

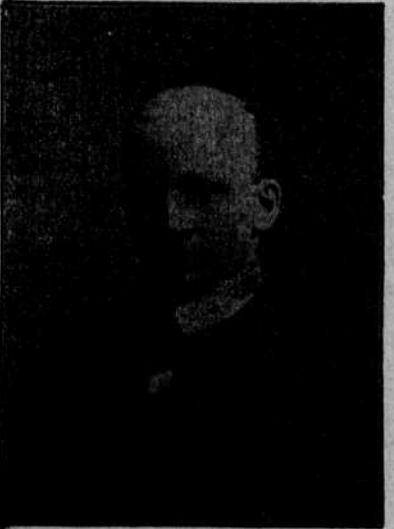
Normal Entertainers



A. L. BIXBY.

Probably no man in Nebraska is more widely known or more admired than A. L. Bixby, the genial philosopher and humorist. The announcement that he will speak upon any occasion in any part of the state is enough to draw a crowd from all the country round about. The Central City Democrat says: "He mixes wit, sentiment, and wisdom in equal proportions and furnishes delightful entertainment for old and young. His fun is not forced, but bubbles up naturally from an inexhaustible fountain. He says humorous things when you are not expecting them and seems surprised when he says them. We like Bixby. He is a success as a journalist, a poet, a humorist and a public speaker."

"As along life's way you go,
A. L. Bixby:
You drive out a heap of woe,
A. L. Bixby:
For you have no time to mope,
You can always find new hope,
And you tread the upward slope,
A. L. Bixby."



PROF. A. M. NEWENS

Prof. Adrian M. Newens is one of the favorite readers and impersonators who delights audiences of Nebraska year after year. He makes his first appearance here in his monologue "A Message from Mars." This is a play in three acts in which Mr. Newens portrays fifteen different characters. He is artistic enough to seem most simple and in all he does shows refinement.

Nineteen hundred and eight will be the eighth successive chautauqua season for the Chicago Glee Club. These years of experience, incessant labor, and innate ability have given this organization an inexhaustible repertoire, and the very highest art in the presentation of its programs. The club offers three distinct features: The Male Quartet has long been regarded as one of the very best in the country. The volume and quality in the grand effects, and the delicately phrased and pianissimo passages are ever a subject of wonder and delight. The members of the quartet are excellent soloists. The Trombone Quartet has proven to be one of the most pleasing and artistic novelties ever offered to the public. The fine mellow blend of tone, with organ-like quality, carries to the limits of the largest auditorium. This feature is frequently the most popular part of the program. Mr. Dixon, basso of the club, is an impersonator of unusual ability. Most of his work is done in "make up," in which he presents his characters true to life. His offerings of some of the Riley poems are considered among the best bits of characterization on the platform. All who heard the Glee Club a year ago will welcome them with delight.

Hon. J. L. McBrien.

Superintendent J. L. McBrien has won for himself a lasting memory in the hearts of the people of Nebraska, for what he has accomplished along educational lines. His wide spreading investigations have enabled him to know the needs of all portions of the state and he has used the knowledge acquired to the best advantage. He has had four years' experience as a country teacher and village principal, four years as county superintendent, four years as dean of the Orleans college, four years as city superintendent,

ent, four years as deputy state superintendent and is now serving his fourth year as head of the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

The volume of work in this department is three times what it was when he became connected with it as deputy. This increased work comes from the new certification law, increased number of Junior Normal schools, inspection of seven hundred districts for state aid, the new free high school law, the law providing for normal training in the high schools, and the law providing for a more thorough inspection of private and denominational schools authorized by law to grant teachers' certificates. The discouragements he met with in the endeavor to carry these laws into effect have not been few but he has succeeded in surmounting them as no other man could. The good results from the work of the junior normals alone, can hardly be estimated. The combined faculties of these schools outnumber the combined faculties of the state normal schools and when we remember that the responsibility of selecting these faculties and the organization of the schools were placed wholly within the power of the superintendent by the legislature we understand something of the executive ability the legislature gave Mr. McBrien credit of possessing.

The Junior Normal School.

Bassett Leader, September 20, 1907: The O'Neill Junior Normal closed its first session with the largest enrollment of any of the eight junior normals. The people of this portion of Nebraska are to be congratulated upon the eminent success of this first term of the state school. The students came chiefly from Holt and adjoining counties. Rock and Keya Paha counties were especially well represented. The citizens of O'Neill showed great interest in the school and sacrificed means, time and personal convenience for the pleasure and entertainment of the large body of students assembled.

The chief advantages of such schools over those in distant parts of the state are nearness to the people served and more particularly perfect adaptation to the local needs of the teachers. Furthermore the state is able to secure for these short summer sessions more experienced and better trained instructors than other schools can procure. The cost of text books is reduced to a minimum, owing to the free use of books tendered by the district of O'Neill. The buildings and equipment of the local high school are placed at the disposal of the state without expense.

The work of the normal included thorough reviews of the five essential school studies, arithmetic, reading, grammar, geography and history, with reference both to subject matter and to methods of teaching. Bookkeeping, orthography, penmanship, agriculture, music and drawing were taught more extensively than is possible in other schools with overcrowded classes. The subjects required for a first grade certificate were carried in such small classes that personal attention could be given to each student. Instead of reciting once a week, each advanced student recited several times a day, or worked under the immediate supervision of the instructor throughout the whole recitation period. The professional work of the normal, including classes in the theory and art of teaching, school management and the nature of children, together with chapel talks on pedagogy, was in charge of the professor of education of the State University, who began his education and also his teaching in the country schools of Nebraska, and who still maintains a deep interest in elementary and rural schools.

The future of the junior normal schools depends upon the people of the regions served. Not every town, nor every county can secure a state training school for teachers. Those districts which give strong support to such overtures on the part of the state will continue to receive additional aid from the state. Some day a permanent state normal school will be offered northern Nebraska. It will be located in the midst of the most appreciative people between Long Pine and Wayne. Its establishment will materially aid all northern Nebraska. It will directly stimulate the moral and intellectual life of every person within one hundred miles of its location.

Notice.

O'Neill, Nebr., April 18, 1908. To the electors of Grattan Township: Notice is hereby given that an adjourned session of the Annual Township meeting of Grattan township will be held at the court house in O'Neill, on Saturday, May 2nd, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of completing the auditing of the township accounts and for the purpose of taking action on a resolution now before the meeting instructing the County Attorney of Holt County to drop all criminal charges and prosecutions which may now be pending against P. J. Handy ex. treasurer of Grattan township. And for transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
P. C. Kelley, Moderator.
J. P. Hanley, Township Clerk.



SUPT. CHAS. A. MOHRMAN.

The True Teacher

By Hon. J. L. McBrien, State Supt.

The most potent factor of all in the advancement of our public schools is the teacher. The true teacher is the best and noblest citizen of the commonwealth. She must possess a broad and accurate scholarship. Her every thought and plan must be developed in the light of professional learning. By an unerring judgment she must select the knowledge most useful to the children. She must be skilled in the science and art of school government. An intense patriotic sentiment must be among her cardinal virtues, an unflinching faith in humanity one of her marked characteristics. A heart power that is profound and inspiring must be one of her noblest attributes. Though a conversationalist by nature, she will make it a constant rule to talk always as well as she can. Her personality is pleasing, her demeanor captivating. She is an adept in that rarest of social traits—the flexibility of adaptation. She is fortunate in her physical strength. She is obedient to the laws of health and she cultivates the same habit among her pupils. By example as well as by precept she teaches the godliness of cleanliness. In dress she is tasteful without extravagance. In all her work she teaches few things rather than a little of many things. She knows that it is better to inspire the heart with a noble sentiment than to teach the mind a truth of science. She does both. An irreproachable character is her supreme charm, and untiring industry her great genius. She is no amateur adventurer nor reckless pretender, but one fitted by nature and training for her signal calling. The opportunity laid upon her is matchless; matchless also is her responsibility. She should not be hired through the favoritism of the spoils politician nor the nepotism of some selfish relative, but she should hold her place under the merit system on her own tenure of office. As a matter of simple justice she should receive a salary commensurate with her qualifications and her success. Her final reward will be better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Kola Items.

Mr. Alva Barnhouse has gone to work at the Lee and Prentice ranch for Wm. Storrs.

Mr. Pfund came out with his son to stay on the old homestead for good.

Mr. Chase Kimball set out about 5000 cottonwood trees on his place this spring.

Mrs. P. J. Kennedy and John Kennedy have also set out about 500 trees apiece on their farms.

Mrs. Ira Sharp and children visited in Chambers last week.

We heard last week that Miss Louise Pfund filed on what was once the Clayton Mesner farm.

A Vote of Thanks.

The Easter Bazaar held by the Ladies' Working society of the Presbyterian church was in every way a success, about \$75.00 being realized. The ladies desire in this public manner to return their most heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in the sale, especially to the merchants of O'Neill for their liberal contributions; also to Mr. F. M. Golden and Mr. M. D. Price for the use of the store room and assistance in arranging the same.

By Order of the Committee.

The high school ball team went to Randolph last Saturday and crossed bats with the Randolph high school team, and although defeated, put up a very creditable exhibition of the national game. They were chaperoned by Lieut. Owen Meredith, who also held the indicator during the game, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The boys say the diamond was muddy. All slow and ground hits were hard to handle. But they say when they get them on the local diamond they will show them how the game is played. Following is the score by innings:
O'Neill 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Randolph 0 2 0 0 2 0 1 0—7
Struck out: Ryan 11, Hammond 6.
Batteries: O'Neill, Ryan and Kane.
Randolph: Hammond and Kane.

The Galloway Takes the Lead.

I have half a dozen young, full-blood Galloway bulls for sale. Call and see them, prices right.—Henry Therolf, Star, Holt county, Nebr. 39-6

1908
Spring Offering
By P. J. McMANUS



This nobby top coat for ladies, made by the Palmer Garment House, produces a special stylish effect, very comfortable, and gives the wearer that complete appearance. Very large selection. Prices \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$12.50 to \$15.00.

I am prepared to show the trade the best line of voile skirts ever shown in this market. Leading shades, black and navy brown, at \$8.00, \$9.50, \$10, \$12, \$14, \$15.

Panama skirts, all shades, \$5, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.50, \$10. This selection is very large, all sizes, from waist 23 to 36, length 34 to 44. Fit everybody.

The popular white shirt waist is now in stock. Three-quarter length sleeves, very lacey and cool. Prices 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00.

The Merry Widow Belts, a very swell selection of the up-to-date belts, at 35c, 50c to 1.50.

Kid Gloves—Short, 1.50; 16-button, 3.50. Silk gloves—Short 40c and 65c; 16-button, 1.50.

New veiling per yard 35c. Hat pins, 25c, 35c, 65c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.50.

Neckwear—Turnover collars 25c, 35c; tabe collars, 25c, 35c, 50c. W. B. corsets 1.00-1.50, correct shapes and the best values. Ladies' back combs—this line is larger than ever before, comprising all the new ideas. Prices, 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.50, with side combs to match.

The largest and best line of oxfords—tan, black kid and patent, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50.

OUR MEN'S AND BOYS CLOTHING

This cut shows you one of my new spring suits, made especially for me by Hart Schaffner & Marx, the well known tailors. Every man who wears one of these snappy suits calls the attention of his neighbors to how well he looks, and he is proud of himself; and I am also proud of my customers and believe that I have done my part for the small sum of 18.50 to 25.00.

You ought to see the little gents suits that have just arrived. They will turn the little fellow out Sunday morning and make the family so proud of him that even the old man wishes that he was a boy again.



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Complete line of Iron Clad Hosiery, the kind that wear longer than any others. After ten years experience I am satisfied that they call for Iron Clads and take no other. All colors and sizes.



P. J. McMANUS

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

Mr. Thos Stenton, postmaster of Pontypool, Ont., writes: "For the past eight years I suffered from rheumatic pains and during that time I used many different liniments and remedies for the cure of rheumatism. Last summer I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and got more relief from it than anything I ever used, and cheerfully recommend this liniment to all sufferers from rheumatic pains." For sale by Gilligan & Stout.

Wanted—200 head of cattle and some horses to pasture.—C. J. Viquist, Bay, Neb. 43-2

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his neighbors and friends to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication that others similarly ailing may use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm hearted wish

of the writer to be of use to someone else. This remedy is for sale by Gilligan & Stout.

Galloway Bulls for Sale.

A nice lot of young Galloway bulls ready for service for sale at W. A. Gannon's, 2 miles north of Inman, Holt county, Neb. Call and see them. Low down, blocky, heavy coated fellows. 39-6

Get Busy.

We are arranging our list for 1908 in Antelope, Knox, Pierce, Boone and Holt counties. If you have anything to sell or trade, "get busy." List with McLeod Bros., Real Estate, Ashland or Brunswick, Nebr. 41-4