

WINNERS AT THE CONTEST

NORTH BEND, STANTON AND OAKDALE TAKE FIRST.

ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Second Places Go to Arlington, Norfolk and West Point, With Third to Scribner—Large Attendance at the Auditorium Wednesday Evening.

First prize, oratorical class, Milo Hawkins, North Bend. First prize, dramatic class, Miss Anna Vasholz, Stanton. First prize, humorous class, Miss Blanch Putney, Oakdale. Second prize, oratorical class, Ivan Mitchell, Arlington. Second prize, dramatic class, Miss Louise Cook, Norfolk.

North Bend, Stanton and Oakdale shared first honors this year in the annual contest of the North Nebraska High School Declamatory contest held Wednesday evening in the Norfolk Auditorium. Fifteen contestants appeared this year representing leading high schools of the north section of the state and the program as in previous years was one of unusual merit.

Norfolk, represented by Miss Louise Cook, won the second place in the dramatic class. The other medal winners came from Arlington, West Point and Scribner. Of the seven gold medals awarded five were won by young ladies.

The theatre was packed with friends and partisans of the young men and women who appeared on the program as contestants. Many of the schools sent large delegations, decorated with school colors and pennants. The largest of these delegations came from Stanton but other school "yells" also rang through the Auditorium and all of the young people were encouraged with friendly applause. The program lasted until nearly midnight and was followed closely.

A piano solo rendered by Miss Carrie Thompson was well received. It marked the beginning of the evening's program. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. M. Hinds, pastor of the Second Congregational church. It was followed by a very pleasing selection given by a chorus of fourteen high school girls. The number met with a hearty reception. Later in the program Miss Marion Gow appeared with a violin solo very capably given. Oscar Schaviand, a Madison musician of ability, gave the final musical number, a piano solo.

Clear articulation and a dramatic story well told won first rank for Milo Hawkins of North Bend in the oratorical class. His selection was "Spartacus to the Gladiators at Capua." John Hay's oration on William McKinley delivered with considerable force brought second honors to Ivan Mitchell of Arlington.

Eight representatives appeared in the dramatic class and the contest was unusually close. Two numbers, "Bobbie Shaftoe" and "Ole Mists," were twice on the program. The last piece won third place in the list for Miss Letha Ross, Scribner's representative, whose rendition of the piece made her a favorite with many in the audience. Miss Anna Vasholz of Stanton won first honors in this class by her ability to emphasize the dramatic features of "The Ride of Lilly Servosse," which she gave with feeling and effect. Miss Louise Cook of the Norfolk high school earned second honors by the very excellent delivery of "As the Moon Rose," a story of the dramatic triumph of a girl's love in a wild ride. Miss Cook's gestures were unusually well carried out. Her voice was clear and pleasing.

The moment that Miss Blanch Putney stepped upon the stage the audience was captured. Her selection was an amusing monologue of an irrepressible and absolutely unconventional little girl called "Naughty Zell." The naturalness with which Miss Putney, who comes from the Oakdale high school, entered into the varying situations in her little sketch showed her to be not only clever but possessed of natural art as an actress.

"Six Love Letters," calling three very different characters into play, demanded a variety of dramatic ability. It was by possessing this ability that Miss Mildred Wostoupal of West Point gained second place in the humorous class. The seven medal winners were forced to look close to their honors for they were closely belated. In the oratorical class Alton Delong of Hartington with his clear distinct delivery of the tribute to Toussaint L'Ouverture won many supporters who would have liked to have seen him honored. In the dramatic class Miss Mona Kirk of Beemer and Miss Ora Sigler of Schuyler gave two interesting interpretations of "Bobbie Shaftoe," a piece which two young ladies gave in last year's contest. Miss Ross of Scribner won third place with a splendid interpretation of "Ole Mists" and she was pressed close by Miss Ellen Vollstedt of Madison who used the same selection. "Skimpsey" showed Miss Lenore Hertert of Pierce to be a versatile young lady and a very capable reader of lines. Kirk Riley of Wisner, the only young man who sought honors in this class, portrayed in a clear-cut fashion "The Chariot Race" in Ben Hur.

Miss Mae Shippee from the Tilden high school brought down the house with "In the Tolls of the Enemy," in which she portrayed an amusing situation in an interesting way. Arthur Miller of Atkinson also developed a

ridiculous situation in "Mrs. Felley's Burglar Alarm." He showed considerable talent.

The judges of the evening were: Oratorical class: Rev. John M. Hinds of Norfolk, Superintendents Welch of Stanton and Arnot of Schuyler, Judges, Superintendent Green of Tilden, referee; dramatic class: Superintendents Campbell of West Point and Mohrman of Atkinson and Hon. John R. Hays of Norfolk, Judges, Miss Payne, principal of the Norfolk high school, referee; humorous class, Superintendents Fisher of Beemer and Welch of Stanton and Miss Donelson, principal of the Madison high school, Judges, Mrs. Wilson, principal of the Scribner high school, referee. Superintendent J. A. Doremus of Madison, president of the declamatory association, presided over the meeting.

Officers Re-elected. The old officers of the North Nebraska High School Declamatory association, President J. A. Doremus of Madison, Vice President E. J. Bodwell of Norfolk and Secretary-Treasurer W. T. Stockdale of Wisner, were re-elected at the annual business meeting of the association in Norfolk Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting voted two changes in the constitution. It was decided to increase the possible number of contestants in the dramatic class from eight to ten. It was also voted to pay the expenses of the district representatives to the state contest in case the receipts at the state contest proved insufficient.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SMOKER

TENDERED TO THE TRAVELING MEN OF NORFOLK.

TO BE HELD SATURDAY EVENING

Will Mark Deserved Compliment to the Traveling Men and at the Same Time Inaugurate Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Club.

The quarterly meeting of the Norfolk Commercial club will be held next Saturday evening at the city hall, the meeting taking on the form of a smoker given complimentary to the traveling men of Norfolk. The smoker will not begin until 9 p. m., the hour having been set rather late to permit Norfolk business men to attend.

The meeting Saturday evening will not only represent a pretty and entirely deserved compliment to the travelers but it will mark an innovation in that it will introduce the first of the regular quarterly meetings which are provided for in the Commercial club's constitution and which the club now intends to hold regularly.

Norfolk men who go to the city hall Saturday evening will not only enjoy the informal features of the smoker but they will be brought in close touch with the Commercial club and its work. The officers and directors of the club will tell what has been done and will outline briefly what they hope to accomplish in the near future. The invitation to the quarterly meeting is general. Every member of the Commercial club, every Norfolk business man, every citizen who has the interest of Norfolk at heart, everyone who intends to join the Commercial club auxiliary are asked to show interest in Norfolk by attending the quarterly meeting and smoker.

As for the traveling men's smoker that has been something that the club has had in mind for some time. It will be given to show Norfolk's appreciation of and good will for the local commercial traveler.

LEMON LAND DISTRICT.

Senator Gamble's Bill Passes the Senate.

Washington, March 31.—Senator Gamble's bill creating what is to be known as the Lemon land district in South Dakota passed the senate yesterday, notwithstanding the objections made to its consideration by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who privately admitted that he was acting on behalf of Senator Kittredge during the latter's absence from the senate. When the bill was reached on the calendar Senator Gamble took occasion to give some official history in connection therewith. The bill was favorably reported from the committee on public lands on February 5, but was held up at Kittredge's request for time to consult with the North Dakota senators with relation to the inclusion of certain lands in that state in the proposed Lemon district.

Senator Gamble told the senate that he had consulted with Senators Hansbrough and McCumber of North Dakota, and that they were emphatic in their support of the measure as it stood. In view of this situation he asked for consideration of the bill immediately. Senator Nelson, as stated above, objected, and on a vote being taken the senate decided to take up the measure and after an explanation of its terms the bill was passed.

The bill in question creating the Lemon land district will cover about 3,000,000 acres in the northern part of Butte county and about 250,000 acres in the northern part of Schnauz county and part of Boreman county. The bill has been changed only in one particular, placing the lands included within the Standing Rock Indian reservation, which is shortly to be opened for settlement and adjacent to the Milwaukee railroad within this newly created land district, which will embrace all told about 3,500,000 acres. Senator Gamble felt considerably elated over the passage of the bill.

NEW HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

WORK HAS BEEN BEGUN ON THREE NEW BUILDINGS.

WILL REQUIRE ALL SUMMER

It is Not Expected the New Buildings Will be Ready For Occupancy Before Fall or Winter—W. G. Merten of Emerson Has Contract.

Ground was broken yesterday for the construction of three new buildings at the Norfolk hospital for insane. The buildings are being constructed under an appropriation authorized by the last legislature, and consist of a cottage for men costing \$23,600, an infirmary for women costing \$65,920 and a store house costing \$4,600. They are to be constructed of stone and brick. W. G. Merten of Emerson has the contract for erecting these buildings. It is not expected that the new buildings will be ready for occupancy before fall or winter.

Good grades of sand and gravel have been found on the hospital grounds, and these two items will materially assist the contractor in a financial way, as the cost of these two big items of expense will now be much less than was expected.

During the construction period, the workmen on the building will be boarded at the hospital, meals being served at the building and sleeping accommodations being provided at the Osborn home, a short distance away, which is now under control of the hospital management.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Father Tevis is in Clearwater. Mrs. E. O. Mount returned last evening from a visit to Lincoln.

I. Conner of Omaha is in Norfolk on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Logan.

Mrs. A. B. Lane of Council Bluffs is in Norfolk, the guest of Mrs. Fred Linerode.

Mrs. H. L. Snyder and Mrs. M. C. Hazen went to Omaha at noon for a short visit.

County Clerk George Richardson was up from Madison on business Wednesday.

Miss Eva Jack of Madison and Miss Dora Green of Hoskins are the guests of Miss May Schwenk.

Miss Lizzie Schram, who is teaching school at Pierce, came home Wednesday to attend the teachers' convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maynard and Mrs. J. C. Stitt left at noon for Lincoln. They will also visit Omaha, returning to Norfolk Sunday.

Miss Lulu Durland, who is teaching school at Oakdale, and Miss Lucie Durland of Plainville, are in Norfolk to attend the teachers' association and are guests at the home of the Misses Durland.

F. G. Simmons, deputy grand master workman of the A. O. U. W., who has been at work here for the past three weeks, left over the Union Pacific for Lexington, where he will work for a period.

Dr. P. H. Salter was in Winside yesterday.

Mrs. C. H. Reynolds went to Omaha at noon.

Mrs. Glennie Compton of Creighton was called to Norfolk by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. A. F. Tannehill.

Mrs. F. G. Walters went to Battle Creek today to visit her father and mother.

Mrs. D. Chambers of Gregory, S. D., is in Norfolk on a visit with Mrs. Robert Bathke.

J. S. Mathewson and Chris Anderson returned yesterday from a duck hunting trip to Newport.

H. S. Knapp, manager of the Norfolk jewelry company, has been in Omaha on a business visit.

Mrs. E. A. Garlich of Fort Platte was called to Norfolk by the fatal illness of her mother, Mrs. A. F. Tannehill.

Miss Amy Paine, principal of the high school, will have the members of the senior class for her guests next Saturday evening.

Herbert Wichmann is ill with the mumps.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. August Arnekie, a daughter.

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waterfall is found ten miles east of Valentine. This is known as the Arkaree fall, and while there is not a very large thread of water the fall is one of the lofliest in the United States. There are two plunges here, the first of eighty-five feet and the second of about twenty feet. The water leaps over a wall of Arkaree sandstone here and dashes into a beautiful spray as remarkable almost as the celebrated Bridal Veil in the Yosemite valley. Seen on a summer morning, from below, with its background of vine-covered rocks crested with a ridge of pines this fall is a picturesque bit of scenery and well worthy of greater note than the people of the state have given it. There are a number of waterfalls along Hat creek in Sioux county, but the Observer has never had opportunity to visit these. Southwest of Valentine, however, in the same Arkaree sandstone formation there is a plunge of twelve feet or more, called Schlegel's Fall, which is fifty feet wide. The stream at this place is hidden by a dense growth which renders inconspicuous an otherwise attractive natural feature of the state.

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Funeral of Mrs. Tannehill. The funeral of Mrs. A. F. Tannehill, whose death occurred Monday morning, will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning from the Tannehill home at 429 South Fifth street. Rev. Mr. Cantwell, pastor of the Baptist church, will conduct the services. John Tannehill, the son who is in the government service at Panama, was unable to come to Norfolk short of eight days' time. The funeral services were not announced until a cable was received from him.

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Mr. Nesbitt is the youngest Congregational minister in Nebraska. He is only twenty-three years old. But the Elgin Review says that the young minister is very popular there and has attained signal success in his brief service in the ministry.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sands and little daughter and Miss Helen Robb of Wisner came up last evening for a few days' visit with old friends.

Miss Edith Butterfield is suffering from an attack of the grip.

A fine eleven pound boy arrived at the home of Paul Nordwig.

The Smith Brothers Land and Live Stock company, is not a corporation. A statement in last Saturday's paper tended to convey that impression.

The St. Johannes church has extended a call to Rev. R. Richter, a Lutheran pastor at Greenleaf, Kan. It is not known just when the new pastor will come to Norfolk.

Word has been received from Parsons, Kan., of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Askins. Mr. Askins was at one time a Northwestern conductor running out of Norfolk.

Norfolk horses have apparently formed a runaway club. Two or three runaways a day has been the average of the last few weeks with most of the dashes on Norfolk avenue.

Spring is said to be the season of runaways just as fall is the season of fires.

Next Sunday morning at the usual service hour at the First Methodist church Dr. D. K. Tindall will deliver a special memorial sermon for the Norfolk council of the United Commercial Travelers who will attend the services in a body as part of their Memorial day observance. The traveling men will meet at the Pacific hotel at 10 o'clock to attend the services.

The thermometer sank down five degrees lower Wednesday night than on the night before, dropping to ten degrees above zero. The maximum temperature for Wednesday was thirty-seven. A warm sun came out Thursday and, with the wind diminished, there was not so much suffering from the cold.

Rev. Edwin Booth, a Congregational minister from Beatrice, is a guest this week at the home of Col. S. S. Cotton, and will occupy the pulpit at the First Congregational church here next Sunday morning. Col. Cotton had a few friends in for dinner Tuesday to afford them an opportunity of making Mr. Booth's acquaintance.

The Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company has a force of men digging and setting telephone poles between here and Madison. The country seat line will be completed in a week. From Madison the general independent organization will continue the Norfolk line to Columbus, giving Norfolk independent connections, so it is announced, with Lincoln and Omaha by June 1. It is said that the line to Sioux City will be completed by May 15. The Norfolk automatic exchange will be giving local service by April 15 according to the plans of the directors.

Mr. J. Flynn, chief of the Norfolk police force, was considerably pleased to hear that Mr. J. Flynn had captured the marshals of Gregory, S. D. It is John Flynn, however, in Norfolk and James Flynn in Gregory. The Gregory town board went outside the town limits to get their marshal, the man from the country beating out several local applicants. From which it is taken that Mr. Flynn of Gregory is also something of a politician. Chief Flynn was well acquainted with the new Gregory marshal, the Norfolk chief also being something of a Gregory county resident owning one of the Gregory county homesteads.

Omaha Bee: That the Northwestern has definite plans under way for the extension of that line from Lander, Wyo., to the Pacific coast is reported in railroad circles. The western ter-

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minus of the Northwestern is Lander, Wyo., which is 1,400 miles from Chicago and from 1,000 to 1,100 miles from the Pacific coast. The Northwestern is said to be forced to make this move by recent developments in railroad circles, one of which is the acquiring of control of the Illinois Central by the Union Pacific, another the building of the Milwaukee to the coast and another the building of the Western Pacific by the Gould lines which will give that road a line from coast to coast.

Lincoln Journal: Arthur Jones was arraigned yesterday afternoon in Justice Stevens' court to answer a charge of petty larceny, preferred against him by Detective James Malone and Deputy County Attorney Matson. He was charged with stealing a harness at University Place. One of his accomplices turned state's evidence and testified against Jones. He was given thirty days in the county jail and Justice Stevens in sentencing him said it might as well have been a penitentiary offense if the complainants had only so desired. This is the sequel to the arrest of three boys in University Place several weeks ago on the charge of committing several thieving tricks. The boys arrested were Donald Fiske, Arthur Jones and Arthur Ellison. Ellison, who is but sixteen years old testified against his comrades. At the time of the arrest the case was not pushed. Fiske was returned to the reform school at Kearney, whence he had been paroled. Jones was told to get out of town and stay away. This latter injunction Jones did not obey, and the result was the penalty for larceny. Jones is only twenty-one years old, but has already served four years in the reform school for horse stealing at Crawford, Nebraska.

GOV. SHELDON TO BE HERE

WILL SPEAK BEFORE THE BANKERS' CONVENTION.

IN NORFOLK ON APRIL 22.

The Governor Will Speak on the Subject of Savings Banks—Geo. E. Roberts, President of the Commercial National of Chicago Also.

Governor Sheldon, Nebraska's young executive who has been more or less prominently in the national limelight since taking the governor's office, will deliver an address in Norfolk before the north Nebraska bankers at their annual banquet in Norfolk on the evening of April 22. The governor will speak on the subject of savings banks.

Before coming to Norfolk Governor Sheldon will speak at the district convention of bankers in Fremont on the subject of United States currency and exchange. He will speak in Fremont during the afternoon, taking the evening train to this city.

The bankers' convention in Norfolk this month will probably have a program far above the average district or group convention.

Among the men from outside the state who will address the convention is George E. Roberts, president of the Commercial National bank of Chicago, and a former United States treasury official.

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