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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF SPRING MILLS HIGH SCHOOL A GRAND SUCCESS

Class of Eight in Gregg Township's First Commencement—Grange Hall Filled to Overflowing—Dr. Klein Delivers Grand Address.

Filled to overflowing with an orderly and interested crowd which had assembled from far and near, the Grange hall at Spring Mills was the scene of the first commencement of the Spring Mills High School of Gregg Township, on Tuesday night, April 7, at which time a class of eight, four young ladies and four young men, was graduated. This is the first occasion of this celebration in Spring Mills. The program rendered was instructive throughout and showed much effort in preparation by all the participants

comparing the cost of administration with the present cost, greatly disadvantaging the latter. It was based on facts and figures and showed a careful study of actual conditions. Miss McCool had chosen as a subject for her essay one that touched the hearts of the people, "Dr. Wolfe—An Appreciation," showing the divinity which inspired Dr. Wolfe's whole life and acknowledging the great debt which this community owes to him. She closed with a fitting tribute to his noble life and work.



THE GRADUATING CLASS.

Top row (left to right)—Wiley C. Musser, John W. Corman, William H. Hosterman, Eugene T. Gramley.
Bottom row (left to right)—Cora M. Corman, Helen R. Rishel, Jennie H. Bartges, Katie C. McCool.

The hall was tastefully decorated with national flags and bunting, while the platform was framed with green and potted plants, and for a background college and school pennants denoted their colors.

The class consists of Misses Jennie Horner Bartges, Cora Minerva Corman, Katie Claire McCool, Helen Rosena Rishel; and Messrs. Eugene Titus Gramley, John Wilson Corman, Wiley Christie Musser, and William Horace Hosterman. The class officers were: E. T. Gramley, president; J. W. Corman, secretary; Helen R. Rishel, vice president; W. C. Musser, treasurer.

The meeting was opened by an instrumental duet, very effectively rendered by Mrs. Frank Fisher and Miss Lola Ulrich of Penn Hall, in whose care the musical numbers of the program were placed. An especially appropriate and effective selection was a vocal solo, "Abide With Me," rendered by Miss Ulrich.

Rev. R. Raymond Jones, pastor of the Reformed church, then invoked



Dr. H. M. J. KLEIN
The Commencement Orator

estimate of the place of the farmer in society.

Miss Rishel, while not giving a temperance talk, yet she showed the reasons for the downfall of the liquor traffic, in her essay, "A Deposed King—Why?" She showed, that whereas a century ago alcohol was everywhere present and essential, now it is being hounded by all kinds, classes and conditions of men. It was an inspiring essay.

The last essay on the program showed a careful study of actual conditions in rural education all over the United States and the responsibility which is placed on the country school by the community. This was the essay entitled "The Rural Schools and the Country Community," by Mr. Musser.

The commencement oration was delivered by Dr. H. M. J. Klein of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster. The burden of his message was set forth in one question, "Was it worth while?" That is, does the completion of a course of study make due return for the sacrifices made in order that it might be accomplished.

As an answer he showed that there are four things to be striven for. First to have, that is, to gather one's own share of this world's treasures; second, to know that is, learn from books and trees and life, never cease in one's efforts for a higher and broader education; third, to do, for by man's deeds alone he is remembered and these three are perfectly accomplished in the fourth, to be, that is, in our own characters, which should be patterned after Jesus Christ the perfect character. Character is the golden gate to true success and happiness, and good characters repay a thousand fold all the sacrifices of time, money, convenience and ease.

Dr. Klein's address was pleasing and heart reaching and will prove a source of inspiration to the class, to whom his message was addressed.

Prof. Jones, as a token of his appreciation of the friendship which his pupils and patrons have manifested to

W. R. JONES, A. B.
Principal of the Spring Mills High School

the blessing of our Heavenly Father. Miss Bartges' essay on the "Natural Phenomena of Gregg Township," presented a brief view of the beauties, curiosities, and resources of Gregg township. It showed careful preparation and original effort.

Mr. Corman, in his essay of "Notable Centre Countians," gave those present an inspiration to greater effort by calling attention to such men as Curtin, Hastings and Beaver, who coming from this county enrolled their names on history's pages. It was a very carefully thought out paper.

Miss Corman showed by her grasp of facts a serious study of her subject, "The Panama Canal." More particularly did she dwell on its significance in the development of the world's history.

Mr. Gramley brought his subject home to the people in the essay, "Centralized Education and You," by showing the meaning, purpose and scope of a consolidated school and

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ALTOONA BANDIT ESCAPES.

Gressing His Body With Butter, the Dare Devil Squeezes Through Six-inch Window in Cell.

Frank G. Hohl is again at large as a result of an almost incredible escape from the Hollidaysburg jail Saturday night. Stripping himself of all clothing and applying butter to his body he wriggled through a six-inch window in his cell and by means of a rope made from bed clothing lowered himself to the ground and made good his escape. It was fully five hours until his absence from the jail was discovered, in which time the bandit placed many miles between the jail and himself. It is supposed that an automobile was in waiting for the robber, and if such was the case he doubtless was enjoying the scenery of Canada before the jail officials became cognizant of his escape.

KILLED ELK IN WHEAT FIELD.

Barney Eisenhuth appeared before Justice F. P. Musser and made information against his brother, Emmanuel Eisenhuth of High Valley, charging him with shooting an elk. A warrant was placed in the hands of Constable J. H. Maiz, who arrested Eisenhuth and took him before the justice, where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$200. The fine was promptly paid. Mr. Eisenhuth says the elk was in his grain field and rather than have his grain destroyed he shot it.

HOUSE PASSES A NEW PENSON BILL.

Pensions for widows and minor children of officers and men who served in the Spanish war, the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer uprising in China are authorized by a bill which passed the house by a vote of 276 to 54. The bill grants \$12 monthly to the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor and \$2 monthly for each child under sixteen years of age. There are about 4,000 such widows, and it is estimated that an appropriation of \$2,500,000 will be required to pay the pensions.

LARGE ENROLLMENT AT SPRING MILLS NORMAL.

The Spring Mills Normal opened Monday with an enrollment of fifty-two, the largest in a number of years. Prof. W. R. Jones, the principal, is assisted in the work by his brother, Victor H. Jones, A. B., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall, and a student at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

LOCALS.

Eugene Simkins of Pittsburgh was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Simkins, at the Presbyterian Manse from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. G. O. Benner, from Saturday until Monday, was with her father, John A. Miles, at Martha, who suffered slightly for a few days from what was supposed to be a light paralytic stroke.

Charles E. Stover came from Jacksonville, Florida, Saturday and is at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Durst, near Old Fort. Mr. Stover is a mail clerk, on the extra list, and his duties take him on the waters part of the time. At such times his route is between Miami, Florida, and Cuba. He intends to remain in Central Pennsylvania until September when he will again return to the sunny peninsula.

On Easter morning Mrs. Howard Gregg died at her home in Lewistown. She was aged twenty-eight years, and before marriage was Miss Pearl Edith Knoflinger, a daughter of John Knoflinger of Pleasant Gap, now deceased. Her mother later married John Mulfinger of Pleasant Gap, and survives, as do also four small children.

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DEDICATION OF GRANGE HALL.

Illustrated Unwritten Work and Talk on Justice of Present Tax System.

In giving an account of the dedication of the Bald Eagle Grange, Miss Bell Miller, the lecturer, through the Tyrone Herald, gave this expression:

The memories of Saturday, April 4, will long linger in the hearts of those who attended the dedication of the Bald Eagle Grange Hall. Hon. Leonard Rhone of Centre Hall, who was

Master of the State Grange for eighteen years, and who is "a man full of years and crowned with honor," arrived on the 10:16 a. m. train. Henry Lewis, a prominent member of the grange, met him at the train and conveyed him to the hall where members of the Bald Eagle Grange and surrounding grangers received him with hearty greetings, after which Mr. Rhone presided over a preliminary meeting, whose object was the presenting of the unwritten work of the order by the distinguished visitor who annually presents the unwritten work before the State Grange. The presentation of this work was done in a plain, forceful and graceful manner.

Following the unwritten work were words of encouragement and inspiration. He spoke of the uplift that a good working grange is to any community, and touched on the training received in connection with grange work that may be useful in later life. He paid a brief tribute to the tillers of the soil by saying that we have never had a famine in America. The meeting adjourned at 12 m.

The ladies then spread a bountiful dinner. Perhaps one of the best features of the dinner was the appetite which every one of the fifty brought with them and which no doubt was whetted with early hurried breakfasts and long drives through the frosty air. But the ladies were equal to the demand and after all had eaten, the supply was unexhausted.

Next came the dedicatory ceremony, which was beautiful and impressive and was conducted by H. S. Werz of Allegheny grange, Dunmore, in his habitually dignified and masterly manner. He closed his work with words of congratulation and admonition, emphasizing the thought that the grange should never let discord cross its threshold. Expressions of congratulation and enjoyment of the entire exercises were tendered by Messers Peck, Chronister, Miller, Tate and Eaves.

Those present from other granges were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck, Warrenton's Mark grange; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller, T. L. Coleman and Wallace Stryker, Sinking Valley grange; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Irvin, Mr. Eves, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Wm. Miller, Stormstown grange; Mr. Chronister, Port Matilda grange; and Messrs. C. A. Leathers, Howard; Miss Kathryn Joseph W., Oscar C. and J. Fred Harvey, all of State College.

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