

## Commencement

Exercises Held at the Opera House Thursday evening—  
Large Audience—Excellent Program.

The graduating exercises of the Wimbledon public schools were held Thursday evening at Fried's hall and was witnessed by one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Wimbledon. The hall was beautifully decorated with class colors and mottos and the platform was covered with numerous pretty rugs and several potted plants were stationed around on the stage; aside from this many of those taking part in the exercises wore cut flowers, consisting of roses, lilies of the valley, carnations, etc.

The exercises began shortly after 8 o'clock, when Rev. A. M. Hewson, pastor of the M. E. church made a prayer, which was followed by a song entitled "Away to the Fields" by the school chorus. Miss Emma Kribbs, an eighth grade graduate, then made the address of Welcome, which was delivered in a very able manner, and did credit to one of her age. The primary chorus, consisting of a number of little ones from the primary department delighted those present with a song entitled "The Farmer Boy." In the rendition of this number the little folks showed careful training and great credit is due the teachers who were in charge.

Arnold Reuter read an essay on "The Eastern Situation." His composition was good and he spoke in a clear tone of voice. He graduates from the eighth grade.

An oration entitled "William, Prince of Orange" was the sixth number on the program and was delivered by Miss Margaret Sandy, who graduates from the high school. She received hearty applause and was deserving. The school chorus then favored the audience with a song entitled "Anchored" which was well rendered and highly appreciated. David Sandy's oration on "Oliver Cromwell" was very good. His delivery was clear and it was

evidenced he had devoted much time and hard study to his subject. This number on the program was followed by an instrumental selection entitled, "The Song of the Swallow" by Geraldine Berlin. Miss Geraldine is a favorite among the people here and her piano playing never fails to bring forth hearty applause. Miss Janet Sandy gave an oration on "The Hague Conference" which was well delivered and was highly appreciated by those present.

Prof. I. R. Matthews made a very interesting talk after which he presented the diplomas to the graduates from the eighth grade and high school departments. A song "Good Night, Farewell" was then sung by the school chorus, which completed the program and brought to a close one of the best and most successful entertainments ever given in Wimbledon.

The Misses Margaret and Janet, and David Sandy were the only ones graduating from the High School department. The parents may justly feel proud at having three of their children graduate with such high honors and the young students received many compliments and congratulations from their numerous friends.

Much credit is due the teachers, Principal I. R. Matthews, Miss Jennie Henderson and Miss Lizzie Schoepp, who spent much time and hard labor in training the pupils for the occasion.

Miss Mae McBride officiated as pianist during the evening. She is an excellent player and takes an interest in music.

The following pupils graduated from the eighth grade: Stella Hatch, Louise Flohr, Geraldine Berlin, Mae McBride, Susie Ferguson, John Dick, Arnold Reuter, Carrie Heffron, Emma Kribbs, Olive Ferguson.

The NEWS has a new suit this week including head-piece. How do you like it?

Editor De la Bere of the Sheldon Progress has bought up the Enterprise and will consolidate the two papers. Mike edits one of the newsiest and neatest printed weeklies in the state.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Anton Fried can save you money on Cypress tanks, piping, pumps and wind mills.

David Brimer, an experienced watchmaker and jeweler has decided to locate in Wimbledon and has engaged space at Feckler Bros.' drug store, where he will