

**CHARMS WITH HER VIOLIN.**

An attractive feature of the sacred concert by the Bellstedt concert band at the Auditorium Sunday was the appearance of Miss Silence Dales of Lincoln as violin soloist, with piano accompaniment. The interpolation of the number was a decided success, and the young Nebraska musician has every reason to feel elated over the greeting she received. One of the most marked compliments paid her was the almost breathless attention given her by a very large and intelligent audience. Another compliment was the enthusiastic applause given her at the close of the first number. So insistent was it that Miss Dales was forced to respond.

Miss Dales' selection was the celebrated "Airs Hongrois," by Ernst, in three movements. It is a brilliant piece of music and one that gives the soloist opportunity to master extremely difficult technique, and also allows of the display of emotional and intellectual qualities. The chief charm of Miss Dales' playing is its delicate musical quality. Her bowing is free and correct, and she has repose. If there is one thing she lacks it is fire, but she is young yet and what she lacks will come with the years. She finds a pure, clear tone and phrases broadly.

The violin Miss Dales plays is a rare old instrument made by Alexander Gagliano during his palmy days in 1724-8. It is a beautiful instrument, perfect in every part, and has the rare, rich tone of the old master violins, with the fine carrying tone.—Omaha Bee.

**PRAISE FOR NEBRASKA WORKERS.**

One of the characteristics of the residents and among the students of the university is to uphold all of the good things that happen here. The same persons are always glad to hear praises of Nebraska people from other sources. That the graduates of this institution are fast coming to the front in all lines is being shown in many ways. The latest criterion is given below:

Professor Charles R. Barnes of the University of Chicago, in "Science" of September 8, 1899, says: "It is a matter of some national pride that ecological investigations have been taken up vigorously by students in our own country, and that from the new standpoint some valuable researches on plant distribution have already been made. It is, perhaps, also a matter of local pride that the most extensive study has been made in one of our great western states, whose flora has been as yet comparatively little altered by the most potent of all distributing factors, the hand of man. The "Phytogeography of Nebraska," published a year or two ago by Dr. Pound and Dr. Clements, is the first extended study on plant geography in this country along distinctively ecological lines. The care and completeness with which their investigation was made render it a good example for future students of our flora."

**NEW HEATING SYSTEM.**

During the summer months the university presented a much more lively appearance than it has at the same season for some years back. Soon after the close of the summer session work was begun on a system of canals for heating purposes. In a very short time all of the central part of the grounds was a black mass of dirt, which made passage to any part of the grounds difficult in the extreme.

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