



Stray Topics From Little Old New York

New York, May 13.—There is a powerful element of pathos, almost of tragedy in the life history of Miss Jane Perkins Williams, who was sent to the Long Island State Hospital for the insane the other day, after the Supreme Court had been asked to appoint a committee to look after the estate of the woman, which is estimated to be worth considerably more than \$1,000,000.

30,000 EXPECTED AT LITTLE ROCK

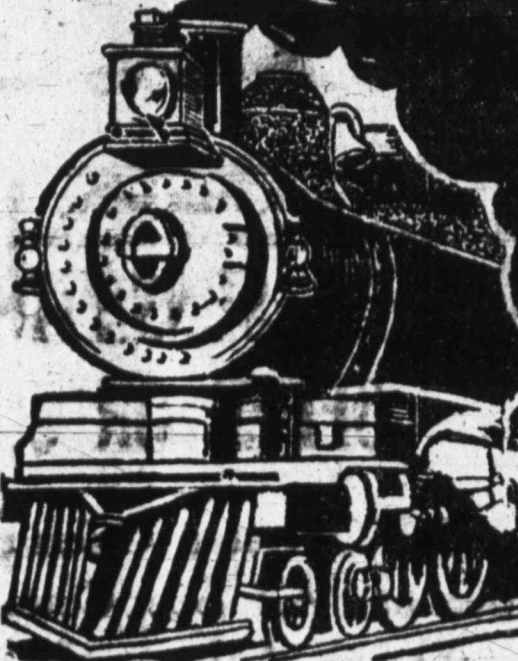
SPECIAL TRAINS BRING IN THOUSANDS FOR ANNUAL REUNION OF VETERANS.

OPENING ON TOMORROW

The Big Parade Will Take Place Next Thursday.

Special to the Times.

Little Rock, Ark., May 15.—The capital city of Arkansas is a mass of bunting and flags in honor of the Confederate veterans, their sons and daughters, wives and friends, who are here from every quarter for the annual reunion week.



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Some Substitutes for Corn

(By H. M. Balmer, Agricultural Demonstrator for the Santa Fe Railway.)

On account of the uneven distribution of rainfall and frequent long dry spells during growing periods, corn cannot be considered as a "king of crops" in the Texas Panhandle.

What is a Thoroughbred Horse?

"What is a Thoroughbred Horse?" is a question which has been asked of John C. Burns, Professor of Animal Husbandry at the A. & M. College of Texas.

Defender of Cameron Dam Is Found Guilty of Murder

Haxward, Wis., May 13.—A verdict in the famous Dietz case was returned this morning after a long trial.

Highway From Red River to Gulf

The County Engineers of Dallas and the Dallas Automobile Club are planning to build a macadam road from the Red River to Galveston.

Large Land Deal

Twenty-five thousand acres of Webb county land has been sold to northern capitalists.

Will Move 50,000 Cattle Across the Border

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, May 15.—A round up of sixty thousand cattle on the ranches in vicinity of Nogales.

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Facts Concerning Bermuda Grass

Our common name, Bermuda, for the grass so-called, would indicate that it originated in the islands of that name, but such is not the case. It is believed that India is its place of nativity, where it is called "Dhab" and is the safeguard of the cattle against straying.

For years the botanical name of Bermuda grass has been Cyndon Dactylon, but in a reclassification of the grasses the name was changed to Capriola Dactylon. But that makes no difference, as the change of name has not affected the grass as much as it would have done a grass wilder.

The exact date of its introduction into the United States is not known, but it was found growing in Georgia in 1825, where it had probably been growing for some years. I have no data upon its introduction into Texas. Perhaps some reader of Texas Farm and Poultry may be able to throw some light on the subject. At all events, it has been in Texas a long time. I have found it covering the valley lands of prairie creeks in Central Texas. Lanes which to all appearances had never been in cultivation.

Texans are so familiar with the grass that it is not necessary to describe it for them, but many readers of this paper are newcomers.

The most conspicuous feature of the mature grass is the tassel or seed-head. It looks like a miniature crab-grass seed-head. The head is usually composed of four, fingers, though it may have only three, or it may have six or seven. The leaves on the stem are numerous. Authorities say that from two to four leaves are formed at each joint. I don't remember having seen more than two. However, the leaves are numerous enough and fine enough to give the turf a very soft and pleasing effect. There are two kinds of stems. One grows pro-cumbent, that is, flat upon the surface of the grounds. The other is sub-ter-ranean, growing just below the surface. The latter stem does not develop freely in hard or stiff soils, but in mellow earth containing much vegetable matter they will be found in abundance. The pro-cumbent stems are the ones which give the leafage. They take root at every node and every bit makes a cluster of upright leafy stalks. These stems will extend in all directions from the original stool and will grow to several feet in length. They have been known to reach a length of twelve feet, but eighteen inches to two feet is usual. The conditions under which growth is made determine this matter.

One of the valuable qualities of Bermuda grass is its adaptability to varying soil characteristics. It will grow on almost pure sand and if the sand is kept moist enough, and it will grow

on clay. Like most grasses it will do best on a rich moist loam. It will not thrive on a gravelly soil. It will grow luxuriantly in wet soils, as, for instance, on the banks of stock-water tanks, or canal banks or levees, even where it is sometimes submerged for short periods. At the same time it is considered a resister of drought. This quality is fast making it the favorite grass of Oklahoma. It is said to exceed all grasses even the native ones. In its adaptability to the climatic conditions of that state, except cold it is sometimes freezes out there. In Texas notwithstanding I have frequently seen it killed by drought in central Texas when growing upon sandy or gravelly soil, though it is never killed by heat or drought when growing upon suitable soil. It is an excellent grass for the heavy damp soils of the upper coast country, where the native grasses are not very nutritious. On these lands it will produce abundant pastures during the summer months and in mild months, it will produce scant pasturage during the winter months also.

The upper coast has no native grasses which supply winter grazing with certainty. This fact is one of the drawbacks to stock raising in this territory. Bermuda grass does not correct the evil, but its habit of growth makes it possible to improve the condition so far as the stock farm is concerned. In this way: I know of no better winter grass than Bromus, called also Pecu-er and Rescue. This grass is as strictly a winter grass as Bermuda is a summer grass. If the Bermuda grass is harrowed with a weighted tooth harrow early in the fall after sowing Bromus seed on it the grass will grow all winter and even on the tough soil will make fairly good grazing. And more than that, it will reseed itself so that harrowing will be the only require-ment for succeeding crops on it. This same fall harrowing is an excel-lent thing for the Bermuda as well.

If the soil is a lighter loam clover may be used in the place of bromus and with greater benefit to the stock, as the pasture will then furnish more of the nitrogenous food element. In northeast Texas on the redland hills bermuda and clover grow together spontaneously and make a beautiful landscape when encouraged by a little human intervention. There the clover is the Carolina variety; here, probably the best clover would be burr clover, though we have a very promising pink-blossomed clover which might be better.

Another great advantage that ber-muda has over other grasses is its quality of resisting alkali. This qual-ity will make it of great value in arid or semi-arid countries where irriga-tion has caused the soil to become impregnated with alkaline salts which are dissolved by the irrigation water which, on lands that are not under-drained rises to the surface and des-troys the grasses. All persons so situated should plant bermuda.

Bermuda grass will not endure shade. For this reason it is a poor grass for a lawn where it is covered with trees, but for open lawns nothing is better. It is a tropical or semi-tropical grass. It is killed by very low temperatures. Old grass has endured 18 degrees below zero in Oklahoma when young grass near it was killed. (See Oklahoma Station Bulletin No. 85.) It will doubtless stand any Texas weather unless it be that of the panhandle. It will tolerate any amount of sunshine and luxuriate in it if given sufficient moisture and nourishment.

Prof. Francis of the Oklahoma ex-periment station has been making some investigation into the chemical constitution of Bermuda grass with a view to learning its feeding value. The laboratory experiments have been supplemented by feeding experiments for their corroboration. The feeding experiments so far as they were car-ried seem to have sustained the labo-ratory experiments.

These investigations make some dis-closures which are a surprise to me. Protein is the most valuable feeding ingredient in the crop. To my sur-prise Prof. Francis finds that during its first stage of growth is. But the first year of its growth bermuda grass is as rich in protein as alfalfa not continue, for after the first year it fall lower in the protein content. Still the old grass is superior to any other. Of pure grasses barely stands second and buffalo grass third. This relation may be shown by quoting the "nutritive ratios" of some of these. The nutritive ratio of Bermuda in its first year of growth is, according to Prof. Francis, 1:3.96. Only a little more than that of Bermuda in its first year. The ratio for three-year-old Bermuda is 1:6.1, for barley 1:7.7, for buffalo grass 1:7.2, while prairie grass is so poor that it has a ratio of 1:84.2. These investigations of Prof. Francis put a valuation on Ber-muda grass that is surprising.

In digestibility Bermuda grass does not equal some of those it surpassed under the other basis of comparison, yet it stands well and is more diges-tible than most of them. I am inclin-ed to think that its deficiency in this respect is due to its fineness. It is so easily swallowed that the animal does not masticate it properly. If this is the case it can be overcome by the methods of feeding and a larger percentage of the nutrient it con-tains be obtained by the animal. However, the fact that the test of dig-estibility was made with sheep is rather against my supposition that lack of mastication was the cause of deficiency in this quality. The author of these experiments says: "When the expense of these foods is consid-ered it will be apparent that Ber-muda hay has no equal."

As commonly grown Bermuda grass does not make much of a hay crop, yet it is capable of making large yields. Prof. Newman, writing on this subject in 1902, says: "There is a well authenticated record of 12,000 pounds of cured Bermuda hay per acre, from three mowings during one

season, on the Ocoee river bottoms in Georgia." On this point Prof. Francis of Oklahoma says: "Certain-ly 1200 cuttings may be made, and in some cases as many as seven or eight. Each crop will run from half a ton to over two tons per acre." Nevertheless, as a cheap feeding ma-terial the chief value of Bermuda grass is in the formation of permanent pas-tures. A good soil will keep a large number of animals busy. One autho-rity says that Bermuda, clover and lespiza will stand close grazing better than other plants. The test was made with cattle.

Another use for Bermuda, which is of great value in East Texas, is the renovative cross sown and sown soils. If a field, which has ceased to be pro-fitable under a tenant's management, be set to Bermuda grass and pastured for a few years, it will be restored to productiveness quicker than if turned out, will be returning a better annual revenue and will come into cultivation again free of brush and roots. All of these benefits can be improved by additional care in the management of the field while in grass; as, for in-stance, by sowing to burr clover and harrowing every fall.

In a hilly country where the soil is of a loamy nature great injury is often done by the washing off of the soil or the gullying of the field. In many cases it seems almost impossible to stop the washing by any arrangement of fields or ditches. A farm of this kind will soon be ruined. Under such conditions the soil is so washed and eroded that it should be set to Bermuda grass after shallow-ing out the washes in such a way that a mowing machine can be run through them to cut the hay and to prevent the possibility of weeds or brush get-ting the ascendancy. These, too, can be sowed to burr clover and harrowed to provide a winter growth for grazing purposes. But in a damp climate these strips of grass should never be cross-planted during the cultivation of crops. The fields should be platted within the boundaries formed by the grass strips. If rows cross these drainage belts so that cultivators or other implements are dragged across them the whole field will, in a short time, become in-fested with Bermuda. Bermuda, in such a climate, is like fire; it is splen-did in its proper place.

In many hillside farms terraces are being used to prevent washing and gul-lying. If properly laid and cured for they are very useful and effective, but they are a nuisance as producers of weed seed, and if neglected become a blemish to be farm because of the "catch-cultivation" over that or the weedy terrace which does produce seed. Other farms utilize sidehill ditches instead of terraces. If these are not constructed with just the right fall they will be either inefficient or destructive as a result of washing. If the latter error has been made Ber-muda grass will correct it. If the ditches have been given just the right fall and Bermuda is planted in them they may be ruined. I believe it would be bet-



Top Row—Birdie Simmons, Myrtle Henderson, Emma Joe Smith. Second Row—Pearl Underwood, Grace Nolen, Ethel Frieze, Edna Walker, Bess Maxwell, Pauline Mears. Bottom Row—Russell Jones, Lula Coleman, Catherine Raney, Lillian Bachman, Muriel Hickman, Loumie Vaughn, Gerald Pond.

Sixteen girls and two boys comprise the class of 1911 in the Wichita Falls high school. A class of brighter pupils has never completed the course of study in the Wichita Falls schools. Their teachers say: Miss Muriel Hickman won first honors, and will be valedictorian at commencement. Miss Edna Walker was second and will be salutatorian, and Miss Bess Kell was third and will deliver an oration. The class motto is "Patient Labor-atory." Purple and white are the colors and the class flower is the pink carnation. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. R. Hamlin at the First Methodist Church, Sunday, May 21st. On Monday following the class day

ercises will be held and on Tuesday night May 23, commencement will be held in the Wichita Theatre. Hon. Clarence Gusty, editor of the Fort Worth Record will deliver the commencement address. A list of the graduates together with the subjects for their essays follows: Lillian Avis, "Defrauding our gov-ernment." Lillian Bachman, "Shakespeare's Heroines." Lula Platt Coleman, History, "A Page in Man's Environment." Ethel Frieze, "The Advantages of the Disadvantage." Myrtle J. Henderson, "The Sun of Rome Has Set." Muriel Hickman, "The Holy Grail." Bess Kell, "Master pieces of Art."

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ermission by wave and current. I know of one man who has planted Para grass in his main canal. I think not only he but all of his patrons will suffer in consequence. Still another use for this grass is upon the banks of stock water tanks and irrigation reservoirs. In this case too, the grass should be planted both inside and outside. On the outside it upon the banks of stock water tanks and irrigation reservoirs. In this case too, the grass should be planted both inside and outside. On the outside it strengthens the banks and prevents their wearing and washing, while on the in-

Bess Maxwell, "The Nation—the In-dividual." Pauline Mears, "We are All Greeks." Grace Nolen, "A Galaxy of Southern Poets." Gerald W. Pond, "Wichita Falls Public Schools." Katharine Raney, "What's in a Name." Emma Joe Smith, "Possibilities of Aviation." Anna Birdie Simmons, "Only a Jew." Magdalen Pearl Underwood, "Wo-man in Music." Loumie Vaughn, "Development of the Novel." Edna Walker, "Virgil's Influence on English Literature." Russell Jones, "Every Man a King."

side it prevents washing by waves. Bermuda grass will not grow under water, but it will grow to the edge of it; and if the level of the water is varying at frequent intervals it will grow sufficiently far down non the inside banks to protect them from wave action. Even though he conducts business on a large scale, the coal dealer may give short weight.









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SHEEP RECEIPTS HEAVY

Steers Open Steady and Close Slow and Easy—Feeders Sell Lower.

Special to The Times. Fort Worth, Texas, May 17.—Hog prices slumped another five cents today the bulk selling at \$5.90 to \$6.10. The quality was only ordinary. Receipts were 1500 head.

Lightweights sold at \$5.50 to \$6.05. Mixed at \$5.25 to \$6.10. Heavies at \$6.00 to \$6.25. Pigs at \$4.75 to \$5.15.

CATTLE.

Receipts today were 2500, including 200 calves. Steers opened steady and closed slow and easy. Tops sold at \$5.15 and the bulk of sales ranged from \$4.45 to \$4.90. Feeders were fifteen cents lower than last week's best quotations. Prices ranged from \$4.05 to \$4.65.

A few steers sold at \$3.50. Only a few cows were on the market and prices were steady at \$3.70 to \$3.85. Some heifers sold at \$3.70. Bulls were slow. Calves were steady mixed bunches selling at \$3.50 to \$6.00.

SHEEP

Sheep receipts were 4000 head, including 1000 goats. Weathers were steady at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Lambs sold lower at \$5.60.

Chicago Grain Market.

Table with columns for Wheat, May, July, Sept, and Corn, with various price percentages.

HOBOKEN ORIGINATED OUR NATIONAL GAME

How many fans know that Hoboken, N. J., is the birthplace of baseball? It was, and the game was born in 1845, from the old game of rounders, which the present generation knows little of, but which many men, not more than just past the meridian of life played.

The first game was played between two teams, chosen promiscuously from a crowd that gathered on a vacant lot. But on June 14, 1846, a regular game between two teams that really had names was played at Elysian Fields, N. Y. The clubs were the Knickerbockers and the New York Citys. No tally record of this game can be found in any book or at the county morgue, so it is presumed that the score was forgotten and there were no fatalities.

For thirteen years and then, in 1857, a league was formed in New York. No statistics were kept, however, and it was truly a "Fourth of July" league. Soldiers played the game on the fields of battle during the civil war, and returning home, fascinated with the sport, gave it a new advance.

So speedily did the game advance, that in the early '60s umpires began to call balls on pitchers who could not get them over.

In 1865, a bold New Englander started a factory for making baseballs. They were much superior to the old hand made balls and caused increased interest in the game.

Three years later a similar team was put in the field in Cincinnati. This grew into the famous Cincinnati Red Stockings who in 1869-1870 played eighty games without a defeat, setting a record in the past time that has never been equaled.

Terrible Picture of Suffering. Clinton, Ky.—Mrs. M. C. McElroy. In a letter from Clinton, writes: "For six years, I was a sufferer from female troubles. I could not eat, and could not stand on my feet, without suffering great pain. Three of the best doctors in the state said I was in a critical condition, and going down hill. I lost hope. After using Cardui a week, I began to improve. Now I feel better than in six years."

You should read The Times.

TWO VETERANS DIE AT LITTLE ROCK

(Continued from Page One.)

here there was a notable circumstance. General Cabell worshipped the memory of President Jefferson Davis; was one of his pall-bearers when he was buried in New Orleans in 1868. He said that he never wanted to die until a grand monument was erected in New Orleans to his memory. The monument was unveiled at New Orleans at 3 p. m., on February 22. General Cabell fell into his last sleep at 3 p. m., that day, with these words on his lips: "Thank you, General Beauregard, welcome, President Davis; it is 4 o'clock, the battle of Manassas has been fought and won. It was a glorious victory for the Confederacy." Then a faint smile and then adieu.

POPULATION OF TILLMAN COUNTY

Completed statistics from the 1910 census of the population of Oklahoma, received by the Ledger Elve for the first time the population of the minor civil divisions of the county of Tillman. The figures show that outside of Frederick, the population of which has previously been given in the Ledger, Grandfield is the largest town, with a population of 830. Tipton is second and Manitou is third, although that part of Manitou which is in Tillman county is not as large as Tipton, the county dissection this year.

Table with columns for Township, Population, and other statistics for Tillman County.

WITH THE BOXERS.

Matty Haldwin has been matched to meet Kid Saylor in Indianapolis, May 20. Jack Johnson will appear in New York theatres week of May 23, prior to his sailing for London. Joe Jeannette, who is training Carl Morris says that with proper handling the Oklahoma hope will become a first class boxer. Fights Scheduled For Tonight: Leach Cross vs. Jack Goodman, 10 rounds at Madison A. C., New York. Mike Glover vs. Freddie Welsh, 6 rounds at American A. C., Philadelphia.

To date there have been ten enlistments in the United States army at the recruiting office at this place, the tough man going to Denver on the afternoon train today. Quite a number have been rejected for various reasons since the office was opened.

GERTRUDE EWING COMING NEXT WEEK

Tent Will Be Located At Corner of Indiana Avenue and Sixth Street.

The advance representation for the Ewing Tent Theatre Company has completed the necessary preliminary arrangements for the erection of the big canvas play house which will be located on the corner of Indiana avenue and Sixth street.

The appearance of Miss Gertrude Ewing and her company is a certainty. Next Monday evening is the time designated for the event to occur and it should, as the occasion deserves, Miss Ewing being well known and a popular favorite, be a gala event. The novelty of a theatrical performance under canvas has always been, through some mysterious reason an immense drawing force.



Miss Gertrude Ewing.

Associated with the Ewing enterprise this season is a working force of twenty persons, fourteen of them being actors and vaudeville performers and recognized artists. The company, which bears such high reputation in Texas is all that it has been in the past.

A signal failure has wrecked many a train of thought.

Advertisement for O. F. Marchman, Resident Agent, Pure Ice Cream, featuring the Alva Vista logo and free delivery.

MANY ENTRIES FOR FREDERICK RACE MEET

Merced of Grandfield and Hutchins of Randlett Enter Their Stables.

ASSEMBLY TO HEAR HERESY CHARGES

Prominent Presbyterian Ministers Must Answer for Certain Statements Attributed to Them.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 17.—Nearby all of the 868 delegates to the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which opens here tomorrow, have already arrived in town, together with a large number of visitors. With the calling to order of the foreign missionary conference this afternoon the assembly began to get under way, though the formal opening does not take place until tomorrow morning. The annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions shows the largest gifts to missions ever made by the Board, amounting to \$1,688,500. The receipts of the Board were also the largest, and were \$1,632,000 from regular sources.

The most important event of the first regular session of the assembly tomorrow will be the selection of a moderator. Ordinarily the selection is preceded by a more or less spirited contest, though the candidates themselves have never taken active part. This year, however, there appears to be an unusual dearth of candidates. Some of the Western commissioners have launched a good-sized boom in behalf of Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle. The only candidate thus far offered by the Eastern part of the country is Rev. John F. Carson, D. D., pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. Other candidates for the moderatorship will probably appear before the election tomorrow afternoon.

The much discussed heresy charges are likely to crop up Friday, when the reports of the presbyteries are read. The clergyman against whom the charges of heresy have been made are the Rev. Dr. Francis Brown, president of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and one of the most eminent theologians in America, and the Rev. Dr. William A. Brown, a professor in the Union Seminary.

The charges against these two clergymen are brought by the Rev. Dr. W. L. McKean, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg; Dr. McEwan complains about certain statements made by the two clergymen in recent newspaper articles written by them, which he contends to be in direct opposition to the most cherished doctrines of the Church, as well as the essential and fundamental beliefs of Christian people.

The executive commission of the assembly, a body recently created to carry on the work of Presbyterianism during the year, met today to put the finishing touches to the reports and recommendations to be presented to the assembly. The leading recommendations affect the various boards of the Church, grouping them in four classes, and providing that the trustees or directors of one board may serve on any other in the same classification. The plans, it is said, call for some radical changes in the present system of management, and the bear is openly expressed that the commissioners' recommendation will meet with vigorous opposition in the assembly. It is believed the effort to reduce the number of members of the assembly will be successful this year. Of late years the body has increased in size until it has become unwieldy. The executive commission is expected to recommend a reduction to about 600 members. A fish story consist large of books and 's.

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KATY TO MAKE NEW BOND APPLICATION

That the Katy railroad will issue \$102,000,000 of improvement bonds seems assured, in spite of the fact that the Kansas corporation commission refused to allow the issuance of bonds to that amount recently.

It now transpires that the Kansas commission refused to O. K. the issue on technical grounds, and did not turn down the proposition cold. The action will delay the Katy improvements for the time being, but probably not for very long, as the company's officials have announced that they will make a new application in a more definite form. The objection made to the former application was that it was not sufficiently definite in stating what was to be done with the money to be raised. Of the \$102,000,000 issue, \$25,000,000 will be used in improving the line, and the remainder to take up present outstanding bond issues. When the work contemplated is completed, the Katy expects to have a road through southern and eastern Kansas and Oklahoma that will compare favorably with any other line now operating in this section. From Kansas City to Parsons, Kan., the road is to be straightened until it is practically an air line. The road bed is also to be greatly improved. Officials of the company say that the increased passenger and freight traffic renders such an action on their part absolutely necessary.

Peace Not Certain Yet.

By Associated Press. Mexico City, May 17.—Minister De LaBarra, seemed very sanguine that today's cabinet meeting would result in peace, but Limantour was less hopeful though he said he believed there would be peace soon. Should the present negotiations fail it is regarded not unlikely that the city will be cut off from communication with the outside world.

COMMENCEMENT AT VERNON TODAY

Play Will Be Presented By Graduates Tonight.

Special to The Times. Vernon, Texas, May 17.—This is commencement week in Vernon, the following being the program: Sermon to undergraduates by Rev. W. L. Livingston, Saturday, May 13, 8:30 p. m., at First Methodist church. Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. L. McKee, of Wichita Falls, Sunday, May 14, at 11:00 a. m., First Methodist church. Undergraduates play Monday, May 15, at 8:30 p. m., at Dreamland Theatre.

Grammar school graduating exercises, May 16, at 8:30 p. m., Dreamland Theatre. High school graduates commencement exercises, Wednesday, May 17, at 10:00 a. m., at First Methodist church.

Play by high school graduates, Wednesday, May 17, at 8:30 p. m., at Dreamland Theatre.

Alumni banquet, Thursday, May 18, at 8:30 p. m., Masonic Hall. Prof. B. F. Holcomb has been re-elected as superintendent of the city schools and the teaching staff will be filled at an early meeting of the school board.

Odd Fellows' Home Dedicated.

Dell Rapids, S. D., May 17.—The magnificent home erected here by the Odd Fellows of South Dakota for the benefit of aged and indigent members of the order was dedicated today with impressive ceremonies. The grand lodge had charge of the dedication, which was attended by large delegations from Sioux Falls, Huron, and other places.

Advertisement for Marchman's Drug Store, featuring 'ARE YOU RUN DOWN?' and 'Spring Tonics' with an illustration of a man sitting at a desk.

Large advertisement for O. W. Bean & Son, 'A Case of Crazy Water Costs \$2.00', 'Just the price of one visit from the Doctor. Its cheap health insurance—Its the BEST WATER ON EARTH', with address 608 Ohio Ave. and 604 Ohio Ave.