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THE REFORM SCHOOL.

"Not a Prison, but a Home for Boys," Says Superintendent Mirick of Golden.

Superintendent Frank G. Mirick, of the State Industrial School at Golden, was a visitor to the city yesterday, arriving on No. 3 and leaving on No. 6 last night. Mr. Mirick came to take back to the school Albert Vaught, who has been out on parole, but who violated the conditions of his release and had to be placed in the school again and under the direct supervision of the management.

A Sentinel representative had the privilege of an interview with Mr. Mirick during his stay in this city and learned several things about the reform school which made it appear in a much better light than heretofore. In part Mr. Mirick said:

"A great many people have a wrong impression of the State Industrial School; they too often associate prison stripes and bread and water with their thoughts of the young boys who are sent to the institution. That is all stuff. There is nothing but the very best influences brought to bear upon the boys who are placed there. The institution is more like a boarding school than anything I can think of just now with which to compare it. The inmates are all taught to do something, and they have the privilege of choosing the trade which they wish to learn. The branches taught are shoemaking, printing, tailoring, steam laundrying, baking, cooking, mechanics, blacksmithing, painting, carpentering, electrical work and manual training. They are also taught vocal and instrumental music.

"Just enough military discipline is injected into the training to give a manly bearing to the boys and not enough to make them feel that they are being drilled day after day. The time for which a boy may be committed to the school depends upon his age and the offenses for which he is sent up. For crimes against the laws of the state they may be sent from 10 to 16 years of age and remain until they are 21. For lesser offenses, such as truancy, they may be sent between the ages of 8 and 14, and remain until they are 16.

"An opportunity is given everyone of them to gain his own release by the merit and demerit system. At the expiration of 14 months, which is the minimum, if a boy has sufficient good standing he may be released on parole, subject to return at any time if the conditions of his parole are violated. They are obliged to report once every month to the superintendent of the school, on blanks furnished for that purpose. It was because this young Vaught did not remain faithful to his agreement, that I am obliged to take him back."

Besides the instructions along business lines, Mr. Mirick said that there was a regularly conducted school, graded as far as the eighth grade, to which the boys are obliged to go, alternating each day with the department work which they are taking.

When asked about the young boys from this city who have been sent to the school, of whom there are five, Mr. Mirick said they were getting along nicely, and that not one of them had given any particular trouble. There are at present 210 boys at the school and about 75 out on parole. Altogether the school does for them what their parents have failed to do, and the young men are frequently much better off than many boys who are raised without the training which is compulsory at such an institution.

There is a band of 20 pieces at the school, in which Joe Johnson, sent from this city, plays snare drum.

About the Weather.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 66 degrees.

The minimum this morning was 34 degrees.

The forecast for this section is: Snow this afternoon and tonight; decidedly colder tonight; fair Sunday.

Not a thing in the world that can be done for the pleasure of their guests is being left undone by the Redmen in the preparation for their grand annual masquerade ball, which takes place at the Park opera house on the night of Dec. 13th. The guests of that order need not fear that they will lack anything in the way of amusement, for the committee is working unceasingly to make the affair a success.

Lecture on Armenian Massacre.

M. H. Alexander, the native Armenian who is making this city his home, will deliver a lecture Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. on "The Causes of the Massacre of Armenian." This lecture has been carefully prepared by Mr. Alexander and a large audience should greet him. The crimes perpetrated upon the Christian Armenians by the Turks are more brutal than any Indian massacre that ever occurred on American soil and as Mr. Alexander was an eye witness his portrayal will be realistic. The public is cordially invited to the Presbyterian church on the above evening to hear this entirely new lecture on a subject which has shocked the civilized world.

Enjoyable Session.

The Women of Woodcraft met in regular session last night at the Odd Fellows hall. After the routine of business was concluded, the ladies were given notice that they were all expected to participate in the entertainment which had been provided by the committee.

One half dozen hard boiled eggs were then placed in a row on the floor and as many ladies were given table spoons and instructed that they were all to start at a signal and run across the hall, dipping the egg up in the spoon, using only one hand, and returning to their starting place, deposit their egg on a table, the one making the best time being entitled to the prize.

About 50 ladies participated in the fun, Mrs. Lillie Poage winning the favor by about ten seconds over Mrs. Bonnell.

During the evening the ladies were treated to a five-pound box of delicious bonbons, which was sent to the lodge by F. F. Liddell of the Red Cross pharmacy, and for which the circle extended him a unanimous vote of thanks.

Refreshments were served by the committee in charge of the entertainment, and a splendid time is reported by all who attended.

Celebrates Eighteenth Birthday.

There are events in the lives of all women, which are of more or less consequence and which have an influence upon their future for good or evil. One of the most important of these events, is the celebration of the eighteenth birthday. Upon that date she becomes her own mistress, and is not a child any longer. It is so dear to the girl just budding into young womanhood, to know that she is eighteen at last. Eighteen! Oh how bright the future looks through the veil of eighteen years' experience; how happy the heart which throbs with only the hope of a long, prosperous life; everything pleasant, nothing sad, is the vision which the girl of eighteen sees spread before her.

It was in honor of this important event in the life of Miss Pearl Shores that her sister, Mrs. F. I. Lee, invited about 25 young people to the Lee home on Ouray to celebrate with the family last night.

The guests assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lee and then the message was sent to Miss Shores requesting her presence. That young lady's surprise was complete, as she was totally ignorant of the planning for the party.

There was a delightful musical program, followed by progressive croquet. The prizes were captured by Misses Pearl Smith 1st, Florence Mayo 2d, of the ladies and John McGuire 1st and Geo. Hampton 2d of the gentlemen.

Refreshments were served and the numerous guests enjoyed the evening almost as much as Miss Shores herself. It was certainly an impressive birthday and was a start on the bright road which girls have before them at that age, which will be a pleasant recollection for her when she has reached the age where life is not all dreaming, but where stern reality confronts the woman, with sorrow and care strewn along the path which she has trodden. Miss Shores received many handsome and useful presents, and the hearty wishes of all that her life might be the realization of her brightest hopes, and that naught of care or trouble should dim the recollection of her eighteenth birthday. The invited guests were:

Misses Bessie Wagner, Pearl Smith, Florence Mayo, Alice Chester, Lulu Sanderson, Ada Gourley, May Gourley, Pearl Roth, Pearl Osborn, Ruth Byers, Ethel Perce, Mary Miller, Josephine Shields and Messrs. John McGuire, Wilbur Huletts, Ralph Rice, Lee and Geo. Hampton, Frank Moore, Rodney Jay, Willis Smith, Walter Jones and Ellsworth Beatty.

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