

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Local High School Pupils After District Honors.

NELLIE HANDLEY IS FIRST.

Will Represent Norfolk at the District Contest—Program for the North Nebraska Teachers Meeting to be Held Here During the Last Week in March.

From Saturday's Daily: The local oratorical contest held in the High school room last evening was largely attended and proved very interesting. The object of the contest was to select a candidate for district honors here on the night of the 27th, when pupils from the various schools of north Nebraska would participate.

The three contestants handled their subjects with remarkable success and the judges experienced some difficulty in reaching a decision.

First honors were given to Nellie Handley of the humorous class whose subject was "Me and Jimmy."

Elizabeth Sharpless of the dramatic class whose subject was "Old Aoe," was given second place by the judges.

The judges were Rev. J. J. Parker, Mrs. A. N. Gerocke and H. C. Matrau.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Program of North Nebraska Teachers for March 27, 28 and 29.

The program of the fifteenth annual meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers association, to be held in this city March 27, 28 and 29, has been issued. All sessions of the association will be held in the Auditorium. The officers of the association are: H. K. Wolfe, South Omaha, president; P. F. Panabaker, Hartington, vice president; M. E. Wallace, Pierce, vice president; Lucy S. Williams, Norfolk, treasurer; D. C. O'Connor, Norfolk, R. R. secretary. Committee on arrangements, D. C. O'Connor and the teachers of Norfolk. Committee on enrollment, C. W. Crum of Madison and Mary McKinley of Ponca. Committee on reception, The Woman's club of Norfolk.

Following is the program as announced:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2 P. M. This first session is devoted entirely to the general influences of the child's inheritance and environment.

Music. Invocation. Music. Heredity—By a Physician. Early Home Life of Children—Mrs. J. C. Bressler, Wayne.

Music. Influences of the First School Years—Edith Stocking, Wayne. Social Environment—Mrs. A. D. Pratt, Norfolk.

Music. Influence of Superintendent, Teacher and Board of Education on Pupils—J. L. Laird, Fremont.

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THURSDAY, 9 A. M. Session devoted to reading. Music.

Reading in the Grades, Aims and Methods—A. McMurray, North Bend. Discussion—A. R. Daugherty, Humphrey.

A Course in Reading for the Last Three Years of the Grammar Grades—E. B. Sherman, Schuyler. Discussion—Valley Garlinger, Norfolk.

Music. The School Library and How to Use It—Amy Bruner, West Point. Vocal Expression in Reading—O. S. Wortman, Hartington.

Music. The Professional Reading of the Teacher—E. P. Wilson, Ponca.

AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK. Illustrative Work in the Grades—Evelyn Fuller, St. Edwards. Discussion—Mollie Taylor, Battle Creek.

Constructive Exercises in the Lower Grades—Lulu D. Nelhardt, Bancroft. Discussion—Gracia Kidder, Norfolk. The Purpose and Place of Written Compositions—Jasper Hunt, Wakefield.

Discussion—Emma Baker, Wayne. The Relation Between High School and University—W. G. Hiroas, Pierce. General Discussion.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M. Music. Lecture, Colonial Money—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

Music. Does the Grammar School Secure Satisfactory Results in the Fundamental Operations in Arithmetic?—J. J. King, Albion.

Discussion—W. H. Steinbach, Genoa. What have we gained and what have we lost by recent changes in Teaching Arithmetic?—R. G. Mossman, Madison.

Discussion—J. M. Richardson, Oakdale. The Correlation of Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry in the Last Years of the Grammar School—W. C. Cobb, West Point.

Discussion—Mary Maguire, Orghington. Election of Officers.

AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK. Music.

What Should the Grammar School Attempt in Science?—F. M. Gregg, Wayne Normal. Discussion—Charles Arnot, Scribner. What May the Superintendent Do for His Teachers?—D. D. Martindale, Nebraska.

Discussion—L. M. Powers, Neligh. Self-Directed Activity as an Aim in Education—S. C. Wilson, Fremont Normal. Address—State Superintendent W. K. Fowler.

3:30, ROUND TABLES. (In High School Building.) Rural Teachers—Leader, J. S. Hancock, Stanton.

Primary Teachers—Leader, Eva Mixer, Ponca. Grammar Grade Teachers—Leader, E. A. McGlasson, Grand Island.

High School Teachers—Leader, Frank Seykora, South Omaha. County Superintendents—Leader, M. K. Manning, West Point.

EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK. Music. Lecture with Demonstrations, Liquid Air—Prof. J. E. Woodland.

SCHOOL WORK. Supt. O'Connor of Norfolk, is arranging for an exhibition of school work which will be of great value to the visiting teachers. Plan to spend an hour or two examining and comparing the results obtained by our best teachers.

MUSIC. The association will be under obligation to the resident musicians of Norfolk, for the music of Wednesday, to the department of music of Wayne normal, for that of Thursday, and to the department of music of Fremont normal for that of Friday.

LECTURES. Especial attention is directed to the evening lectures. Enrolled members will receive tickets of admission without cost. All others will be charged the usual price of admission.

The teachers and friends of education in northern Nebraska will be glad of the opportunity to hear Chancellor Andrews of the state university. In addition to the interest attaching to the chief educator of the state, the reputation of Dr. Andrews, both as a thinker and a man of action, promises a rare treat. The chancellor's well known studies in economic science fit him to speak as one having authority on "Colonial Money."

Prof. Woodland will give a brief history of the attempts to liquify air, and a description of the process now used by which 800 cubic feet of air is compressed into one cubic foot of liquid resembling water but many times colder than ice. He will tell us that boiling water is not as much hotter than ice as liquid air is colder than ice. And for two hours he will try to enable us to realize this truth by performing many wonderful and beautiful experiments.

Service Medals Being Distributed to Employees of the Illinois Central. In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the Illinois Central Railroad company through the act of the state of Illinois, approved February 10, 1851, upon recommendation of Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, president, the board of directors decided in January last that the company would give as a souvenir to every person in the employ of the company during the month of February, 1901, who shall have served continuously for one year or more, a bronze medal, bearing the trade mark of the company and on the reverse side the name of the employe and the number of full years in which he shall have served the company.

The medals have been prepared by Messrs. Tiffany & Company of New York and are of simple but chaste design, worked out in sharp lines of relief. One side is an adaptation of the company's trade mark, bearing the familiar legend "Central Mississippi Valley Route" in a diamond, with "Illinois Central R. R. Co., Chartered February 15, 1851" in the encompassing circle, underlying the two being radical bars.

On the reverse, following the rim in relief letters is "Service Souvenir, Fiftieth Anniversary, 1851-1901" surrounding an inner inscription which reads "I. C. R. R. Co. to—after—years continuous service"; the individual name and years of service being inscribed on the medal of each person receiving one. A marked feature of this distribution is the fact that precisely the same bronze medal is given to everyone who has been continuously in the employ of the company. No distinction whatever is made between the highest and the lowest; the services of those who labor with their hands, and those of the chief executive officers and board of directors being recognized in precisely the same way. The medals are being delivered in installments, and have already been circulated on some sections of the road.

Letter List. List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice March 18, 1901: G. M. Barnes (2), Charlie Borrum, Robert Donaldson, Egyptian Remedy Co. (2), Elias George, Jess Henry (2), A. Kandler, Theo. Koche, W. G. McGee, Pearl Miller, F. W. Tartle.

If not called for in 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office. Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

P. F. SPRECHER, P. M.

A DUEL THAT FAILED

HONOR WAS SAVED WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD.

Colonel Bunker Tells How the Code Was Outraged in the Preliminaries and How a Sanguinary Outcome Was Happily Averted.

(Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.) "I had gone to a small town in Mississippi to rest and recuperate, sub," said the colonel as he restored his glass to the table, "to rest and recuperate after my hard work in the state senate. I hadn't been there a day when I met up with a person who called himself General Blum. He didn't have the look of a general, sub, but I didn't start in asking questions. I accepted his word that he had been a general—accepted his word as a gentleman does, and he invited me into the nearest barroom to imbibe a cocktail. We didn't imbibe. When the general called for drinks for two, his order was not taken. In other words, sub, as he didn't put down his money, the cocktails remained unmixer. The general looked at me appealingly, but I turned away. I would not hurt his feelings by offering to pay for the drinks.

"Had General Blum stopped there all would have been well, but he did not stop. Next day he called on me to talk over the late war. It wasn't ten minutes, sub, before I began to doubt him. I found that he didn't know the

difference between a charge of cavalry and a drove of mules. When he had related how he led his division at Gettysburg, dashed forward at Spottsylvania and received three wounds at Petersburg, I rose up—I rose up to my full height, sub—and, looking him straight between the eyes, I said: "General Blum, yo' will excuse me, sub, but where can I find yo' war record?"

"Nowhere," he replied. "They were so jealous of me that it has never been written up."

"We had a few other words, sub, and I felt that it was due to my dignity to challenge him. He received the challenge coolly and sent his friend to arrange matters. Claiming to be a soldier and a gentleman, he selected pick-axes as weapons. Think of it, sub—think of a gentleman taking such a course! I refused, of co'se. Then he turned to plantation hoes, to cotton hoes, to ball clubs and to long handled shovels. It was my duty under the circumstances to preserve my dignity, and it has gone down in history that I preserved it. I insisted that we fight with sword or pistol, and I refused to dignify him by debating his proposals. Then General Blum himself called to see me. He found me frigid and determined. 'Colonel Bunker,' says he, 'yo' have doubted my veracity, and I desire to shed yo' blood. I desire to shed it by the quart and the gallon. If yo' are not a coward, yo' will meet me at sunrise across the river—across the river, sub! As the challenged party I have the choice of weapons. I will name scythes, sub—scythes—at two paces! The scythe is an emblem of time, Colonel Bunker, and it was with a scythe I mowed down scores of the enemy at Appomattox.'"

"I stood on my dignity, sub—stood on my dignity and rejected the weapons. No gentleman had ever fought a duel with a scythe in his hands. It would degrade the code—degrade the code, sub, and make me a public laughing stock. I stormed at that man, sub. I begged and entreated and even sought to bribe him to meet me with pistols or swords. But he was firm. He was settled on scythes and would not budge. I bowed him out and appealed to the public. And on my honor, sub, on the honor of the man who led the desperate charge at Cedar Mountain, the public agreed with General Blum! Yes, sub, the public contended that it was my duty as a gentleman to engage in a duel with scythes! I brought forward the code for 300 years past, but it made no difference.

"A duel with scythes, sub—a meeting on the field of honor with farming implements! No gentleman's dignity would permit of it. I argued and protested and disputed, but General Blum and the public were firm. In standing to my guns I lost prestige. At the end of three days scarcely a man in town would nod to me, and the newspapers were asking if Colonel Bunker was afraid. It was then, sub, and only then, that I resolved to fight the general with his own weapons. I must do it to save my prestige. The public was with me at once. I had my pick of 20 different scythes, and I was determined from the first that I would begin at the general's heels and gradually cut him down to his neck. No mercy should be shown in such a case. Public excitement ran as high as if a state election was being held, and when the morning of the duel came there were hundreds on the ground to see. I set fo' th with my



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scythe on my shoulder and was first on the ground, but the general was only a few minutes behind me. I had planned to begin at his heels, but his plan was to begin at my head. I saw it in his eyes as we stood there. Yes, sub, he meant to decapitate me at the first sweep. Mo' than that, he had sent to New Orleans for a special scythe, and he had secured one about two rods long.

"By and by we were ready. I felt my loss of dignity, but I had to save my honor. The word was about to be given, and in another moment the emblems of time would have been swishing through the air, when a mewl which was chased by a nigger came galloping that way. He busted through the people, sub—he busted his way right along—and he struck the general and knocked him into a ditch and then planted both heels on my stomach and rendered me unconscious for half an hour. The duel didn't go on. When I got my breath again, I offered to proceed from a sitting position, and, although the general was telescoped by the collision, it is due to him to say that he would have stood on one leg and fought it out. But it was not to be. The public decided that all parties, including the mewl, had wiped away any stains on their reputations, and we were escorted to town by our partisans."

"And of course you and the general drank together and made up?" I asked. "Of co'se, sub, of co'se—that is, the general didn't invite me, and I didn't invite him, but when a third party proposed cocktails—a party whose credit was good at the bar—we accompanied him. And as to the making up, sub, we had imbibed and replaced our glasses when I looked at my late antagonist and said: "General Blum, I cannot doubt your valor, sub."

"And he looked at me with eyes which were moist and replied: "Colonel Bunker, the man who questions your chivalry is my enemy." "Then our hands met, our friend called for three more, and the loving cup restored peace and good will." M. QUAD.

THE DEATH OF THE WORLD.

Scientists Fail to Agree as to How the End Will Come.

Scientists seem to agree that the earth some day is to be destroyed by a gigantic cataclysm, but fail to agree upon the "how." Dr. Henry Smith Williams, in writing in Harper's Monthly on "Some Unsolved Scientific Problems," says:

"If so much uncertainty attends these fundamental questions as to the earth's past and present, it is not strange that open problems as to her future are still more numerous. We have seen how, according to Professor Darwin's computations, the moon threatens to come back to earth with destructive force some day. Yet Professor Darwin himself urges that there are elements of fallibility in the data involved that rob the computation of all certainty.

"Much the same thing is true of perhaps all the estimates that have been made as to the earth's ultimate fate. Thus it has been suggested that, even should the sun's heat not forsake us, our day will become month long and then year long; that all the water of the globe must ultimately filter into its depths and all the air fly off into space, leaving our earth as dry and as devoid of atmosphere as the moon, and, finally, that ether friction, if it exists, or, in default of that, meteoric friction, must ultimately bring the earth back to the sun.

"But in all these prognostications there are possible compensating factors that vitiate the estimates and leave the exact results in doubt. The last word of the cosmic science of our century is a prophecy of evil—if annihilation be an evil. But it is left for the science of another generation to point out more clearly the exact terms in which the prophecy is most likely to be fulfilled."

Found the Ends. An Irishman who was out of work went on board a vessel that was in the harbor and asked the captain if he could find him work on the ship.

"Well," said the captain, at the same time handing the Irishman a piece of rope, "if you can find three ends to that rope you shall have some work."

The Irishman got hold of the rope and, showing it to the captain, said, "That's one end, your honor." Then he took hold of the other end and, showing it to the captain as before, said, "And that's two ends, your honor." Then, taking hold of both ends of the rope, he threw it overboard, saying, "And faith there's another end to it, your honor."

He was immediately engaged.—London King.

A Whistler Story. "A Colorado millionaire—extremely millionaire—one who was getting up an art gallery, went to Whistler's studio in the Rue du Bac," says Vance Thompson in his Paris letter to The Saturday Evening Post. "He glanced casually at the pictures on the walls—symphonies in rose and gold, in blue and gray, in brown and green.

"How much for the lot?" he asked with the confidence of one who owns gold mines. "Four millions," said Whistler. "What?" "My posthumous prices." And the painter added, "Good morning."

The Sons of Clergymen. De Candale, the distinguished French savant, says that the sons of ministers have contributed to science more eminent men than has any other class. He might have added, too, that they have also swelled the ranks of the poets, theologians and not a few of the military heroes of the past.—Saturday Evening Post.

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Real Estate Transfers.

The following are the transfers of real estate in Madison county for the week ending March 16, 1901, as reported by D. J. Koeningstein, official abstractor:

M. Harris to C. E. Harris and wife, s. 33 feet of lot 3 and n. 10 feet of lot 6, block 45, Clark & Madison Mill Co. add. to Madison, \$1100.

U. S. of America to Burr Taft, nw 1/4 12-23-2.

Warner Hale and wife to Bertha Gardels, lot 8 and part lot 1, block 18, Battle Creek.

Peter N. Campbell and wife to Harry Tannehill, w 1/2 of sw 1/4, 24-25-1.

Bernard Grant to Arvilla Mason, lots 15 and 16, block 6, Koeningstein's 3rd add. to Norfolk.

F. Dederman and wife to Frank L. Dederman, sw 1/4 of nw 1/4 and nw 1/4 of sw 1/4-28 and se 1/4 of ne 1/4 and ne 1/4 of se 1/4 26-24-2, subj. to mtg. of \$700, \$1500.

Enoch C. Halverson and wife to M. C. Sols, lots 15 and 16 in sub div of lots 6, 7, 8, and 9, block 1, R. R. add. to Newman Grove, subj. to \$700 mtg.

Madison Co. B. & L. Assn. to John E. Rector, lots 6 and 7 block 29, F. W. Barnes 3rd add. to Madison.

S. W. Dyer and wife to Mary A. Gray, lot 10, West Meadow Grove, \$90.

L. C. Davis and wife to J. M. Elrod, lots 7 and 8 block 8, Bauchs add. to Madison.

Mary Ingham and husband to Chas. B. Burrows, lot 3, block 16 Western Town Lot Co's. add. to Norfolk Junction.

T. Karge and husband to Charles Evans, se 1/4 13-23-4 (correction deed.)

C. S. Smith and wife to Ella O'Shea, s 1/2 of nw 1/4 9-21-4. \$1500.

Rochester Loan & Bk. Co., to Mary A. Larrabee, lot 1, block 11 Dederman's add. to Norfolk, \$600.

J. G. Troutman and wife to F. M. McElrath, n 1/4 feet of lots 7 and 8 block 43, Mathewson's 2nd add. to Norfolk.

Jos. Neary and wife to J. D. Larrabee, lot 9, block 2 Hillside Terrace add. to Norfolk, \$650.

J. B. Fisher and wife to Wilhelm Kamrath, w 1/2 of se 1/4, 7-21-3. \$2500.

J. H. Jackson and wife to Robert Oehring, lot 4, West Meadow Grove, \$224.

Delphia A. Quick and husband to Frank C. Upton, lot 3, block 6 Pasewalk's 3rd add. to Norfolk \$350.

W. M. Condon and wife to Fred Kohl, n 1/2 21-21-1. \$9500.

Wm. Blatt and wife to Chas. B. Durland, lots 11 and 12, block 6, Kimball & Blair's add. and lot 11, block 11, Western Town Lot Co's. add. to Norfolk Junction. \$75.

Henry Clausen and wife to John H. deGroot, lot 10, block 8, Clausen's Cemetery.

Geo. M. Hayden to Abram L. Knesel, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4 and w 1/2 of se 1/4 25-24-4. \$3200.

Ferdinand Ustecht to Cora Belle Cook, s 1-5 of block 9 Glen Park add. to Norfolk. \$60.

George J. Brechler, to Fred Hoffman, nw 1/4 33-24-3. \$2700.

Robert E. Pool and wife to Edw. Fuerst, lot 6, block 7, Battle Creek, \$425.

Phillip Beck to Robert Pool, lot 6, block 7, Battle Creek. \$350.

Farmers Loan & Trust Co. to Anton Rise, nw 1/4 3-24-3.

Margie Lowman to S. O. Campbell, lots 6 and 7, block 3, Park add. to Madison. \$75.

Talcott C. Olney, et al. to Mary G. Mathewson, lot 6, block 3, Mathewson's 2nd add. to Norfolk.

Madison B. & S. Assn. to Mary A. Webb, w 1/2 of lots 6 and 7 block 31, Barnes 3rd add. to Madison.

Dan I. Johnson to Chas. P. Bengtson, lot 11, block 11, A. C. Johnson's add. to Newman Grove. \$75.

Otto Jensen and wife to Henry O. Truman, e 1/2 of lot 4, block 4, Pasewalk's add. to Norfolk. \$700.

Andrew J. Durland to Charles Knapp, lots 6, 7, and 8 block 4, Koeningstein's 2nd add. to Norfolk. \$3000.

Samuel L. Gardner and wife to Charles Knapp, part of se 1/4 of ne 1/4 21-24-1.

John S. Robinson et al to Charles Knapp, part ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 23-24-1.

William D. Mixer and wife to S. L. Gardner, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 block 16 Durland's 1st add. to Norfolk. \$1 etc.

P. Barnes to Albert Zessin, part of nw 1/4 of sw 1/4 32-22-1.

Wilhelmine Voelckes to Florian Widhalm, lot 12, Ward's sub lots to Norfolk.

Thomas Donaher to Delphia A. Quick, lot 3, block 3, Western Town Lot Co's add. to Norfolk Junction. \$750.

A Nebraska Story. The Nebraska State Journal contains the following bit of news from its special Chicago correspondent concerning the laundry disaster which occurred in that city last week:

"D. H. Bradley, former Lincoln correspondent for the Omaha World-Herald, was among the number of men working on the explosion. While passing through the city a few days before, returning from New York, he had been offered a position on The Chronicle, which he accepted. The Dorens explosion was his first local story.

"Working alongside Mr. Bradley, but on the Record, was R. C. Manley, formerly dramatic critic for the Nebraska State Journal, and later city editor of Fremont Tribune. Not far away was 'Cato' Bentley of the Times-Herald, formerly a resident of Kearney, and Matthew White of The Tribune, nephew of Martin White, late chief of police of Omaha. It was a Nebraska story apparently.

Hammond, Louisiana, An Ideal Health and Winter Resort. The passenger department of the Illinois Central Railroad company has just issued a new edition of "Hammond, Louisiana, as a Winter Resort," a beautiful illustrated folder showing a few of the winter attractions in and about Hammond, copies of which will be mailed free, on application to the undersigned.

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