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Northwest Nebraska Teachers' Association

The Teachers' Association held in Crawford last Friday and Saturday proved to be one of the best and most important that has been recorded in the history of this association.

A large delegation of teachers, pupils and patrons from this county were in attendance, nearly all staying for the entire session.

Supt. D. W. Hayes of Alliance was president of the association and much credit is due him for the excellent program that had been arranged and for the general management of the meeting. The principal educators taking part in the program, aside from the best talent within the district, were State Supt. E. C. Bishop, Ex-Supt. W. K. Fowler, Prof. J. L. McBrien, director of University extension, Pres. J. O. Thomas of Kearney State Normal, Pres. W. H. Clemons of Fremont Normal, Chancellor Davidson of Wesleyan University and Deputy State Supt. F. S. Perdue. Representative Chase of Crawford gave an interesting and instructive talk on "How the State Normal Bill was Passed."

On Saturday evening Newton Wesley Gaines gave his excellent lecture, "Heart and Brain Power," to a very appreciative audience that filled the opera house until standing room was at a premium.

The Declamatory contest on Friday evening was one of the best ever held in the northwest part of the state and was perhaps the most interesting and largest, there being seventeen contestants.

The Alliance school was represented by Henry Krajecek, oratorical; Agatha Gregg, dramatic; and Beulah Smith, humorous. We were indeed proud of these representatives and especially when the judges announced that each had won a first prize. The judges in the contest were Chancellor Davidson, Luther Mumford of Beatrice and Deputy State Supt. Perdue.

As near as we are able to learn the following are those who attended from this county. From Alliance were Mayor and Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mrs. J. Rowan, Mrs. D. Ellis, Supt. D. W. Hayes, O. E. Phillips, Prin. H. H. Reimund, Prof. Williams, T. V. Williams, Misses Strong, White, Bacon, MacHugh, Reed, Russell, Frazier, Scott, Alexander, McLernon, McCoy, Briggs, Wirt, Roddy, Detrick, Kibble, Gregg, Smith, Nerud, Nation and a number of 'rah, 'rah boys representing the high school.

Hemingford was represented by Prin. Wm. Deaver, Lew Leavitt, Jessie Leavitt, Emma Nerud, Bertha Parkyn, Lillian Blanchard, Flora Godfrey and Mabel Crawford.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Supt. C. P. Kelley of Rushville, president; Prin. E. M. Kendall, Gordon, vice president; Supt. Jennie M. Ellis, Chadron, secretary; B. F. Story, Crookston, treasurer. Those chosen for the executive committee were D. W. Hayes, Alliance; C. L. Hopper, Rushville and E. J. Shutt, Crawford.

State Declamatory Contest at Alliance.

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our city's importance as an educational center by deciding upon Alliance as the place for the annual state declamatory contest, May 7th. There will be twelve to fifteen contestants, four or five in each of the three classes, oratorical, dramatic and humorous; the declamatory cream, as we might say, of the schools of Nebraska. Besides the contestants, there will be quite a number of the leading educators of the state present, but the importance to Alliance of the event does not consist principally in the number of visitors who attend, but in the recognition that is at last given to the city and this part of the state. It will without doubt help to inform the people farther east that Alliance is on the map of the great state of Nebraska, and may henceforth be considered as one of its important school towns. Certainly much credit is due Prof. D. W. Hayes who has done more than any other person to secure the recognition that has been due this part of the state, but which has not until recently been properly given.

Importance of Following Directions

The Herald takes the liberty of urging the importance of following promptly the directions given by Prof. Hunt, as director of the agricultural experimentation that is being made in Box Butte county. This work has been undertaken at a heavy expense to Mr. Newberry, who finances the enterprise, and also at a considerable sacrifice on the part of Prof. Hunt, which he gladly makes because of his interest in northwestern Nebraska and his belief that this country is capable of great agricultural development. This expense would not have been incurred or the sacrifice made had it not been that quite a number of farmers agreed to follow minutely on a specified amount of land the instructions given by the director.

We volunteer these suggestions because we think we realize something of the importance of following directions promptly and definitely. For instance, tests have been made that prove that under certain conditions one hundred tons of moisture will evaporate from an acre of land in 48 hours, one-third enough to produce a crop. One of the principal objects of experimentation is to ascertain the best method of conserving or saving this moisture. If it is desired to try a certain experiment and instructions are accordingly given to do certain work at a certain time, but the farmer puts off doing the work 48 hours, or even for one day, it is easy to see that much of the benefit of the experiment is lost.

We are sure the farmers, who have gone into this work, will give Prof. Hunt their prompt and hearty co-operation if they realize the importance of the matter, and we make these suggestions knowing that "a word to the wise is sufficient."

Election of Officers

The next regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, Allovah Chapter No. 185, will be held Tuesday night, April 20th, at which officers for the ensuing term will be elected. A full attendance is desired. Secretary.