

## IN DECLAMATORY CONTEST

EVENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW NIGHT.

### TWENTY TOWNS TO PARTICIPATE

Program for the Evening in Which the High Schools Will Contest for the Honors of Northern Nebraska in Three Classes of the Art.

Twenty cities and towns of north Nebraska have arranged to participate in the declamatory contest to be held in Norfolk Wednesday night of this week in connection with the annual session of the North Nebraska Teachers' association. The contestants have been chosen through the local contests and the probability is that each contestant will be accompanied by a large delegation of their local people to give them loyal support in their efforts to win the prizes and be prepared to participate in the state contest.

Many of the contestants are expected here early in the day and the afternoon will be devoted to rehearsals of their parts. Not all of the contestants have given the committee their subjects, but the program up to this time is as follows:

- Music.
- Oratorical Class.
  - "Mark Anthony's Funeral Oration," Earl Fehllman, Beemer.
  - "Supposed Speech of Regulus to the Carthaginians," Ralph Graham, North Bend.
  - "Sergeant Prentiss' First Plea," Guy Lane, Wisner.
  - "Death Bed of Benedict Arnold," Lola Lintecum, Norfolk.
  - "A Revolutionary Exhortation," Lizzie Patterson, Cedar Rapids.
  - "Patrick Henry in the Convention of Delegates," Harry L. Thompson, West Point.
- Music.
- Dramatic Class.
  - "Ole Mistis," Florence Coates, Ponca.
  - "Searching for the Slain," Julia Dennis, Spencer.
  - "Glancus in the Arena," Claire Fichter, Norfolk.
  - "The Polish Boy," May Farley, Laurel.
  - "Where is Annette," Lulu Moore, Wakefield.
  - "From a Far Country," Florence H. Prunn, Schuyler.
  - "The Octoroon," N. Rose Rasmussen, Columbus.
  - "The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia," Jessie Ross, Scribner.
- Music.
- Humorous Class.
  - "She Would be a Mason," Edna Berger, Long Pine.
  - "Darius Green and His Flying Machine," Phoebe Scott, Atkinson.
  - "Kentucky Philosophy," Lodermia Smith, Albion.
- Music.
- Announcement of decision of the judges.
- The annual business meeting of the dramatic association is announced to be held at the Oxnard at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday.

- Delights of Colorado's Winter Climate
- After spending ten days at the Albany, instead of two, as he had originally planned, Dr. R. G. Floyd of Eureka Springs, Ark., left last evening, with his bride for California, where he expects to remain two days instead of ten. This upsetting of Dr. Floyd's plans is due entirely to the delights of Colorado's winter climate.
- "I cannot understand why your people have been so slow in coming to a full realization of the possibilities of Colorado as a winter resort," declared the doctor, who is not only president of the commercial club of Eureka Springs, but also at the head of the Odd Fellows of Arkansas. "Why, you simply have all these advertised 'winter resorts' nailed to the mast!"

- Croup.
  - An attack of croup can be warded off by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly at the first indication of the approach of the disease. For sale by Leonard the druggist.
- "NOT COWBOYS?"
- Washington Post Spurns Claim That Bunch Were Businessmen.
- Washington, March 27.—In dailies of March 17, under the heading "Black Hills Men are Not Pleased," was a dispatch from Deadwood, S. D., in which regret was expressed that the east had not taken the cowboy cavalcade at the inauguration for what it was intended to be. This dispatch has fallen under the eye of the funny man of the Washington Post's editorial page, who devotes some attention to it. Under the heading, "Seth Bullock's Pilgrims," he says:
- A mean and injurious critic in the Black Hills protests against the effect of Captain Seth Bullock's cowboy expedition to Washington. We are told that the eastern press entirely mistook the real purpose of the trip, which was to "advertise the western country in the east for financial betterment." Eastern people, having failed to grasp the occult purpose of the display, judged it by appearances and at once set down the Black Hills as the "jumping-off place," greatly to the injury of that sophisticated community.
- "The Deadwood critic insists that the cowboys were not cowboys at all, but 'wealthy lumbermen, county com-

missioners, railway contractors and newspaper men, who went for business." The eastern public, having entirely failed to grasp this fact, Black Hills people are now said to be "wondering whether the Seth Bullock expedition has done the country any good."

This is unquestionably the sour, malicious outburst of an eastern tenderfoot whose soul is bent on financial betterment. It does not represent the sentiment of the people of the Black Hills. There is a crafty commercialism about it, a cold, serpent-like cunning, which is entirely foreign to the west. It is an effort to discredit Seth Bullock's famous pilgrimage and to disillusionize the thousands of common people who saw the wild cavalcade dash down Capitol hill and swing past the delighted occupant of the white house in a red blur of color and excitement.

"Has Seth Bullock done the country any good?" The question is foolish. What would the inauguration have been if it had consisted merely of regular troops, little brown mice from the Philippines, and a few thousand commonplace fat, silk-hatted marching clubs from Newark and Columbus? What if there had been no cowboys, with horrid, bristling "chaps," with blazing neckerchiefs and pronged mustaches, waving overgrown sombreros and jabbing peevishness and uncertainty into the white-eyed and truculent broncho? These cowboys were the whole show, the salt of the occasion. "Wealthy lumbermen, county commissioners, railway contractors and newspaper men," Bah! These cowboys were fierce, wild untamed denizens of the jumping-off place, every man of them a breaker of herds and horses, individually heroes and daredevils, and collectively Teddy's Terrors. We refuse to be disillusionized.

### BIG FOOTRACE AT FAIRFAX

Gregory County Boy Gives Illinois Athlete Hard Rub for \$60. Fairfax, S. D., March 28.—Special to The News: Quite an enthusiastic footrace was pulled off yesterday between Joe Piper, who has been a resident of this county since boyhood and who is one of the leading athletes of the community, against John Richardson of Dixon, Ill., and who was in charge of the gymnasium at that place. It was a fifty-yard dash for \$60 a side and considerable betting was done on the side. The race was won by Richardson in a narrow margin.

### ATTORNEY UNDER CHARGE.

Beadle County Court Session at Huron Starts a Big Sensation. Huron, S. D., March 28.—Judge Gaffey, sitting for Judge Whiting in circuit court here, this morning advised the grand jury that evidence had been discovered charging C. A. Kelley, state's attorney, with forgery of deeds to certain real estate. Kelley was suspended from office and T. F. Nall appointed in his place, pending investigation of the charges.

### AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS.

Brown County Fair Officials Chosen for Another Year. Ainsworth, Neb., March 28.—Special to The News: The Brown County Agricultural association met in the Star-Journal office and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Peck; vice president, J. W. Calver; treasurer, J. B. Finney; secretary, C. W. Potter. The date for the coming fair has been set at September 28, 29 and 30.

### DR. SISSON NOW CAPTAIN

ALSO CHAPLAIN OF THE FIRST NEBRASKA REGIMENT.

APPOINTED BY GOV. MICKEY

Dr. Fletcher M. Sisson of Norfolk, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church in This District, Was Today Appointed Chaplain.

Dr. Fletcher M. Sisson of this city, presiding elder of the Norfolk district, Methodist church, received this morning an appointment from Adjutant General J. H. Culver, over the order of Governor Mickey, as chaplain of the First Nebraska regiment, with the rank of captain. The appointment was made through the recommendation of Col. J. A. Stark, commanding officer of the First Nebraska. Dr. Sisson's friends here are delighted with this recognition of his merit and ability and of his standing in Nebraska. The appointment of Dr. Sisson took effect March 29.

### Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., March 28, 1905:

- Miss Emma Cambill, A. G. Cobb, Thomas Daggett, Mrs. Lundy Deines, Miss Camille Evans, Harm Feldman, Coraie Fornette, N. K. Howard, Miss Robie Hart, S. D. Holmes, J. E. Hopkins, Jack Jates, A. B. Jackson, Miss Minnie Seehose, Lee Vroman, Mrs. F. A. Wanrick.

If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.

- Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."
- John R. Hays, P. M.

## PASSENGERS IN PERIL

OCEAN LINERS COLLIDE, BUT ALL ON BOARD ARE LANDED.

### PARISIAN SINKS AT HER DOCK

Albano's Sharp Bow Tears Great Hole in Its Side Off Entrance to Halifax Harbor—Schooner Turns Turtle and Crew Probably Drowned.

Halifax, March 27.—The two ocean steamers, the Parisian and the Albano, whose 1,800 passengers were saved from possible death at sea after the collision between the two vessels off the harbor's mouth Saturday, by a thrilling fifteen-mile race for shallow water, show plainly how serious was the accident, the Parisian resting on her bottom at her dock and the Albano's forepeak being full of water. The Parisian, which came up the harbor with a gaping hole in her starboard side during the night and at dawn her engine room had been flooded and her fires extinguished, the lower deck was awash and her keel rested on the mud. A large part of her cargo has been damaged by water, but the bulk of the mail, consisting of 400 sacks, was recovered in a dry condition. The statements of the two commanders of the vessels as to the probable cause of the collision are conflicting and the courts will be invoked to place the responsibility. Proceedings have been begun in the admiralty court against the Hamburg-American company, owner of the Albano, and that steamer was libeled for \$50,000 damages, in behalf of J. and A. Allen, owners of the Parisian. A counter suit will be brought by the German company.

### Crew Given Up for Lost.

Astoria, Ore., March 27.—The lumber laden schooner C. A. Klose, which was abandoned several days ago while en route from Vancouver to San Francisco, turned turtle and went ashore some time during the night at Eastbrook. There is every likelihood of her going to pieces. Of the schooner's master, Captain Wagner, and the crew no word has been heard. No hope is expressed that they have been saved.

### ELEVATOR CUTS QUEER ANTICS

One Person Killed and Another One Seriously Hurt as a Result.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 27.—One person was killed, one seriously injured and four escaped unhurt in an elevator accident in the Lovington building. The elevator became unmanageable while descending and dropped from the first floor to the basement. It as suddenly rose again to the fifth floor and then plunged toward the bottom. The jerk broke one of the heavy counterweights, which crashed through the top of the car, striking Herman Engler and crushing him so seriously that he died an hour later. James Butler was seriously injured. The other passengers in the car were unhurt.

### Two Killed in Freight Wreck.

Wilmington, Del., March 27.—Two men were killed and another was injured in a freight wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Stanton. The dead are brakeman Charles Shewbridge and fireman Walter C. S. Hunt. The injured man is William Weaver, engineer, who is in the hospital in a serious condition. The freight train stopped at a water tower and was run into by a coal train. A caboose and several cars of the freight train were demolished.

### Fatal Auto Accident at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—In an automobile accident at Hollywood, a suburb, Mrs. Sherman Pease was instantly killed and Sherman Pease, her husband, seriously injured. Two other occupants of the car, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Welcome, sustained slight injuries. The automobile was struck by an electric car at the crossing while running at full speed.

### Violent Storm in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., March 27.—Violent storms throughout the territory have resulted in four deaths and numerous injuries to others.

The dead: Dean E. Richmond, John Thomas, killed by lightning near Watonga; Charles R. Schooler, killed by lightning at New Feathers Ford; Orville Pemberton, drowned near Kaw City.

### Confesses to Wrecking Train.

Marengo, Ia., March 27.—Erick Kuzloeba, aged twenty-four, who has been two years in this country, is under arrest here. He confessed to wrecking the Rock Island train at Homestead. No motive is known.

### Eight Soldiers Killed by Landslide.

Semlin, Hungary, March 27.—A great landslide occurred here. A squadron of soldiers, who went to the rescue of a buried woman, suffered severely, eight of their number being killed and nineteen injured.

### Russian Squadron Sails Southward.

Suez, March 27.—The whole of Vice Admiral Nebogotoff's squadron has sailed southward.

### Governor Elrod Grants Pardon.

Pierre, S. D., March 27.—Governor Elrod, on recommendation of the board of pardons, granted a pardon to William Waters, sentenced from Turner county, on a charge of manslaughter in the first degree.

## BEEF TRUST INQUIRY RESUMED

Expect Much in Testimony of Armour's New York Man.

Chicago, March 28.—Investigation of the "beef trust" was resumed by the federal grand jury. The grand jury will have for additional adviser from now on Assistant District Attorney Goodman of Chicago, Judge Baxter of Omaha having returned home. It is said the inquiry is likely to last two months longer. It is declared that when the government has finished its investigation into the packing industry it plans to take up railroads and private car lines.

J. E. Shields of New York city, formerly an employe of Armour & Co., occupied most of the time of the jury. It transpired that most of the testimony previously taken by the grand jury serves only as a schooling in regard to the live stock and the meat business in general. Beginning today, it is rumored, under the close veil of secrecy, facts that will prove of value in reaching a conclusion will be given to the grand jury. Mr. Shields has been guarded closely by secret service officers since his arrival from New York. It is said that Shields underwent a severe cross-examination by District Attorney C. B. Morrison, who has charge of the investigation.

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN IOWA

Party Lines Discarded in Many Cities and Towns for Local Issues. Des Moines, March 28.—Municipal elections were held in many cities and towns of Iowa. Party lines were for the most part discarded and the elections were decided on purely local issues, people's and citizens' tickets frequently replacing those of the standard political parties. Although frequently hotly contested, the elections were for the most part quiet, only two possible contests being reported, one in Ottumwa, where a voting machine in one ward failed to work, and the other in Mount Vernon, where it is likely that the defeated candidate for mayor will challenge the votes of a number of students who cast their ballots. At Iowa City the Democrats elected their entire city ticket, including ex-State Senator George W. Ball as mayor. The new council stands six Republicans and four democrats.

### ROGERS BOY EXPLAINS MYSTERY

Says He and Aunt Went to Buffalo, Where She Disappeared.

Chicago, March 28.—The first apparently adequate explanation of the mysterious disappearance of the boy, Frank Ely Rogers, and his aunt, Miss Florence Ely, four years ago at Evanston, was made to a representative of the Associated Press by James C. Rogers, father of the boy. Though simple and straightforward, the truth of the mystery, according to Mr. Rogers, is stranger than the many fanciful stories that have been written about the case, which in Chicago has excited as much interest as the celebrated Charlie Ross case in Philadelphia. Replying to questions as to the boy's return, Mr. Rogers said: "At the time of the disappearance my son, Frank, like many boys of his age, was fired with a desire to run away from home and see life for himself. His aunt, a sufferer from melancholia, was about to be placed by us in a sanitarium, a proceeding to which she strongly objected. As a result of these circumstances, the two left home together and went to Buffalo. There they separated, Miss Ely entering a large store, apparently to do some shopping, and leaving Frank outside. She had previously given him a small sum of money. From that time until now Frank has not been seen. Miss Ely and neither he nor we know her whereabouts. Frank, following out his idea of seeing life, made a living as best he could and has finally returned home after many vicissitudes. This is the explanation of the mystery as learned by me from my son, and is apparently the truth."

### Ask Johnson to Prove Charges.

Cleveland, March 28.—The city council adopted a resolution calling upon Mayor Johnson to take his recent charges of bribery to probate court or the grand jury and prove them or in the event of his not being able to do so, make an apology to the members of the body whom he has accused. The mayor said he would think the matter over.

### French Are Awaiting Court.

Paris, March 28.—The French foreign office renews its assurances that nothing has been undertaken here relative to peace negotiations. The Venezuelan status is unaltered, the officials here taking the view that no action will be taken until the Caracas court decides the questions pending in regard to the concession of the French Cable company.

### Says Gift Was Unsolicited.

Boston, March 28.—In an interview, Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the American board of commissioners for missions, declared that the proposed gift of \$100,000 by John D. Rockefeller to the board, which has caused wide discussion, was unsolicited and spontaneous, originating in an impulse of Mr. Rockefeller to further the work of the board.

### Russell Sage's Condition Serious.

New York, March 28.—The condition of Russell Sage, who has been confined to his home for some time, is much more serious than has been reported. His physician visits him daily and says he has a good chance for recovery.

## TEACHERS TAKE NORFOLK

SCHOOL MA'AMS ARRIVE FROM ALL OVER NORTH NEBRASKA.

### GOOD MEETINGS ARE PROMISED

From Every Look and Act, it is Evident That the Teachers Haven't Grown Any Older Than They Were When They Visited Norfolk Last.

The school ma'ams of northern Nebraska took charge of Norfolk this morning and every train that has arrived all day long brought scores and scores of them to the city to attend the annual convention of their association which will be held here during the next three days of this week. Spring vacations which have begun in the schools of the state, and which began in Norfolk today, have permitted the teachers to leave their duties with books at home and come to Norfolk for a right good time all week, getting together and listening to the many instructive papers and lectures which will hold forth.

Norfolk has entertained these self-same teachers before, and knows how to appreciate them when they come back. Not for several years, it is true, have they assembled in this city for their convention, Fremont and Columbus having had turns at it, but they all feel at home in Norfolk just the same and Norfolk feels as though it knew them before they ever arrived. Many homes in the city have thrown open their doors to the teachers, and many others of them are stopping at the hotels of the city. The weather of today has been better than it generally is when the teachers arrive, so there may be some hope yet that the entire week will not be one of constant gloom.

The sessions begin this afternoon and tonight the declamatory contest, in which twenty schools of all over this section of the state are represented, will hold the boards. The sessions will continue tomorrow, both morning and afternoon, with an entertainment tomorrow night. On Friday the same sort of program will be followed, the event ending Friday night in time for the teachers to return to their homes on Saturday if they choose.

The school ma'am held sway today everywhere about town. The potent topic which greeted the citizen from wherever he might be, had to do with the fettering school ma'am. They look just about as they did several years ago—there are, in fact, no signs of their having grown any older during their absence from Norfolk. They are still the same dignified crowd, with little curls of their own for passing away the time. Their looks show that they have been working hard all winter and that they need a rest, for school teachers, if any class of workers, are entitled to all of the rest they can get out of life.

Contestants have been arriving all day for the declamatory entertainment tonight and it is said that the competition will be so fierce that interest will not lag for a minute throughout the program.

The meetings, both day and evening, will be held in the M. E. church. The local committee believed it had secured the Auditorium for the evening meetings, but the arrangement has fallen through, and all meetings will be held in the M. E. church. Superintendent O'Connor is authority for the statement that he hired the Auditorium from the local manager for three evenings for \$50, or \$20 an evening. When the matter went to the Sioux City manager he stated that a Shakespearean play was booked in the Shakspeare for Friday evening, and asked that the teachers make that a part of their program for the week. When he was informed that the teachers' program was complete, including Friday night, he replied that the house was taken for Thursday night also, but later said that this date might be cancelled for \$50. It appears that the company that was coming here, learning the situation, cancelled the date of its own accord, then the house was offered to the teachers for two nights at \$120. This was way beyond the capacity of the teachers to pay, and they then said they would take the house for tonight, supposing of course that the price of \$20 originally made would hold good. Yesterday, however, the local committee was notified that the house for tonight would cost \$50, and they very promptly concluded to eliminate the opera house from their calculations altogether and transfer their meetings to the church.

This kind of treatment of Norfolk people does not go far toward popularizing the Auditorium. The teachers are Norfolk's guests and the city is anxious to have them well pleased and well treated during their visit here, so that what might have been done by the management of the house to assist in entertaining the visitors would have been taken by the people of the city as a personal favor. But evidently the management does not care for the good will of the people of this city. The price of \$20 a night originally agreed upon between the local manager and the committee is the regular price charged for the use of the house, the renter to pay in addition the cost of lighting, heating and for janitor services.

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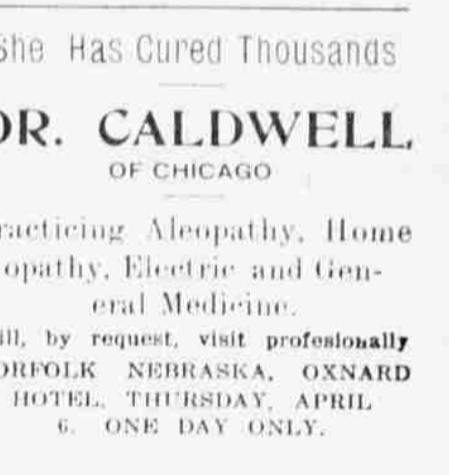
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