

CLASS OF 1903 GRADUATES

Commencement Exercises Held Saturday Night.

METHODIST CHURCH FILLED.

Vast Crowd of Friends Gathered in The Great Auditorium to Watch The Graduation—Every Member in The Class Did Well.

[From Monday's Daily.] At the Methodist Episcopal church Saturday evening, before a crowd of people that filled all available standing room of the immense auditorium, the class of 1903, Norfolk high school, held commencement exercises and received their diplomas.

As announced by programs the class consisted of fourteen members, nine ladies and five young men. The departure of John A. Johnson, however, left but a baker's dozen to appear in the church Saturday night for graduation. It was a pretty commencement program, and was successful throughout. The nine girl graduates were beautifully gowned in white and presented a spectacle good to look upon. Each carried a handsome bouquet of American Beauty roses, and at regular intervals upon the rostrum of the church, where the class sat in a semi circle, the four young men, in black, presented a comforting contrast to the otherwise unbroken line of pure whiteness.

The platform was edged with a bank of palms and potted plants, which gave a finishing effect, and overhead, in silver lettering, swung the motto of the graduates, "The End Crowns All."

Shortly after 8 o'clock, the members marched, single file, from an ante-room of the building and took their places upon the platform. The details had been nicely arranged in advance and through the program each one stepped forward, recognized the audience and, excepting the salutatorian, who welcomed the house, began without the once indispensable "Ladies and Gentlemen." This was a relief. The numbers followed one another in rapid succession without a serious hitch. The entire thirteen came on the program in one way and another and every one was a credit to the school.

Promptly at 8:30 the high school glee club, an organization composed of a large number of voices, opened the evening with "Mighty Jehovah," which was well received.

Invocation followed, pronounced by Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Congregational church. Mr. Turner expressed a feeling of gratitude over the privileges afforded by the present system of schools, and noted that this, rather than the end, was but the beginning of real living for the graduates.

A charming instrumental duet, executed by Miss Clara Marie Radat and Miss Clara H. Schram, followed. "Hearts and Flowers," from Tobani, was the piece and it was delightfully rendered. The time was especially good and the music brought out showed careful training.

The introductory number, in an oratorical way, was delivered by Miss Loretta A. Masters, salutatorian. Her welcome was brief and to the point, cleverly phrased, and received a good round of applause. The salutatorian carries second honors of the class. Miss Masters has a clear, wholesome voice and a fearlessness that was refreshing.

"The Magna Charta" was a very difficult subject upon which Miss Nan E. Stafford chose to speak. The theme was historical and involved, in its meaning complete, more than ordinary comprehension. Miss Stafford made a great deal from the subject and delivered her discourse nicely.

Frank D. Perry undertook the subject of "Socialism," and made a success of it for his graduating thesis. He went about his ideas in an altogether logical manner, and completely won his audience. Mr. Perry has been known through his high school days as a football player of rare good skill, and his magnificent figure looked better than ever from the speaker's platform Saturday night.

Miss Frances E. Davenport never sang more sweetly in her life than in the "Spring Song" of her graduation. With a remarkable pretty voice at the outset and that especially trained with good effect, Miss Davenport sang her way warmly into the hearts of the vast crowd that filled the Methodist church at commencement. Her accompaniment was the piano, by Miss Kathryn Shaw, and the violin, by Mr. Julius Hulff.

"The Voices of Nature" appealed strongly to the mind of Miss Cordelia Luikart and she drew from them an essay of rare degree. The subject was difficult because it was so completely of a constructive nature, and Miss Luikart did well to give it a thorough finish. Her voice was pleasing because it was so clear and smooth and musical and gave to the piece a rounding out not attained by other means.

Clyde J. Bullock dealt with the Power of Circumstances in a thoroughly creditable way. Mr. Bullock has a good voice for public speaking and his frequent appearance upon the platform has given him an assurance that is effective, while his essay, which had to do with what is commonly called chance, was carefully prepared.

Roy A. Bovee considered "The Value of Music" and did credit to his theme, which has for centuries been touched

writers of a poetical turn. perfectly at home before a large audience and was given a prolonging ovation.

A vocal duet to the accompaniment of acceptable sort to the audience, was a pretty selection, "Drive Mr. Bark," prettily sung by Miss Nello K. Handley and Miss Ethel Hartley. Miss Handley took the soprano with credit while Miss Handley carried the alto part equally well. The piece was very cordially received.

In a clear cut, straight forward way Paul B. Sisson took up the subject of "Municipal Law," and discussed it in a definite, concrete form that was good to hear. With energy unlimited and a calmness that was right good, Mr. Sisson first told of the corruption existing and then offered a not at all impossible remedy which made him a favorite among the listeners.

The valedictory bears the highest honors of the class. This results from the four years' effort in the high school course, and in the commencement of Saturday night the place went to Miss Gertrude M. Neilson, who was a credit to her part and to her class. The subject of her graduating thesis, proper, was the upbuilding of character, and following this she bade farewell to the teachers, the board of education, the patrons of the school and finally to the classmates who have for the past four years been bound together with a common interest. Her articulation was excellent and her deliberate coolness delightful.

As a closing part from the class, Clyde J. Bullock rendered a beautiful instrumental solo "Cavalleria Rusticana," and then the diplomas were presented by Dr. A. Bear, president of the board of education, who gave a brief speech in the presentation.

The last number of the evening was a chorus by the High School Glee club, which had opened the program, also.

At the close of the program friends of the graduates crowded to the rostrum of the church and showered congratulations upon them. Gifts were abundant and worth while.

With the commencement exercises, the class of 1903 ceases in activity and will become part of the alumni association of the high school at a reception this evening in Mast hall, where it is expected that all former graduates will make it a point to attend.

The class colors were old rose and white.

EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT.

A Large Crowd Turned Out to See The Closing Program.

[From Monday's Daily.] An especially large audience, considering the inclement weather, greeted the eighth grade commencement exercises at the high school room Friday night. The program was a complete success in every particular and the year's work ended in the most satisfactory manner possible.

The program for the evening is given below:

Invocation, Rev. J. F. Poucher. Recitation, Glenn Shippee. Essay, Froom Sharpless. Piano duet, Clara Berner, Lois Gibson. Prophecy, Horace Sisson. High school welcome, Archy Gow. Recitation, Harold Oxnam. Piano solo, May Schwenk. Essay, Clara Degner. Double trio, Mary O'Connor, Edith Estabrook, Anna Miller, Ella Miller, Julia Robb. Presentation of diplomas, Sup't. D. O. O'Connor.

INVITE THE PHARMACISTS.

Norfolk Will Entertain State Meeting Next Year if They Will Come.

[From Monday's Daily.] Geo. B. Christoph will leave tomorrow for Grand Island to attend the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association, of which he is a member. He goes with the intention of asking this association to hold its next annual meeting in Norfolk, and his invitation will be seconded by a written invitation from Mayor Hansen.

This association is usually attended by 250 delegates from all portions of the state representing the drug business and the meetings are of an enjoyable nature, entertaining features being mixed with the business of the session. Included in the program are sports in which the members contest and altogether they form a lively crowd and have a good time.

Norfolk is well located for such a meeting; has the railroad and hotel accommodations desired and it is to be hoped that the people here will have an opportunity next year of meeting the pharmacists.

REV. MR. BAKER WILL LEAVE.

He Has Had a Call to Eureka, Cal., And Will Go Immediately.

[From Monday's Daily.] As announced by The News in a rumor several weeks ago, Rev. Franklin Baker of Wisner, formerly of this city, has received a call from the First Congregational church of Eureka, Cal. He has resigned his pastorate at Wisner, and his resignation has been accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Baker will leave for their new home before June 15. The church to which Mr. Baker goes is one of the largest between Portland and San Francisco, and is considered a flattering offer for so young a man. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chapman, formerly of Norfolk, are interested in the church.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Rain Interfered With Morning Arrangements.

ADDRESS UNUSUALLY GOOD.

The Veterans of the Civil War Paid Tribute to Their Deceased Commanders—Company L Turned Out. Norfolk Draped in Honor of Day.

[From Monday's Daily.] The heavy rain of Saturday morning, together with the already almost impassable condition of the streets, had a bad effect upon the program planned for Memorial day exercises, and disappointed many who had arranged to take part in honoring the soldier dead.

Instead of a long procession of organizations and societies, as had been outlined only a few persons marched to the cemetery in north Thirteenth street Saturday morning. At 10 o'clock a squad of the veterans met in the G. A. R. hall. These, together with faithful members of the Woman's Relief Corps, carried flowers to the graves of the dead comrades. A large number drove out in carriages, with baskets of floral decorations, and a few of the G. A. R. men, in uniform, marched out along Norfolk avenue, carrying the old flag, and were conveyed from the corner of Thirteenth street in carriages provided.

According to the program made out in advance, there was to be an escort of company L, N. N. G., the mayor and council in carriages, the fire department, civic societies and citizens. The fire department sent representatives to pay tribute to the memory of deceased fire fighters.

At the cemetery, as had been arranged, the chaplain, Rev. J. C. S. Wells read appropriate prayers, the adjutant read a list of the soldier dead resting here and the post commander, E. P. Weatherby, placed flowers upon the monument erected in honor of the soldiers who fought and died for their country. Then the graves of the soldiers were visited and upon each was placed flowers and a flag, bearing the name. After this the members formed a square around the monument and benediction was pronounced by the chaplain. William Reswick was marshal of the day.

Exercises were held in the M. E. church Saturday afternoon. Members of the G. A. R. and of the W. R. O. met in their hall and marched to the church. Company L also attended in a body. The platform was occupied by those who took part in the program.

The exercises were opened by an Eighth grade chorus, under direction of Miss Kathryn Sisson, with an introductory selection. Then Rev. W. J. Turner offered prayer.

Post Commander E. P. Weatherby read the national and departmental orders, the immortal Gettysburg address of Abraham Lincoln, with a great deal of feeling.

This was followed by a well chosen selection by the chorus.

The address of the day was delivered by Rev. J. F. Poucher. It was a delightful discourse that paid touching tribute to the heroes who fought and fell to defend the honor of their country. Mr. Poucher's was a strong, original address, poignant with intense enthusiasm, and touching the heart not alone of the old soldier but of the younger man, as well, who is growing up to honor and revere the men of the Grand Army of the Republic, for what they are and what they have done.

The singing of "America," which followed, brought out the true spirit of the patriots who filled the church, the entire audience, standing, joining in the music. The chorus led the piece.

The exercises for the day closed with the benediction, spoken by Rev. F. P. Wigton.

Despite the discouraging weather that hung gloomily over the day, Norfolk was decorated very creditably and very thoroughly, too, with handsome flags that hung at half mast on various buildings and with bunting that was strung with patriotic effect in prominent places throughout the city. One of the best pieces of decorating was that in the front windows of the postoffice, where portraits of the three martyred presidents, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, were draped.

WATER IN ELKHORN HIGH.

Thirteenth Street Threatened—Warnerville Bridge Out Today.

[From Monday's Daily.] Water in the Elkhorn river has been very high during the past few days, and threatened damage on Saturday afternoon. The surplus fell, however, yesterday and the danger is thought to be over. The Thirteenth street bridge was blocked for a short time on Saturday afternoon, by the water on one of the approaches. It was repaired, however, in a short time by Commissioner Winter and a force of men, and teams have been crossing since.

This morning a 16-foot bridge just south of Warnerville went down under the weight of a Standard oil wagon which was driving from this city to Madison. No damage was done to the wagon and the bridge will be repaired within a few days.

A New Doctor in Norfolk.

[From Monday's Daily.] A bright boy baby arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter on Koenigstein avenue and Eleventh street,

in time to observe Memorial day. The young man has not yet taken up the study of medicine, but his father thinks he would be a howling success.

DOINGS OF COMMISSIONERS.

Allow Bills and Order Roads to be Voted.

Madison, Neb., May 27, 1903, 1 P. M. —Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Winter, Finpegan and Schmitt. Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved. On motion the following bills were allowed:

J. A. Rainy, fees, state vs. Lehman, \$5.00.
J. A. Rainy, fees, state vs. Raasch, \$50.00.
Hoffman & Veile, caring for Fullen, \$5.00.
Sugar City Cereal Mills, merchandise, \$28.25.

Mrs. Annie Piller, labor, \$3.30.
L. W. Lyon, hauling lumber, \$68.00.
Charles Lambert, delivering ballots, \$2.50.

R. E. Allberry, bridge work \$6.50, applied on tax.
C. L. Laubach, hardware \$21.40, applied on tax \$12.80, balance \$8.60.

William Brummund, bridge work, \$30.00.
Martin Kane, quarantining in small box cases, \$10.00.
Ernest and William Strong, wolf scalps, \$18.00.

Mrs. C. L. Laubach, milk for pauper, \$5.00.

William Brummund, bridge work, \$18.50.
O'Shea & McBride, coal, \$195.65.

Wm. Brummund, road work, Com. Dist. No. 3, \$202.75.

Mrs. A. Ellis, caring for pauper (Hamilton) \$2.00.

John H. Hulff, printing, \$76.25.

O'Shea & McBride, lumber, \$33.35.

Theo. Willey, bridge work, \$13.50 applied on tax.

Edwards & Bradford Lumber Co., lumber, \$197.39.

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A. F. Reeves, bridge work, \$6.50.

Jacob Gabelman, wolf scalps, \$18.00.

Peter Zumburn, wolf scalps, \$10.00.

Dr. S. A. Campbell, attending pauper, \$12.00, applied on tax.

Hammond & Stephens Co., printing, \$16.00.

State Journal Co., printing, \$29.50.

Perkins Bros. Co., printing, \$21.45.

L. B. Baker, lumber, \$8.17.

H. L. Kindred, fumigating, \$10.00, applied on tax \$6.67, balance \$3.33.

Omaha Printing Co., printing, \$24.20.

William Lowe, bridge work, \$7.00.

George C. Dinkel, wolf scalps, \$12.00, applied on tax.

Ed. Kennedy, wolf scalps, \$8.00.

B. H. Mills, mdse., \$3.90, applied on tax \$2.95, balance \$0.95.

J. A. Wright, livery, \$6.00.

Mike Richardson, wolf scalps, \$22.00.

A. L. Stewart, \$3.50, applied on tax (printing).

C. S. Snyder, wolf scalps, \$12.00.

James Richardson, wolf scalps, \$16.00.

Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., hardware, \$3.00.

Fred D. Wright, printing, \$29.65.

Carl Demmel, wolf scalps, \$20.00.

Chas. Knoll, wolf scalps, \$6.00.

Dr. E. N. Smart, attendance board of insanity \$8.00.

F. E. Martin, printing, \$16.50.

John Maurer, bridge work, \$7.50.

Jacob Maurer, bridge work, \$5.25.

R. L. Lovelace, bridge work, \$85.00.

L. M. Johnson, bridge work, \$9.00.

Myron Wakely, wolf scalps, \$12.00.

Dr. F. A. Long, attendance board of insanity, \$16.00.

Emil Winter, Co. clerk, making assessors' books, recording official bonds, postage, drayage, etc., \$100.35.

Bert Tucker, wolf scalps, \$14.00, applied on tax \$6.70, balance \$7.30.

Chr. Schavland, witness fees insanity case, \$21.00.

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H. W. Winter, cash advanced for freight, \$5.80.

Gus Kaul, salary for April, \$40.00.

On motion the following official bonds were approved:

M. E. Beaver, road overseer, district No. 20.

William Meissner, road overseer, district No. 3.

On motion Johannes Linse was appointed road overseer of district No. 32.

On motion the clerk was instructed to notify the road overseer of district No. 6 to notify parties interested to remove within sixty days obstructions on road running east and west on half section line in section 29-24-2 west.

On motion the clerk was instructed to notify the road overseer of district No. 24 to notify parties interested to remove at once obstructions on road running east and west on section line commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 29-22-1 and running east to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 28-22-1.

On motion bond of Johannes Linse, road overseer, district No. 32 was approved.

On motion bond adjourned to meet as a board of equalization on the 9th day of June, 1903, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

EMIL WINTER, County Clerk.

ALUMNI BANQUET ENDS ALL

Class of 1903 Received into Association Last Night.

WAS A SUCCESSFUL REUNION.

A Half-Hundred Former Graduates of the High School Gathered in Mast Hall for the Annual Termination of Things Scholastic.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

The thirteenth annual reception and banquet of the Norfolk high school alumni association was held last evening in Mast hall, with a half hundred former graduates and a few guests of honor, present. The occasion was one of the most satisfactory reunions that has been held for many years. A program of special numbers was given early in the evening, a banquet followed and dancing closed the pleasure for a few who enjoy that sort of pastime.

The incoming class was welcomed into the association by the president, Miss Nello Dingman, '98. Frank Perry, '03, responded. Others who took part in the program were Miss Hattie Allberry, '95, vocal solo; Miss Eva Mihlis, '99, instrumental solo; Miss Nello Dingman, '98, vocal solo; Miss Edith Morrow, '98, instrumental solo; Miss Lota Blakely, '00, played accompaniment for Miss Dingman.

Following the program, the members present were seated at little tables. Each class had a table for itself. At places of honor sat John R. Hays, formerly a member of the board of education and popular with the alumni; and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Matran, Mr. Matran representing the board of education and having, for years, been connected with high school interests. Mr. Hays and Mr. Matran each responded to toasts in a happy vein.

The hall was daintily decorated with banners of the various classes since 1889, and bunting in the different combinations of color were used. A handsome American flag covered the east side of the hall.

Members of classes that have graduated since 1891 were present. There were none to represent classes preceding that year. A peculiar and noticeable feature was the fact that of the half hundred guests, but eight men appeared, while over forty loyal young ladies braved the rainy night.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: N. A. Huse, president; Paul B. Sisson, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Sharpless, secretary; Miss Stella Luikart, corresponding secretary; Miss Edith Morrow, treasurer. It was determined to begin the keeping of a history for the association, and the president, on his own motion, was given power to appoint the historian. In an effort to learn the name of the appointee, a reporter called upon the officer in his room at about midnight last night, after he had returned from the party. He professed that he had nothing to say, but seemed willing to talk regardless.

"Can you give us any idea as to who might be the historian?" asked the reporter.

"Well," replied the newly elected executive, inflated with his recently acquired position, and with the importance of being interviewed, "It might be any one who has graduated from the Norfolk high school." Then, narrowly escaping a hard blow that was aimed at his head, the young man confessed that the historian would be Miss Edith Morrow, but requested that the fact be not published until everyone could find it out, so that it would be no longer news. This for diplomacy's sake.

"To a man up a tree," remarked the reporter, "it looks as though you had merely been elected by a machine, and that you must have had this office of historian promised beforehand."

"I refuse to answer," snapped the officer. "The insinuation is correct."

CAUGHT A STURGEON.

South Norfolk Boy Captures a Fish Seldom Found in This Section.

[From Monday's Daily.]

One of the boys of South Norfolk this morning caught on a hook and line a genuine spoonbill sturgeon a foot and a half in length. One was caught out of the river near Tilden last week. This is a fish seldom found in fresh water, but they run up the streams at this season of the year to spawn. These had got a considerable distance from their native element before they were captured, indicating that the Elkhorn is now quite free from obstructions between here and the mouth of the stream.

Married.

[From Monday's Daily.]

On Wednesday, May 27, Mr. Blair Lowder and Miss Myrtle Meisky were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents at Hoskins. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. F. Poucher, pastor of the M. E. church at Norfolk.

The bride is well known in the vicinity of Hoskins, having resided near that place for a number of years. Her dress was of light brown, beautifully trimmed with white silk, ribbon and applique, while a bunch of flowers adorned her hair.

The groom is well known also and has a wide circle of friends, who will wish them joy and happiness. His suit of black corresponded nicely with the bride's costume.

They were attended by two brides-

maids and two groomsmen. The bridesmaids were appropriately dressed in white. After congratulations about sixty guests repaired to a bountiful wedding feast. Many valuable presents were received.

The newly married couple will soon go to their home northeast of Stanton, and all will join in wishing them a long and prosperous life. A FRIEND.

PIANO CONTEST.

Results of the Count on the Hoopes Instrument.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Today's vote on the Hoopes piano contest shows some change, the leaders having added a few thousand votes to the string. The result is as follows:

Queen City Hotel	21,850
Gertrude Austin	21,374
F. O. Eagles	21,211
May Johnson	17,166
Constance Reinhardt	3,503
Bessie Widaman	1,654
Railway Hall	833
A. O. U. W.	113
Minnie Parr	91
St. Paul Lutheran church	34
Second Congregational church	33
M. W. A.	32
Norfolk German choir	26
Knights of Pythias lodge	26
Eastern Star	22
W. H. Blessing	9
Charles Brandes	8
Walter Pilger	5
Paul Radat	4
Jessie Eble	4
Roy Waack	2
Ramond Hoagland	2
Emma Wetzel	2
Will Beaman	1
Scott Huff	1
George Rhode, jr.	1
Walter Dunn	1
Lawrence Bruggeman	1
Elmer Hardy	1
W. Hayward	1
Florence Gaylord	1
Willie Rice	1
Earl Day Weeks	1
Oscar Krabb	1
Edith Barrett	1
Lydia Wheeler	1
Dollie Plunder	1
Walter McFarland	1
May Edwards	1

FREE MAIL DELIVERY WAITS.