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The Weather.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum temperature.....	52
Minimum temperature.....	32
Average.....	42
Snowfall, inches.....	00
Total snowfall, inches.....	0
Precipitation.....	00
Total precipitation for month.....	00

Forecast for Nebraska: Threatening with rain or snow east and central portions tonight. Colder north and west portions tonight. Thursday fair with colder extreme east portion.

THURSDAY TOPICS.

The school marm have captured the town.

Prof. Ott's lecture tonight at the Methodist church promises to be a rare treat to all who attend.

Prof. Ott is a great impersonator. He ranks among the most brilliant lecturers now on the American platform.

The joint debate tomorrow night on the government ownership of railroads will be participated in by members of six different high schools.

The rain last night rejoiced the hearts of the farmers, the snow has disappeared, it has been pleasant today and spring is at the threshold.

Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular session tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as there is work in the Junior and Workman degrees.

A number of young people go out to the hospital this afternoon at the invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Deering with whom they will take tea. The evening will be given up to a social good time and dancing.

Go and hear Ott tonight.

PERSONAL.

Prof. O'Connor is reported as better today.

Miss Nina Walker is down from Meadow Grove.

D. J. Koenigstein and M. C. Hazen went to Stanton today.

Mrs. William Bridge returned from a visit to Chicago and other eastern points yesterday.

General Manager Martin, of the Sherwin Williams Paint Co., Chicago, with A. Remington Smith, their traveling representative, was in the city last night.

Clair Blakely, who has served so faithfully as messenger for two years at the Western Union office, has resigned to accept a position as operator with the Norfolk Grain Exchange.

J. & E. Durland are here to stay and sell hats at prices that will always make them welcome.

A full line of Oneida Community and Curtice Bros.' canned goods at Box's.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST

It Attracted a Large Audience Last Evening.

NAMES OF THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The North Nebraska Teachers Association in Session—Interesting Papers and Discussions—The School Master and the School Marm in Evidence—Prof. Ott's Lecture This Evening.

The Methodist church was crowded last evening with an appreciative audience, which was present to do honor to the young people, from the different high schools who had entered the arena, resolved if possible to win the prizes offered in the contest.

There were 13 contestants, three in oratorical class, five in the dramatic class, and five in the humorous class. The participants came on to the stage unannounced and followed one another in succession. Between each class music, instrumental or vocal, was rendered, and received due appreciation.

The selections varied widely in the scope they gave for the display of power and there was much difference shown in the training and ability of the contestants. All deserve credit for the earnestness, courage and study which their efforts evinced.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the judges, Supts. Panabaker, Stevenson and Martindale, submitted their decision.

As announced the first prize in the oratorical class was given to Eugene Culver of Albion who declaimed Wendell Phillips's celebrated oration on "Toussaint L'Ouverture." The second went to Miss D. D. Fitzgerald of Shelton whose subject was the "Unknown Speaker."

In the dramatic class Harry Esnay of Fremont won first honors by a very effective rendition of a temperance article entitled "Swore Off" while Miss Flora Lowrie of O'Neill, in "Perdita," and Miss Ethel Morley of Arlington, telling of "A Woman's Vengeance," shared equally the second place.

Clyde Hayes of Norfolk as "A Yankee in Love," took precedence in the humorous class. Lulu McConnaha of Blair in "Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins" was awarded the second place.

The announcements of the awards were received with cheers by the friends of the different parties who won the prizes.

Teachers at Work.

The North Nebraska Teachers association is under full headway, with an attendance of several hundred teachers from all portions of the state north of the Platte.

The first session was held yesterday afternoon. Superintendent Panabaker of Hartington placed great emphasis on character building as the object of all teaching and about this thought centered the discussion of the hour.

W. J. Williams of Columbus read an able paper on "Sensory and Motor Training," in which he dwelt upon the importance of object teaching.

Miss Celia M. Chase of Wayne followed with a paper on "literature," excellent in thought and very creditably given.

General discussion of the subjects treated, by numerous teachers, preceded adjournment.

This morning's session was divided into the graded and county school sections, the former convening in the body of the M. E. church, the latter in the annex. The meeting was quite well attended. The work of the graded section, presided over by Mr. Sherman, was devoted to the theory and practice of primary methods.

A paper advocating the word and sentence method of teaching reading, written by Mrs. J. W. Nation of Genoa, was read in her absence by President Williams.

Miss Gracia Kidder, upon request, explained the principles of the Pollard synthetic method.

A paper on combined methods was then read by Miss Eva E. Mixer of Perce. Miss Mixer's paper showed much breadth of thought as well as abounding in good practical ideas.

A general discussion followed, which was entered into with much warmth and enthusiasm by many teachers present. After a short intermission the subject of primary methods in arithmetic was taken up.

A paper was read by C. F. Carey of Platte Center, which put forth in a clear concise manner the principles of the Grube method.

Prof. Joseph C. Hisey of Chicago then took the floor in the interest of the speaker. Mr. Hisey is an entertaining and fluent speaker and an enthusiast in his line. His talk closed what all present felt to have been a most pleasant and profitable morning.

Tomorrow's Program.

Friday 9 a. m. at M. E. church—County school section:

Paper—"School Libraries for Rural Schools," Mrs. Ella E. J. Paton, Fullerton.

Discussion—C. O. Boe, Fremont; P. H. Culver.

Paper—"Nature Study in the Country Schools," P. F. Panabaker, Hartington.

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The number of domestic orders issued for 1899 were 1,299; 1898, 1,122; increase, 177.

Number of foreign orders issued for 1899, 20; 1898, 13; increase 7.

Number of domestic orders paid for 1898, 723; 1899, 706; decrease, 17.

Number foreign orders paid—1898, 13; 1899, 11; decrease, 2.

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