

### Commencement Exercises

Friday evening was the last of the Spring term of school and at 8:30 p. m. quite a large crowd gathered at the school house to witness the commencement exercises. Which, without a single exception, from start to finish was good. Some of the players, and speakers, showing exceptional ability. Miss Nettie Sawyers played the part of the rich old country aunt well and her sister, Miss Allie, was not a bit behind her in playing the role of the adopted daughter. Miss Inez Bess acted well her part as a conciliating personage, anxious to keep in the good graces of her country aunt in order to inherit a fortune from her. And Miss Hamilton was an adept at expressing her contempt of Poke bonnets and strong dislike for tacky aunts from the Pigeon Creek vicinity. Charlie Hamilton makes a pretty good lover, on the stage, talking to deaf old maiden aunts of his sweetheart.

Little Miss Gaster Randal displayed marked ability and aptitude for the parts in which she partook, and Master Dude Pyeatt showed 'em that he wasn't scared by facing the audience and saying his speech without a tremor.

The last piece on the program, the Sunflower Drill, was executed in a splendid manner. If any one person in this play deserves especial mention it is Mark Key, who acted the role of the widower, hampered in trying to get married, by two spoiled children that persisted in marching to the altar with him, which seemed to worry Mark no little.

To say that the entertainment was a success would be but expressing it mildly. Everyone did well, exceptionally so, and those mentioned in the above are only used as samples of the ability of their cooperators.

Mrs. Randal is to be congratulated on the signal success of her efforts.

School will continue in session another month longer, during July, in an effort to make up for time lost during the small pox scare last winter. The month of August will be spent in vacation.

### The Country Editor.

Much has been said and much has been written about the country editor. Let it be said to his honor and glory that he is an invaluable quantity. There radiates an influence from his teachings that reaches farther than he knows.

He is a king enthroned. If he be a good king, with broad and generous mind—and he generally is—the power that he wields in the community will live long after he has written his last "30," his form has been "locked" and "carted" to the silent "bed."

He is tributary of pure and unvarnished thought, that leads to the central body of the great metropolitan press.

Collectively the country papers do more to develop and advance the country than the great news papers of the cities of the land. A new camp opens up, a new colony invades on untracked country, a new valley gives homes to the people, the country editor is there. He generally starts a nine column paper in a six column town. He struggles and toils, writes his own copy, sets his own type, runs the "Old Army" himself and carries his own papers to the postoffice, and starts the raffle that widens—who knows how far! The little sheet is, "sent home" by a friend. The editor's glowing, yet honest and unpadding description of the locality catches the eye of the friend and he in turn speaks of it to a neighbor. Result—immigra-

tion, and the new town or colony increases and the country developed and made a valuable part of the United States.

The country editor fills a separate place from that occupied by the city man. He tells of the little things, and it is the little things that go to make up the great book of useful knowledge.

From the plain report in his paper the government draws much of its information upon many important subjects.

Hats off to the country editor. He is a, "country" editor in deed—the country is his sphere, his theme, his pride.—A. U. May geld in Denver News.

### Cotton Market Is Excited.

New York, July 8.—The cotton market was very excited today fluctuations being violent and transactions reaching 300,000 bales for the half session.

Closing last night at 10.71c, October contracts sold as low as 10.43c at the opening and before the close had rallied to 10.80c, an advance from the lowest of about \$1.85 a bale.

The weak opening was in response to lower cables, talk of increased offering of spot cotton in the South and apprehension that developments in the investigation of the alleged irregularities in the Government bureau would expose something discreditable to July condition figures.

The Rally was on heavy rain in the Western belt and the market was firm after the publication of the department statement as to the outcome of the recent investigation. The close was firm at a net advance of 6 to 12 points, compared with an opening decline of 14 to 28 points.

### Hogg For Secretary of State.

The Hon. James S. Hogg has been spoken of by some of our national contemporaries as fit timber to close up the gap of our foreign and domestic international relations which has been left down by the recent death of our lamented Secretary of State, Hon. John Hay.

Mr. Hogg is too well known to need any commendation on our part as a man of brains, brawn and backbone; however, we much prefer to see a more equitable distribution of national powers and honors conferred on Southern representatives, as the East is liable to get too top-heavy by an over-production of appointments and as a matter of consequence, we are liable to lose our economic and civil equilibrium.

### Courage and Clothes.

If women were not brave they would never face the dangers with which they are constantly threatened by doctors and others. There have been those who would have frightened them out of their corsets; others have predicted blindness from the use of spotted veils; pneumonia, by this time, would have decimated the female population if all the prophecies concerning the blouse had been fulfilled. Still, woman fearlessly follows fashion.—World.

### The Largest Egg.

The egg of the aepionis, just purchased for the United States National museum, is probably the largest egg in existence. It is 12 inches long and 10 inches wide, and its shell is nearly a quarter of an inch thick and as hard as a rock. Some idea of its size may perhaps be had when it is stated that it is capable of holding the contents of six ostrich eggs, or 148 hen's eggs, or 30,000 humming bird's eggs.

Last Friday evening a big hail storm, passed over a strip of Terry County almost completely destroying the crops of every farm in its pathway. The path made by this destructive form of the elements was all the way from a mile to a mile and a half wide. Some farmers suffered a total loss of their crops while others were only partially effected, owing to their being on the outer edge of the path.

Some are inclined to be a little discouraged over their loss, but a good many are not feeling worried at all, but are preparing the ground as fast as possible for another planting. M. B. Sawyers, one of those who suffered an entire loss, says that his prospects for a good crop this fall are brighter than they were this time last year, for then he had to plant over and at that time there was was not near as much season in the ground as there is now and that he succeeded in making a good crop last year and expects to make a still better one this autumn.

Every one that was hurt is going to replant, so far as we have heard.

Among those who lost heavily were, Virgil Boone, Kropp, D. A. Allmon, Rev. Hamlett, and M. B. Sawyers.

We have lost an active and good man in the person of Ex Gov. Frank R. Lubbock whose spirit fled from its house of clay June 26 and all that was mortal of the man was laid to rest in the Austin cemetery the following day.

Recent rains over and around Gomez has put more prospects of a fair forage crop from the ground. A typo looked over a barbed wire fence the other day and counted twelve beans on a stalk. Goobers are growing.

"Look at me, look at me!" pleaded the distracted one. See how your aloofness affects me! Only give me one glance!"

"Oh, don't tempt me!" said the sweet maiden. "How can I love you, when father is a barber and you wear your hair long?"

Visitor: "Waiter, bring me some port wine: it's blowing great guns outside."

Waiter: Yes sir; What brand? Visitor: "Oh, it doesn't matter; any port in a storm."

Judge—Did you call the defendant a liar?

Defendant—No, your honor. I merely said that he ought to get a job as a weather prophet.

Oh, that watermillion, how I'd like to have a piece,

Just enough ter make er meal, caze I's about run outen meat.

### Remember The Maine!

What has become of Capt. Hobson of the Merrimac fame? We shall have to look to our laurels since the Japanese victories over Russia, because Chinese immigration may force us into unavoidable complications with Japan which is not far from China and Corea. There are a great many Chinese in this country now and where they labor an American would starve to death.

As a means for safer coast defense in our Monroe Doctrine, it has been suggested by Mr. Harlan of the Supreme Court that we quickly sell the Phillippine Islands to the highest bidder to guard against a British aggressiveness which we are about to practice, since the battleship Maine was sunk in Santiago harbor. Remember the Maine!

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The following officers of Lodge No. 903 A. F. & A. M. were elected for the ensuing Term and will be duly installed on tomorrow the 15th inst.  
G. N. Foreman, W. M.  
D. Robinson, S. W.  
A. F. Small, J. W.  
W. R. Spencer, Secretary  
M. V. Brownfield, Treasurer.  
J. A. Freeman, Tyler.

In Those Days Of Operation.

Husband came home one evening to find a note left for him by his wife. Carelessly he opened it, but as he read his face blanched. "My God!" he exclaimed, "how could this have happened so suddenly?" And snatching his hat and coat, he rushed to a hospital which was near his home. "I want to see my wife, Mrs. Eaton, who is in your care."





