AN INTERESTING CONTEST.

High School Orators Entertain a Large Audience.

TEACHERS' MEETING ENJOYED.

Dr. Sanderson of Fremont Addressed the Association This Morning—Instructive Papers Were Read and Well Received.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The teachers and school pupils of north Nebraska are assembling in force in Norfolk today to attend the teachers' association, the first session of which was held in the Auditorium this afternoon. There was a good attendance at the first meeting and the session opens with an interest manifest that is very auspicious.

The weather is exceedingly favorable and is undoubtedly responsible for the promise of a large attendance during the session. The Columbus delegation and high school orchestra of 20 pieces came in on a special car attached to the noon accommodation and other delegations have been arriving by every train, many of them wearing gay ribbons and badges appropriate to their classes or schools.

Some interesting papers were discussed this afternoon, but chief interest with the pupils and many of the teachers centers in the declamatory contest to be held at the Auditorium tonight. There are a dozen contestants entered and there are six gold medals to be awarded, two each in the oratorical, dramatic and humorous classes. The program will be interspersed with music, several numbers of which will be rendered by the Columbus high school orchestra, and a very entertaining evening is anticipated by those who expect to attend. The seat sale for the contest has been very satisfactory.

From Thursday's Daily:

The North Nebraska teachers, with nearly 300 enrolled, held the first meeting of their sixteenth annual session in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon and deep interest in the proceedings was manifest.

"The Value of Pictures as an aid to Language Work" was the instructive first paper of the session and was presented by Miss Maude Britton of Wayne. Miss L. Belle Rice of Stanton told of "Drawing—Its Disciplinary and Practical Value." Mrs. Cora Beels of this city gave her opinion as to the "Educational Value of Music" showing that she thoroughly understood the subject discussed. One of the most interesting subjects of the afternoon was "The Teaching of Agriculture in the Public Schools" as presented by President E. Diefenbach of the Plainview Normal school. Gerald H. Stoner of the Fremont Normal told entertainingly of the "Chemistry in Daily Life."

The program was interspersed with interesting musical selections and adjournment until evening was taken quite late in the afternoon.

The Declamatory Contest.

The North Nebraska High school declamatory contest held at the Auditorium last evening called out one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the building. Long before the hour of the entertainment arrived every seat on the lower floor was taken and all the desirable seats in the balcony had been appropriated. The audience commenced to assemble early and when the hour of entertainment arrived there was scarcely an available seat in the house, even the boxes having been taken.

The program opened with a double number by the Columbus high school orchestra, which very pleasingly rendered "Zaceteca March" and "Valse Impassioned Dream." The orchestra is composed of school pupils ranging in age from about 8 to 16 years and the instrumentation includes violins, mandolins, guitars, piano, cello, drums, etc. They are well trained and make surprisingly sweet music for children of their age.

There were two representatives in the oratorical class: Miss Ona Albee of Wayne gave "The Prisoner's Plea," and Miss Bessie Smith of Schuyler had as her subject, "Victor Hugo." The merits of the two contestants were so nearly equal that it was with difficulty that the audience made a choice. Many were inclined to favor Miss Albee, but when the judges announced that they had chosen Miss Smith for first honors and Miss Albee second it was very satisfactory to the people present.

Before the dramatic class was introduced Oscar Scavland of Madison gave in his own inimitable style a piano solo, "Norma Fantasia," and as is usual when he plays, was compelled to respond to a hearty encore.

There were five contestants in the dramatic class and there was no one to dissent from the decision of the judges when they gave Miss Della E. Clark of South Omaha first honors. The subject of her selection was "Mercedes" and she evidenced splendid dramatic talent in its rendition. The second medal was awarded to Miss Jessie Kreidler of Fullerton who had chosen as her selection, the "The Honor of the Woods." Third place was accorded Miss Katharine Ryan of Wisner for her rendition of "The Sioux Chief's Daughter." The two other contestants were Miss Floribel Bingler of Randolph, who spoke, "Lost in the Mountains," and Jesse Ward of Genoa who acted "The Rum Maniac."

The Columbus orchestra followed this class with a medley arranged by Prof. Garlichs, "The Gems of the South," that was liberally applauded.

In the humorous class Miss Elizabeth Hale of Battle Creek was given first honors for her very clever description of "A Trial at Elocution." The Debating Society" as given by Miss Lida Turner of Columbus was accorded second honors in this class. Miss Fay Widaman of this city told "A Bear Story" very acceptable.

While the judges were preparing to announce their decision the orchestra gave a descriptive number, "Village Blacksmith" as arranged by Prof. Garlichs and the success with which it was rendered spoke highly for the director and his pupils. The thunder storm was realistic and when the blacksmith appeared and beat time on an anvil, tuned to suit, while an assistant in the person of J. W. Edwards went through the action of shoeing a Shetland pony on the stage, the enthusiasm of the audience was pronounced. This was followed with several unannounced selections.

As the decision of the judges was rendered their verdict was greeted with applause and in some instances, as in that of giving Miss Hale of Battle Creek first in the humorous class, with cheers. The delegation from the South Omaha high school also made a demonstration when the success of their representative was announced. The class colors were displayed from one of the boxes and greeted with the school yell. Battle Creek was well represented at the contest as was evidence by the applause given Miss Hale, who was also a particular favorite with the entire audience.

The declamatory association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, H. E. Funk of Fullerton; secretary, E. B. Sherman of Schuyler; vice president, W. H. Kern of Columbus.

Morning Session.

This morning's session opened at the Auditorium at 9 o'clock with a lecture by Rev. F. H. Sanderson, D. D., of Fremont. The teachers present were highly pleased with Dr. Sanderson's address and he received the congratulations of many for his clever handling of the subject, "Men Wanted." The speaker is a pleasing platform orator and his lecture indicated deep thought and painstaking study. It is to be regretted that more of the general public was not out to hear his address.

Following Dr. Sanderson's address there was a symposium on practical reading, the various grades being taken up by Miss Sheehan of Columbus, Miss Martindale of Pierce and Miss Wendt of Newcastle. Miss Russell of Schuyler was not present, but her paper was read by E. A. Sherman of the same place. All were given respectful attention and much instruction was gathered.

WARNERVILLE.

The Gibbs boys have sowed 75 acres of wheat.

C. J. Lodge is building an addition to his house.

James Powell left here Monday for Chicago to visit his children.

Mrs. M. A. Cuplin and daughter, Blanche, went to Blair Tuesday to visit friends.

Fred Terry went to Tilden Saturday to spend Sunday with his parents.

I. N. Taylor of Norfolk has purchased of C. B. Burrows the section of land adjoining the town site on the east.

W. E. Gillaspy, who lost the sight of one eye recently by accidently getting some horse liniment in it, has put in a claim for $500 against the Modern Brotherhood of America, in which fraternal insurance organization he carried a policy.

Notice is hereby given that after this date the windows and doors of the saloons within the corporate limits of the city of Norfolk must not be obstructed by screens, blinds, paint or other articles during the day or night time, and that gambling of every nature and kind within this city must absolutely cease. And all saloons, public or private houses, including hotels must not allow gambling or any gaming fixtures or devices within their premises, as the same are in violation of the statutes of this state and from this time forward the laws will be strictly and vigorously enforced.

Date this 3rd day of April, 1902.

H. M. ROBERTS.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Alfred Anderson of Columbus is the guest of Gene Huse for a few days.

Spencer Butterfield went to Creighton yesterday to spend the balance of his vacation.

E. Diefenbach, president of the Plainview Normal college, is in the city to attend the teachers association meeting.

The Ladies society of the Congregational church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 with Miss Elvira Durland.

The firemen are already beginning to plan for the state tournament which is to be held in Grand Island during next August.

Marcus Reynolds' nine beat Pete Stafford's nine 7 to 1 in a five-inning game of base ball played in The Heights yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Fred Melsher who has been visiting his daughters, Mrs. H. G. Brueggeman and Miss Emma Melsher returned to his home in Pilger today.

According to the Sioux City Tribune Mayor-Elect E. W. Caldwell of that city is likely to oppoint Ex-Sheriff W.C. Davenport as chief of police.

Mrs. C. A. Alexander has been called to Chicago by the serious illness of her sister. She was accompanied to that city by her daughter, Gladys.

George H. Spear was in town yesterday to vote and see Sanford Dodge in the Musketeers. In the intrim he put forth some effort toward pushing the Hoffmanette cigar, the particular brand he is at present urging.

Mrs. M. J. Stenner of Pierce died at Winside Monday night as the result of a fall on a defective sidewalk in that town on Tuesday night, March 25. She was visiting at the home of Mrs. James Elliot at the time of the accident, and it was there that she died.

S. J. Dixon has rented the east room formerly occupied by the Fair store and is preparing to open up in the saloon business therein. He expects to be ready for business by the first of May.

S. Biendorff of Omaha who recently bought out the grocery business of James Coyle on West Norfolk avenue, is building up a good trade and will undoubtedly become one of Norfolk's permanent business men.

The Ladies guild of Trinity church served a nice dinner to a large number of people this noon in the store room east of the postoffice. They will serve supper this evening and it is expected that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to patronize them. Their sale of useful and fancy articles has been quite satisfactory.

The commissioners of Knox county have installed the furniture and fixtures in the new court house at Center and are preparing for the removal of the county business to the new county seat location, in accordance with the decision of the supreme court in that case. The coming term of the Knox county district is to be held at Center, beginning on the 29th.

The spring term of the Madison county district court convened at Madison yesterday with Judge J. F. Boyd of Neligh on the bench. The term was very short and adjournment was taken yesterday afternoon. There was no jury case called, something unprecedented in the history of the county. The few cases heard were unimportant. The next term of court is set for June 8.

Word has been received by Norfolk friends of the family that the marriage of Miss Hazel Hugh Hake, now of Denver, to Mr. Elmer Austin of that city has been announced to take place in September. Mr. Austin is a wealthy ranchman of Colorado. Miss Hake formerly made this city her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hake. Mr. Hake is now proprietor of the St. James hotel at Denver.

Columbus Journal: S. L. Barrett, superintendent of the public instruction of Platte county, who has been disposing of forged school warrants, fled the county. His plan of operation was, as agent for eastern firms, to sell to school districts in the county, school books and school furniture and take payment in an order on the district, signed by the director and moderator. He possessed himself of blank orders and by forging the names of the above mentioned officials of the district that he chose to make instrumental in helping him to a raise of funds, he had negotiable paper, unless the forgeries were detected. Some were sold to Anderson & Roen, some to I. Gluck, John Wiggins, John Wermuth and others. The general supposition was that the school book and furniture firms held the larger portion of the forged paper.

Sanford Dodge, seems to improve with each season, both as an actor and as a manager, and he appeared last night in the "Three Musketeers" at the Norfolk Auditorium with the best company with which he has ever visited Norfolk and with a leading part to which he was perfectly adapted in every way. The cast was without a flaw, each taking their individual parts with much credit to themselves and their manager. The special scenery and costuming were very fine and it is exceedingly regretted by those who attended that there was not a larger audience out to see the production, as they would have been fully repaid for the time and money expended. Mr. Dodge is a very genial gentleman and those who have met him will hope that his career on the stage may meet with increasing success each passing season. Mr. Dodge assumed the part of Dumas' D'Artagnan last night and he received excellent support from other members of his company. Many were of the opinion that "The Three Musketeers" was the best production of its kind that has visited Norfolk this season.

Care In Making Axes.

An ax is subject to rigid tests before it is pronounced perfect. The steel must be of the required temper, the weight of all axes of the same size must be uniform, all must be ground alike and in various other ways conform to an established standard. The inspector who tests the quality of the steel does so by hammering the blade and striking the edge to ascertain whether it be too brittle or not. An ax that breaks during the test is thrown aside to be made over. Before the material of an ax is in the proper shape it has been heated five times, including the tempering process, and the ax when completed has passed through the hands of about 40 workmen, each of whom has done something toward perfecting it. After passing inspection the axes go to the grinding department and from that to the polishers, who finish them upon emery wheels.

Terrific Thunder.

The largest rainfall on earth has been recorded at Chera Punji, on the bay of Bengal, but the most violent thunderstorms ever observed are probably those of French Guiana. At Cape Orange, some forty miles south of Cayenne, a French naval officer saw the rills of the coast hills turned into waterfalls by a cloudburstlike storm, while the crashing thunder peals were incessant and often almost deafening, so much so, indeed, that some of the sailors began to mutter long forgotten prayers, probably thinking the day of judgment near at hand.

Anticipation.

"Doesn't it make you the least bit envious to see what elegant furniture Mrs. Eyefly is putting into her house next door?"

"Not a bit. My husband says it will be sold by the sheriff within six months—and I'll be there to buy."—Chicago Tribune.

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J. B. ELSEFFER,
Agent.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Mrs. E. O. Mount returns tonight from a trip to Omaha.

The May flowers have not been given a ghost of a show thus far this month.

Miss Cora Bryant, telephone operator at Wayne, is the guest of the Norfolk central force.

The Ladies guild of Trinity church will meet with Mrs. H. C. Matrau tomorrow afternoon. As this is the annual election of officers all members are urged to be present.

The dinner and supper and sale of useful and fancy articles by the ladies of Trinity church in the store room east of the postoffice yesterday, was very successful in all particulars and they received a very liberal patronage. The guild netted $58 from the day's effort.

The Senior class of the Norfolk High school gave a reception to the visiting contestants at the home of W. G. Oxnam yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6, and the time was very pleasantly passed by those attending.

Mrs. H. A. Kinney of Woodbine, Iowa, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Brake of the Norfolk Business college. Mrs. Kinney's husband has been principal of the schools at Woodbine for the past ten or twelve years.

A marriage took place in the Catholic church at Fremont yesterday morning that should have all the requisites for domestic felicity, both parties to the contract being deaf and dumb. The bride was Miss Carrie Dodendorf of Fremont and the groom John M. Toner of Omaha.

The Bartlett family which went to Virginia from Norfolk about two years ago at the time Dr. Daniels and family moved to that state, arrived in Omaha last week on their way to Denver, where their son has secured a position. Miss Ruth Daniels remains in Washington, visiting with the family of Congressman Robinson.

Columbus Telegram: Ed Fox has quit railroading and gone to farming. For fourteen years he has been firing on the Union Pacific branch lines running out from Columbus, but was temporarily thrown out of employment when the Sioux City train was taken off. His friends say he is as good a farmer as he was a fireman, and for that reason predict success in his new field of labor.

Chief of Police Kane has received orders from Mayor Koenigstein to close up all the gambling houses in Norfolk and he expects to notify them at once to quit business, leave town or prepare for the consequences. The chief, backed by the mayor, proposes that there shall be a different code of moral conduct in Norfolk from this time on or some will have trouble. All the moral people of Norfolk will undoubtedly sustain the mayor and the police officers in their efforts to correct existing evils.

The regular meeting of the Commercial club will be held at the city hall tomorrow night and it is of importance that there should be a good attendance of progressive men, as, if the city is to be benefited by the work undertaken by the organization, there must be unity of effort and active interest. There have been several movements undertaken that will result in benefit to the city but one or two men should not be expected to put forth all the effort while others pocket the greater share of the profits occasioned.

Genoa Times: G. F. Garton found a bronze medal at the base of a hill on his farm four miles north of Genoa Monday. The medal weighs 1¾ ounces, and measures two inches across the face. Stamped on one side is a fire place, on the right of which is seated a woman by the side of an old fashioned spinning wheel. Opposite the mother is a homemade cradle. At the bottom of the medal are the letters U. S. A. On the other side of the medal is stamped the words "Washington's Second Administration." Underneath the words are letters, "M D C C X C V I." The medal was evidently cast in 1796. D. A. Willard is of the opinion that the bronze curio was presented to some Indian for a friendly act performed in the early days of the republic.

At the meeting of the Wednesday club with Mrs. Huse yesterday afternoon the club year was closed with the election of offcers for the ensuing year, and owing to the fact that the former officers felt that they had performed their share of service in office and declined to consider re-election, there was an entire change of officers. Mrs. W. H. Johnson was chosen for president, Mrs. Frank Salter for vice president and Mrs. A. Bear secretary-treasurer. The retiring president, Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, and vice president, Mrs. F. E. Hardy, have efficiently served the club in those offices for the past ten years and to them a great portion of the credit is due for the success which has crowned the club's efforts in whatever was undertaken. Mrs. P. H. Salter, equally efficient and deserving of credit, has served as secretary-treasurer for six years. In recognition of her worth as vice president the club presented Mrs. Hardy with a handsome piece of cut glass. The work planned for next year promises to be very interesting and instructive. It will consist of descriptive and historical studies of the principal cities of the United States and the new possessions, and it is planned to follow it with similar work regarding the cities of the world.

THE POINT OF THE JOKE.

It Was Difficult For the Englishman, but He Finally Saw It.

A party of Englishmen were in Chicago sightseeing some time ago. They were entertained at dinner by some Chicago Englishmen who have lived in America long enough to have a keen appreciation of the American idea of a joke. During the evening all the members of the party told stories or sung songs and entertained according to their several abilities.

One of the English visitors could see nothing funny in the stories told by the Chicago Englishmen. Every time one of them would tell a good American story at which most of the party would laugh uproariously this particular Englishman would adjust his monocle to his eye and, looking wonderingly around the table, would remark, "But, I say, I don't see anything in that to laugh at, y' knaw."

One of the Chicago men finally recited an original poem. The poem told of an Englishman who had come to America and after being in this country only a short time had died and gone to another and much warmer country. Ten years passed, and one day an imp passing that way heard the Englishman laughing uproariously.

"Why, what are you laughing at?" inquired the imp.

"Oh, oh, oh, such a funny story as I heard in America! Oh, it was so funny!" laughed the victim, and he held his hands to his side and almost doubled up with merriment.

"A story you heard! Why, you've heard no story," said the imp. "You've been dead ten years."

"Yes, yes, I know, I know," cried the man. "But I've just seen the joke."

This poem set the table in a roar. Amid all the laughing and shouting the obtuse visitor adjusted his monocle and drawled out, "But, I say, I don't see anything funny in that, y' knaw."

"No," replied the man who had read the poem as quick as a flash. "Of course you don't. You haven't been dead ten years." And even the obtuse Englishman saw the point.—Chicago Tribune.

Sharks as Game Fish.

As game fishes sharks do not, I think, stand high. The most common of them, the dusky shark, when hooked, circles round on the surface and usually bites off the lines and escapes. If so hooked that the line cannot be cut, the struggle is furious but short, the shark giving up in much less time than a game fish of half his size, such as the channel bass, salt water trout or snapper would do.—Forest and Stream.

Two Expressions of Peel.

Was there ever a more mordant and sardonic stroke of description than that O'Connell gave of Peel's bloodlessness? "His smile was like the silver plate on a coffin."

Less scathing, but less witty also, was his description of a lady of a similar repellant temperament, "She had all the characteristics of a poker, except its occasional warmth."

Happiness is sometimes like a pair of spectacles. While one looks for it it sits astride one's very nose.—New York Times.