

THE CANTON LEADER

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It seems almost certain that the supreme court of the state will cause the people to elect George W. Egan to congress as a vindication.

In Memory of Washington.

The civil war veterans and the woman's relief corps with a few specially invited guests celebrated Washington's birthday in Grand Army hall. The veterans did the entertaining and the banquet they prepared was as fine as anything ever given in Canton. The tables formed a big U for Union, and were handsomely decorated with ferns and carnations of different shades.

Comrade Gifford was master of ceremonies and announced the program which began with the ladies marching in two rank formation and each wore a dainty little Martha Washington cap. The men followed and all found their places with cards and carnations.

At six o'clock the banqueters were seated and then came delicious oysters and meats and cakes and coffee and everything that would tickle the palate of a fancy epicure and better cakes were never cut in Canton.

After the banquet came the toasts and Comrade Gifford opened the program with a sketch of Washington and his times.

The opening number was a solo by Mrs. Myron Dunlap accompanied by Miss Roderick after which Toast Master Gifford extended thanks to the guests and the comrades toasted the W. R. C. in flowing goblets of pure aqua. The W. R. C. responded to the honor through Mrs. Melinda Brenner. A reading by Mrs. Nash followed and a brief sketch of Washington by editor Linn was given.

Comrade Dunham recited a poetic skit that put the G. A. R. ahead of all societies on earth. Mrs. Roy Millage followed with a reading and Mrs. Tucker gave a history of the W. R. C. Mrs. Shields read an interesting sketch of Continental life and comrade Fowles was asked to say something but he lead off with America which closed the most enjoyable grand army celebration ever held in Canton.

The Athenian Banquet.

Fair men and beautiful women assembled Wednesday evening at the Hotel Rudolph to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Athenian society of this city, and the Cantonnians are worthy the honors of a modern temple Athens. While less inclined to honor the fair goddess of war they are brave unto the spirit that stood red faced at Bunker Hill, crimsoned in honor at Gettysburg and smiling the love of christian brotherhood under tattered flags at Appomattox.

Judge A. A. Forrest was toastmaster, and carried off first honors against all the arrows hurled at his devoted head by those whom he drew into the limelight of Athenian glory. He was gentle and smooth in his leadership and told a good one about Dr. Wendt and the woman who got thirsty.

He gave his brother attorneys a job or two and made a home run on the Luther Burbank story of substituting a whistle for a yowl in a cat, explaining that when the dear kitty got out nights to practice its yowl the whistle called a dog and the cat found a tree thus saving night caps, hair tonic bottles and bath robes.

Superintendent Woodburn of the city schools had "Friends" for his discourse, Carl Glastell "The Poetry of Life," and Prof. Lawrence was given "Life Fossil" owing to the absence of Carl Task. "Sense and Nonsense" was the theme Attorney Jamieson discussed and he managed to hit nonsense several body blows with sense and gave Attorney Carlson a chance to get even next year.

The "Woman of Tomorrow" was for Attorney A. R. Brown but sickness compelled his absence and William Tank was assigned the duty of drawing the picture. "Our Tenth Annual Banquet" was the closing number by Dr. Welsh, and as usual the doctor pulled the lever wide open and with a face full of love and smiling sweetness told stories of the Athenians absent and present and of the joys and good times in the past, and then throwing bonnets at his admiring friends closed the program.

The menu was superb and in variety admirable, including oyster cocktails, planked trout, braised young squab, cucumbers, radishes, Florida strawberries, and other delicious viands.

Col. McDermott with his well equipped dining room force, made the event memorable in Canton Athenian history but time and space compels brevity on the part of the writer, which we regret.

Resolutions of Sympathy Adopted by Gen. Lyon W. R. C.

WHEREAS, it has been the will of our Divine Father to remove from our midst the husband of our sister, Mrs. Ethel Williams, that she and her family have lost a kind and loving husband and father and the community a good citizen, therefore be it

Resolved, That Gen. Lyon W. R. C. extends to Mrs. Williams and her children their heartfelt sympathy in this their great loss. All we can say is "God death all things well."

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Williams, also to the city papers, and that they be spread upon our records.

LUELLA TUCKER, Chairman; H. W. TENDLER, Secretary; BELLA MCANNERS, Committee.

AN INTERESTING CORN CONTEST

The Best Attended and the Most Thoroughly Enjoyed Corn Contest Ever Held in the County.

The Boy's Corn Outscored the Men's Corn and the Little Corn Growers Fairly Reveled in Pride as They Heard the Score Read in the Court House.

The Institute Work Was Good and Everybody Was Proud of the Contest.

Men and women and boys came to Canton from all parts of the county last Saturday to witness the closing scenes in the biggest and most interesting corn contest ever held in this county, or in the state for that matter; the school boys contest being a new feature in corn growing for exhibit in competition for prizes, and this is what aroused everybody. The interest was so intense that men and women drove as far as twenty miles to see how their boys stood in the great competitive exhibit.

Miss Ethel Noble, teacher in district 46, Delaware township, drove to Lennox with three of her little corn growers and brought them to Canton by train, returning home in the same manner Saturday evening making a 28 mile drive, which entitled Miss Noble to the highest praise when the roads are considered.

Ole Ulberg of Perry said he was sick but he had to come in order that his son could be present. Joseph Shebal of LaValley came and with him four sons—splendid little corn growers.

G. G. Dokken one of the prosperous and progressive farmers in Eden township, a gentleman who is ever ready to promote the best interests of the county, came up Friday and returned home Sunday. He was accompanied by his sons Gust and Louis, splendid young men. They were not competitors in the contest, but were present to encourage the great work organized by Superintendent Lawrence. Mr. Dokken and his sons were guests at the Rudolph while in the city.

Theodore and Adolph Gubrud of Norway were present Friday and Saturday, and no two men in the county took greater interest or enjoyed the contest gether. They were enthusiastic over the splendid work of the boys.

J. J. E. Minot of Brooklyn township, came over accompanied by four little corn enthusiasts—Emory and Edwin Soderstrom, Ivan Grinnell and Eschol Sundstrom. Mr. Minot and his boys had rooms at the Rudolph and the little fellows were shown everything of interest in town and taken all over the court house and introduced to the county officials, and some day some of those boys may welcome little corn growers as county officials.

Joe Miller of Grant came in with his three sons, sturdy little corn growers.

Gabriel Carlson of Perry, came in with his son George who won first prize in the composition contest among 71 boys, who wrote on "What I learned about corn growing." George won Mr. Brenner's 5 dollar gold piece and stood 5th in the corn score from the northern district, which includes Lynn, Grant, Dayton, LaValley, Perry, Springdale and Delaware townships. All the other townships include the southern district. Hundreds of other fathers, mothers and big brothers came to town with the youthful students in ornology to enjoy this new and magnificent system of farm education, and the LEADER may be pardoned for the statement that its continued effort for the past eight years has done much to place Lincoln county at the head of the corn counties of the state. It was Lincoln county that led in the movement for a state organization which is now known as the "State Institute," and it was Lincoln county that led in county contests, and Lincoln county now leads in educating the school boys how to plant, care for and judge corn, a movement that will become statewide.

Prof. D. P. Ashburn of Nebraska, one of the principal institute speakers, said that the education of school boys in corn raising is the greatest and most important event in the history of the state, for no man can gauge the result or estimate what it means in new wealth. "I am proud," he said, "to take off my hat to Superintendent Lawrence, the LEADER, President Brenner, and every man who has aided in this glorious work. You can't realize yet what it means for home pride among the boys, but you will rejoice year after year as the fruits of this work develop, for it means better and happier homes and self-pride and consoling power among your future farmers who will ever be the bulwark of the nation in peace or in trouble."

Prof. Ashburn expressed the general sentiment of all who witnessed the amazing interest the boys took in everything that was done from the corn score to the awarding of prizes, and there is money enough to furnish every boy a prize. In order that no boy should go home without a prize Superintendent Lawrence and A. J. Wimple contributed \$5 each and C. A. Eldsmoe \$2. Prizes in money and other things had been estimated for 100 boy contestants but the number reached 130. Only a few of the boys

who gave his entire attention to this part of the work, and David looked mighty well pleased as he stood up in the big show window handing out prizes to the lucky ones, and it was a picture worth seeing to watch the eager, anxious faces of the boys as their names were called. In the middle of this interesting crowd stood Superintendent Lawrence and County Auditor Kundert dealing chunks of joy to every boy and consolation prizes to men.

The state institute lecturers were Prof. D. P. Ashburn and wife of Nebraska, H. G. Skinner, D. H. McKee and C. Larson of the Brookings college.

Prof. Theo. Sexauer of Ames, Iowa, was the gentleman who did the scoring and he did it well from his stand point on average. He scored low but this applied to every sample. He was employed by the Association on recommendation of Roy Smith who is a student at Ames. He gave all a square deal and nothing more could be desired.

In the township contest for the big \$100 cup the following scores were recorded, and Canton township won as usual:

CANTON TOWNSHIP. J. W. Brenner 82, Roy Millage 80, A. M. Ringheim 79, M. O. Mickelson 79, D. F. Frame 79, Geo. Thinglum 78. Total score 4774. NORWAY TOWNSHIP. Ben Sundvold 81, Theodore Sundvold 78, John Evenson 76, Theodore Gubrud 71, Ludvig Eidsness 70, C. S. Paulsen 67. Total score 4454. HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP. Paul Kleppe 78, Erik Skamfer 75, Ernest Axelsson 70, A. Millage 70, George Carter 70, T. R. Brynjulson 69. Total score 4351-2.

The above scores look discouraging as compared with former years, but the scorer, as before stated, started with a low average and this accounts for the low score.

A good many of the old corn men were absent from the contest, and some had no time for the work and the deep snow frightened others, but Dave Lantaff was there to lay out Ben Wood or Jerry Reamer, and carry home their bacon prizes. Dave frightened Jerry out the game while Ben led Dave one point, but they were too far down the list to win bacon, and Dave said he didn't give two whoops in a snow bank so long as the other boys went home baconless.

There were many amusing and interesting events connected with the big show, but nothing called for closer inspection than the scores which are herewith appended:

BOY'S CONTEST SOUTHERN DISTRICT. Name Score, Marble Eidsmoe 91, Clark Eidsmoe 86, Frank Strand 83, Helmer Marken 80, Fred Harwood 80, Arthur Millage 79, Bert Sundvold 78, Noble Strand 78, F. Aslin 77, Oscar Thorson 76, Helmer Strand 76, Edgar Johnson 76, Howard House 76, Fenton Fockler 76, Joseph Millage 76, Johnnie Thorson 76, Walter K. Thomas 75, Orange Steensland 75, Willie Noonan 75, Elmer Johnson 75, Ernest Steensland 74, Tillman Larson 74, Sander Holsether 73, Clarence Evenson 73, Harold House 73, Chas. Prinslow 73, Earl Beckett 72, Taylor Wood 72, Helmer Stubstein 72, Gustav Walquist 72, Thoralf Eneboe 72, Ray Socolombe 72, Ivan N. Grinnell 71, Johnny Berggren 71, Stanley Fockler 71, Bert Osvo 70, Arthur Gubrud 70, Martin Penniston 70, Adolph Nelson 70, Chester Tate 69, Frank Combs 69, Oscar Thinglum 69, Harold Fockler 69, Chris Moen 69, Harry Anderson 69, Thorval Johnson 69, Carl Linder 69, Louis Grunning 69, Harold Sheldon 69, Albert Brynjulson 69, Ona Crowford 69, Henry S. Wiggin 69, Arthur Holz 69, Carl Slocombe 69, Elmer Kittleson 69, Phillip Rustin 69, Ralph Thorpe 69, Edwin Soderstrom 69, Harry Bergstrom 69, Palmer Hanson 69, Willie S. Osvo 69, Edward Holsether 69, Johnnie Patsche 69, Chas. Rust 69, Earl Noble 69, Albert Thorpe 69, Ole Moen 69.

Major E. O. Berg. Captain E. O. Berg of Company E, State Guardsmen, has been promoted to Major by Governor Vessey and assigned command of the Third battalion of the 4th regiment. Captain Berg was one of the most faithful and regular drill masters in the regiment and made his company the best in the command. His soldierly qualities brought him promotion and the LEADER is pleased to say that Governor Vessey found the right man for the position. His battalion consists of companies L, K, L and M.

MEN'S CONTEST NORTHERN DISTRICT. Name Score, Augustus Hoffman 87, Merrill Potter 79, Lawrence Dolthorp 76, Melvin Ulberg 76, George Carlson 75, Edward Shebal 74, Arthur Peterson 74, Richard Zimmerle 74, Oscar Ellen 74, Willie Shebal 73, Jerry Miller 73, Arthur Butenschoen 73, Howard Millage 72, Willie Oppold 72, Robert Shebal 71, Lee Robley 71, George Butenschoen 71, Tony Miller 71, Eddis Noetlich 70, Arthur Shebal 70, Thos. Wells 70, Johnnie Troyer 69, Harold Capps 69, John Hartman 69, Phillip Iversen 68, Clarence Trayer 68, Sam Tjaden 68, Albert Ertmoed 67, Henry Miller 67, Lars Larson 67, Oscar Payne 67, C. Hoegemeir 67, Harry Berghuis 66, Homer Richardson 66, Verlyn Brynes 66, H. F. Vaughn 65, Reuben Reichelt 65, Palmer Peterson 64, Geo. Janssen 63, Geo. Ertmoed 63, Wm. Nelson 63, Clarence Spencer 63, Morris Knutson 62, Nordahl Elster 62, Ernest Spencer 62, Name of party lost 61, Wm. Smeenk 62.

MEN'S CONTEST, 10 EARS. Name Score, J. W. Brenner 82, A. J. Wimple 81, B. Sundvold 80, Roy Millage 79, Andrew Ringheim 79, M. Mickelson 79, D. F. Frame 79, Theo. Sundvold 78, Paul Kleppe 78, Paul Bankson 78, Geo. Thinglum 78, Ole Steensland 77, W. L. Millage 77, C. Braithwaite 77, John Evenson 76, Peder Eliason 76, John Hanson 76, Erick Skamfer 75, Andrew Svarterson 75, Lewis Larson 75, John Ovre 74, John G. Lee 74, Frank M. Berg 73, Arthur Ingebretson 72, Ed. Nessa 72, John Gerber, Jr. 72, Rosen Ingebretson 72, J. O. Rikansrud 71, Theo. Gubrud 71, B. E. Wood 71, E. Axelsson 71, John Gerber Sr. 71, R. D. Millage 70, Ludvig Eidsness 70, Ed. Warner 70, S. Lantaff 70, Ed Carter 70, Chris Strand 70, J. R. Brynjulson 69, Wm. M. Miller 69, E. Penniston 69, G. J. Gerber 69, John Hanson 69, Jas. Stevenson 68, C. A. Odogaard 68, P. S. Paulson 67, Rier Rierson 67, Fred Ertmoed 66, M. J. Aus 66, Ole H. Lien 66, Otto Gerber 66, Jos. Ingebretson 65, S. A. Todd 62.

MEN'S SINGLE EAR CONTEST. The relative value of the ear was decided by number. 1. Ludvig Eidsness 70, 2. J. W. Brenner 70, 3. Andrew Ringheim 70, 4. A. J. Wimple 70, 5. John Gerber 70, 6. Roy Millage 70, 7. Theo. Sundvold 70, 8. M. O. Mickelson 70, 9. Paul Kleppe 70, 10. John G. Lee 70, 11. Paul Bankson 70, 12. J. O. Rikansrud 70, 13. Ed Nessa 70, 14. Ed D. Warner 70, 15. T. R. Brynjulson 70, 16. B. Sundvold 70, 17. Sander Brynjulson 70, 18. H. M. Mills 70.

Food is more tasteful, healthful and nutritious when raised with ROYAL BAKING POWDER. The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar. Absolutely PURE.

Correspondence

Inwood, Feb. 22, 1909.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson a son.

Miss Mae Anderson went to Sioux Falls last Saturday.

Miss Celia Foss was a Canton visitor last Saturday.

Miss Belle Holland from Augustana college spent last Sunday with her brother L. B. Holland.

Mrs. E. G. Johnson is visiting her sister in Oregon.

G. M. Anderson has sold his hardware business to George Dean, former of Canton now of Salem, who will take possession about June.

The Inwood High School will hold a basket social Feb. 28, in the school house.

The Young girls society is going to meet with Mrs. Gust Moen March 6.

Fourteen families gave Lars Lofsgaard a farewell party last Monday.

There were about 22 families in the party that gave Ramus Hanson a farewell party last Friday.

They gave them a handsome center table and had a good time. Mr. Hanson and family will make their home in Sioux City.

Gunder Anderson has gone to Hudson where he expects to help his son Ed in the harness shop.

Monroe Bankson left for Watertown last Tuesday.

Miss Edna Smith of Larchwood has been visiting her friend Miss Jennie Colvin for some time.

Sam Erickson of Postville, departed for his home last Tuesday morning after a visit with N. E. Nelson.

There was a prayer meeting at Mr. Hougeland's last Sunday night and it was well attended especially by the young people.

Bert Hougeland and wife left for their new home at Irene, S. D., Monday.

Mrs. L. Sivesind has been sick in bed for over a week. We hope she will recover soon.

Fairview.

February 24, 1909.

Mrs. Ida Henry and little daughter of Canton spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mat Lien.

Mrs. King of Artesian is visiting at the home of her son, Clyde H. King.

Several of the pupils have been absent from school on account of having the mumps.

A number of the Fairview young people drove out to the Kenison home Friday evening as a surprise on Will and Erving Kenison, and the boys were certainly surprised as it was after 10 o'clock when the crowd arrived, and they were not expecting company at that late hour. All were made welcome, and a splendid time was spent.

Ira Bartholomew, the reliable depot agent, sprained his ankle while handling freight last week, and has since been limping around, but is getting better.

Little Edith Pond was quite sick Saturday and Sunday.

A large new bell has been placed in the belfry of the Fairview Lutheran church. The bell has a sweet tone and will add much to the convenience of the church.

Martin Oversteth has returned from a business trip to Omaha and Lincoln.

Misses Alfa Hanson and Elsie Knutson were Hudson visitors Saturday.

Walter Stamp is clerking in Pond's drug store.

There was a meeting of farmers and business men of Fairview held last week for the purpose of considering a proposition to form a stock company so as to purchase the entire holding mill property and operate the mill.

Ira Bartholomew acted as chairman, and J. C. McCormick, secretary. A number of committees were appointed, some to draft by-laws, some to solicit stock and others to inspect the mill property. Another meeting will be held in the near future to transact further business.

A number of young people attended the dance given in Fairview Friday evening.

Miss Elsie Iseminger has been quite sick, but is improving at this writing.

Evening preaching service at 7:30 o'clock. Come to any of these meetings and you will receive a welcome.

The Canton Inaugural Celebration has been postponed on account of sickness of the chief actors.

The regular price of single admission tickets to the Lecture Course is 50 cents, but Prof. Berdahl through a mistake sold a few tickets to the Riis lecture for 50 cents. This explanation is made to satisfy those who learned of the difference.

Eivind Aakhus a prominent musician and a violinist of note entertained the Griegs last Tuesday evening. He played the old country music and between times told folklore.

Arthur Sogn of Norway returned from Day county Wednesday where he sold his half section farm and has bought the old homestead where he lives. He is deservingly of his splendid success.

LOVED WOMAN AT REST. Mrs. Eva Kennedy Dies Suddenly at Beloit Hospital.

Under the above heading we find the following notice in the Beloit (Wis.) Daily News, of February 16, giving details of the death of the late Mrs. Kennedy, whose body was brought to Canton last Friday and laid beside that of her husband in Forest Hill cemetery:

Mrs. Eva R. Kennedy, mother of Miss Evelyn Kennedy and Professor P. B. Kennedy of Beloit college, died early this morning at the Beloit hospital after a long illness of stomach trouble. Attacks of indigestion had been frequent with her for the past two years. She was taken to the hospital about six weeks ago but had been ill two weeks previous to that time. She appeared to be recovering slowly but two days ago she took a sudden turn for the worse. At 2:15 this morning she expired.

Eva Kowicz was born at Oshkosh November 25, 1854. Her husband passed away just twenty-two years ago this winter. With her two children she came to Beloit thirteen years ago. During the first five years of her residence here she lived in Chapin street and since that time at 636 Prairie avenue, in the home she had built for herself.

Decedent was a member of the First Congregational church and was everywhere held in the highest regard. At one time she was a member of the East End club. Her death will be mourned by a large circle of friends. In addition to her son, Phillip B. Kennedy, who is instructor of public speaking at Beloit college, and her daughter, Miss Evelyn, who is a teacher at the Beloit school kindergarten, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Anna R. Sheldon of Palo Alto, Cal., and by her mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Rowley, now living with her other daughter, Mrs. Sheldon. Mrs. Rowley formerly lived with Mrs. Kennedy during five years of her residence in this city.

Ever since the death of Ben Kennedy, his brother, Judge Kennedy of this city, has been guardian for the children, Philip and Evelyn, has so managed their property that it is now valuable and makes them independent.

Death of Mrs. Eliza Sheldon. The funeral of Mrs. Sheldon took place last Saturday from the home of her son-in-law, W. A. Kinsley, and was attended by relatives and old friends. The roads were in such a condition that it was difficult work to reach the cemetery.

Mrs. Sheldon was born at Little Falls, New York in 1835, and was married to W. J. Sheldon November 1, 1859. The husband and young wife came west to Waverly, Iowa, in 1866, and to Lincoln county in 1881, locating in Delaware township where Mr. Sheldon died March 2, 1890. Mrs. Sheldon was a noble christian woman who lived and died in the faith.

Mrs. Wilber A. Kinsley, Mrs. J. D. Hicks and a son Joseph over at White Lake were the chief mourners, to whom the LEADER extends sincere sympathy.

F. P. Fobz 25. L. P. March 12. Notice of Application for Probate of Will. State of South Dakota, In County Court, County of Lincoln.

In the matter of the Estate of Ervin Walrath, deceased.

The State of South Dakota sends greeting to Charles W. Walrath, Layton A. Walrath, and Ina F. Ferris, heirs next of kin of Ervin Walrath, deceased.

Pursuant to an order of said court, made on the 25 day of February, A. D. 1909, notice is hereby given that Monday, the 15th day of March, A. D. 1909, at 9 o'clock, a. m. of said day at the Court Room of said Court at the City of Canton, in the County of Lincoln, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the Will of said Ervin Walrath, deceased, and for hearing the said petition for probate thereof and the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon, when and where any persons interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated at Canton, South Dakota, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1909.

By the Court. HENRIK S. BROWNS, Judge of the County Court. G. O. OLSON, Clerk of County Court. C. O. KRANDSON, Attorney for Petitioner.

Dr. Rogers is back from Des Moines.

O. T. Helgerson is down from Butte county on business.

F. A. E. Goodroad after a two week's blockade in Iowa arrived home safe.

Mrs. Charles H. Rodenbach, nee Hackett, was a guest of Mrs. Linn on her way home to Parker Tuesday.

Ervin Walrath, aged eighty-one years died on the 18th inst. and was buried on Sunday, with an escort of Canton firemen.

Congregational services next Sunday Feb. 25 as follows: Morning worship at 10:45. Subject—"Christ's Coming Kingdom." Sabbath School at the noon hour. Young People's Meeting in Lecture Room at 7 o'clock

COOK WANTED AT ONCE. A competent woman cook for a family of four wanted by Mrs. Dr. Hummer at the Indian Asylum. Call or write at once.