

Highly Creditable Contest

The closing sessions of the Southwest Nebraska Teachers' association in the city, end of the week, were more interesting and important, if possible, than the opening days of the association, Friday being especially full of interesting meetings from morning to night.

Friday morning's session in the auditorium heard addresses from State Sup't Delzell and Prof. Taylor, the former emphasizing teacher efficiency, and the latter the duties of the teacher, while Dr. Clark of Kearney, spoke on the art of teaching. All were addresses of merit and instruction.

In the Temple theatre in the afternoon, Chancellor Avery of the Nebraska university had for his address "The German School System," while Dr. Condra of the university gave an illustrated lecture on "Farm Health and Sanitation." Both gentlemen were greeted by a large hearing, well repaying their hearers for the time spent listening to their able addresses.

In the latter part of the afternoon, the rural and grade teachers' section held forth in the auditorium. This session took up the rest of the afternoon, with many subjects and individuals taking part on program.

The school board section was meanwhile in session in Methodist church, where an equally important and pressing program was on, both teachers and laymen being on program, with State Sup't Delzell one of the leading individuals in the discussions.

At this session the regular business affairs of the association were taken up. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. L. Anderson, Trenton; Vice President, Miss Hulda Peterson, Holdrege; Secretary, Miss Beck, Trenton; Treasurer, C. F. White, Trenton. Member of executive committee, C. W. McMichael, Holdrege.

The annual dues were increased from 75 cents to \$1.00.

A change was made in the constitution locating the future meetings of the association alternately at McCook and Holdrege.

The consensus of opinion is that the McCook meeting was the best in the history of the association.

Upon which fact, a proud fact to us all, we would congratulate the members of the association, the commercial club, and all those citizens who assisted in making it such.

Political Announcements.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner, 2d district, subject to decision of Republican primary.—adv.
F. A. HODGKIN.

Senator La Follette will campaign in Nebraska from April 5 to 10, inclusive.

McCook has the unique distinction of being first in attempting to carry in effect Ostrerism in politics.

Mayor McAdams came into office under difficult circumstances and soon after his assumption of the duties of the position had to face a long-approaching crisis in the water question. The water works were taken over and much of his administration has been dealing with the rehabilitation and repair of the old system, which had been declining in efficiency for some time and had not been keeping step with the growth of the city. The Tribune submits that the facts and the record disclose that he has made good; that has given an economical administration; that his administration has been marked by a moral tone not equalled in years. It has been his purpose and determined effort to give McCook a business-like conduct of affairs. A same program has been carried thru in the matter of law-enforcement, and withal moral conditions have been much improved. The facts and figures connected with his entire administration have been for public interest and better things. He is in position to give McCook another year of efficient service as mayor and it would be but the part of ordinary business wisdom and common sense to reelect him.

Filings of Record.

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The McCook W. C. T. U. Column

THE VOTER'S CREED.

I believe in the fair name of state and community. I will consider whether saloons are likely to add to the reputation of either I believe in clean manhood. I will consider the effects of the saloon upon the physical, intellectual and moral man; whether it makes for purity, innocence or virtue; chaste habits of thought word or deed.

I believe in the home. I will consider the effect of the saloon upon home happiness, fidelity to home relations, constancy in its affections.

I believe in a safe and moral environment. I will consider the saloon's contributions to poverty, disease and crime.

I believe in good citizenship. I will consider whether the saloon makes good or bad men; whether it helps toward a manhood of high ideals, sober integrity and public and business life.

I believe in clean politics. I will consider saloon activities in securing the best men in office and perfect official integrity; ideal laws and their enforcement; purity of the ballot; freedom from intimidation and fraud.

I believe in the minimum of taxation. I will consider if revenue from a few saloons offsets the burden of support of the asylums they fill; the police and court expenses they increasingly involve; the poverty, disease and crime they produce.

I believe in my responsibility of franchise. When I vote, I will mark my ballot as one exercising the right of franchise in trust—as guardian of my children and their future welfare; as representing the rights, interests and wishes of my wife, mother or sister; as a true citizen and patriot interested in the purity, integrity and efficiency of domestic, business and political institutions as an agent in bringing in the Kingdom of God. As in the presence of God and my own conscience.

I WILL VOTE (?)

—Malcolm Dana.

"What Shall We Do If the Town Goes Dry?"

Citizens, neighbors, you and I, What shall we do when the town goes dry? We may get along without our drink; But who'll it hurt the most, do you think? What are you going to do, if the town goes dark? Not enough money for the electric spark. Not enough money for the water plugs. This city at the mercy of fire and thugs. Who's going to pay for needed police? Who's going to furnish the needed grease? To oil the wheels of the city's machine. To keep the town healthy, the streets to clean? What shall we do? Shall we issue bonds? To pay our Mayor and drain our ponds?

What shall we do in case of fire, With our firemen fired and none to hire, When insurance goes up and property goes down, With never a job for a man in town.

When the market is gone for the farmers' rye, And his corn and his barley, when the town goes dry? I'll tell you friend, 'tis a serious thing Some of these fanatics to the town would bring. The only thing left when they stop the cup, Is to lay down our lives and go straight up.

Mrs. Richard's Reply.

What shall we do if the town goes dry, Citizens, neighbors, you and I? We'll destroy the whiskey every bit; Make men of the brutes made so by it. We'll take the money now spent at your bars, Give our children a ride on the trolley cars; And once in a while, we'll buy a big sliver Of choice tenderloin, instead of old liver; We'll spend the money now given to you For coats and shoes and clothing too, And still have some for the hard ware man To buy a new stove and a frying pan.

We'll cut off the expense of the extra police, And much of our taxes will then soon cease; For every dollar you help pay of freight To take care of your product it cost us eight. So there'll be no need of the town going dark, For there'll be plenty left for the electric spark; By stopping the factory which makes the thugs, We'll save enough money for the water plugs.

What shall we do when the town goes dry? How care for the farmers' corn and rye? The answer to you we can easily tell, He'll raise more cattle and these he'll sell, The farmer will not then have to compete With the man who owns the saloon on the street; For the biggest cinch around the brewers' den Is the place where he has his feeding pen.

Where his hogs and cattle are kept so fat On the slops and malts from their brewing vats; For the brewer knows, with malicious greed, That with alcohol out, it's still good feed. So then, Equor sellers, don't be gay, We'll prove our point on election day, That this dear city shall never die But be better far, when the town goes dry.

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Was a Great Declamatory Contest.

The third annual declamatory contest, Southwest Nebraska high schools, was held in the Temple theatre, Friday evening, with an attendance the largest in the history of the contests, numbering up toward the thousand mark.

There were a dozen contestants in the two classes represented, ten in the dramatic and but two in the humorous.

In the dramatic the program was as follows:

"The Battle of the Strong," —(Court room scene) — Ruth Kachelrius, Alma.
"Que Vadis," — Guy Grisell, Bartley.
"The Murderer's Confession" — Marshall Hines, Benkelman.
"The Light From Over the Range" — Norma Cleveland, Bloomington.
"The Lion and the Mouse" — Ethlyne Druse, Cambridge.
"The Maniac," — Louise Leonard, Edison.
"The Man in the Shadow," — Floyd Shepherd, Holdrege.
"Deathbed of Benedict Arnold" — Orley Rickett, Imperial.
"The Innate of the Dungeon" — Jennie Blair, Lebanon.
"How the La Rue Stakes Were Lost" — Bethel Hildreth, Trenton.
The humorous selections were:
"Wee Taw Table," — Pearl Marshall, McCook.
"Anni Sylvia's First Lesson in Geography" — Velma Blauvelt, Oxford.

The judges were: Chancellor Samuel Avery of the Nebraska university, State Sup't J. E. Delzell, and Dr. W. A. Clark of Kearney. Referee, Dr. George E. Condra.

After the contest, these gentlemen retired, and after a short deliberation, announced the following report:
Dramatic: First, Ethlyne Druse second, Floyd Shepherd; third

Marshall Hines; fourth, Norma Cleveland.

Humorous: First, Pearl Marshall.

The program throughout was strong and keenly appreciated by the great audience present, with a very creditable to the pupils and high schools concerned in this very interesting annual affair.

A complimentary concert was tendered the members of the Southwest Nebraska Teachers' association immediately preceding the contest by the McCook band under conductorship of Mr. H. P. Sutton.

The following program was rendered, which speaks for itself:

March, "King Karl," C. L. Urath.
Gems from Giuseppe Verdi's opera Attila.
Ballet music, "Pas des Fleurs," from Delibes' opera "Naila."
Soprano solo, Mrs. C. W. Britt, with band accompaniment, (a) "The Serenade," Schubert; (b) "Oh, Sublime Evening Star," Wagner.
"Opera Mirror," being excerpts from "Carmen," "Barber of Seville," "Faust," "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," with voices and anvil effects, "Sextette From Lucia," with voices, "Gioconda," "L'Clair with solo for euphonium, and finale, "Toreador Song," from "Carmen."

The singers were: Mesdames Britt, Klevon, Quick and Miss Sutton, sopranos; Mrs. G. L. Burney and Mrs. A. M. Williams, altos; Messrs. H. C. Clapp, D. N. Cobb and J. A. Collier, tenors; Messrs. C. W. Britt, F. M. Colfer, and J. R. McCarl, basses.

This constituted one of the leading events of the entire association gathering.

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