

C. H. S. GRADUATION EXERCISES.

Held Tuesday Evening, in Grange Arcadia—Class of Three Members.

The incidents surrounding the graduation exercises of the class of '10, of the Centre Hall High School, made a bit of history vastly of more interest to the immediate participants than the people generally. To three young girls who composed the class, the exercises held Tuesday evening in Grange Arcadia, were of more than passing moment. To them it was a time looked forward to during the three years they were a part of the High School; they were inspired by the exercises of past commencements, and they in turn aroused the ambitious spirit of those in classes under them. To some these exercises may have seemed quite simple and commonplace, but how many with such thoughts could have produced anything at all of educational value on the stage when they "quit" the common schools. In comparison with other High Schools in Centre county, the local school is not lagging in its commencement exercises nor in general effectiveness from an educational standpoint—no, not by any means.

The Class '10 was small—there were but three, namely, Sarah M. Neff, Cora A. Luse, and Freda H. Bailey. When the class was promoted from the Grammar school there were four members, but a well kept mound in the cemetery hard by the school house marks the abode of one of their number—Rosie Krape. Indolence and lack of ambition was a factor unable to decimate the number, but death stilled a promising class mate.

The essays read by the graduates were of an exceptional high order. The thoughts in them were lofty and inspiring, and applied to present day conditions. To what extent plagiarism was practiced need not be stated, but it is safe to say that it was not to a greater degree than is the custom to permit such occasions in many pretentious institutions of learning.

The exercises were enlivened by music furnished by the Deitrich orchestra of six pieces, of Bellefonte, Prof. P. H. Meyer having had that part of the program in hands. The class, together with former graduates and members of the senior class, also sang. The stage was tastefully decorated, the back-ground being built up with spruce and on the front were potted plants and bouquets.

The principal, Prof. C. R. Neff, has to his credit another term of High School work that is altogether commendable, and the community is very fortunate to be able to have such an able educator at the head of its local schools and it will only appreciate him fully when the time comes that his place must be filled by another.

CLASS DAY.

The preliminaries to the graduation exercises were held Monday evening, and consisted of a short program of music and a play. The first number was a piano duet by Misses Bertha Strohmeier and Leila Huyett, both former graduates. Then followed a quartet, entitled "When Twilight Shadows Fall," by Messrs. William Kerlin, Harry Hubler, Floyd Snyder and Robert Meyer, who later on in the program sang two other selections. It was their first appearance in this role, and they did very well.

"An Economical Boomerang" was the title of the play given by the class, assisted by three others—Robert Meyer, Ralph Bitner and Calvin Smith. The play presented the economical idea of a husband, who to save expense insisted on his wife doing the family sewing, and she in turn persuaded him to take the place of a model. It was while the husband was acting this part that he was humiliated and his economic spirit took the form of a boomerang. The parts were well performed considering the very limited training received.

LOCALS.

Portland cement and crushed stone—Long's.

A car load of egg crates was received by C. D. Bartholomew.

Considerable corn was planted the latter part of last week. Probably one-fifth of the crop in Penns Valley is planted.

Application was filed for transfer of the liquor license of the Potter House, Phillipsburg, from C. M. Waple to Harry Waple. The former will take charge of the Ward House, Tyrone.

Mingle and Boezer completed the concrete work for L. L. Smith, and are now laying walks for G. H. Emerick. B. D. Bribbin also contemplates the construction of a concrete walk in front of his residence.

There are now something like three thousand little chickens on the Kerlin poultry farm in Centre Hall. Preparations are being made to keep about that many hens during the coming winter, and of course, this will require the hatching of many more chicks to allow for losses and male birds.

With a view of being safe, no matter what the courts may decide as to the length of time Charles E. Wright may serve under his appointment as the successor to state treasurer-elect Stober, the Democratic convention will place in nomination a candidate for state treasurer when it meets in Allentown.

SUPPRESSED.

A Story That Won a Prize and Yet Was Never Published.

A number of years ago a series of prizes for the best detective story was offered by a certain well known western newspaper, and the late F. R. Burton, in collaboration with a fellow craftsman, entered the competition. Their story, the theme of which involved an ingenious method of robbing a safe in spite of the protection afforded by a time lock, was one of the five which won prizes, and the authors' portraits were daily published in the issue of the paper which announced the result of the competition. The prize money, constituting a considerable sum, was promptly paid over, but to the author's surprise, although the other four winning stories were published, that of the time lock failed to appear. After a few weeks a representative of the paper called upon Mr. Burton, explaining that the editor was anxious to know what authority he had for his story and whether it would really be possible to rob a bank after the fashion that he had set forth. With the help of a pencil and a few diagrams Mr. Burton easily proved the accuracy of the method to the apparent satisfaction of his interviewer and thereafter looked forward to a prompt appearance of the story. But a few days later the secret of the delay was revealed. A special envoy of the paper waited upon him, full of consternation and apology, and prepared to make any amends within reason, but was emphatic in announcing that it was absolutely impossible to publish the story, because after expert investigation they had become convinced that if it should appear in print it would destroy the protective power of every time lock safe in the country, and the representative of the newspaper did not take his leave until he had obtained what Mr. Burton under the circumstances easily granted—a signed agreement releasing the paper from its obligation to publish the story and solemnly pledging himself not to attempt to publish it elsewhere. Accordingly the curiosity piqued by this bit of inside history is likely never to be gratified.—Bookman.

HE BOUGHT IN PARIS.

Then He Found He Could Have Done Better Nearer Home.

Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, told a curious story once while in conversation with a man prominent in musical circles in Philadelphia. The two were ascending the stairs from the basement of the Bellevue-Stratford when at the first landing they halted, and Caruso pointed to a marble bench of ancient Florentine pattern.

"I am a great admirer of these benches," he said, "and last summer I had a strange experience with them. I had just purchased a villa in Italy and was always on the lookout for something decorative in the way of novel furniture.

"While in Paris I happened to see one of these benches and at once concluded to put a dozen of them about the grounds. I found the dealer and asked the price. He said \$50 apiece. I ordered the dozen.

"A few weeks later I was at my villa looking it over and happened to discover across the hedge at the border a marble yard, and there was the marble cutter working on one of those same benches.

"I climbed the hedge, and after chatting with the man a few minutes and admiring the great care he was exercising I asked if he usually made such benches. 'Oh, yes,' he replied. 'I make many. I have an order now for twelve of them for the great tenor Caruso. He ordered them in Paris.'

"When I recovered from my surprise I questioned him and found that he was really the man who supplied the Paris dealer. I asked him how much he would make me some for, and he replied, 'Twenty dollars apiece, signor.'

"So I was paying \$50 for the privilege of buying in Paris what was being made at my own door, in addition to freight both ways and extra incidental expenses. Now when I want to buy anything for my home I go to the nearest place first."—Philadelphia News.

A Chinese Joke.

There was a man in Ch'angan who was very fond of giving dinners, but the food given was atrocious. One day a guest threw himself on his knees in front of this gentleman and said, "Am I not a friend of yours?"

"You are, indeed," replied his host. "Then I must ask of you a favor," said the guest, "and you must grant it before I rise from my knees."

"Well, what is it?" inquired his host in astonishment.

"Never to invite me to dinner any more!" cried the guest, at which the whole party burst into a loud roar of laughter.—North China Herald.

Persistent.

Shopkeeper (to commercial traveler)—Can't give you an order. Quite overstocked. Traveler—Let me at least show you my samples. Shopkeeper—Spare yourself the trouble. I can't look at them. Traveler—Then will you allow me to look at them myself? It is three weeks since I have seen them.—London Penny Pictorial.

English Cigars.

"Do cigars ever contain rope?" "No. That's just a plesantry of the jokemakers. As a matter of fact, hemp is too expensive to put in the cheaper brands of cigars."—London Mail.

The eruptions of Vesuvius greatly increase the fertility of the ground in the vicinity.

Centre Reporter, \$1 a year.

LOCALS.

Long's Department Store for clothing, hats and shoes.

George Bradford is gradually recovering from a rather severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. S. A. Snyder, of Centre Hall, for several days last week, was visiting among friends in and about Lemont.

Farmer Frank Gfrerer, west of Centre Hall, had the misfortune to lose a brood mare, the latter part of last week.

Miss Catharine and Master John Ocker, of Millinburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Meyer, in Centre Hall, over Sunday.

Miss Nancy Saul, one of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Saul, of near Bellefonte, was in Centre Hall for a few days, returning home Monday morning.

Porter W. Odenkirk and family, of Lewistown, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk, of Glenn Iron, were guests of Mrs. Mary Odenkirk, in Centre Hall, over Sunday.

Elstun, the oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Snyder, of Centre Hall, Monday morning went to Loganville, York county, to "work on the farm," with his grandfather, W. H. Snyder.

Through the efforts of Comrade W. H. Stiver such an able speaker as Rev. Thomas S. Wilcox was secured to deliver the address on Memorial Day at Spruce town. Rev. J. Max Lantz will also be present at the exercises.

Former Superintendent of Schools C. L. Gramley, of Rebersburg, is a special agent for the census bureau and will report the manufacturing establishments in the counties of Clinton, Cameron and Elk, and is now engaged on the work.

Squire F. A. Carson, of Pottery Mills, who dispenses justice in South Potter, purchased an automobile last week, and now is skipping over the roads at a good speed. Mr. Carson is also a merchant, and does farming on the side on one of the most productive farms in Georges Valley.

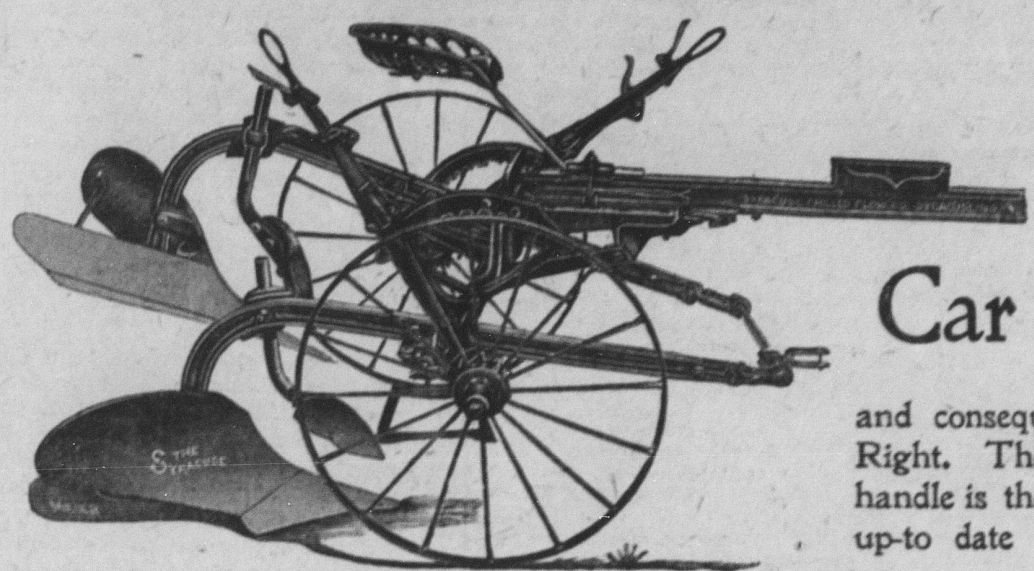
The exercises incident to the 50th anniversary of the "Old Orchard" at Pennsylvania State College were witnessed by Cyrus Brungart, W. Frank Bradford and J. Frank Smith, of Centre Hall; Frank M. Fisher and Charles W. Fisher, of Penn Hall; and J. W. Evans, of Spring Mills.

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It will take another guess to find where the postmasters in the Twenty-first Congressional District stand. Those who are opposed to the Standard Oil and allied corporations, against Cannon ideas, will naturally be for Mr. Emery; the machine-made Republican, opposed to the Roosevelt ideas, will rally around Mr. Patton.

The National Convention of the Laymen's Missionary movement was held at Chicago last week and was attended by W. F. Rockey of Tusseyville, and Rev. C. C. Shuey, of Bellefonte. The latter, Rev. Shuey, will address a laymen's missionary service in Tusseyville Reformed and Lutheran church on next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The service is inter-denominational and all are invited.

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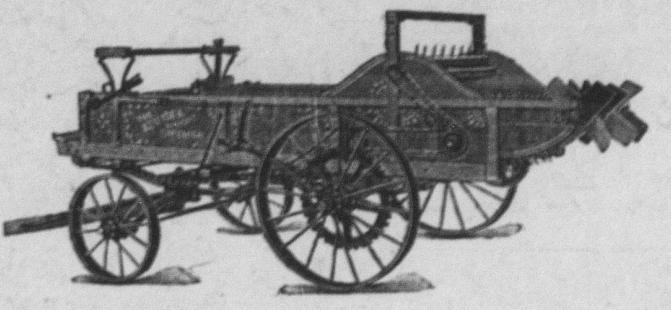
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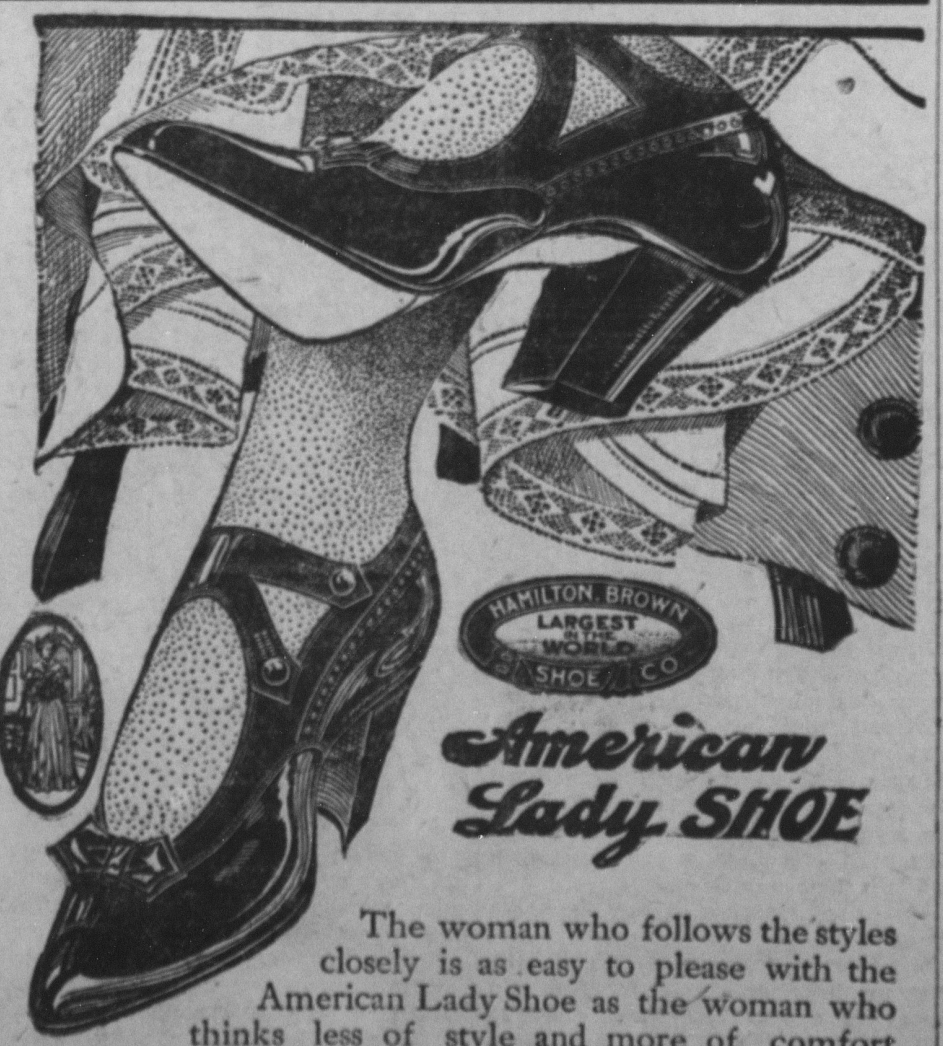
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