

Colony News

Our engineer, in charge of putting in the steel pipes at Fair Oaks near Sacramento, California, writes June 29:

"The last connection on the town pipes was made to-day and, as I write, the water is slowly working its way to the hotel and by morning (June 30) will be there in abundance, ready to gladden the hearts of the people.

A Gala Day at Fair Oaks

Fair Oaks, Cal., June 29, 1896.

On June 19, 1896, an appreciative audience gathered together in the beautiful natural grove belonging to U. B. Watkins, to witness the closing exercises of the pioneer school of Fair Oaks, taught by Mrs. Lena Watkins.

A long table was spread under a cluster

of live oak trees, and was filled with the good things prepared by the fair sex of Fair Oaks.

There was an abundance of everything—cakes, pies, fruit, cooked and uncooked, and honey, produced by the bees of Fair Oaks, belonging to U. B. W., and other things too numerous to mention.

The gentlemen spoke in high praise of the ladies for their good cooking; but their actions spoke even louder than their words.

After dinner the following program was listened to:

Song "Our Fair Oaks Home," by school.
Recitation, "Two Little Kittens," Birdie Keith.

Song, "Climbing Learning's Hill," by school.

Recitation, "The Foolish Little Maiden," Nettie Hopkins.

Song, "A. B. C.," by school.
Recitation, "Carrie's Wishes," Carrie Osgood.

Song, "Little Clock," by school.
Recitation, "Little Star," Crystal Folsom.

Concert Recitation, "Three Little Toad Stools," Ethel Randall, Nettie Hopkins and Crystal Folsom.

Song, "My Kitty Has Gone From Her Basket," Nettie Hopkins.

Recitation, "Lucy Lee," Ethel Osgood.
Song, "Kitty Has Lost Her Mittens," Nettie Hopkins.

Song, "At the Cross," by all present.
Speeches by the older people.

All expressed themselves as being well pleased with the progress made by the pupils during the short term, and also with the closing exercises.

Mr. Folsom said: "If they kept on as they had started, they would win stars in this world and in the world to come."

The next thing in order was swings for the children and while some were enjoying a swing, the others, with some of the older ones, concluded to have a game of "Drop the handkerchief," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

One gentleman remarked, that he never saw so much fun gotten out of that game before.

The afternoon slipped away, and as there were so many good things on the table all decided to stay for supper. And it came to pass about the fifth hour that they all feasted again.

It was suggested by Mrs. Folsom, "that the occasion should be recorded, as an eventful day in the history of Fair Oaks," and all present were of the same mind. All went home happier for having spent a day so pleasantly together. M.