

Commencement

Exercises.

The first annual commencement exercises of the Hope State High School were held in the city hall on Friday evening, 2nd inst., and the affair was a decided success in every respect.

The stage was tastefully decorated with purple and gold hangings—the colors of the class of 1905. On the stage were seated, besides the three members of the graduating class, State Supt. Stockwell and the members of the Board of Education.

The program rendered was a choice one. All three soloists—Miss Georgia Gray, Mrs. Wamberg and Dr. Johnston had to respond to enthusiastic encores. The class orations delivered by Miss Ella Nelson and Mr. L. J. Bowen were of an exceptionally high order and were well received by the audience.

The class address delivered by Supt. Stockwell was replete throughout with practical and valuable suggestions along the educational line, and was listened to with marked attention. He emphasized the value to a community of a High school such as is maintained at Hope, and congratulated the Board of Education and faculty on the splendid improvement shown in their school during the past two years. Supt. Stockwell is a forceful speaker and his visits are always looked forward to with pleasure by the citizens of Hope.

The cornet solo rendered by Mr. Elmer W. Bunce was one of the most enjoyable features of the program.

The diplomas were presented by the president of the board of education, Mr. L. A. Jacobson, to the three members of the graduating class, Miss Eunice Jacobson, Miss Ella Nelson and Mr. L. J. Bowen.

Miss Eunice Jacobson who is always a favorite with Hope audiences rendered the declamation "How They Built the Church at Kehoe's Bar" with good effect. Miss Jacobson has rare elocutionary talent and her performance on Friday evening easily outclassed any of her previous appearances on the stage here.

Mrs. Madge Johnston presided very acceptably at the piano throughout the musical part of the program.