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The Highland News.

HILLSBORO, OHIO:

Wednesday, June 24, '85.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

HENRY G. WILLIAMS, - City Editor

Mr. Daniel Cummings, of Marshall, gave the News a call on Friday.

Miss Kate Duckwall, of Batavia, spent a part of last week visiting friends here.

Miss Mira Maltby, of Springboro, O., was the guest of the Misses Patterson last week.

Miss Cora Bell attended the Commencement exercises at the Female College of Oxford.

The Misses West, of Winchester, spent a few days in this city last week, attending commencement.

The NEWS extends thanks to Mr. Dwight Moore for a box of the finest strawberries we have ever seen.

Miss Effie Brown, of Bainbridge, spent the past week visiting Miss Kate Langley, of this city, returning home yesterday.

Spring Lake Farm—Pure German Carp for sale. Price, $4 per hundred.
24-5 ASA HAYNES, Hillsboro, O.

The Scott Dragoons are preparing to have a military picnic at the Fair Grounds on the Fourth. A good attendance is desired.

Miss Virginia Boatright, of Russell's, in company with her father, Mr. E. G. Boatright, attended the College Commencement.

We are informed that Dr. McClain, of Sardinia, has been appointed a member of the Board of Medical Examiners here. They are now Drs. Patterson, Russ and McClain.

Are we to have a Fourth of July celebration? Are we going to let surrounding towns smother us in on the Fourth? Gentlemen of Hillsboro, it is money in your pockets.

We understand that the colored people of Hillsboro and Portsmouth are thinking of purchasing a grove near Sardinia to be used for holding camp meetings and out door gatherings.

Mr. Allen T. West, one of Highland's most successful farmers, moved from his home on Rocky Fork to Washington C. H. last Thursday. He was accompanied by his family and expects to make it his home.

Mr. T. H. Parker and wife, residing west of this city, returned Friday last from Coleman, Alabama, where they have been visiting their son, George, the past five weeks. On their return they visited friends in Illinois.

Several more hogsheads of tobacco from Carmel were brought to town last week, ready for shipping. If the tobacco producers in Highland continue in enlarging their acreage, Brown, in a few years, will almost be equaled.

The fronts of many of the business houses are being repainted, the following receiving fresh coats within the last week: Bowers' News Depot, W. H. Glenn & Co.'s, Brunner's boot and shoe store, West End Grocery, Stevenson & Young and Chaney.

Profs. H. S. Doggett and E. G. Smith left on the morning train last Friday for an extended pleasure trip to the east. They will first visit New York City, then go to Niagara. They will also visit many other eastern cities and return home in a week or ten days.

New Vienna was well represented at the commencement of the College last week, the following being present: Messrs. F. L. Hussey, E. R. Spear, A. F. Moon, Fred Woodmansee, and Fred Myers with Misses Jessie Gordon, Maud Hynes, Nannie Harris, Lucy Gray and Minnie Holmes.

Mr. John Bowers gave quite a pleasant party to his friends at his home last Wednesday night. The guests arrived at nine o'clock and after spending an hour sociably the line of march was taken up for the rooms over the restaurant, at which place the guests partook of the refreshments which were served, and spent the remaining part of the evening in dancing.

Miss Sallie Perdum, formerly a student of the College and now a teacher in the training school connected with Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., is now at home, near Sardinia, for summer vacation. Miss P. reports gratifying results for the year just closed and an encouraging outlook for the future; as the colored people of the South are realising that their supreme need is a thorough Christian education.

Mr. James Gray, who left this place two weeks ago to-day for the West, died at Bridgeport, Ills., last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was brought to this place by way of New Vienna on Sunday morning, and was buried at 6 p. m. Sunday, at the cemetery of this place. A telegram was received last week stating his illness, and John O'Connell went to his bedside, and accompanied his remains home.

The largest steer in the world, weighing 4,260 pounds, 6 feet 4 inches high, 11 feet 4 inches around girth, 3 feet 4 inches between hip points, 18 feet from horns to the tip of his tail and 7 years old, and pronounced by everybody to be a perfect beauty; also the smallest cow in the world weighing 399 pounds, 34 inches high, and giving 3 gallons of milk a day, are on exhibition at Kibler & Hughey's old stand. Everybody should go and see them.

We desire to obtain a certain copy of the *American Citizen*, a paper published here in Hillsboro more than half a century ago. We would like to have the copy containing chapter seventeen of the history of Highland county, as published in it. The chapter contains the history of the early settling of Marshall township, the first cabin being erected by the Dick ancestors. Should anyone have this copy and desire to part with it, we would pay a liberal price for it to the person leaving it or sending it to this office.

Try Langdon's City Baxter Crackers.

Fred Fenner left last Thursday morning for the far West.

Master Bennie Glascock is visiting relatives in Columbus.

Stewart Storer, of Covington, Ky., spent Monday in this city.

Miss Ella Brown, of Bujord, is visiting relatives in this city.

Messrs. John C. Parks and Fred Pope spent Sunday in Bainbridge.

Mrs. J. L. Wistance, of Springfield, is visiting her parents in this city.

Mr. Jonathan Barrett and daughter, Miss Ella, of Marshall, spent Friday in town.

Mrs. R. H. Shofstall left Tuesday morning for Circleville, where she will visit friends.

Read our outside pages every week. There is much good reading on the first and last pages.

Dr. Charles Hoyt and wife, of Chillicothe, visited Dr. Wm. Hoyt, of this city, during the past week.

Mr. Carlisle Barrere and family, of Chillicothe, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barrere.

Miss Sada D. Puckett left last Thursday for Bainbridge where she will spend vacation with her parents.

Miss May McClain, of Washington C. H., spent a day or two last week visiting at Mr. Benjamin Pugsley's.

We got "scooped" on the Commencements in point of time, but the shooting case comes up on top this week.

For Sale—Young German Carp at Spring Hill Fishery, 3 miles north of Hillsboro.
10-5 J. L. WEST.

The Sons of Veterans now have their new badges, and they are "daisies," too, bearing the inscription, "*Filii Veteranorum.*"

A party of seven of Lynchburg's gay and beautiful maidens spent last Friday very pleasantly at Miss Jennie Boatright's, Russels'.

Misses Kate and Jennie Huggins and Miss Jessie White and Mr. Cyrus Huggins, all of Mt. Orab, were the guests of Judge Huggins last week.

Mr. William Anderson, of Drew's Theological Seminary, New York, is visiting at the residence of Rev. C. W. Ketcham, on Walnut street.

Mr. William Striblen, of St. Joseph, Mo., after a short visit in this city, returned home Friday in company with his daughter, Miss Mattie Striblen.

Mr. John S. Carlisle, a well-known teacher and present Deputy Recorder, was honored by receiving the appointment of School Examiner last Friday.

Dr. John Hancock, now of Dayton, has accepted the Superintendency of the Chillicothe Schools, as successor to Prof. Richardson, lately resigned.

It would sound a little like life in business if we could hear the whistle of the locomotive on the new railroad and know we had a paying institution in it.

Miss Rachael Conard, who has been teaching penmanship in the Washington C. H. public schools the past winter, has returned to her home in this city.

Miss Nellie Stout, a well known young lady to Hillsboro people, and Miss Costello, of Boston, Mass., will give a concert at Music Hall on Thursday night of next week.

An unusual number of friends from other cities have been in the city for the past week. The fame of Hillsboro's institutions of learning attracted them to the commencements.

Bob Davis, a colored man living near New Boston, died last Saturday evening and was buried Monday at the Stringtown graveyard. He was reported as being over one hundred years old.

Luther Hurst, son of Gen. S. H. Hurst, of Chillicothe, had his hand seriously crushed in a corn-crusher one day last week, necessitating the amputation of one or more of his fingers.

Mrs. J. M. Chaney, accompanied by her grand-son, Harry, left on last Thursday morning for a visit to Mrs. Frank H. Jones, Newark, N. Y. From there Harry expects to go to New York City.

Wm. M. Kellum, son of J. W. Kellum, the tobacco merchant, will be here regularly until Sept. 1st. He may be found at the Kramer House, or at the tobacco warehouse, near the C. W., & B. depot. 2

Miss Marie Amen very elegantly entertained a few of the late graduates and other invited guests last Friday night. After enjoying music and social intercourse almost till the wee small hour, the company dispersed.

This part of the county was visited by a very heavy rain storm last Saturday early in the afternoon. The rain was dashed down in bucketsful and the corn-fields were the victims and serious washing on the hillsides resulted.

Two fires occurred near Belfast the past week. M. A. Garrett's house caught fire on Wednesday but did not result in much damage; also Jacob Wiseoup's barn burned down on Thursday, burning up hay, grain, and farming utensils.

Miss Ella Williams, of this place, closed her school in the Elton District last Friday with a picnic. About eighty persons were present and a very social and enjoyable time was had, and the common verdict of patrons was that Miss Williams had taught an entirely satisfactory school.

Our brother, Z. F. Hickman, of the Leesburg *Buckeye*, has committed a very partial act. On Tuesday, June 17th, he went to Washington C. H., and led to the altar one of Washington's estimable young ladies in the person of Miss Mittie Thurston, and he is now enjoying the realities of married life. Still we live in hopes.

MANSLAUGHTER.

HIGHLAND COUNTY'S BLOODY RECORD AUGMENTED.

C. W. Murphy Shot and Instantly Killed by Geo. Long,

NEAR MURPHY'S HOME IN NEW MARKET.

Great Excitement and Intense Feeling Manifested.

CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Small Grudges Magnify and End in the Cost of Human Life.

ANOTHER WITNESS AGAINST THE MURDEROUS REVOLVER.

Murphy's Post Mortem Examination and Long's Preliminary Trial.

THE FACTS STATED WITHOUT COMMENT AND LEFT TO AN ANXIOUS PUBLIC.

Once more it becomes our painful duty to record the facts in the killing of one of Highland's citizens. Highland county has a wonderful record in the way of murders and tragedies committed in the last few years. At least sixteen murders have occurred in this county in the last twelve years, and the last five years have been remarkable for their extremely bloody record. And yet Highland county is in the midst of an enlightened and civilized nation, the county itself having a reputation that extends far beyond the State confines,—a reputation for the high degree of culture and intelligence of its people, for its law-abiding citizens, and for many commendable qualities not possessed by communities where such crimes are less frequent.

Last Friday evening, June 19, 1885, the village of New Market was shocked to hear of the death of one of her citizens. The villages and people in the surrounding country were quickly informed of the tragic deed, which is in substance told in these brief statements: Geo. Long was going down the pike, known as the Hillsboro and Ripley Pike, and when a little past the residence of C. W. Murphy in New Market, the said Murphy followed him out on the pike and down the pike a number of rods, and a quarrel ensued, whereupon George Long shot the said Murphy with a revolver, which caused death in a minute or two. The detailed statements in regard to the matter will be found below. But before we enter into any lengthy account of the transaction itself, let us look at the scene of the transaction.

New Market is a small village situated about six miles south of Hillsboro, in Highland county, Ohio, and contains a population of two hundred people. It was one of the first settlements made in Highland county, and was for some time the county seat. But Hillsboro and other surrounding towns, settled at a later date, outgrew the sturdy, old-time little village and soon Hillsboro plucked the honors from her crown. But its age adds to the fascination of its history, and this fact alone, and the fact that the present dwellers are mostly descendants from the first settlers, secures for it a reputation of having always been a quiet-loving, peaceable village. The citizens of New Market Township have always been known to be a set of law-abiding citizens, and few quarrels and feuds ever arose from that quiet little hamlet. If ever any thing of the kind occurred that was taken to law, it has usually been a civil action only and scarcely ever reached beyond the boundary lines to be carried to the courts. The bar of Hillsboro can testify to the fact that fewer complicated cases come from New Market township than any other township in the county, unless possibly it be Marshall and Washington townships. These facts, read in the light of history, only help to give the present case a more startling color, and to cause people to wonder more and more to know the cause.

Had we the space we would give all the minor particulars, but we will only give the most important facts, and leave them to the public and let other people form their own opinions. We do not think it in the province of journalism to attempt to settle the points which the law is to settle. Hence, we hope to give this theme an impartial hearing.

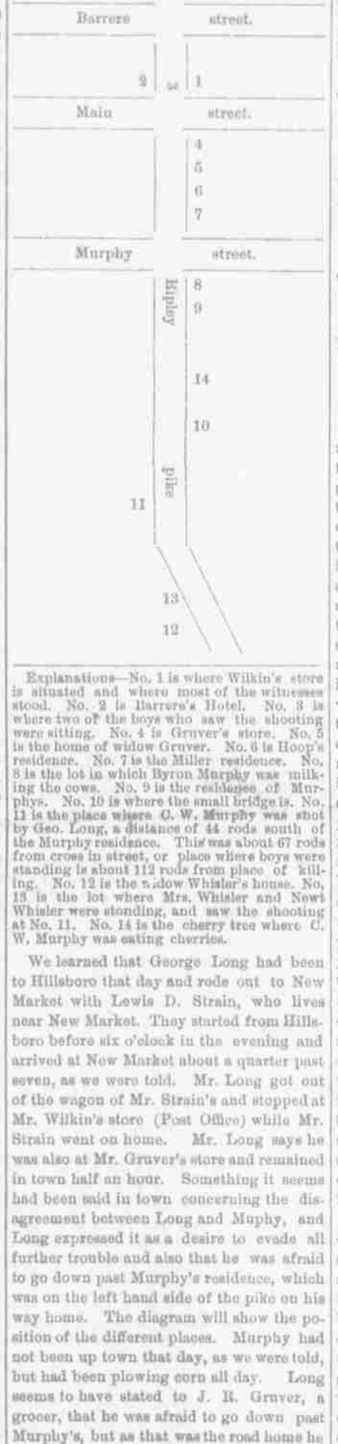
As to the characters of the two men we have little to say. They are widely known and known to be commonly respected and held in rank with a majority of our citizens. They had stood in almost equal reputation. As to the cause of the present dead it is more difficult to determine. It seems that some little difficulty had occurred between Geo. Long and Byron Murphy, a brother of the deceased. Here it will be necessary to enter into the history of the families to some slight extent.

The father of this C. W. Murphy—commonly known as Cass Murphy—had long lived in the village or vicinity of New Market. There he raised his family of children which consisted of three daughters and three sons. Two of the daughters are married, the oldest one marrying Malcomb Chaney now living near this city. The other one married John G. Cochran, at present living near New Market. C. W. Murphy, deceased, married a Miss Wise, daughter of Frank Wise, of this county. To Cass Murphy were born two children, both quite small, in the persons of a little boy and girl. Byron Murphy, brother of the deceased, is unmarried and lives at the home place on Ohio street in New Market. The father is dead, having died two years ago last spring. The other son, Clinton Murphy, is married and resides in Missouri, from where he came on the noon train Monday. Daniel Murphy also came from Ripley, his present home, to attend the funeral and burial services which took place from the house at 4 p. m. Monday in the presence of about five hundred people. Rev. S. W. Edmiston conducted the services.

George Long lives on what is known as the Mitchell Boatman farm, consisting of fifty-five acres, and situated about a mile and a half below (south) New Market. This farm he purchased almost five years ago from Byron Murphy and has been living there ever since. It is claimed that some dispute or misunderstanding about the land, or the amount the tract was to contain, or something of that kind grew up between Byron Murphy and George Long, and this caused them to place distance between themselves. From the time of the first dispute it is said they were never true friends again. The difficulties seem to have lately been renewed, and C. W. Murphy, a brother of Byron, became implicated in it, out of which, very likely, the present trouble grew. We have no knowledge at this time of any serious crosses between them previous to the late trouble.

Several persons have testified that they heard those parties speak ill of each other a few days previous to the shooting, but it is to be seriously doubted whether it was premeditated. These things further trial will prove or disprove.

On having the sad intelligence brought to us on Friday night, we prepared to visit the scene of the dreadful act the next morning. The NEWS reporter found the facts he has above presented and extended his investigations to get the minute details of the surroundings. We drew the diagram found on this page, after measuring the various distances in question.



Explanations—No. 1 is where Wilkin's store is situated and where most of the witnesses stood. No. 2 is Barrere's Hotel. No. 3 is where two of the boys who saw the shooting were sitting. No. 4 is Gruver's store. No. 5 is the home of widow Gruver. No. 6 is Hoop's residence. No. 7 is the Miller residence. No. 8 is the lot in which Byron Murphy was milking the cows. No. 9 is the residence of Murphys. No. 10 is where the small bridge is. No. 11 is the place where C. W. Murphy was shot by Geo. Long, a distance of 44 rods south of the Murphy residence. This was about 67 rods from cross in street, or place where boys were standing is about 112 rods from place of killing. No. 12 is the widow Whisler's house. No. 13 is the lot where Mrs. Whisler and Newt Whisler were standing, and saw the shooting at No. 11. No. 14 is the cherry tree where C. W. Murphy was eating cherries.

We learned that George Long had been to Hillsboro that day and rode out to New Market with Lewis D. Strain, who lives near New Market. They started from Hillsboro before six o'clock in the evening and arrived at New Market about a quarter past seven, as we were told. Mr. Long got out of the wagon of Mr. Strain's and stopped at Mr. Wilkin's store (Post Office) while Mr. Strain went on home. Mr. Long says he was also at Mr. Gruver's store and remained in town half an hour. Something it seems had been said in town concerning the disagreement between Long and Muphy, and Long expressed it as a desire to evade all further trouble and also that he was afraid to go down past Murphy's residence, which was on the left hand side of the pike on his way home. The diagram will show the position of the different places. Murphy had not been up town that day, as we were told, but had been plowing corn all day. Long seems to have stated to J. R. Gruver, a grocer, that he was afraid to go down past Murphy's, but as that was the road home he intended to start, but did not know whether he would get there or not. A few minutes before eight o'clock, just about dusk, he started down the Hillsboro and Ripley pike walking. It is about sixty-five feet from the corner of Wilkin's store to the corner of the Gruver store. It is about eleven hundred feet from Gruver's store to Murphy's house. Long started down the street (or pike) and when opposite Murphy's house observed Cass Murphy standing on the plank fence eating cherries from the overhanging branches of a tree. Long says he did not speak to Murphy, nor look at him as he passed by. After getting some rods past the house, Murphy is reported to have jumped from the fence and started down the pike, at some distance behind Long. A walking gait was kept up by both until they had gone about 700 feet from the house, when Murphy gained on Long and both increased their speed to a slow run. After going probably 100 feet farther, or 800 feet from the house, or 1,935 feet or 116 rods from Wilkin's store, the action took place. Here on this spot the fatal shot was fired, on the edge of the west side of the pike, about 125 feet south of the first curve in the pike and about 10 feet from the edge of the pike to the fence. When shot, Murphy stepped a few steps toward the fence, muttering something not understood by Long, then fell back a step or two to the edge of the pike. Long went on down the pike to his home. An interview with Long since he was placed in jail here, brought out the following as to what he did after the shooting: "After the shooting I started home, not turning around to see what effect the shot had had. When I got home I took my family to a neighbor's house, and got a conveyance and started to town in company with John McKinney to give myself up to the authorities. About two and a half miles south of Hillsboro we met officers McConaughey and Rhoades coming out. I then came on to town with them and was put in this cell about twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock." He was put in the same cell with Stusser (charged with killing O'Tool), whose trial is in progress as we go to press.

This shooting by Geo. Long at the person of C. W. Murphy occurred about five minutes before eight o'clock Friday evening, June 19. There were several witnesses to the shooting standing at the stores in town. The diagram will explain the positions and distances. After hearing the report of the pistol and seeing Murphy stagger four or five feet and fall on the grass at the west edge of the pike near the old Whisler house, not more than five feet from where he was shot, the bystanders at the cross street up in town, went down to the body of Murphy, as has been stated in the preliminary examination of witnesses, which we are sorry to be compelled to omit for want of space; Dr. Vance was called and other persons carried the body of Murphy to his home. The members of the family by that time arrived at the scene of the transactions. The body was left there and placed under guard till Saturday morning, when Drs. Brown, Vance, and Holmes held a post mortem examination which resulted, to state it briefly, in disclosing the following:

Ball entered the body 4½ inches above the umbilicus (naval) in the median line, passing through the integument almost on a horizontal line and backward through the stomach about two inches from the lower line thereof. The ball cut the aorta and lodged in the last dorsal vertebra. Death was caused by hemorrhage from the aorta.

The coroner's inquest was held Saturday morning by Coroner Bunn, which resulted, after the examinations of H. D. Davis, P. S. Bell, Mrs. Emeline Whisler, Newton Whisler, and Frank McReynolds, in the verdict that the said C. W. Murphy came to his death by a bullet fired from a pistol in the hands of the said Geo. Long.

The preliminary trial of Geo. Long was set for Tuesday, when it was held before Mayor Harman. The following witnesses were examined: Dr. C. E. Vance, Dr. Enos Holmes, H. D. Davis, John McReynolds, P. S. Bell and Newton Whisler. The following attorneys were for the defense: H. A. Pavey and T. P. Vance. For the State, Sloane, Newby & Morrow. The court found a charge of man-slaughter and bound him over to court in the sum of $500. Had we space we would give the full report of this trial, which lasted from 9 a. m. till noon. We took a full report but space compels us to omit it.

LATER—Long obtained bail this (Tuesday) evening.

ONWARD AND UPWARD

Is What the High School Graduates Proclaim

TO A CROWDED HOUSE AND TO THE WORLD.

Brilliant Commencement of the High School of Hillsboro, June 18th, 1885.

To the thoughtful observer, though he may be illiterate himself, there is often a feeling that envelops his mental being and gives him a degree of just pride that, he thinks, has not been discovered by anyone else. If the observer be educated and cultured, this realization is even more gratifying, than that, if possible. So we see that almost all classes of humanity have hopes and realizations of heights that may be attained. We can see all around us in the sphere of active life, fellow-beings in various paths, some bobbing up and down, into and out of public notice; others as waning lights whose own dimness hides them in obscurity; and still others whose careers increase in brilliancy as the years roll on, and the heat of the testing furnace increases, only to remove the dross. Such an one as of the last class is he who is properly educated and prepared to meet the realities of life. In the properly educated mind, associated with the contrite and believing heart, lies the remedy for every evil, socially and morally. Thus it is that we rejoice when the necessary devotion to supreme intelligence is duly recognized by young men and young women issuing from the halls of colleges and schools ready to mount the stage of active life to perform dramas yet unwritten. We intend this as an introductory thought of the theme under consideration. Before entering into a detailed account of the closing or commencement exercises of the Hillsboro High School, one of the best and most scholarly achievements that ever issued from that institution, let us invite our attention to one other thought, very closely connected with, in fact a part of, our theme.

It seems to us that sometimes too much caution is given by friends and teachers, and not enough of real encouragement, on such occasions as graduation days. This may grate harshly upon some one's ears, but just allow us to explain. The conscientious desire on the part of parents and teachers to give good advice to boys and girls just quitting school is all well enough we admit, but if there were a more hearty expression of joy, and even envy, because of their achievements, they would often be more inspired. Some one once said that tutors and parents ought to add a few words of *honest envy* at the graduate's present triumph and his chances for future success. This, we believe, is essential, and we feel sure the graduates all were met with just such a feeling at the closing of the late commencement.

The Hillsboro High School enjoys a reputation that reaches beyond the State confines, and its alumni may be found in almost all parts of the United States. The number of professional men who received their first honors from its rostrum, is testimony of the thoroughness well-known of the institution. The present Superintendent, H. S. Doggett, has, since being so connected with the school, sent out 126 graduates, all of whom are eminent scholars or at least refined and successful men and women wherever they are found. The class of '85 is composed of nine as energetic, spirited, and intelligent young men and women as have ever graced the record of the school. This efficiency is much due to the careful supervision and thorough work of superintendent and teachers.

Early in the evening, as soon as the doors of Music Hall were opened, the eager throng began congregating, and ere time for the opening of the exercises the tickets had been returned and the Hall was full, but not crowded. The audience of seven hundred people was composed of citizens of Hillsboro, and almost every town in the county, and many visitors from other States. Parents of the graduates were present, feeling, doubtless, prouder and happier than their sons and daughters. They, too, once stood upon a rostrum and received their diplomas long ago.

Amidst the hum of merry voices and fluttering fans, the Superintendent called the assemblage to order and the exercises were commenced by prayer from Rev. Edward Bradley. This was followed by an instrumental duet by Misses Madge Carson and Sara Murphy, rendered in a creditable manner. Following the duet came the Arion Quartette, rendering a "Grand March" in a manner receiving a hearty applause.

MISS JENNIE E. BOWLES,

Being first upon the program, delivered her essay, entitled "The Golden Age," in quite a creditable manner. This essay was one of much merit, reflecting credit upon its author. The scholarly style in which Miss Bowles handled her subject fully convinced the audience of her intellectual ability. She showed the origin and results of the legends of the Golden Age, all of which required an understanding of that portion of the world's history. The fall of man was referred to, then his progress and decline through the golden, silver and iron ages and then back to a second golden age—the age of Christianity, in which men are now more for each other and less for that little god, "Self." This essay was highly creditable. It was followed by a second essay by

MISS IDALIE MAUD COX,

Whose subject was "Whitewash." Abrupt and homely though the subject may seem, the careful, judicious handling of it demonstrated that more was held in consideration than the mere covering for deceit. The word *whitewash* was well made to mean the covering or cloak that men of the world use to cover up their deceit and corruptness of heart. She fittingly touched upon the dash of fashion and wealth and sarcastically denounced the selfishness and hypocrisy existing in social ranks, in politics, and even in the church. We would just add that the All-Seeing God sees us as we are, and no seeming, that is, does not include the being and living, will receive approbation. Miss Cox was also applauded.

Music next intervened in the way of a "Serenade" by Mr. Nate Wolfstein, of the Quartette, accompanied by the piano by Miss Murphy. This solo, like all the music of the evening, was encored.

MISS FANNIE F. MCKEEHAN

Then came forward with the all-absorbing question "Who Wins?" In this excellent essay, in which the author showed no little literary ability, we were reminded, and truly, that it is very difficult to tell who does win, if we follow the plans and beliefs of the world, or in other words, pander to every notion of propriety and right in the social as well as the moral world. We were fittingly told that without earnest devotion to some worthy cause true success is impossible. *No merit, no success.* Although corrupted society confers so-called success upon some that are unworthy, in the Higher Courts honors will be conferred from the standard of true merit. "Who Wins?" Miss McKeehan in her essay pointed out and is walking in the path that wins, as we believe each of the graduates are.

MISS LEONORA A. WALKER

Then produced a highly creditable essay on the subject "Transition." This effort was a scholarly production, showing deep insight into future effects from present agents of change, and of thorough knowledge of history bearing upon the theme of man's transition from a being of God, undefiled, to a fallen creature full of sin, and now, by the wonderful plan of redemption, back to a perfect salvation. Facts in natural history and in science were reproduced to show the order of change in the natural world. The coral formations of the ocean were fittingly used as a type. Human life, governments and society are all subject to these varied transitions. The masterly review of history and the clear and forcible manner in which Miss Walker handled her theme, indicated her thorough understanding of it. Next came a very pretty solo entitled "Love has Eyes," creditably rendered by J. Noble Shaw.

MISS ELIZA E. PENCE

Then told us of the "Social Tyranny" existing in almost every circle of society. She portrayed the evils resulting from the idea that wealth and fashion formed the only pretext to worth in the individual. The false pretense of many persons, who are lurking demons in disguise, causes the utter ruin of worthy members of society. The true and worthy must suffer for the evils of the wealthy and fashionable. The cause of this state of things is found in the thought, "How will it be looked upon by society?" If we love right and reality, we should cease to bow the knee to the popular goddess. The good delivery made by Miss Pence, added to the genuine worth of the essay, evidenced a high degree of thought. This essay was followed by an oration from

MR. FRANKLIN B. PARKS,

On the subject "England in Africa." He spoke without his manuscript, and in a very clear, forcible, masterly style. He first entered upon the subject by giving a concise history of England's first entrance into Africa, following up the construction of the Suez Canal. In a scholarly review of the late difficulty of England in Africa, he clearly stated the designs of the war, the plans to carry them out and the telling effect. This oration by Mr. Parks evinced a high order of thought, a clear conception of national policy and a discriminating view of English diplomacy. He closed with a few terse statements of censure on England for her poor African policy and the weakness manifested. The clear, forcible delivery of this essay, added to its close insight into national affairs, gave more than meager credit to its author.

This was followed by the excellent rendition of "Bury Me Near the Old Home," by the Arion Quartette.

MISS MADGE C. CARSON

Then delivered an essay on the subject "Modern Crazes," in a spirited manner. The ability with which she handled her theme made this one of the most valuable features of the exercises. In a sprightly and discriminating manner, she touched upon all the modern crazes that have gained such holds on society and have served not a little in shaping public opinion on things less trivial than what may be termed trifling crazes. She hurriedly but thoroughly reviewed most of the modern crazes, such as the "button craze," the "military craze," "craze on old furniture," in collecting all the old relics that have a seeming historic light around them, and the "esthetic craze" of Oscar Wilde in attempting to keep up the reputation of the sunflower. She also spoke of the prevalence of two others, the "crazy-quilt craze" and the "bang craze," in a humorous style, closely discriminating between the effected good and the real good growing from them. Roller-skating was masterly and thoughtfully reviewed, and the *craze* of Americanizing French phrases and *vice versa*. In this excellent and well-delivered essay, we were reminded that common sense and good judgment were the only safe guides in choosing the good from the bad.

MISS LIZZIE S. CHANEY

Kept up the train of thought through lofty soarings by delivering another excellent essay on the subject "So May We Be." Great accomplishments of great men and women were adduced to tell us that so may we be. We were impressed with the thought that life is high or low as its aims and efforts are high or low. Originality is a firm foundation stone but we may not miss the way of successful building if we follow eminent examples the world has produced. To carry our thoughts over to another phase of the question, our attention was called to the education of woman, its rapid ascendancy and good results therefrom. Eminently successful women of past centuries were called to memory, but we were reminded that success was attained through unselfish effort. By studying the example found in Christ, we will be able to breathe the prayer, "So may We be." We can not do justice to this essay in the space allowed, but will say that it would make good reading for high and low.

MR. CHARLES D. SMITH

Delivered the last oration, after the rendition of an instrumental duet by Miss Madge Carson and Miss Murphy. Mr. Smith's oration was on the interesting and important theme "Strikes." Too little is commonly known of the cause of these strikes in printing offices, on railroads, in mines, and foundries, etc. The masterly review of history in bringing to mind the first and earliest strikes in the history of the world, evidenced a well defined knowledge of the subject at hand. The Great Railroad Strike of 1877, the greatest in the history of the world, was mentioned, its causes and effects carefully pointed out, and the search made to find out whose the blame was. The thought was advanced, that strikes have done the world good, and we have reason to believe they have. This oration was well and distinctly delivered, the enunciation was clear, and much credit was reflected upon its author.

This ended the essays and orations and was quickly followed by the delightful rendition of "Valley of Chamouni," by Mr. John Cornor. He was very enthusiastically encored.

Next came the presentation of diplomas, the conferring of whatever honor the School Board has power to confer. Then, we imagine, nine hearts began to flutter, and found a similar expression of joy from many parents and brothers and sisters and friends in the audience. Prof. H. S. Doggett, in a very fitting speech limited by the time, told them of the admiration and esteem he held for them and presented them with their diplomas. The rendition of the song "Superstition" brought out a hearty encore, which resulted in producing the old "Calliope" by the Quartette. The class then sang the parting or class song, in a feeling and expressive manner.

Then came the presentation of various floral designs and volumes of beautiful books. The rostrum was "heaped" with flowers and the spirit of gayety spread from heart to heart.

So closed an event never to be forgotten by a class of nine young graduates, promising every success in life, and having as brilliant prospects before them as any previous class from that institution. They are fully aware that the commencement of active life is just being made, as one of them remarked "I am well aware of the fact that I have only commenced." The industries of our nation must flourish, and its government stand, as long as its boys and girls are intelligent, ambitious and faithful to duty, and the glory of graduating day loses none of its brightness.

Mr. Jacob Uhrig and Miss Lillie Grooms, of Cincinnati, are visiting friends in this place.

Mr. Will McSurely left this morning for St. John, New Brunswick, where he will spend his vacation.

Misses Josie Gray and Viola Pugh, of Lynchburg, are visiting in this city, the guests of Misses Sarah and Mary Scott.

Mr. Damon Kensell, who has been visiting relatives in this city for the past week, returned to his home in Columbus, last Monday.

Some of the College graduates took a flying trip to the caves last Thursday. The caves attract large crowds of pleasure-seeking young folks.

Our local columns this week are not as full as usual on account of so much other important matter, as commencements, shooting scrapes etc.

Miss Addie Ramsay, a missionary at Wo We Ka, Indian Territory, well known here, returned from that place Monday evening, and is visiting Miss Grand-Girard, of East Main street.

The Scott Dragoons will give a pic-nic at the Fair Grounds July 4th, and will have an immense time. Base ball games, Sham battles and bayonet exercises will be prominent features of the entertainment.

Miss Ella Conn, a young lady well known in this county, and for several years a teacher in the public schools of Washington C. H., died at that place last Sunday morning, and was buried Monday at 2 p. m.

On last Tuesday night shortly after the commencement the graduates of the College assembled at the residence of Mr. J. H. Richards in the West End. The occasion marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of a graduating class of which the hostess, Mrs. J. H. Richards, was a member. This reception was given in honor of the last graduating class and Miss Mattie, a member of the class, the second daughter of Mrs. Richards, is in possession of a diploma. From the time of their arrival until after one o'clock the guests enjoyed themselves in dancing, music and refreshments.

CHEAP EXCURSION TO CINCINNATI

Via Columbus & Maysville Railroad.

On Sunday, June 28th, the C. & M. R. R. will run a special train from Hillsboro to Cincinnati and Zoological Gardens, leaving Hillsboro at 6 a. m. railroad time. The fare for the round trip being but $1, or with ticket to Zoo $1.25.