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Class of 1894

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George Remsburg Charles W Katner, who was reared north of Atchison, in the southern part of Doniphan county, died in his home at Joplin, Mo. He was the youngest brother of Frances Katner, the first woman county superintendent of schools, in Doniphan county, who was well known in Atchison. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Katner. He was about 80 years of age. Mrs. W. F. Culp of Troy is a cousin of the deceased.

Floyd Streater, well known farmer of the Denton community was in Troy, Monday. He has just returned from the annual state meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, held in Topeka over the week end.

the Fleet A. Weather Training Unit, Pacific a carrier type squadron, currently based at the Naval Air Station, Barber's Point T. H. which trains Naval aviators to fly, night and day, in all types of weather. Amos entered the Naval service May 24, 1942, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego Calif. Before entering the Navy he attended Troy High School and was employed by Sinclair Drugs.

The annual Lavrentz Reunion will be held at the Lavrentz School House on June 11 with a basket dinner at 12:30. All former pupils and teachers and friends are invited.

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deceased, and also appointed A. E. Williamson, A. P. Loran and Edw. E. Doughty as appraisers.

June 8, upon application of Helen J. Foster and Leroy P. Drake, administrators, the court has set June 18th as the date for hearing claims filed against the estate of Charles Alvin Drake, deceased.

June 6, the court appointed Cleo Marie McCain administratrix, whose residence is in Wichita, Kansas of the estate of Ida Banks, deceased, she being a granddaughter and a sole and only heir of decedent.

James Dittmore, James Ingram and Jack Cox have enlisted in the Navy. They left Kansas City Tuesday night for San Diego, California, where they will enter basic training.

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This being the time of year for graduation exercises, and the 37th in the history of Troy High School, the question came up as to the first graduation class of this institution. The picture herewith is of the first graduation exercises in 1894. The members of that class from left to right are Grace Swiggett, Mabel Ellis and Bertie Myers. Miss Ellis is the only survivor and Bertie is the only survivor of the class of '04.
Miss Swiggett moved to California, married a man by the name of William Graig, who was a railroad man.

She died in 1940.
Miss Myers married a Troy boy, Robert Castle, and she died about 1945. She had two sons, Barrett and Robert, Jr., the latter being also a graduate of Troy High School.
The man in the picture is U. S. Bush superintendent of Troy High School, and well known and well remembered as a disciplinarian in those rugged times, of the gay Nineties.
The exercises were held in the court room at the court house, where this picture was taken.
Miss Ellis remembers an amusing

incident about Sol Miller, founder and editor of The Chief. She remembers that a folding chair collapsed with him allowing him to hit the floor with a thud.
Members of the school board were J. J. Baker, High Swiggett and Calvin Morehead.
Miss Ellis recalls that she came into Troy from the Ellis farm, the day before, and stayed that night in town, so that if inclement weather came she would not be delayed for this momentous event.
The program which we reprint gives the name of Professor Thomas
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FIRST GRADUATION

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H. Dinsmore, Jr., an uncle of Dr. Robert S. Dinsmore of Cleveland, Ohio, and Troy, Kansas.

J. S. Earnest of the Earnest's Quartette, on the program, is the father of Mrs. C. C. Calnan, and now resides at Stanberry, Missouri.

Programme.

Overture — Sans Souci, Kauta. — Young's Orchestra.

INVOCATION.

Music — "Tis Morn", — Earnest's Quartette.

Salutatory and Oration, "Stepping Stones". — Bertie Myers.

Medley — The Elephant, White. — Young's Orchestra.

Oration, "The Pride of our Country". — Mabel Ellis.

Music — Dream of Love Schottische, Casry. — Young's Orchestra.

Oration and Valedictory, "Patriotism". — Grace D. Swiggett.

Music — The Old Doorstep. —

Earnest's Quartette.

Address: — Professor Thomas H. Dinsmore, Jr., State Normal School.

Music — Concert Polonais. Richter. — Young's Orchestra.

Presentation of Diplomas.—Principal.

Music — Arion Waltz. — Earnest's Quartette.

BENEDICTION.

NOTE. — No flowers will be received during the Exercises.

Below is the account of the Commencement as recorded by Sol Miller.

We reprint the story of the Graduation Exercises as it appeared in The Chief of May 3, 1894:

Graduating Exercises.

Last Friday, in the language of Professor Dinsmore, was an important day in the history of the world, for Troy. It was like most other days, and the principal event was such as has taken place in thousands of towns, and ten thousands of times; but they never before took place in Troy. The first class was graduated

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from the Troy High School. The graduates were three in number, and it is hardly necessary to say, they were all girls. That is the rule, in these times. Those girls, when they get to be a hundred years old, and their noses and chins come together, can sit and tell how they were the first persons that ever graduated in Troy. The graduates were Misses Bertie Myers, Mabel Ellis, and Grace Swiggett. Miss Ellis was born in this school District, has always lived in it, and never attended school anywhere else. The other two have lived here almost all their lives, and likewise never attended any other school.

Three years ago, chiefly through the efforts of the lady teachers in the school, two of whom have continued to teach here until the present time, the question of a High School was broached, and the matter was talked up. At the annual meeting of that year, it was voted to organize a high school. But the first year it was worse than failure, by reason of having a principal who, although a man of fine education, and who brought a dray load of

recommendations, was n. g. on general principles—a superannuated crank, a back number, and of no more force than a second-hand lump head of a sorghum molasses barrel. So that the first year, the school was almost demoralized. The next two years, the evil has been remedied, and the school has been built up until it is not excelled in the county. The result, in the two years, is the first graduating class, who, if they decide to attend higher institutions, will be received into the Freshman class of the State University, without passing through any preparatory course.

The Court House, Friday evening, was crowded to its fullest capacity, with the best people of the town and vicinity. Everything was arranged in perfect order, so that there was not a hitch nor a jar in the proceedings. The stage was handily and promptly, and was ornamented with stands of beautiful flowers, loaned for the occasion by ladies of Troy. The music was supplied by Prof. Young's fine orchestra from Atchison. Mr. Busch had been mildly censured for extrava-

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School. The number, and to say, they are the rule; in fact, when they are years old, and some together, they were the graduates in Misses Ellis, and Trace as born in this ways lived in school any-er two have help lives, and led any other

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The Court House, Friday evening, was crowded to its fullest capacity, with the best people of the town and vicinity. Everything was arranged in perfect order, so that there was not a hitch nor a jar in the proceedings. The stage was handsomely decorated, and was ornamented with stands of beautiful flowers, loaned for the occasion by ladies of Troy. The music was supplied by Prof. Young's fine orchestra, from Atchison. Mr. Busch had been mildly censured for extrava-

gance, in employing expensive music for the occasion; but this feature was one of the most enjoyable of the evening, and added much to the success of the affair. Besides, Mr. Earnest's quartette, composed of himself, Dr. Dinsmore, and Misses Annie and Kate Reville, rendered some choice songs, well suited to the occasion. Many feared that the young ladies, never having had experience in such proceedings, and never having faced such an audience, might falter and stumble. But the fears were groundless. There was not a bulk of tremble. Each one was self-possessed, with clear and distinct enunciation, and graceful movement.

The Salutatory and Oration of Miss Bertie Myres was entitled "Stepping Stones." After a welcoming greeting to the audience, she described the various stepping-stones from the time the child entered school until it left with education finished; the stepping-stones to success and renown in life; the stepping-stones to failure, ruin, and disgrace. It was full of good thoughts and fine sentiment.

The oration of Miss Ellis was entitled "The Pride of Our Country." This pride consisted in the liberal laws for the promotion of education, the arts and sciences, manufactures and commerce, and the equal protection of all, both rich and poor; and which pride can be maintained only by obedience to law, and the repression of all that tends to vice, lawlessness, and anarchy.

The Valedictory and Oration by Miss Swiggett was on the subject of "Patriotism." She gave examples of patriotism, ancient and modern, and dwelt especially upon the patriotism of the masses who rallied to save the life of the nation. Some of the boys became so enthused that they imagined it was a political meeting, and broke out in cheers. Her farewell to schoolmates and teachers was beautiful and touching.

Prof. Thomas H. Dinsmore, Jr., then came forward for a lecture, but turned it into a pleasant, familiar talk, illustrating the benefits of education with examples of young men from this County, who, by study and perseverance, have reached positions in which they have made their mark in the world. Prof. Dinsmore is a pleasant and fluent speaker, and talked a good deal of good, practical sense, which could be followed out with benefit.

The closing ceremony was the presentation of diplomas to the graduates, by Mr. Busch, with appropriate remarks, both of good counsel to the graduates, and thanks to the patrons of the district for the support and encouragement they had given him. The evening wound up with an informal reception, giving an opportunity for friends to congratulate the graduates.

The occasion was a complete success in every particular, not omitting the fact that the receipts paid all the expenses. Mr. Busch deserves great credit for his efforts and management.

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