

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Hon. O. B. Martin Makes Address to Graduates—Most Successful Exercises Ever Held.

There was no lack of interest in the graduating exercises of the Washington Public Schools last night...

The school auditorium was well filled with an enthusiastic crowd...

As was stated in yesterday's News the annual sermon was delivered yesterday morning in the auditorium...

The class for 1910 was composed of the following: Margaret Gertrude Cordon, Lucy Mae Peterson, Benjamin Franklin Morgan...

The John H. Small history medal and the scholarship prizes were won by Margaret Gertrude Cordon...

The exercises of the evening were scheduled to begin at 8:30, but it was near 9 o'clock before the members of the graduating class...

Those occupying seats on the rostrum were members of the class, Superintendent N. C. Newbold, Hon. O. B. Martin, of Washington, D. C., the speaker of the evening...

Without any further delay the exercises opened with the procession, "Ripples of the Alabama," by Miss Lucie Peterson...

The speaker of the evening was presented by Mr. Joseph F. Taylor in words of beauty and oratoricalness...

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Spanish War Relic Ends Its Usefulness

An order emanating from the chief of ordnance's office calls in the machine gun which was given to the Second Infantry and stationed in Washington several years ago...

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Edward VII. of England is Given Homage.

London, May 20.—Edward, the Peacemaker, was laid to rest today in the tomb of his forefathers at Windsor, while all the world gave homage to his memory...

Following the kings were princes of royal blood, gathered from all parts of the world, and special envoys appointed by the great republics to participate in the most splendid and imposing funeral ceremonial the world has ever seen...

Along the route of the funeral procession, from Westminster to Paddington station, whither the body was borne on a gun-carriage, fully 5,000,000 people were banded behind the troops...

A bright sun shone down upon the splendid procession. A thunderstorm and heavy rain that had ushered in the day gave way before the bright rays and from the spectacular standpoint conditions were the best that could be desired for the ceremony...

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At her side was the daughter dearest to her—Princess Victoria. In the same glass-panneled coach rode Alexandra's sister, the Dowager Carlina, and Princess Louise.

The former queen took precedence over the new; Queen Mary was in the second coach of those bearing the royal women, with Queen Maud of Norway, Edward's daughter, the Duke of Cornwall, and the latter's sister, Princess Mary.

Then followed four coaches filled with princesses belonging or related to the royal family. For one moment in the gorgeous day the human rope above the formal, trained as they were to the masking of their emotions, the meeting at the bier of Edward, in Westminster Hall, produced a surge of emotion...

The services were brief. As the last prayer was said, while music still echoed through the chapel, the members of the family gathered about the coffin. The central figure of the group was Alexandra. At one side, half supporting her, was Princess Victoria; on the other side, with in reach of her hand, stood King George...

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GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Will Be Held at Wrightsville Beach June 8 and 9. Congressman Small to Speak.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association will be held at Wrightsville Beach June 8 and 9. This will be perhaps the most important one that the Good Roads Association has ever held...

The members of the Association desire very much to have men sent to the legislature of 1911 who are actively interested in good roads for every section of the State...

The questions that will be discussed at the convention will take up various phases of good roads work in the State and especially the questions and problems relating to good road construction in eastern North Carolina...

The headquarters of the Association will be at the Tarrymore hotel, where special rates have been arranged for delegates and friends, and the meetings will also be held in one of the large halls of this hotel...

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BOAT DRILL

The Squadron Drill Yesterday Was Exciting and Interesting.

Owing to the lateness of the weather only a few of the Tar Heel Motorboat Club members participated in the squadron drill on Pamlico river yesterday afternoon...

All the motorboats assembled at the Black Beacon on Pamlico river below the Norfolk and Southern railroad bridge promptly at 6 o'clock where a squadron parade was formed and the boats came up the river and past the city in squadron formation...

The boats with flags flying and coming full speed up the river presented a very attractive spectacle. The club is making great preparations for a big celebration on the Fourth of July, at which time there will be a number of exciting races, squadron drills, parades, and other attractions.

The handsome residence of Mr. Charles M. Little on Harvey street, between Main and Water, is about finished. It will be one of the most attractive homes in the city.

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