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COMMENCEMENT.

The Normal School Graduates a Class of 208.

The Largest in The History Of The Institution. The Exercises Largely Attended.

PRIZE DEBATE.
On Saturday evening the Annual Prize Debate between the Literary Societies, opened the Commencement program at the Normal.

The opening number on the program was a selection by the Orchestra which has so often delighted us, and which is this year by no means inferior to previous years.

The contest was between the Philological Society and Webster Debating Club.

The affirmative of the question, "Resolved: That the United States Should Recognize the Independence of the Philippine Islands," was ably upheld by Mr. J. H. Oliver, Philo; G. Elmer Wilbur, Philo; Lawrence C. Moore, W. D. C., the negative by Miss Eredrica Bogart, W. D. C., and J. Grant Kehler, Philo.

Mr. Wilbur carried off the first prize of \$15 in gold; Mr. Oliver, the second of \$10 in gold, and Mr. Kehler the third of \$5 in gold. Thus, as will be seen, the Affirmative won the decision.

The contestants showed themselves well equipped both for argument and rebuttal. The orchestra very pleasantly filled in the time while the judges were making their decision.

The judges, of whom each society selected one and the Normal Faculty one, were W. A. Turnbach, Asst. Prin. Hazleton; Raymond Wilson, Prin. Danville, and Dr. Martin of Orangeville.

SUNDAY.—On Sunday afternoon a large number gathered in the Normal Auditorium to listen to the Baccalaureate sermon delivered to the class of 1900. After a hymn by the audience Dr. Frysinger, of the Methodist church of Bloomsburg, offered prayer.

Dr. John Goucher, president of the Woman's College, of Baltimore, was introduced and read as a Scripture lesson, The Parable of the Talents, from which he took the text of his address, Matt. 25th chapter, 27th verse, "Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming should have received back mine own with interest."

The Doctor delivered a very able and inspiring discourse centered around several main points as God's unchangeableness, His omniscience, His love and care for the individual and the expectation of love and work for him in return. In the midst of the address he said, "If you forget all else I may say, remember: this one sentence, 'The world was so created and is so administered that it is impossible for any one to minister to another without having the greatest blessing come to himself.'"

The speaker in closing, addressed the class a few minutes, giving them words of inspiration and advice which if accepted by all would indeed produce many who will "have put my money to the bankers."

FIELD SPORTS.
MONDAY.—A large crowd witnessed the field sports on the athletic field Monday at 9:30 a. m.

The events were started by the pole vault, in which Templeton took first at 8 feet, Moyer second at 7 ft. 9 in., Fredrikson third at 7 ft. 6 in.

In the high jump, Fredrikson took first at 4 ft. 10 in. Moyer and Pickering were tied for second place, the latter finally securing it at 4 ft. 8 in.

In the 100 yard dash Williams, our favorite pitcher, won out for first place in 11 4-5 seconds; McCollum and Fredrikson securing second and third respectively.

The running broad jump was taken by Rouemus by clearing 17 ft. 3 1/2 in., second place by Bower by 16 ft. 8 in., third by Fredrikson by 16 ft. 7 1/2 in.

Williams won first in the 220 yard dash quite easily in 25 3-5 seconds. Templeton took the Shot Put by putting it 31 feet 8 1/2 inches. Confer and Fredrikson were tied for second at 31 feet 7 inches. Confer pulled up finely and sent the sphere 32 feet 2 inches, thus securing second.

At the finish of the Mile Run only two men were in it. The ease with which the run was taken by Fourl may be seen from the time—5 minutes 50-2-5 seconds. Klingaman coming in second.

The officers of the day were Judges, Field events; W. B. Sutliff, L. B. Sec-

ley, S. J. Dennis. Track events; W. H. Detwiler, J. H. Dennis, D. S. Hartline.

Timers C. B. Lutz, W. H. Housel, Dr. A. Graydon.

Clerk of the Course, T. C. Hayes. Announcer Scorer, L. C. Moore. Marshal, C. D. Breon.

Starter, A. K. Aldinger.

The sports did not show the vim and snap of some former ones.

THE JUNIOR DRAMA.
Monday was "Junior Day," all day the Junior banner floated from the large flag pole on the Athletic field.

The characters of the drama, "Esmeralda," a play in four acts, were:

CHARACTERS.
Old Man Rogers, A North Carolina Farmer Robert B. Leighou.
Lydia Ann Rogers, His Wife Helen J. Young.

Esmeralda, His Daughter Arlene Millette.
Dave Hardy, A Young North Carolinian Clarence J. Davis.

Estabrook, A Man of Leisure Kolin A. Romemus.
Nora Desmond, An American Artist in Paris Anna Kasdrupp.

Marquis de Montessin, A French Adventurer Charles W. Fourl.
George Drew, An American Speculator William A. Sherman.

Maid, Maj O'Donnell.
Act I.—Room in Roger's house, North Carolina. Rough interior. Drew appears at door, looks in, then enters.

Act II.—A studio in Paris. Mora discovered in quaint costume painting.
Act III.—A room in Roger's house in Paris during a ball. "Old Man" and Marquis discovered.

Act IV.—Studio. Nora, Dave and Estabrook discovered. Nora dashing off note at table.

B. S. N. S. ORCHESTRA.
Overture, Ernani, Verdi.
Maquette Waltzes, from Faust, Gounod.
Selections from "Jocinta", Tobbani.
Intermezzo, from "Cavalleria Rusticana", Mascagni.

We can hardly give any one special mention, as each exhibited the characteristics and traits best suited to the part enacted. The young people merit congratulations, but we must reserve some for the one who used time, patience and tact in training them so thoroughly.

Music by the orchestra interspersed during the evening, added greatly to the pleasure of the event.

TUESDAY.
Tuesday afternoon was taken up by the reunion of class of '98. Address of Welcome, Dr. Welsh. Response by President, Mr. Watkin Williams.

Oration, Eugene Brennan. Piano Solo, Elsie Hicks. Class History, Miss Shepherd. Recitation, Miss Hanke.

Mr. Brennan's oration deserves note, as being of special excellence in material and in manner of delivery.

The class passed the following resolutions: WHEREAS, We, the class of 1898 have met for our first reunion on June 28th, 1900, and have learned of the death of our beloved classmate Mabel Bevan, and

WHEREAS, We feel in her death the loss of one who was ever a most genial companion, devoted friend, and whose christian character was a constant inspiration to those about her, be it

Resolved, 1. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved friends and relatives.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and that they be printed in the papers of her home.

CLARA SWANK,
NORA HANKEE,
MAUDE GILES,
RACHEL CORCORAN,
Committee.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES, 1900.

A packed house greeted the class of 1900 as they marched in to their places in the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, led by their president, Miss Lottie Burgess, and the secretary, Mr. Clay Whitmoyer. Then followed the largest class ever graduated in the history of the Normal; also of any Normal School in the state. As the class took their seats those members who had been chosen to the various parts on the program marched on the platform. The president announced that the program would begin. The following program was rendered and as a whole was of high order, both musical and literary numbers.

PROGRAM.
Overture from "Der Freischutz".....Weber (Arranged for eight hands.)
Piano Primo.....Piano Secondo,
Mr. Glenmore Snyder, Miss Verna Carpenter
Miss Edith Alexander, Miss Mattie Lueder,
President's Address.....Miss Lottie Burgess
Class History.....Miss Anna Johnson
"Hearts Light as Air" (trio).....Wekerlin
Misses Harvey, Thompson, Hughes.
Prophecy.....Miss Blanche Conner
Class Will.....Mr. J. H. Oliver
Oration.....Mr. T. H. Edwards
"Beneath the Summer Skies".....Geibel
Miss Blanche Letson.

Class Memorial.....Mr. Raymond B. Tobias
Class Presentations.....Miss Mary O. Hughes
"Clear Up Those Lovely Eyes".....Rossini
(From Semiramide)
Ode to the Senior Girls,
Solo, Miss Florence Stump.

The President's Address was very pleasing, delivered in Miss Burger's naturally pleasing manner.

The Class Historian depicted the class as crew of the Normalia with Dr. Welsh as captain and the faculty as officers, embarking from fort Senocatta en route to Graduatia. Sailing on the boundless sea of knowledge.

Near end of voyage the crew was examined by a board of examiners from other crafts on this sea, as to their fitness to manage smaller crafts.

Miss Connor foretold the future of the class in a very unique manner, having found some dry leaves, which she had with her, in a very dark corner of the cave of the ancient Sibyl. She interpreted the strange characters on these leaves vividly with a foresight granted her by the Sibyl herself.

In the Class Will, Mr. Oliver paid a very touching tribute to "Our Dear Professor," Wm. Noetling, expressing the love and reverence in which the veteran teacher is held by all.

Mr. Edwards very clearly traced the progress of humanity in a well rendered oration.

Mr. Raymond Tobias in presenting the Class Memorial pictured eloquently the life of "Honest Abe" as typical of the true success of a person hindered by poverty striving for an education.

The speaker charmed all by his style of speech and manner of delivery. We shall expect to hear more of Mr. Tobias' oratory in the future.

Class Souvenirs were presented so as to elicit much merriment from all as Miss Hughes described the peculiarities of the several members of the class.

Of the music Miss Setson's Solo was especially fine. With congratulations and best wishes for all success we bid the class of 1900 adieu.

WEDNESDAY.
On Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock the thirty-first Annual Commencement exercises were opened by prayer offered by Rev. W. M. Frysinger of Bloomsburg.

The complete program is printed herewith:

PROGRAM.
Prayer.....By Rev. W. M. Frysinger
Overture.....Raymond.....Thomas
B. S. N. S. Orchestra.
Commencement Address, by Prof. James M. Coughlin, City Supt. Public Schools, "Wilkes-Barre, Subject, "What is Our Inheritance."
Vainka's Song.....Von Stuzman
Miss Bowman.
Presentation of certificates to graduates in the Regular Normal Course.
Presentation of certificates to graduates in Teacher's Elementary Course.
Presentation of State Certificates to Public School Teachers.
Spinning Song, from Flying Dutchman.....Wagner Liszt
Miss Pontius.

Conferring of Masters' Degrees.
Presenting diplomas to College Preparatory Graduates and Graduates in Music.
Air De Ballet.....DeBeriot
Mr. Breon.
Torture Scene—from Trovatore.....Verdi
Signorina Ravi, Miss Cope and Chorus.
(Director, Miss Bowman.)
Benediction, by Rev. J. W. Benz.

Prof. Coughlin said: It is a great privilege, indeed, to be an American citizen, but that is not the inheritance I am to talk about this morning.

He then, taking education as the rightful inheritance of every child, delivered a very telling address in a forceful and interesting manner. We have not the space for a complete report but a sentence near the close expresses much of the general thought.

This was spoken by the Czar of all the Russias to his chief courtiers, "The American is a king, he may at any time be called to rule over a great people, while you must always serve your sovereign."

The orchestra pleased us as ever on this occasion.

The numbers by Miss Bowman and Miss Pontius were delightful to hear. The last number was pronounced by all as fine music. It surely was a treat.

The Alumni Association assembled at 12:30 for business and then retired to the banquet hall, where they enjoyed a fine feast and excellent toasts.

John Garman, Esq., acted as toast master, introducing each speaker in a witty and inimitable manner. Prof. Noetling, among others, was called upon for a farewell address and e'cited hearty applause. Principal Dr. Welsh closed the toast making.

The assembly separated feeling that the 31st annual commencement was the best ever held at the Normal.

Another feature of Commencement time which we must mention here, is the fine exhibitions in several departments, all of which, even to the casual observer, are indicative of a good

healthy growth. Bloomsburg can well be proud that she has a school in her midst managed by so progressive a faculty.

EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT.

We, the undersigned merchants of the town of Bloomsburg, agree to close our respective places of business every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening of each week at 6 o'clock, except when an evening falls upon the 15th of the month, when we shall be allowed the privilege of remaining open. To take effect July 5, and continuing until August 31, 1900.

J. W. Hartman & Son, Bloomsburg Store Co., A. McHenry, Manager; S. K. Bidleman, H. G. Supplee, B. A. Gidding, F. D. Dentler, Jno. R. Townsend, F. M. Keiner, F. P. Pursel, W. C. McKinney, H. E. Wasley, M. A. Watson, A. A. Cox, J. F. Tooley & Co., L. T. Sharpless Co. Ltd., M. A. German, Minnie James, W. H. Moore, C. A. Kitchen, Frank P. Eyer, C. R. Stecker, J. G. Wells, Louis Gross, R. R. Hartman, A. J. George, William Fox, H. J. Clark & Son, W. H. Brower, Miffin & Terwilliger, C. W. Runyon, J. R. Schuyler, D. Lowenberg Clothing Store, J. K. Pensyl, D. P. Unger, Leader Store Co. Ltd., John F. Hilday, C. H. Sharpless, J. D. Armstrong, Thomas Hickey, C. L. Cronin.

AN EAST THIRD STREET WEDDING.

A wedding, the circumstances of which are of a rather paradoxical nature, took place on East Third St., this town, Sunday evening at nine o'clock. The principals in the contract were Miss Erma, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Laubach; and Arthur Henry Stewart, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. The ceremony was performed by Rev. David Kirkby of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and was witnessed by only the parents and one or two other relatives of the bride.

Uncle Sam's mail appears to have played a prominent part in the union. He proposed and she accepted all by letter. An engagement had existed between the two for more than six months, although the bride's parents knew nothing of it. When the groom appeared here Saturday and they were made familiar with the facts, they had little to do but to consent, which they did and the wedding followed.

Mr. Stewart departed for Phillipsburg Tuesday afternoon to superintend the erection of a home. Upon its completion his bride will join him and they will reside there in the future.

IKELER—BEISHLINE.

We clip the following from the Berwick Enterprise of Saturday:

"At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma McMichael, on Mulberry street, Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Fred Ikeler, Esq., of Bloomsburg, and Mrs. A. Laura Beishline were quietly married by Rev. Joseph Hunter, of the Presbyterian church.

After congratulations and a wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Ikeler took the 11:05 Pennsylvania train for a bridal tour, embracing New York, Boston, Saratoga and the Thousand Islands. Upon their return to Bloomsburg they will enter the fine residence given to Mr. Ikeler by his father, the late Judge Ikeler. Mr. Ikeler is one of the best lawyers practicing at the county seat, well grounded in the principles of jurisprudence and conducting with great success the many cases placed in his hands. In taking from Berwick Mrs. Beishline, he robs us of one of our fairest and most charming women."

A FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

Saturday afternoon, in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church in Norris-town, Miss Marianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson, of that city, was married to Lieutenant Francis Cranstone Boggs, of the Engineer Corps, United States Army, now stationed at Willets Point.

Miss Helen Polts, of Swedeland, was maid of honor, while Edward S. Boggs, a brother of the groom, was best man. There were no bridesmaids. The ushers were Lieutenant Lytle Brown, of the Engineer Corps, Willets Point; Lieutenant Clark S. Smith, Engineer Corps, Willets Point; Lieutenant George M. Hoffman, Engineer Corps, Washington, D. C. and Lieutenant Henry R. Newbold, Seventh Artillery, Willets Point. The groom and ushers were attired in full military uniform.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Boggs of this town. Since the marriage, he has been ordered to China.

FIFTY Men's Suits AT HALF PRICE.

OUR Cleanup Sale

To clean up our broken lots and sizes.

We also have lots of men's, boys' and children's suits. Come early, as the goods will not last very long.

This sale commenced Saturday, June 23d, and will continue until all the suits are closed out.

Ben. Gidding, Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

'TIS A LONG CRY to July 31st, when we take inventory. But it's coming, and at that time we want to feel ourselves poor in goods. Our rule is to move slow selling goods at any price. We won't wait until the last week in July to put the knife into the prices, but we start now, when the goods are reasonable. We mention a few things:

- Silks.**
Suitable for waists. Silk remnants, 20, 25, 40, 50 and 70c. Their value is just double this.
White dimity, reduced from 20c. to 12 1/2c, and from 15c. to 10c.
- Shirt Waists.**
Which were good value at 50c., now 25c., and others that were 35 and 50c., now 20c.
- Remnants**
Of Marseilles, to close, from 28c to 18c.
Barred Nainsook, reduced from 20 and 25c., to 10 and 15c.
- Shirt Waists.**
Of India linen, Pique and other reasonable stuffs, were \$1.00 and \$1.25. To close out the lot, 50c.
Shirt waists, which were \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, now \$1.25.

Bargains in Doylies & Crash Silks
We are closing out Richardson's wash silks at 3 1/2c. per skein. We are also closing out our stock of doylies. These are new goods, bought for this season, but as we have decided to discontinue selling this class of goods, the price will be just cut in half.

Grocery Department.
You certainly must like the goods we handle. The business in this department is steadily growing every month. We will serve you better, the more business we get from you.

Rugs, Rugs, Rugs, Rugs.
We have them from the small velvet rug, 18x30, to the carpet size, 12x15. No one can show you the line of these goods that we do. Consider what it means to give you a selection out of 40 rugs, and at all prices. We will give you a velvet rug, suitable for a porch rug, at \$1.10. \$1.50 would be a reasonable price for them. Our carpet stock is full. We keep it so. The newest designs and colorings are always seen on our floors. We will close out our matting at cost price.

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