

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER VACATION FRIDAY

PROGRAM FOR EXERCISES COMPLETED

A List of the Graduating Classes from the High School and Ward Schools.

VACATION TERM BEGINS SATURDAY

High School Graduating Exercises at El Paso Opera House Friday Evening.

This is the last week of school. The graduates of the high school and the eighth grade in the ward schools will be turned loose with their diplomas on Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday the annual vacation will begin.

The graduating exercises of the high school will be held Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

The exercises of the eighth grade pupils of San Jacinto are being held Monday afternoon, while those of Lamar and Mesa, eighth grades will be held Wednesday afternoon.

The senior class at the high school this year is composed of the following pupils:
Violet Aitken, Dave Mulcahy, Kate Krause, Louise Sanburn, Frances Mayfield, Ruth Critchett, Harry Glien, Julius Hawkins, Shirley Marston, Louis Heep, Ivander McIlber, Henry Grady, Wilma Elliott, Helen Roberts, Mona Frank, Ignatius Berrien, Lillie Reed, Louis Blume, Maubry Henning.

High School Program.
The program for the commencement exercises of the high school at the El Paso theater, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, follows:
Invocation, Rev. C. L. Overstreet.
High school chorus—"The Volunteers" (Metra).
Saturday, Louis Blume.
High school chorus—"The Soldier's Dream" (Rodney).
Class Prophecy, Ignatius Berrien.
Night school chorus—"Queen of the Night" (Pinsate). With obligato by Mrs. L. T. Moore.
"Over the Tea Cups" Misses Louise Sanburn, Mona Frank, and Ruth Critchett.
Umbrella Drill—By 12 high school girls.

Part II.
Song—Captain Kidd, (Forman). By 12 high school boys.
Class Oration—"The Land of Make-Believe" David Mulcahy.
Solo (selected). Miss Pauline Sprinz.
Class Poem, Miss Kate Krause.
High school chorus—Estudiosa (Lacome).
Valedictory, Miss Violet Aitken.
Presentation of diplomas, H. A. Carpenter, president of the school board.

The eighth grade closing exercises for Lamar school will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Lamar auditorium. Following is the program:
Piano solo—March from Tannhauser, Blanche Gaul.
Declamation—"The Union" John House.
Chorus—"The Strollers" (Forman).
Eighth grades. Resolved, that public service corporations should be controlled by the public for the public benefit. Affirmative, Clair Ruby, Curtis Williams; negative, Shelby Shive, Harold Deweller.
Piano Duet—Beautiful Star of Heaven, Mignon Cannon and Hildegarde Howell.
Address, Rev. P. J. Rice.
Vocal Solo—Dream of Paradise, Dorothy Congdon.
Chorus—Toyland (Herbert). Eighth grades.
The eighth grade pupils will have a

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BLOODY FRAY OVER ITALIAN BALL GAME

Tecoma, Wash., May 16.—One man will die, another seriously wounded and four others are fugitives from justice as a result of a gun and razor fight among six Italians in the street here yesterday. They quarreled over a baseball game.

Antonio Passessa was riddled with buckshot from a gun in the hands of Vito Bertucci, the aged father of Naldi Bertucci, who had been attacked by Passessa with a razor.

Young Bertucci has a six-inch razor slash just over the heart and is very weak from loss of blood.

WAR BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR SURE

Lima, Peru, May 16.—War between Peru and Ecuador is apparently near at hand.

A government transport carrying a regiment of artillery, hospital corps, men and a big cargo of ammunition and other war supplies, sailed today for Tumbes, a port on the northwest coast of Peru, not far from the northern boundary.

Official advices from Ayacucho just south of the Ecuadorian frontier, say the troops of Ecuador can be seen approaching.

GET UP EARLY AND SEE THE COMET!

Tuesday Is Last Chance to See the Old Boy in All His Brilliant Glory.

SUN MAY CRIPPLE MR. COMET'S BEAUTY

Wednesday during a good part of the day the earth will be passing through the tail of the comet. It is not probable that anybody will know it unless the fact is called to his attention. This is not the first time that the earth has passed through a comet. In 1861 the earth passed through the head of a comet and in 1881 the earth passed through the tail of another. Nobody knew it at the time, but it was discovered afterwards by the astronomers. In the case of Halley's comet, the computations have been so exact that the astronomers can tell exactly the hour of each occurrence.

It is probable that the observers of Sunday and Monday morning saw the last of the comet in its grandest manifestation. It is possible a good view may be had Tuesday morning, but the comet is now getting so near the sun that the period of brightness is very short. It will pay, however, for every one to be on watch Tuesday morning between 3:30 and 4:30, for the display may be magnificent beyond the experience of any person in this generation. Sunday morning the tail of the comet looked like the ray of an immense searchlight and stretched half way across the sky.

Travels Rapidly.
People do not seem to have realized that the comet was coming toward us at a tremendous rate and that every day has meant a great change in its size and brilliancy of the comet. Those who saw it even three or four days ago would have been surprised if they had looked again Sunday morning or this morning at the enormous increase in size. The length of the comet's tail is now variously estimated at from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 miles. It has been steadily lengthening as the comet neared the sun. The head of the comet appears to flash and boil and the display in the early morning just before dawn with the comet and the morning star in close proximity has been grand beyond description.

The material that makes up the comet, notwithstanding the apparent tremendous mass as it hangs in the sky, is so rarified according to the scientists that it has been said that if the material of the comet were condensed to the density of ordinary matter, the whole blooming thing could be carried around in a silk hat.

Sun May Melt Its Tail.
After Wednesday the comet will appear in the evening sky just after sunset, and it will be visible for several weeks, though steadily diminishing in size until it vanishes. It is very doubtful, however, whether the spectacle presented by the comet will be anything to compare with what it has been the last few days. Every comet that ever passed so near the sun has been greatly affected in appearance after the encounter. Many of the most brilliant comets of history have lost their tail entirely upon passing around the sun or they have been so greatly diminished in brilliancy and size as to render them comparatively inconspicuous. Those late risers who are depending on the reappearance of the comet in the evening to satisfy their curiosity are likely to get very badly left, for the comet may emerge completely changed and with its gorgeous appearance badly marred.

Better get up at 2 or 3:30 Tuesday morning, anyhow, and watch for the old boy. There is not a man or woman now living who will be here when the great comet comes back again in 1955.

WELL DRILLERS LEASE CAMP CITY FIELD

Mayos Will Sink Well 2000 Feet—Association Directors Meet.

SEER PREDICTS OIL FIND AT CAMP CITY

Camp City, N. M., May 16.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Sacramento Deep Well association held at Alamogordo Saturday, the 40 acres at Camp City, upon which the present well was drilled, was leased by J. L. Mayo on the following terms:

The well is to be sunk to a depth of 2000 feet if necessary to bring in oil or water, drilling to commence within 30 days; if oil is brought in, the association is to receive one-eighth of the output from all producing wells, delivered to the company's storage tanks free of charge; if water is brought in the association is to have the well and 10 acres of land and Mr. Mayo is to receive 30 acres.

In an interview E. A. Mayo, an attorney representing his father, said: "We have asked no person or corporation to spend one cent on this proposition on our recommendation, and you ask why we are willing to take a chance in drilling another well and only receive 40 acres of land. If successful we put down the first well and are backing our judgment at our own expense." He also said that if they had gone down 100 feet further, he is confident they would have brought in a "gusher." As every company that is negotiating for putting down wells is demanding leases on from 1000 to 5000 acres of land, an idea can be formed as to the confidence placed in this field by the Mayos.

Mayo Forms Company.
A company formed by E. A. Mayo, Geo. Warnock and others with a capital stock of \$500,000 for the purpose of buying, selling, leasing and otherwise exploiting the Camp City field, has articles of incorporation ready for filing and will begin operations at an early date. This company is composed of the men who worked all night and staked 400 acres of land surrounding the well. The office is at Alamogordo.

Mr. Mayo has not stated where he will put down the new well, but the position is that it will be within a few feet of the other well.

Oil Companies Interested.
Inquiries are coming in daily from the United States and Mexico from companies who are anxious to take leases and bring in rigs; four leases have already been made and promoters are taking options on land for two more companies, who will give bond to commence operations immediately.

Fortune Teller Consulted.
Alamogordo and Camp City oil magnates are interested in the prophecies of a Madam Reno, who is coming money here. "She has predicted that a gusher will be brought in at the Camp City field. At the meeting of stockholders of the Sacramento Deep Well association, several consulted the woman. One time a well was put down 1000 feet about two miles west of Alamogordo and it is rumored that a company has been formed to take this well and sink it deeper in the hope of bringing in oil.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND MINERS RESUME WORK.
Des Moines, Iowa, May 16.—Seventeen thousand Iowa miners resumed work this morning after a suspension for more than six weeks.

As a result of concessions granted the miners, the operators have advanced the price of all coal mined in the thirtieth Iowa district 2 cents a ton.

TRAIENMEN SETTLE WAGES BY ARBITRATION.
New York, May 16.—Trainmen and conductors on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad and the Michigan Central railroad, have been granted wage increases identical with the Baltimore and Ohio award, by arbitrators P. H. Morrissey and E. E. Clark.

B. C. HYDE GIVEN LIFE PENALTY

Dr. Hyde, Convicted Of Murdering His Wife's Father, and His Wife



DR. AND MRS. B. C. HYDE ENTERING CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, KANSAS CITY, MO.

"RING" SAID TO BE SPLIT

Maybe Harper will Go With Hall—Waterworks and City Politics.

BOOTH MAY BE SLATED FOR AX

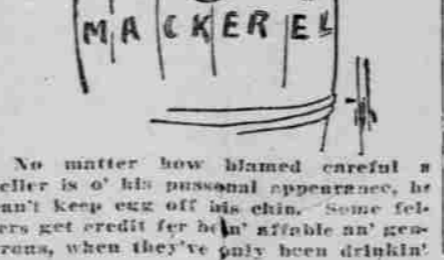
Perhaps the force of the gases from the comet is being felt in El Paso political circles, for there is a feeling of unrest even among the most faithful of the "ring," who are said to be engaged in a secret strife which rages ill for some of the braves of the camp. At the recent school board election of John Harper, though he opposed all other members of the "good schools" ticket, Hall and his friends all voted for Harper, and it is believed that this support may help him considerably in his fight against Edwards in the coming primaries.

For years Hall and the Harpers have been strong allies, and it is not thought possible that the brothers three, who hold county offices will forsake him in his hour of need. No open declarations have been made by the Harper family, but Jim Harper, one of the sachems of the political tribe, was not present when Peyton J. Edwards was decided upon as the "ring" candidate for the shrievalty.

Hall is strong with the church people, and, though men do not vote as they worship, the present sheriff expects to poll a large vote among the better class of El Pasoans. Furthermore, he is a cattleman and will receive the support of the country folk. While strong himself with the church people, it is said that he is intimate through his deputies and friends, with the saloon men and, through the political influence of deputy sheriff Greet and Dan Jackson, will be able to control a big negro vote. He has friends enough among the Mexican population to control a large number of these voters, and the "ring" may get a black eye before the Democratic primaries are over.

Frank Alderete Strong.
Frank Alderete has openly declared himself in favor of Edwards, and, con-

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CREEL'S BANK LOSES MUST PAY HOUSTONIANS \$40,000 TEXAS COURT FIGHT

In the 41st district court Saturday, Judge A. M. Walthall granted Harry Masterson and J. O. Ross, of Houston, Tex., \$40,000 and interest, in their suit to recover from the Banco Minero of Chihuahua.

It was charged by the plaintiffs that Alberto Terraza, son of Luis Terraza, former governor of the state of Chihuahua and a brother-in-law of Enrique C. Creel, former ambassador to the United States and at present minister of foreign relations for Mexico, had agreed to sell the plaintiffs 120,000 acres in the district of Ex Canton Abasco, Chihuahua; that land shown them did not prove to be the land they had purchased; that they deposited \$40,000 earnest money with the Banco Minero and declined to pay this over; that Creel sued them in the Mexican courts, secured judgment for the earnest money and collected.

It was shown in the testimony that the bank at first refused to pay the money to Terraza, but it was threatened that a guard of rurales would be sent to the bank to take the money from the vault, after which it was paid to Terraza. Creel is president of the bank. The bank maintained that it was not a party to the fraud, if any had been practiced, but Judge Walthall held that the action of the Mexican courts could not be given any higher credence in our courts than those of a sister state, and if the court had erred it should be so ordered.

The case will probably be taken to the higher courts, and the question to be decided upon will be what construction American courts place upon the judgments in Mexico.

BALLINGER FIRES STILL ANOTHER

The Stenographer Who Told About President's Letter Dismissed.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—Frederick M. Kerby, stenographer in the office of the secretary of the interior, who Saturday issued a statement regarding the Lawler memorandum on the Glavis charges to the president, was discharged from the government service by secretary Ballinger today.

The secretary's letter of dismissal had a sting in it. The secretary told Kerby he was "unworthy to remain in the service. The fact that your treachery," said the secretary, "is futile, cannot mitigate the character of your offense."

TAFT WRITES ABOUT HIS BALLINGER LETTER.
Says He Did Not Use Much of the Letter Written in Ballinger's Office That

Back-Dating.
Washington, D. C., May 16.—President Taft in person took a hand in the situation concerning the "inside history" of his letter of September 13 exonerating secretary Ballinger from the charges of L. A. Glavis and authorizing the dismissal of Glavis.

Over his own signature he addressed a long letter to senator Knute Nelson, chairman of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, setting forth in minute detail the sequence of events following his receipt at Beverly on August 18 of the charges of Glavis.

The president makes no direct mention of the statement of Frederick M. Kerby, the young stenographer in secretary Ballinger's office, in which the stenographer declared the president's letter of exoneration was prepared in Ballinger's office by Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general of the interior department.

The utterances of Mr. Taft were obviously provoked by Kerby's statement. Mr. Taft declares Lawler did prepare such a letter as Kerby said, but that he did so by the president's specific direction. When he received it, he found, he says, that it was not what he wanted to issue, and he wrote the letter himself in the form in which he desired it, using from Lawler's draft only one or two general statements.

The president goes still further and takes up the question of the "back dating" of attorney general Wickesham's summary of the Glavis charges to which attorney Louis D. Brandeis has drawn attention. Mr. Taft says the attorney general's letter was in fact "back dated" and that this also was done by his specific direction.

ROOSEVELT IS NOW IN LONDON

Arrives as American Representative for King's Funeral.

London, Eng., May 16.—Theodore Roosevelt, special American ambassador to the funeral of king Edward VII, arrived in London this morning and was received by king George at Marlborough house, and later visited the throne room in Buckingham palace, where the body of the late monarch was lying privately in state.

The entrance to that city of the distinguished American was a quiet one and in marked contrast to his appearance at other European capitals and with what it would have been here but for the death of the British ruler.

In the course of the forenoon Mr. Roosevelt called on duke and duchess of Connaught. The duke is the brother of the late king Edward.

Borne on the shoulders of eight tall grenadier sergeants, the body of king Edward in his coffin, will be carried from the throne room of Buckingham palace Tuesday to a waiting caisson and in gorgeous pomp will then be transferred to Westminster hall for the last public view of the dead monarch.

Only members of the royal household, the diplomatic corps, and intimate friends of the late sovereign are admitted to the throne room.

The royal coffin was temporarily

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MAY SNOWSTORM COVERS THE WEST

Denver, Colo., May 16.—The eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, from Montana and northern Wyoming well down into Colorado, is under the mantle of a midday snow storm today.

In northern Wyoming the temperature is 28 to 30 above.

In the Colorado mountains the snowfall in some sections is exceptionally heavy. Corona reported 12 to 15 inches. An inch or more fell in Denver.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER BY JURY

Kansas City Doctor Convicted of Murdering His Father-in-law For Money.

JUDGE SENDS HIM BACK TO PRISON

Orders That He Receive No Favors, But Be Treated Like Other Prisoners.

Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—Dr. B. C. Hyde was found guilty at 10:25 this morning of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope and his punishment was fixed at life imprisonment.

"Oh, Clarke," cried Mrs. Hyde when the verdict was read by Judge Latahaw. She threw her arms around her husband's neck and wept silently. Then she patted him on the cheek.

Dr. Hyde sat pale and motionless. He looked firmly at Judge Latahaw while the verdict was being read. As the words "imprisonment in the state penitentiary during his natural life" were pronounced, the doctor's eyes turned to the floor.

"Don't worry, dearie," said his wife, as she clasped him in her arms. Mrs. E. N. Hopkins and Mrs. Laura Hyde, sisters of the physician, were much distressed, but tried to comfort Mrs. Hyde.

"I haven't lost hope," declared Dr. Hyde. Within 10 minutes after the verdict was returned, the physician was on the way to his cell. Mrs. Hyde was extremely weak and remained in the court room for some time.

The physician will be sentenced in open court Thursday or Friday. The law allows the defense four days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

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