

# CLASS OF '04 GRADUATES

AUDITORIUM PACKED TO DOORS FOR EVENT.

RECORD CLASS FOR NUMBERS

Twenty-Three Young Men and Women Complete Their High School Course. Commencement Exercises Were Prettily Simple and Effective.

Never in its history has the Norfolk Auditorium seen such a crowd as that which greeted the twenty-three members of the graduating class of 1904 at their commencement exercises held last evening. Crowded to the very doors, every available seat taken by friends and admirers of the young people about to finish their course, the theater held a welcoming audience which ought to and no doubt did appeal to the class as the best sign of prevalent good wishes for them and congratulatory spirit in their accomplishing the end.

The Auditorium stage was very beautifully decorated with potted plants and palms. The semi-circle of a quarter of a hundred young persons, all charmingly gowned for the occasion, presented a most effective picture as the big curtain rose shortly after 8 o'clock.

The circle was for the most part pure white, merely dotted here and there with the ebony black of a young man. Of the twenty-three in the class, there were but five boys to graduate. There are six in all, Fred C. Jenkins being held at home by illness.

The program, though necessarily long on account of the number of participants, was exceptionally good. The orations were clever products for high school graduates and the music delighted in every part. The debate took as well as anything with the hearers and the speakers were heartily applauded.

### Largest Yet.

The class of 1904 is the largest that has ever graduated from the Norfolk high school. It therefore has a right to honor. More than that, the record of the class shows that its standing in things scholastic were above the average.

Miss Bessie McFarland is president of the class. Miss Ella B. Hauptli was salutatorian by virtue of her standing as the second in the class. Miss Ethel M. Long, who stood at the head of the class in the four years work had the honor of the valedictory.

Juniors of the high school occupied the upper boxes in the theater equipped with megaphones through which to make their class yell heard. As the last note of the senior song died away there arose from these boxes an enormous, thrilling cry that gave vent to the maximum of class enthusiasm and spirit. The seniors responded in a dignified way and the bedlam continued during the egress of the vast audience.

Dr. P. H. Salter, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas to the class at the close of the exercises. He told the graduates and the assembled patrons that although the classes were growing somewhat each year, they were not growing as they ought. "I think our high school is not too good for anyone," said he. "Parents should encourage their children to complete the course. The increase is not as it should be. I don't think it is right."

Teachers of the high school, Principal R. C. Powers, Miss Sisson and Mr. McComb, occupied a lower box at the right of the class. Superintendent O'Connor and members of the board of education were seated on the stage.

It was remarked by those in the audience that the class had splendid style. The delivery of them all was graceful, unaffected and prettily simple. Voices and articulation were, for the most part, clear and excellent. Perfect control was in each effort and those who came on the program for instrumental parts won warm friends from the start. Playing without notes is no easy matter but they did it without a break.

Sweet girl graduates never looked sweeter. Wearing magnificent roses for the most part, garbed simply and in pure, always pretty whiteness, the whole effect was most delightful.

The young men of the class were of a solid sort, without the flourish and affected manner of many high school graduates. To a degree it was noted that this class had eliminated flowery flights of oratory which are sometimes attempted by young graduates and which are always more or less out of place. The program was representative of their own work—their best work; and that best was good enough for the best class that ever graduated.

The mandolin club were on the program last night with an overture and the members of the graduating class wish to thank the organization for the music.

### The Class.

Those in the class are Corie J. Flanagan, Eugene F. Huse; Ethel F. Long, James W. O'Connor, Ella B. Hauptli, Raymond B. Hyde, Elizabeth N. McFarland, Oliver F. Fitter, Ravinna L. Adams, Eva L. Carpenter, Florence G. Estabrook, Fred Jenkins, A. Mae Mullin, Glenn B. Ogden, Mina Trulock, V. Faye Widaman, Clara A. Brueggeman, Jessie M. Drebert, Matilda A. Fox, Florence M. O'Connor, Lou B.

Taylor, Jennie A. Schwenk, Edith A. Viele.

### The Program.

Overture, Norfolk Mandolin club. Invocation, Rev. J. H. Clay. Saltatory—The Right Shall Prevail—Ella B. Hauptli. Darkness and Light, Ravinna L. Adams. Robert E. Lee, Mina Trulock. Historical Places, Eva L. Carpenter. The Power of Music, Matilda A. Fox. Piano solo—Martha—Jessie M. Drebert. Just Norfolk, Eugene F. Huse. The violin, V. Faye Widaman. Radium, Fred C. Jenkins. Vocal solo, Miss Harriet L. Allbery. Imagination, A. Mae Mullen. Our Unwritten Text Book, Elizabeth N. McFarland. The Power of Influence, Corie J. Flanagan. Piano solo—The Old Folks at Home—Florence G. Estabrook. Character Building, Lou D. Taylor. Concentration, Edith A. Viele. Japan, Florence M. O'Connor. Piano duet—The Swallows—Jennie A. Schwenk, Clara A. Brueggeman. Debate—Resolved, That the further westward advancement of the yellow race is a menace to modern civilization. Affirmative, Raymond B. Hyde and Glenn B. Ogden; Deny, Oliver F. Fitter and James W. O'Connor. Valedictory—Ideals—Ethel F. Long. Diplomas, President Dr. P. H. Salter. Class song.

### Alumni Tonight.

Tonight the class will be received into the alumni association at a banquet to be given in Marquardt hall. Preparations have been made for more than 100 persons. Hon. John R. Hays will act as toastmaster.

The class will be welcomed by the president of the association. Response will be made by a graduate, Superintendent D. C. O'Connor will speak from the Mikado's standpoint—the head of the army. R. C. Powers, principal, will tell how it is to be in the field. Mrs. C. S. Parker will speak from the woman's point of view in the war of the world and W. H. Johnson will tell how it seems to be the power behind the throne, representing the board of education.

The banquet begins at 9 o'clock in Marquardt hall, third floor.

### R. C. Allen Dead.

A telegram has been received from Hot Springs, S. D., by Mrs. Best, bearing information of the death of R. C. Allen at that place Friday morning. Mr. Allen was a member of the Salvation army, having given that society service in many towns. He was converted in Norfolk a number of years ago, when the Army was strong here.

### INVESTS IN NORFOLK.

Prominent Young Farmer of Pierce County Buys Property Here. Tracy & Durland closed a deal Saturday morning by which Charles Roschult, jr., a prosperous young farmer of Pierce county, comes into possession of two houses in the western part of the city, and one at the Junction. The deal includes the transfer of thirteen lots. The monetary consideration was \$8,000. Mr. Roschult expects to come to Norfolk to live in the fall.

## TOURNEY DATES FIXED

STATE MEETING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 2, 3 and 4.

KEEPING AWAY FROM THE RAINS

Getting Ready for the Big Event of the Year in Norfolk—Executive and Printing Committees Have Been Appointed.

The firemen's meeting last evening was not largely attended on account of the graduation exercises at the Auditorium, but what those who were there lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm over the coming state tournament. It was decided that the dates of the tournament be fixed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 2, 3 and 4. It had been planned to have the meeting the latter part of July but the date was fixed later to see if it were not possible to keep away from the rainy season.

An executive committee was named who will have general supervision of the arrangements for the affair, consisting of R. H. Reynolds, W. L. Kern, V. Novak, C. E. Hartford and H. W. Winter. The committee appointed S. R. McFarland as secretary.

A printing committee, consisting of Messrs. Hartford, Romig and Scott was appointed. The committee adjourned to meet again Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the city hall.

### MONDAY MENTION.

John J. Welch was down from Tilden. B. H. Mills was down from Tilden Friday. J. Crosby was a Sunday visitor from Naper. W. M. Rainbolt is in the city from Osmond. M. J. Wagner came down from Creighton. R. Lucas was a city visitor yesterday from Foster. Ralph Storer of Madison was a visitor in Norfolk. A. L. Ranney of Beemer was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk. J. R. Rindell and W. E. Brainard were over from Wayne. S. W. Vallier of Madison was a Norfolk visitor Friday. Sheriff J. J. Clements and wife were in the city from Madison yesterday. E. Lindstrom came down from Creighton Saturday morning. A. R. Richardson of Battle Creek had business in Norfolk Friday. Miss Gillespie came over from Madison to attend the graduating exercises. E. A. Pohlman and L. Schwiehering were in the city yesterday from Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins came over from Kalamazoo to attend the alumni banquet. J. B. Bates and Mrs. F. Dietz were passengers to Norfolk from Verdigray on the early train this morning. Orion Porter, one of the busiest business of Fairfax, near the Rosebud reservation, was in the city over Friday night. Miss Helen Keefe of Clinton, Iowa, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Roach. Miss Keefe is a sister of Mrs. Roach.

William Baker returned from Omaha over the Union Pacific last night. He reports his sister, Mrs. Hook, to be on a way to recovery in case no complications set in.

The framework of the Bullock and Hardy houses are well advanced, and will be sided and roofed within a few days.

Norfolk lodge, Sons of Hermann, are arranging to hold their annual picnic on Sunday, June 12, at the low's grove, east of the city. These events are always well attended and it is expected to have a larger crowd than ever this year.

Flowers have been a little backward for the use of Memorial day, and some of the choicest native blooms are not available at all. Nevertheless the flower committees have found a very nice assortment at their disposal for placing on the graves of the dead soldiers.

The baseball team of company L of this city, played against the nine at Hadar yesterday and won out in a brilliant victory by a score of 16 to 7. Boyce pitched a remarkable game, keeping things down to the cipher for Hadar until the sixth inning.

Emerson Crockett: I've stopped my paper, yes I have; I didn't like to do it, but the editor he got too smart an' I allow he'll rue it. I am a man as pays his debts an' I won't be insulted, an' when an editor gets smart I want to be consulted! I tuk his paper 'leven years an' helped him all I could sir, an' when it comes to dunnin' me, I didn't think he could sir. But he did, an' you can bet it made me hot as thunder! Says I, I'll stop that shete. I will, if the cursed thing goes under! I hunted up the measly whelp an' for his cunnin' paper I paid them 'leven years and quit! Yes sir, I've stopped his paper.

The annual alumni banquet of the Norfolk high school association was held Saturday night in Marquardt hall. About seventy-five were present. The banquet was served by the Ladies' guild of Trinity church and was one of the prettiest that has been given. Hon. John R. Hays acted as toastmaster and a number of members responded. Mandolin players furnished music. The treasury of the association is in such condition that a special assessment is required. Those who have not paid their annual dues are requested to do so at once and those present are requested to pay a special assessment to the treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Sharpless at once, also.

Farmers living in the neighborhood of Norfolk report that not in many years have they had a better stand of corn than this spring. Scarcely a hill is missing in their fields. Whether it was that they gave closer attention to a selection of seed, or whether the corn was just naturally a better seed grain than usual is not explained but the fact remains that the seed has sprouted and come up in beautifully even rows and there will be an abundant harvest if nothing occurs between now and September to undo the excellent start. Up to the present time the corn is rather backward, but a few warm days and warm nights will send it forward at a lively rate.

## WEDDINGS NUMBER NINE

WITH ONE OTHER POSSIBLY NOT COUNTED.

SAYS IT PAYS TO BE RESIGNED

The Club Had a Hard Time Meeting in Opposition to the Graduates, but Succeeded in Accomplishing the Trick After the Show Was Over.

It was a hard proposition for the Leap Year club to meet last night in opposition to the graduating exercises. Just why it was so hard is not in the story. It was hard, and that's enough. Still they managed to do it, at some time or other during the evening, and weren't left out of the Auditorium, either. Knowing Nellie said, there wasn't anybody in town who was left out of the playhouse last night.

The only reason that they met at all was to talk over those eight weddings and the dates. Canning Carrie brought in a peculiar proposition. She said that the club had last week announced a wedding for South Fourth street. Three young men have put in an appearance to ask her why the club gave them away. These three put the number to eight. Then there will be a wedding at the Corner of Madison avenue and Eleventh street along in the last week in June, declared Wise Winnie. And Winnie ought to know.

The club needs new members. Nine weddings in a month is too much. But it all goes to show what can be done.

It is given to the club on good authority that one Norfolk teacher who resigned late in the term to accept a western position, may also be married before so very long. "Let us all be resigned to our fate," said Amiable Annie.

## NORFOLK TO CELEBRATE FOURTH?

One Business Man Suggests That it is Norfolk's Turn This Year to do Something.

"It is Norfolk's turn to have a Fourth of July celebration," said a Norfolk business man today. "We went without one last year. Neighboring towns in northern Nebraska had theirs. It is our turn and we ought to take advantage of the fact. Other towns would like to come to Norfolk to help us celebrate this year, for a number of people have said so. "First of all, though, before we can do anything of that sort, we have got to organize a commercial club. We must have one. We need it every hour. The Lincoln club told us that every town of 500 people or over ought to have a commercial club. Norfolk needs such a unit. There are a dozen things to be done to help the city, but there is no organized way of getting at it."

### Maud Stortz Dies.

Maud Stortz, the unfortunate little 5-year-old girl from Holt county, who was brought to this city for treatment, died last night. Her mother was with her at the time. She was a niece of Jake and Lee Hershiser and Mrs. Tom Shively of Norfolk. The family lives 35 miles southwest of

O'Neill and the remains were taken to O'Neill on the 1 o'clock train today. The sympathy of many friends and a host of strangers in Norfolk who had heard of the little one's trouble goes out to the afflicted parents in this dark hour.

### Shorthorn Sale Extraordinary.

Attention is called to the sale of Shorthorn cattle (registered) to be held at Wayne, Neb., Tuesday, June 7, 1904, at 1 p. m. Owens Bros. of Homestead, Ia., and W. C. Merz of Monticello, Minn., have joined hands in making this sale and are determined to send out some of their very best cattle in order to get acquainted with Nebraska farmers and breeders and establish a permanent trade with them. Messrs. Owens say that they are sending out some young bulls that are good enough and well enough bred to head any herd in Nebraska, they are all Scotch topped and some of them are straight Scotch. The Owens females are equally attractive. Mr. Merz urges the people to come to see his stock. He says that they will sell for good prices if men come to the sale that want cattle. Certified copies of registration with every animal sold. Mr. R. W. Barclay, the auctioneer in charge of the sale, will be at Wayne one week before the sale to send out catalogues to any wanting them and give any particulars in regard to the cattle. Come to the sale.

### PETERSBURG WEDDINGS.

Three Couple are United There During the Week.

Petersburg, Neb., May 28.—Special to The News: There have been three weddings in Petersburg during the week. W. Paine and Miss Rochum were married. They will live in Albia where he is employed in an implement house. Mr. Christianson and Miss Ann Lewis were married Thursday. W. Carlton and Miss Lois Messenger have just returned from a wedding trip and will go to house keeping here at once.

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