

Weather Fair

DR. P. P. CLAXTON ADDRESSES LARGE AUDIENCE AT EXERCISES IN AUDITORIUM LAST NIGHT

Large Number Present Listen to Most Interesting Address Made By The Head Of The Educational Department Of The United States



THE SENIOR CLASS.

Rear row, Garland Hodges, Margie Spain, Olivia Jordan, Viola Sully and M. A. Higgins, principal. Fourth row, Mabel Bailey, Josie McCullers, Ella Lee Wright and Elizabeth Taylor.

The Auditorium was crowded to its capacity last night at the commencement exercises of the Washington Public Schools. Every seat was taken.

The exercises began shortly before nine o'clock. The graduating class, together with the speakers of the evening, marched to the rostrum to the processional which was played by Misses Margaret Wells, Eleanor Perry, Laurie Branch and Mr. Garland Hodges.

After the chorus, "A summer holiday" sung by the choir, Dr. J. T. Gibbs pronounced the invocation. He was followed by Hon. J. H. Small.

Mr. Small spoke in brief of the importance of the modern schools and stated that the audience was to be congratulated on having this opportunity to listen to Dr. Claxton, one of the most forceful factors in the educational service of this country and who, in recognition of his capacity for work, his alertness of mind and his never failing interest in school work has been made head of the educational department of the United States. He then introduced Dr. Claxton to the audience.

Mr. Claxton's speech, in part, was as follows:

It always gives me great pleasure to return to the State in which I have spent twenty years of my life and where I have made many friends. It also gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to talk to those young people who are about to start out on life's rough journey.

The importance of education is being realized more and more every day. This is proven by the increase of schools in the country and the amounts which have appropriated yearly for the benefit of institutions of learning. In the last twelve years, the appropriations for school purposes has been more than doubled. There are now fourteen as many high schools in the country as there were twenty years ago.

I wish to take as the subject for my remarks, or as my text, the words which are given in the Bible, the sixth book, when Hector takes leave of his son, preparatory to going out to battle. May they say that this map is greater than his father was.

I think that that is the most beautiful passage found anywhere outside of the Bible. It seems more and more as we study the words carefully. Think of the sacrifices that our forefathers made for us. Did they do it for themselves? No, not for themselves, but so that their children could be free and powerful. Think of the sacrifices which are

for their kindness to him.

Following Mr. Newbold's address, the prizes and medals were given out. Rev. E. A. Lawther presented the C. G. Morris debating medal to Charles Meekins, J. R. Doughton awarded the John H. Small History medal to Miss Bettie Spencer. The Howell English prize was won by Miss Mabel Dalley. She was presented with the prize by Rev. R. H. Brown. Mayor F. C. Kugler presented the Daughters of the American Revolution prize to Miss Lena Harding. The George H. Brown scholarship prize was presented by Rev. H. S. Searight to Miss Margie Spain. Miss Lena Harding also won the Daughters of the Confederacy prize, which was presented to her by J. D. Grimes. The prize for four years perfect attendance was awarded by F. H. Bryan to Bruce Hodges.

The award of prizes was followed by a piano solo by Garland Hodges. Bruce Hodges, president of the Senior Class, presented the Senior Class gift to the school. The gift consisted of two handsome pictures.

Miss Ella Lee Wright presented a reproduction of the Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Peace to the school as the gift of the Cornelian Club to the school. Both were beautiful reproductions. Hon. J. H. Small accepted both gifts.

Principal M. A. Higgins next announced the scholarship and attendance honors for the past year. He also announced the college scholarship.

He was followed by Mr. Small, who, in a brief address, praised the work that had been done in the school and urged the people to support the institution and appropriate funds for the erection of a new and better building. He then awarded the diplomas and certificates to the graduates.

After another musical number, Rev. N. Harding pronounced the benediction.

EDITOR FOUND GUILTY OF LIBEL

W. O. SAUNDERS CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL LIBEL. TAKES AN APPEAL

Was Arrested on the Charge Made by Mr. Aydlette. Was Sentenced to Six Months Work With the Chain-Gang by Judge Turner.

Elizabeth City, May 10.—W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, a newspaper published here, was convicted of criminal libel yesterday morning in a trial-judgment court, and was sentenced by Judge R. W. Turner to six months on the county chain-gang. The defendant's attorneys served notice of appeal and bail was given for Mr. Saunders' appearance at the September term of Superior Court when the case will be tried again.

The trial yesterday was the result of an article that was published in The Independent several weeks ago, making statements concerning Mr. Aydlette, which the latter alleges are libelous and defamatory. He made remands upon The Independent to retract those statements and Mr. Saunders refused to do so and challenged Mr. Aydlette to have him arrested.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Aydlette swore out a warrant against Mr. Saunders, charging him with criminal libel, and it was served by Chief of Police Thomas.

Mr. Aydlette was the only witness that appeared in the trial yesterday. He was on the stand for several hours.

Attorney H. B. Ward and ex-Judge J. D. Leigh prosecuted for the State, and Attorneys I. M. Meekins and W. L. Cochran defended Mr. Saunders.

Mrs. Paul Davenport and Miss Patre Davenport of Pectolus were visitors in this city yesterday.

IMMIGRATION INCREASING RAPIDLY

MORE FOREIGNERS ARRIVED THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE

6,435 JAPANESE ARRIVALS

By Occupation, the Largest Number of Immigrants Have Taken to Farm Labor. Many are Servants and Employees in Private Families.

Washington, May 10.—Immigration to the United States has been heavier this year than during the three years previous. 747,998 immigrants have been admitted to the country during the nine months from July, 1911, to and including March, in addition to the 149,901 non-immigrant aliens admitted, making a total of 897,899. A total of 12,557 aliens were deported for various causes. Emigrant aliens departing numbered 347,793 and non-emigrant aliens 193,065.

American citizens going abroad during the nine months numbered 243,159; those returning 223,478. These departures and arrivals made the passenger movement during that period total 1,124,834 arrivals and 688,922 departures.

More Japanese entered the country during the nine months than during the entire previous year, 6,435 compared with 6,172, while 591 returned to Japan compared with 1,501 in 1911. Immigrants from the Russian empire predominated during the period, 176,253 persons from there having entered, compared with 157,134 in 1911.

By occupation the majority of the immigrants were farm laborers, 172,440 having entered; other laborers 132,214; servants 90,832, and sailors 16,848. One significant feature of the statistics is that the number of laborers departing exceeded the number arriving.

During the nine months 164,025 sailed and during the previous year, 209,279 compared with 123,214 arrivals in the period and 135,726 for 1911.

GIVES PARTY TO HER FRIENDS.

Little Miss Eva Hassell Hackney Entertains Friends With a Delightful Party.

Eva Hassell, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hackney, delightfully entertained a number of her little friends Thursday afternoon from five until six o'clock at her home, Acra Ward. After many games had been played on the spacious lawn surrounding the residence, the little folks were served with ice cream and cake and confections. The guests left at six, after thanking Miss Eva for a most pleasant afternoon.

The Manufacturer Who Helps the Retailer.

You retailers should have confidence in the manufacturer who advertises. When his representative calls upon you to sell you an article of merit and offers you the co-operation of his house to help you advertise it listen to him. The manufacturer who has confidence in his proposition and is willing to back it with his dollars isn't doing it for fun. Advertising sets a high standard and an article, to be worth advertising, must ring true. And when a manufacturer or his representative offers or consents to co-operate with you in advertising, telephone our advertising manager and let him lay before you some concrete, straightforward data and information on the subject which will help you in your plans. For there is no advertising quite so direct or quite so efficient as that offered by the columns of The Daily News and other newspapers of equal standing.

Memorial Day Observed By Impressive Ceremonies

"HOW SLEEP THE BRAVE"

How sleep the brave who sink to rest, By all their country's wishes blest! When spring, with dewy fingers cold, Returns to deck their hallowed mold. How their shrill dress a sweet or sad Than fancy's feet have ever trod. By fairy hands their knell is rung; By forms unseen their dirge is sung. There Honor comes, a pilgrim gray, To bless the turf that holds their clay. And Freedom shall awhile repair To dwell a weeping hermit there. —William Collins.

POSTMASTER OF BELHAVEN.

Mr. D. L. Windley, having received the majority vote in the contest for the postmastership of Belhaven on Thursday, May 8th, was declared the nominee and now his name goes before the President of the United States for appointment. Mr. Windley won by a small majority, while H. R. Butt ran so close behind it was hard to tell until the last moment of the campaign where the bomb was going to hit. There were three other candidates in the race, but the two above mentioned chanced to get in the lead from the start and held their grounds until the polls were closed.

WEST END AUCTION BRIDGE CLUB.

Met With Mrs. H. M. Jenkins Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Jenkins was hostess to the West End Auction Bridge Club yesterday afternoon. Mrs. A. C. Hathaway made the highest score after a very interesting series of games. Refreshments were served in two courses. The club members present were Mesdames C. F. Warren, J. B. Moore, A. M. Dumay, John Rodman, L. L. Knight, J. K. Hoyt, A. C. Hathaway, Misses Julia Hoyt and Marcia Moore. The visitors present were Mesdames Dr. Telfair, Cecil Fisher of Norfolk, Jarl Bowers of Scotland Neck, John Isanogle, B. F. Bowers, H. Bridgeman, A. L. Bowers, J. G. Bragaw, Mrs. Cleary and Miss Nan Waddy.

WASHINGTON HOSPITAL NEWS.

Miss Sadie McKennon of Maxton, who was formerly a nurse in the Washington Hospital, is now here for treatment.

E. M. Cox of Farmville is a patient in the hospital.

Miss Goldie Stowe of Hatteras was operated on by Dr. Carter yesterday. She is getting along nicely.

Dr. A. K. Taylor of Aurora brought in a patient yesterday for treatment.

Mrs. J. A. Taylor of Chocowinity, who was recently operated on, returned to her home yesterday.

Miss Lela Newell, one of the nurses in the hospital, who has been in Farmville on a visit, returned yesterday.

Miss Mabel Williams, another nurse of the hospital's staff, who has been at Snow Hill, has also returned.

Miss Ida Belle Williams, who has been on a case at Ayden, arrived here yesterday.

MAY 10 IN HISTORY.

1809—The Swedish diet renounced all allegiance to Gustavus IV.

1827—All the banks in the city of New York without exception and by common consent, stop specie payments.

1848—A very destructive fire occurred in Detroit, Mich.

1849—The city of Leghorn taken by the Tuscan troops.

1863—General "Stonewall" Jackson died, having been mortally wounded of the battle of Chancellorsville, May 2.

1864—The first day's battle of Pennsylvania was fought between the armies of Grant and Lee.

1874—The Republican House Committee on Postoffices was criticized for not ordering an investigation of alleged Post-office Department frauds.

1911—Jauros, in Mexico, was captured with its garrison, by Gen. Madero.

JAPAN PROTESTS AGAINST THE ALIEN LAND QUESTION

FORMAL PROTEST HAS BEEN FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE BRYAN.

IS NOW BEFORE CABINET

Was Placed Before the President and the Cabinet at Once So That An Answer Could Be Returned to Japan As Soon As Possible.

Japan's formal protest against the Californian alien land bill was submitted to Secretary Bryan at the State Department early yesterday by Viscount Chinda in person.

The protest was placed before President Wilson and the Cabinet at once by Bryan so that an answer could be returned at once to Japan. When interviewed, the Secretary of State refused to disclose the nature of the protest. He stated that the contents of the message would be made public within a day or two.

NEW MINISTER AT PAYNE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Rev. R. O. Shannon to Conduct Services Tomorrow. Will Preach at Both Morning and Evening Services. Comes Here from Richmond, Va.

Rev. B. O. Shannon of Richmond, Va. has arrived in Washington and will take charge of the services at the Payne Memorial church. Mr. Shannon is a young minister of ability and consecration and will receive a warm welcome to the work of the Master in Washington. He will preach at both services tomorrow, at eleven in the morning and at eight in the evening. It is hoped that a large number will be present to welcome Mr. Shannon and hear his first sermon here.

THE COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY.

New York, May 10.—The following events are scheduled to take place during the coming week:

Monday—John N. Anhalt, New York lawyer, accused of bribery in attempt to release Harry K. Thaw from Mattewan, goes on trial.

Trial of Robert Webb, alleged slayer of Detective Peter Hart, at Chicago.

State spelling bee at Jefferson City, Mo.

Biennial session of the Switchmen's Union of North America, begins at Houston, Texas.

Convention of railroad telegraphers at Baltimore, Md.

Annual election, New York Stock Exchange.

Tuesday—Annual National Convention of Catholic Benevolent Legion, Brooklyn, N. Y.

National Saddlers' and Harness Association meets at Richmond, Va.

Wednesday—Secretary Daniels guest of city of Pensacola, Fla.

General assemblies of the Southern Presbyterian, Northern Presbyterian and United Presbyterian churches meet at Atlanta, Ga.

Finality of the sale of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad will be argued before the U. S. District Court of Appeals, Chicago.

Fourteenth annual meeting of the U. S. Civil Service Retirement Association, at Washington.

Thursday—Dinner of the Pan-American Society of the U. S. at Waldorf Hotel, New York, this evening.

Convention of the American Federation of Arts, at Washington.

Technical trials of the Hamburg-American liner Imperator, recently damaged on trial trip, resumed today at Hamburg.

Former State Treasurer I. B. Cameron of Ohio, goes on trial in connection with Columbus Savings and Trust company case, Columbus, O.

Saturday—King Alfonso of Spain celebrates twenty-seventh birthday anniversary.

Eugene E. Gray, Jr. of Winston-Salem spent yesterday in Washington.