe weather of the last two months has not routed them from the active pursuit of the best way of getting into Union county's beautiful capital city, we can bank on the ultimate victory over the obstacles such as hills and streams, and the completion of their project. The fact that two roads are now being pushed with Liberty as one of the objective points, will make us all chirp up, and will cause, when running, a better business circulation to our community. L. N. Bonham and his assistants were here several times last week and this, and have given it out that from Oxford they come to Billingsville, thence in a northwest direction, past Wash Ward's; crossing Hannah's creek, they enter a valley near Joseph Connell's farm, which, by a gradual incline, strikes the Camden pike east of town and comes into Liberty, thence to Main street, where the tracks go north to Richmond. Thus two good lines are projected and nearly everybody is longing to see the cars running. We hope to see both lines actively constructed during the coming summer."

The Frances E. Willard W. C. T. U. will hold a memorial services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Rhoda temple. A good program will be rendered. You are invited.

PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN WRECKED

EAST BOUND PASSENGER LEAVING CHICAGO AT MIDNIGHT COLLIDED

WITH WEST BOUND FREIGHT

At Hobart, Indiana—Chas. Strayer, Baggage-man Killed.

(By Associated Press.)

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 20.—An east bound Pennsylvania train, leaving Chicago at midnight, collided with a west bound freight train at Hobart, Ind. Chas. Strayer, baggage-man, was killed. Mail Clerks Bricker, Bowers and Thomas passengers, E. G. Weisenberger and C. F. Haverin and Foreman S. A. Linder were injured.

MRS. LAND ILL.

Mrs. Charles Land is very ill at her home on south eighteenth street. While the disease is not liable to prove fatal, Mrs. Land is in a very precarious condition. General sympathy is expressed and her large circle of friends hope that she will recover soon.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING SOON

ANNUAL GATHERING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH FIRST.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

And Other Important Business to Come Before the Meeting.

On March 1st will occur the regular meeting of the Commercial club. At this meeting the officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other business of importance transacted. We would suggest that this meeting be well attended, and that all members show an interest in the organization.

The Commercial club has certainly done some splendid work during the past year, and intends to do still more the coming year. The bringing of the chautauqua here was a big thing in itself, and advertised this city as not other enterprise in years had done. It brought ten thousand people here last summer and housed them in our beautiful Glen Miller park. Each one of those ten thousand visitors spent money here, and they were not only benefited in a literary way, but our merchants were helped in a financial way.

The project of erecting a pavilion in the Glen should meet with encouragement from our people, and it should be no mean structure, either. If one is erected, let it be a good one—one that will answer all purposes and for all time.

WHEAT \$1.04

Chicago, Feb. 20.—May wheat sold today in enormous quantities at \$1.07.

(By Associated Press.)

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A CONVENTION FOR RICHMOND

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL STATE MEETING OF

ST. JOSEPH'S STAATSVARBAND

To be Held in This City the 24th and 25th of April Next.

Richmond will be the scene of several conventions the coming spring and summer. These gatherings could go to no better place than this city, and no place where they would be treated better.

One of the many meetings to be held here is the eleventh annual state convention of St. Joseph's Staatsverband of Indiana, which will meet here on the 24th and 25th of April. There will be a large number of delegates from over the state, and arrangements are now making for their entertainment.

On Sunday afternoon, April 24th, there will be a public parade and other exercises of a public nature.

A business session will be held on Monday, the 25th.

Births.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, 224 north fifth street, a girl.

EARLHAM SOCIETY.

The first musical recital of the winter term at Earlham college was given yesterday afternoon in Ionian hall at 4:15, under the direction of Miss Papworth, of the musical department. The program was well given, and was as follows:

Gavotte in D, Bach—Ethel Edwards.

Tanz-weise, Meyer-Helmund—Edna Miller.

Song: The Mission of a Rose, Cowen—Laura Hobson.

Scherzo, Schubert—Marcia Furnas.

Boat Song, Neidlinger—Grace Wolford.

La Gondola, Henselt—Gertrude Le Fevre.

Song: The Conqueror, Bischoff—Rezin Reagan.

The Shepherd's Tale, Nevin—Nina Harris.

In a Garden (Male Quartette)—Emi Mills, Nathan Davis, Chester Leggett and Rezin Reagan.

Caprice, Schumann—Mamie Hough

Song: Echo, Somerset—Chester Leggett.

Valse de Concert, Wieniawski—Louise Boyd.

The Ionian and Phoenix societies of Earlham college met in their rooms last evening and enjoyed very interesting programs, which were as follows:

Ionian.

Paper, Primitive Ideas of the Origin of the World—Manning Smith.

Droll Remarks—Charles Rush.

Recitation—Park Newland.

Probable Nominations in the Coming Campaign—Arthur Mendenhall.

Phoenix.

Music—Reba Stetson.

Debate, Resolved, That the United States Action in Regard to the Panama Affair was Unjustified.

Affirmatives—Oliver Hedges and Edna Doan.

Negatives—Maude Helm and Bess Huff.

Music—Jennie Lindley.

SOON FOLLOWED HIS WIFE

DEATH OF CLARENCE GORMON OF PNEUMONIA,

IN FAR-OFF TEXAS

Wife Died Day Before Last Thanksgiving in Centerville—Son of James Gormon.

Centerville, Ind., Feb. 20.—Word has been received here of the death of Clarence Gormon, who died this morning at 10 o'clock in Texas, where he was an operator for the M. P. & T. railway.

Mr. Gormon was twenty-eight years old, and his death resulted from pneumonia. The deceased was a son of James Gormon, of Kokomo, and a son-in-law of Lloyd K. Hill, of this place. He also was a nephew of Superintendent of Police Gormon, of Richmond.

Mrs. Clarence Gormon was buried here the day after Thanksgiving, and Clarence left immediately after for Texas.

C. G. & R.

Surveying Corps Reached Connersville Yesterday.

Connersville, Ind., Feb. 20.—The surveying corps of the Columbus, Greensburg & Richmond Interurban railway reached this city yesterday, and the residents are having their first practical evidence that at least one of the many roads which have been built on paper is making an earnest effort. The farmers over whose lands the road has been surveyed are generally in favor of it.

C. C. Border has returned from Chicago, where he has been spending a few days on business.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

WINTER MEETING OF THE WAYNE COUNTY TEACHERS AT HIGH SCHOOL HALL.

DR. HILARY A GOBIN

Gives a Splendid Lecture on Phases of Twentieth Century School Work.

(By Prof. W. A. Fiske.)

The second session of the Wayne County Teachers' association met this morning at 10:30 in high school hall, with Mr. Wissler presiding.

On account of the illness of President Hughes, Dr. H. A. Gobin, vice-president of De Pauw University, was present and delivered an excellent address on "The Incentives to an Education."

On beginning his address Dr. Gobin said he had no apology to make for himself, but he wished to present an apology for Dr. Hughes, in that, on account of his great labors of last week, and exposure to which he was necessarily subjected, he was unable to be present today, which he regretted very much. "But," he said, "you should not relinquish your claims on him to have him present in the near future to address you on an occasion of this kind.

In developing his subject he said: "Why is it we spend so much money in schools, libraries, salaries of teachers and equipments of various kinds but to overcome ignorance and to elevate our brother man. Teachers and equipments cost many millions of dollars, yet the United States spend much more annually for the widespread ignorance that we now have among us. All the losses through fire, storm, flood and thousand other ways, are in some way more or less the result of ignorance, and it is to diminish these that our schools exist today. But these losses, as a result of ignorance, are on the material side and are not to be compared to the losses on the intellectual side.

The educational work of our country is a training to competency. Many illustrations were given at this time and equipment of various kinds ing is to this end.

An education also trains to lucrativeness.

An instance was given of a boy, on entering the high school, who stated to his father that he was now ready to begin the study of Latin. The father endeavored to persuade him that Latin would be of no use to him; that it would not prepare him to better plant potatoes and do the general work of the farm. The boy, however, through the entreaties of his mother, succeeded, and began the study of Latin.

During his college course he made Latin his major, on graduation took special honors in the subject, afterward becoming a fine Latin teacher in an institution in New York city.

One phase of educational work is to discover talent and lend to its development.

The educational movement also leads to the development of the family, to elevate the home, which is the great corner stone of our nation. It is going to protect us in the greatest social conflicts by placing the foreign element, so-called, in such a position that instead of being a menace to our country, it may become a blessing. In this elevating process our public schools will ever have the greatest influence.

The educational movement will finally overcome the clashing of the races in our country and lead to a more perfect brotherhood of man.

The speaker laid special emphasis on the ameliorating influence of education in the home.

He said he had traveled about some and he finds this condition very largely on the increase.

"All this," he said, "makes me

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