

GIRLS GO WITH THE SHOW

QUINTET LEAVE THEIR HOMES TO TRAVEL IN BAND.

BOUGHT A SET OF INSTRUMENTS

Parents Evidently Have Given Their Consent to the Movement—Company Pays \$5 a Week and Expenses—DeFord Accompanies the Girls.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The Chase-Lister theatrical company closed their engagement in Norfolk Saturday night and left over the Union Pacific yesterday morning with all the Norfolk ladies band that would consent to go as a feature for their summer season. Drum Major DeFord managed to marshal the original five Norfolk girls to his standard and they left town with instruments that they had purchased from W. C. Ahlmann.

The girls who accepted the munificent offer of \$5 per week and expenses were Misses Gertrude Austin, Nora and Tessie Dixon, Daisy Mayhew and Lydia Wheeler.

All of them apparently had the consent of their parents or there would have been trouble in getting them out of town. Some of the girls are old enough to know what they are about, and the parents assuredly should be able to realize what sort of position they have undertaken to fill and if they are satisfied with the movement. The News and the people of Norfolk certainly have scant reason to protest, but there is a possibility that it will be proven in the end that the advice of The News and other Norfolk friends would have been better followed.

Featured on Show Bills.
According to the manager of the show the band has been billed as a feature in some of the principal cities of the south. As a ten cent show it is not probable that it will appear in the high grade theaters but more likely its dates are with those of the cheap vaudeville variety, where the worse elements of city life congregate and to whom a ladies band will undoubtedly prove an attraction.

The show people, besides offering inducements for these girls to leave their homes, broke faith with the Norfolk theatergoers before leaving the city. At the Friday evening performance a matinee was announced, "ten cents for any seat in the house" being the promise. When the people came to the matinee the adults were asked to contribute twenty cents. Some did without protest. Others protested and others still refused to be held up in any such manner. The house was very scant, which speaks well for Norfolk after all is said and known, and the engagement closed with a scant houseful Saturday night.

The matter was given into the hands of a firm of Norfolk lawyers to take prompt action providing any attempt was made to take the instruments belonging to the Norfolk ladies band, but the management decided that discretion was probably best and made other arrangements for the instruments, and no action on the part of the attorneys was necessary.

MONDAY MENTION.

Miss Florence Gaylord returned Saturday from Madison, where she assisted an orchestra at a dance.

Henry Mayer of Lincoln arrived last night for a visit at the home of his brother, Sol G. Mayer.

The four Brock brothers who are to open a restaurant in the Eble building are here from Oakland ready to take charge of the place.

Farmers are unable to get into their fields for the planting of grain and it will be several days yet before the sowing will begin in real earnest. The lack of sunshine is tending, too, to keep the fields in very damp condition.

With the exception of a brief interval last Friday, this makes the tenth day that the face of the sun has been hidden from the people of this section of the state and for all that is personally known that luminous sphere may have become all spots by this time.

The school board of the district in which Miss Nora Dixon was teaching, but resigned the job to accompany the Norfolk ladies band with the Chase-Lister show, refused to consider the substitute recommended and made a hurried skirmish for a teacher to complete the year by teaching during the coming two months. Members of the board were in the city this morning and secured the services of Miss Maude Clark for the balance of the term.

Duck shooting has begun in the northwest in real spirit and a large number of the oily feathered creatures have already fallen prey to the true aim of Norfolk sportsmen. With the cloudy weather that has prevailed for more than a week, ducks have congregated upon ponds, rivers and lakes in the northwest like flies around a sugar bowl, and it doesn't take a great deal of work to bring down a good looking string. With a warming sunshine, the ducks will probably vanish into the thin air.

Officers of the Nebraska state hospital for the insane have arrived in Norfolk and are making their homes at the present time in the Oxnard hotel. Superintendent Alden was in town during the week but left next day for Lincoln. He will for the time being live at the Oxnard. Steward Peters of Stanton has also arrived and

is at the Oxnard. No patients have yet arrived, the plans to send them last Wednesday having been altered afterward, and it is probable that they may not arrive for some little time yet, as there is a vast amount of work yet to be accomplished at the institution.

T. K. Hansen of Tilden is in Norfolk on business.

Mrs. E. H. Tracy is visiting with Mrs. Edens at Fairfax. Mr. Tracy returned this morning.

Mrs. James C. Read has returned from a six months' visit in Chicago with her son, Roy Read.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gentile have issued invitations for a dinner party Thursday evening in honor of Miss Sharpless, who is soon to leave the city for her new home in Duluth.

L. R. Prichard, a leading merchant of Meadow Grove, accompanied Mrs. Prichard and his daughter, Mrs. E. O. Bartlett, this far on their way to Kansas City, Mo. From there they will go to one of the hot springs where Mrs. Prichard will take treatment for symptoms of Bright's disease.

Roads in Norfolk and throughout northern Nebraska are in terrible condition as a result of the melting snow and the heavy rain of Saturday. It is all that a big team of horses can do, to draw a wagon at snail's pace through the streets. Cabs are lucky to be even able to move, and no attempt is made at speed. Farmers are kept at their homes and Saturday afternoon saw but small crowds of people in any of the towns of this section. In many places the mud is feet deep and horses once mired have great difficulty in ever getting foot free again. Not such serious roads have been known in a long time.

Will Hayes of Landers, Wyo., arrived in the city last night from Fremont and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary. He is a nephew of S. W. Hayes, having gone to Fremont to attend the funeral of his father last week. It has been ten years since Mr. Hayes was in Norfolk and he has noted many changes. He speaks especially of the growth of all of the smaller towns along the Elkhorn, which has, he remarks, been quite striking. He will remain until the middle of the week. Arriving at Casper, he must take a drive by stage of 150 miles before he reaches his home, the trip requiring more than two days and nights of steady overland travel.

Northern Nebraska should consider herself mighty lucky in the remarkable telephonic developments that are possessed here. Especially in the northwest, where railroads have failed to pierce, is the stringing of many little copper wires a wonderful thing. Even out on the Rosebud it is possible to talk over the telephone where a few years ago there was no communication excepting through a drive of several days. Northern Nebraska is much better equipped in this regard than many eastern states. M. C. Theisen of Creighton, owner of the Camp Dewey system, who has just been in Wisconsin on a visit, was in Norfolk Saturday and said: "Wisconsin telephone lines are not nearly so far advanced as those of Nebraska. Our systems in the west seem to excel them." Mr. Theisen has been instrumental in developing the northwestern wires to a great degree and his services shall have a monument in generations to come, through the poles and lines that work a web all over the big prairies.

REMAINING MEMBERS WILL PLAY

Eight Pieces in Ladies Band Will Appear Tonight.

What remains of the Norfolk ladies band, which was pretty badly shattered by the sudden departure of five of its members, will appear on the program at the entertainment which will be given tonight by the Highland Nobles. It is expected that the members will prove to be a great feature of the evening's attraction. There are just eight members left in the aggregation.

NORTHFORK IS HIGH AGAIN

Mill Continues to Run and It is Believed It Will Not Be Higher.

(From Monday's Daily.)
The Northfork of the Elkhorn is again capering around and endeavoring to kick out of its environment. Swollen by the heavy rains and the snows of the past ten days the channel is full of muddy, foaming water, but it has not yet reached the volume that was forced between the embankments during the last rise.

The mill is able to use its water power and there is no indication of an increase unless there should be more heavy rains. The gauge at the mill shows that the rise has probably reached its height and is now stationary.

Tilden Notes.

D. E. Miller, who was one of the pioneers of Pierce county, was buried Sunday in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' cemetery here.

The Hotel Whitney has changed hands, N. G. Glass, the present proprietor, having traded his beautiful farm five miles south of here for it.

M. L. Howard has sold his 320 acre farm to Theodore Ott of Battle Creek. The price paid was \$16,000.

Frank Carson is erecting a beautiful new pressed brick building on Center street.

Try a News want ad for results.

WOULD REPAIR WEST WING

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REBUILDING.

THERE IS NO FRAUD OR GRAFT

Jones and His Committee Grant That the Committee Discretion to Build as They Did, and Admit Work is as Well Done as Could be.

The report on the Norfolk hospital for the insane has at last been made by Populist Jones and his committee of investigators. He recommends that the old west wing be repaired at this time, and it is thought the appropriation bill will pass this week.

The report: "Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

"First—That the legislature of 1903 passed the following act: 'A bill for an act to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding the hospital for the insane of Nebraska at Norfolk as a fireproof building.'

"Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Nebraska:

"Section 1—That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury of the state of Nebraska, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding the damaged and destroyed portions of the hospital for the insane of Nebraska, located at Norfolk, to be expended under the direction of the board of public lands and buildings; provided, the same shall be made fireproof buildings.

"Sec. 2—It shall be the duty of the board of public lands and buildings, immediately upon any part of said funds becoming available for that purpose, to proceed to repair and rebuild such portions of said hospital for the insane of Nebraska, at Norfolk, as were damaged or destroyed by fire, making the same fireproof buildings.

"Sec. 3—An emergency existing, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Approved April 3, 1903."

"Second—The board of public lands and buildings appointed a committee to investigate the asylum systems, which committee, after investigating, reported in favor of the cottage system, which system was adopted by said board.

"Third—The board built three cottages at an estimated cost of from \$19,000 to \$20,000 each and an administration building at an estimated cost of from \$35,000 and \$37,000.

"Fourth—While your committee was not able to find the bids or any record of the same under which the contract was let, it finds that these buildings were let to the Capital City Brick and Pipe company as one contract for the sum of \$96,975.

"Fifth—The said contract provides that said company should furnish all labor, tools and material for the building of the administration building and three cottages, including heating, plumbing and electric light wiring. Said company agreed to pay \$3 per 1,000 for all brick and 40 cents per cubic foot for all range stone found on the premises and accepted and used in the new buildings. Also that said company should forfeit \$25 per day for every day said building was not completed after October 1, 1904.

"Sixth—That no part of what is known as the west wing was repaired, the walls of which are yet in good condition.

"Seventh—Said west wing could have been repaired so as to accommodate approximately 100 patients at an expense of not to exceed \$20,000. In the opinion of the committee, it would have been expedient, practical and economical for the board to have repaired this wing, and the same should now be repaired.

"Eighth—At the time the contract was made the state owned a kitchen, boiler house and engine room, all connected by tunnels and pipes, through which the food, water, heat and light were conducted, with the basement of the prior buildings. Had the board repaired the west wing and rebuilt upon the old site these facilities could have been used with little added expense. On the other hand, by the plans adopted, the necessity of connecting the tunnels with the new buildings and the installation of separate heating plants and the diminished capacity of the buildings has added greatly to the expenses of the state.

"Ninth—Granting the discretion of the board to build as they have, and granting that the buildings are as good as could be furnished for the money as claimed by it, it is the opinion of your committee that the excessive amount used in the construction of the administration building and the needless ornamentation of the cottages would have been sufficient to have repaired the west wing and thus have provided for approximately 100 more patients.

"Tenth—Your committee is of the opinion that the board, in failing to repair the said west wing, failed to that extent to comply with the law, and to that extent used the money for a purpose not intended by said act.

"Eleventh—We find that there has been paid under said contract \$31,679.10, leaving yet due \$15,295.90, less

penalty, and that there has been expended for water works, plumbing, etc., \$8,045.59.

"While there may be some irregularities, your committee makes no finding as to the details of the construction or quality of material used or price paid for same."

FOUND EVIDENCE OF GAS.

Flames Burst Out From Sounding Pipe Near Ashland.

An interurban party working with a sounding pipe a mile west of Ashland found evidence of gas yesterday, says the Lincoln Journal. The pipe was sunk to a depth of about forty feet. One of the men happened to strike a match to light his pipe and the flames burst up from the top of the pipe to a height of several feet. After burning a short time the flame gradually began to die down and finally burned to the tube and went out. The pipe was set in three different places about twenty-five feet from each other and in each place gas which would burn was found. In each place the flame burned high for a few minutes and then gradually died down.

The party was in charge of G. W. Temple and besides him consisted of A. B. Beach, C. A. Biggerstaff and J. D. Hurd. The place where the gas was accidentally found is in a valley through which Salt creek runs. The holes were bored about ten feet from the edge of the water for the purpose of determining how deep it would be necessary to go to strike a firm base for bridge piling. At the point where gas was found the pipe was driven through deep sand then through layers of gumbo and sandstone. According to a member of the party the gas seemed to come from a stratum of coarse sand under the sand stone. He said it was easily distinguishable on account of its strong odor. It has been suggested that it was marsh gas, but Mr. Beach thinks that the force with which it came out of the pipe and the heat the flame gave forth discredited that theory. When the party left they lit small jets in the holes where the pipe had been driven.

BAD SNOWSTORM IS REPORTED

Heavy Fall Near Fairfax, Accompanied by High Wind.

E. H. Tracy, who returned on the early morning train from a business trip to Fairfax, S. D., reported that a terrific snowstorm has been raging in that part of the country. It is said that snow had fallen between six and eight inches deep and that it was driven over the prairie by a high wind.

KIRKMAN'S SECOND TRIAL.

Fort Niobrara Officer to be Court-Martialed.

The general court-martial of Captain George W. Kirkman, Twenty-fifth United States infantry, began at Fort Niobrara at 1 p. m. this afternoon. This will be the second court-martial for Captain Kirkman within a month. His first trial was for "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman," and specifications including a number of scandalous practices covering a period of one or more years. This has been suspended pending the arrival of certain testimony from the Philippines to confirm the theory of the defense that the captain is insane, the suspension continuing to May 10. In the meanwhile other matters have developed in the career of Captain Kirkman that demand a speedy trial, especially in view of the fact that the captain, failing in an attempt at suicide, had tendered his resignation from the army.

The last charges against Captain Kirkman reiterate that of "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman" and added thereto are the charges of "scandalous conduct" and "breach of arrest," with a host of specifications reciting the career of the dashing captain during the last year or two, and particularly bearing upon the suicide of Mrs. Chandler in Omaha a few weeks ago.

The detail for the court-martial is as follows: Colonel Edward B. Pratt, Thirtieth infantry, Fort Crook, president of the court; Lieutenant Colonel Walter S. Scott, Eleventh infantry, Fort D. A. Russell; Major George B. Cecil, Thirtieth infantry, Fort Crook; Major R. M. Blatchford, Eleventh infantry, Fort Mackenzie; Major D. L. Howell, Eighteenth infantry, Fort Leavenworth; Major Charles F. Kieffer, medical department, Fort D. A. Russell; Major George D. Deshon, medical department, Fort Des Moines; Captain Charles H. Grierson, Tenth cavalry, Fort Robinson; Captain Clarence E. Dentler, Eleventh infantry, Fort D. A. Russell; Captain Lester W. Cornish, Ninth cavalry, Jefferson barracks; Captain Arthur C. Blunt, artillery corps, Fort D. A. Russell; Captain Will T. Wilder, Eleventh infantry, Fort D. A. Russell; Captain James A. Cole, Sixth cavalry, Fort Meade, and First Lieutenant Beverly A. Read, Sixth cavalry, Fort Meade, judge advocate.

Colonel E. B. Pratt and Major Cecil of the Thirtieth infantry, from Fort Crook, left for Fort Niobrara Sunday. They were joined at Omaha by Major Charles F. Kieffer of Fort Russell, Major D. L. Howell of Fort Leavenworth and Major R. M. Blatchford of Fort Mackenzie.

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NORTH NEBRASKA SCHOOLS

WILL ASSEMBLE IN NORFOLK THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PROGRAM OF THE MEETING

Many Towns Will Come With Strong Delegations for the Declamatory Contest on Wednesday Evening. Sentists to Entertain Contestants.

Next week the school ma'ams and masters of North Nebraska will assemble in Norfolk for their annual convention, and the prospects are that there will be an unusually large attendance and interesting program. Especially does there promise to be a large attendance of friends supporting the candidates for honors at the high school declamatory contest, which is to be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday night, the 29th. The Senior class of the high school is planning entertainment for the contestants and will endeavor to make their visit agreeable, while other social functions are planning for the entertainment of the visiting teachers and delegates.

Inquiries for room and board are already coming in and Superintendent O'Connor desires that people who will entertain teachers from the 29th to the 31st should let him know at once. He desires to know the number each wishes to entertain, together with the price, and whether ladies or gentlemen are preferred.

Following is the program for the meeting:

Wednesday, March 29, 2 p. m. General session, High School room:

Music—Vocal solo—Miss Henderson.

Invocation, Rev. Poncher.

Music—Instrumental solo.

Subject, "How Get the Most Out of Teachers' Associations?" Leader, J. A. Stahl, West Point; discussion, Ira Lamb, Hooper.

Subject, "Law Making and Law Breaking in the School Room." Leader, E. M. Oden, Wausa; discussion, M. I. Ellis, Osmond.

Subject, "Student Government, Is it Attainable?" Leader, C. H. Kindig, Wakefield; discussion, J. E. Shut, Pender.

Wednesday, 8 p. m., Auditorium:

Music—Vocal solo—Miss H. Allbery.

Annual contest Nebraska Declamatory association.

Music—Two selections—High School orchestra.

Thursday, 9 a. m. General session, Auditorium.

Music.

Subject, "The Training for Citizenship in Our Schools." Leader, C. H. Barr, Neligh.

Subject, "The Relation of the Public School to Manual Labor." Leader, C. A. Manville, Butte.

Subject, "Discipline an Element in Character Building." Leader, E. P. Wilson, Ponca.

Music—Vocal solo—Nell Dingman.

Thursday, 1:30 p. m. Department Meetings—County superintendent's section, room 1, high school building.

Subject, "The County Superintendent's Most Useful Work." Leader, C. W. Crum, Madison; discussion, Charles Arnot, Fremont.

Subject, "The Special Advantages of the Rural School." Leader, A. E. Ward, Hartington; discussion, Wood Smith, Fullerton.

Subject, "How Best Assist the Rural Teacher." Leader, Frank Pilger, Pierce; discussion, F. C. Marshall, Center.

High school section, room 2, high school building:

Subject, "How Early Should Pupils Specialize?" Leader, E. B. Sherman, Schuyler; discussion, J. A. Guttery, Nickerson.

Subject, "An Ideal School." Leader, W. M. Kern, Columbus; discussion, H. E. Mason, Stanton.

Subject, "The Mental Value of Latin." Leader, W. J. Seeley, Emerson; discussion, Maggie McLean, Randolph.

Grade section, high school building:

Music by Fifth and Sixth grades.

Subject, "English Teaching Made Interesting." Leader, F. J. Kelly, Cedar Rapids; discussion, Wm. J. Shalcross, Bloomfield.

Subject, "Geography in the First Five Grades." Leader, Idelle Taylor, Pierce; discussion, Minnie Sears, Plainview.

Subject, "What Daily Preparation is Necessary?" Leader, Emma Scott, Ponca; discussion, Pearl Sewall, Wakefield.

Thursday, 8 p. m. General session, Auditorium.

Music—La Favorite—Piano duet, Rossellen—Misses Rennick and Stewart.

Invocation, Rev. Turner.

Music—Vocal solo—Miss Stewart.

Lecture, Montville Flowers.

Music—Second Rhapsodie Hongraise, piano quartette—Liszt—Misses Stewart, Rennick, Brouette and Snider.

Friday, 9 a. m. General Session, Auditorium:

Music—Grande Valse, piano quartette—Schulhoff—Misses Snyder, Rennick, Brouette and Stewart.

Subject, "Years in Position" and its Lesson. Leader, W. H. Gardner, Fremont; discussion, L. P. Sornsen, Eng.

Subject, "The Educational Meaning of Error." Leader, J. A. Doremus,

Madison; discussion, R. M. Campbell, Humphrey.

Music—Violin solo—F. C. Marshall, Center.

Subject, "English." Leader, Mae Neptune, Wayne; discussion, George E. Kindler, Albion.

Music—Vocal solo—Miss Stewart.

Election of officers.

Friday, 1:30 p. m.—Department meetings, high school section, room 2 high school building.

Subject, "The Law of the Gang." Leader, N. M. Graham, South Omaha.

Subject, "The Relation of the Superintendent of Schools to the Public." Leader, R. H. Graham, West Point; discussion, R. S. Kingham, Butte.

Subject, "Physical Training in the High School." Leader, H. W. Curtis, Coleridge; discussion, E. R. Gibson, Hoskins.

Grammar section, room 3, high school building:

Music, Seventh and Eighth grades.

Subject, "How to Develop a Correct Use of Language?" Leader, Florence Domeson, Madison.

Subject, "Educational Equipoise." Leader, Frank S. Perdue, Tilden; discussion, A. G. Cole, Plainview.

Subject, "How Make High Ideals in Conduct Popular?" Leader, O. R. Bowen, Dakota City; discussion, H. P. Wolcott, Waterbury.

Primary section, room 4, high school building:

Music, Lincoln Second preliminary.

Subject, "The Story Hour." Leader, Cecile Lyon, South Omaha.

Subject, "Primary Work in Rural Schools." Leader, Dora Priestly, Randolph; discussion, Mabel McWhorter, Foster.

Subject, "Points in Teaching Reading." Leader, Margaret Ruddy, Dixon; discussion, Mrs. Maria Wolfe, Winslow.

Friday, 4 to 6 p. m.:

Reception to teachers by Norfolk Women's club.

Friday, 8 p. m. General Session, Auditorium:

Music, High School orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. Clay.

Music, high school chorus class.

Reports of committees.

Music—Vocal solo—Prof. Solomon.

Lecture, "Gush and Grind in Pedagogy," Chancellor E. Benj. Andrews.

Music, ladies double quartette, Norfolk teachers.

Note.—Department meetings will select their own officers.

FIVE GENERATIONS.

Meet to Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary.

M. C. Theisen, manager of the telephone company on the north Nebraska line, with headquarters at Creighton, was in the city on his way home from Independence, Wis., where he attended a family reunion in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Theisen. There were forty members of the family present, coming from various points in Wisconsin and from Nebraska and South Dakota. Five generations were represented, the oldest being the grandmother aged ninety-five who traveled sixty-five miles to attend the celebration and the youngest a baby of seven months. The groom of half a century ago is eighty years of age and the bride seventy-five. It was an enjoyable event and Mr. Theisen expressed himself as being well repaid for the trip. His daughter Josephine accompanied him to Wisconsin and will visit for a few months with her relatives there.

THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. F. F. McDuffie.

Mrs. McDuffie, wife of F. F. McDuffie, route agent for the American Express company, died at her home in Norfolk a few minutes after noon today, after an illness of less than four days from inflammation of the bowels. The remains will be taken to the old home of the family at Portage, Wis., for interment. The details of the funeral have not yet been announced.

Private Funeral Services.

A private funeral service was held at the Geo. D. Butterfield home this morning at 10 o'clock for the late Mrs. A. P. Doe, which was attended only by relatives and a few intimate friends. Mr. Doe and Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield accompanied the remains east on the noon train to Davenport, Iowa, where interment will take place.

Son Born.

A son was born today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Diens, north of the city. The father was formerly a Russian soldier but the son shows signs of Japanese aggressiveness already.

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