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**Oratorical Contest.**

The preliminary contest of the local Prohibition League was held at the college chapel Tuesday evening Mar. 14. A large audience was present to hear the nine contestants. Their oratorical efforts were in every way a success, and the splendid attention during the entire program was evidence of the interest taken in it. The program was interspersed with several musical selections, rendered most pleasingly, and lending variety. The following is the program which was rendered:

Vocal Solo—"Invocation to the Sun God" Trayer, Naomi Nelson.  
Orations.  
"The Monster in Our Midst" Heimer Dybvig.  
"The Slavery of Today" George Anderson.

"The Porter of Hell Gate" Lily Iverson.  
"The Drunkard and the Home" George Stine.  
"Our Duty" Henry Helgeson.  
Vocal Solo—"Even Bravest Hearts May Swell" Faust, Melvin Juel.  
"Personal Liberty and the Liquor Traffic" Paul Reinertsen.  
"A South Dakotan's Duty" Leno Berg.  
"The Demand of the Age" Isaac R. Gronlid.  
"Our State and Prohibition" Arthur Flakoll.  
Piano Solo Luotie Wendt.  
Vocal Solo—"Amber" Naomi Nelson  
Cornet Solo—"Bohemian Girl" Elmer Edwards.  
The saloon question, which was the main issue discussed in this contest, was thoroughly discussed by all the

contestants in its various phases and from the various standpoints. Prohibition, both in South Dakota and the nation was dealt with, and it would have been well if it had been possible for more South Dakotans to have heard these orations. Proof was given that neither the state nor the nation would lose anything financially by taking the licensed saloon out of its midst. As it is, we suffer the shame of having it in our midst, and we will some day have to account for this.

The contestants all did very well, and the markings show that the contest was very close between several of the speakers. The delivery of all was very good, and they showed prospects of some day ranking as orators of which the state and nation may be proud.

Isaac Gronlid, the winner of first place, with his oration "The Demand of the Age" was very eloquent, and he placed before the people the demand of our age to eradicate the licensed saloon at our next election. Lily Iverson with her oration, "The Porter of Hell Gate," won second place, and she pointed out distinctly that if we let the porter once let us in thru the gate, it will be very difficult to ever get out again. So let us not allow him to open the gate, by permitting the saloon to exist. Miss Iverson spoke very distinctly and forcibly, and showed that the girls need never fear of ever "taking a back seat."

**The Operetta**

## "ARCTICANIA"

Will be given by a cast of  
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**FRIDAY EVE., MARCH 31st.**

**Comment need not be made on the other orations; suffice it to say that all did their best, and each one put up a splendid fight to convince the people that King Alcohol must be overthrown and the licensed saloon be forever eradicated from our midst.**

May God speed the day when we can, without a blush of shame, say that we helped this worthy cause!

Prizes were given to those receiving the four highest places. Ten dollars were given to the winner of first place, seven dollars to the winner of second, five dollars as a third prize and three dollars as a fourth.

The judges on thought and composition were Prof. T. A. Mason of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. Rev. Olaf Lysness of Vermillion, S. D., and Miss Young of the Canton High School. Those on delivery were Rev. A. J. Bergsaker of Dell Rapids, S. D., Attorney Lewis Larson of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Attorney J. O. Berdahl of Lake Preston, S. D.

The following is the markings of the judges:

Contestant	Total Rank	Final Rank
H. Dybvig	29	3
Geo. Anderson	37	8
Lily Iverson	16	2
George Stine	30	5
H. Helgeson	46	9
P. Reinertsen	32	6
Leno Berg	36	7
Isaac Gronlid	14	1
Arthur Flakoll	30	4

**Methodist Church**

The sermon last Sunday evening was certainly a rare treat. Dr. Jenkins presented the cause of the Veteran minister. His accounts of the trials and experiences of some of these early laborers and his plea for a more adequate provision for these heroes of the cross after their days of usefulness in the active service of the church was such as one only could give who spoke from experience. Next Sabbath morning the subject of the morning sermon will be "True Preparation." In the evening it will be "The Way of Exaltation." We were pleased to see such a large attendance of the country people last Sunday. Sabbath School had a nice increase last Sunday but the 300 hundred mark was not quite reached. Let us try and reach that mark next Sabbath. The Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. The young people are cordially invited. Subject "What New Work Ought Our League to Undertake."

Chris Erickson and family have moved up to Redfield where they will farm. Mr. Erickson called us up Friday evening so he could get his subscription fixed up before leaving town.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for their sympathy and beautiful flowers sent in our hour of sorrow.  
Mrs. J. F. Felley,  
Sons and Daughters.

**Warning.**

We wish to state that any person that mutilates school buildings or property in this city will be punished to the full extent of the law without fear or favor. Board of Education.

**No Trespassing.**

All persons seen trespassing on the Sam Thorson farm with guns or dogs will be prosecuted. Boys take warning. Guy O. Thompson. 41t3.

**Teachers Examination.**

Examinations for Second, Third and Primary Certificates will be given at Canton on April 6th and 7th. 41t2. H. M. Dale, Co. Supt.

**Piano At a Bargain.**

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**PEOPLE WE KNOW.**

**Items of Canton People and Others We Know Clipped from Our Exchanges.**

Ed Johnson and Miss Elsie Bucheister spent a couple of days in Sioux Falls the first of the week visiting at the home of the latter's mother and sister.—Beresford News.

A. O. Anderson and Mr. Rocksvold were at Canton Tuesday to attend the oratorical contest at Augustana College. Mr. Anderson's son George was one of the speakers.—Inwood Herald.

Mrs. H. F. Scott and Mrs. C. E. Wilcox returned yesterday to their homes at Canton, S. D., after spending a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Card, residing west of town.—Hawarden Independent.

C. T. Hegnes and wife have been at Canton several days this week where Mr. Hegnes has been attending a meeting of directors of the Augustana college corporation.—Baltic Minnehaha.

Oluf N. Lyng went to Canton Wednesday afternoon to visit his children at school there.

Prof. Oscar A. Gronseth, baritone and teacher of voice, of Canton, gave a pleasing concert in the Lutheran church at Fairview Sunday evening last, with Miss Elie Odgaard presiding at the piano and organ with credit. The attendance was good and the strictest attention was given every number through the entire evening. It is quite apparent indeed that the Professor has had extensive experience and training in the lines of his chosen field of labor.—Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skie and the two children left recently for Rochester, Minn., where they all submitted to an operation for the removal of the tonsils. This was quite an undertaking but they are all apparently doing well and will be back shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Storie have moved in the new cottage recently completed by Lamont Slaman. They occupied a few rooms above the Fokken store the past winter until Wednesday when they did their moving.—Lennox Independent.

Mrs. Gullik Twedt of Canton was visiting with Hudson friends the first of the week.

Peter Hegness he of the cheerful smile and the hearty handshake, came down from Canton and circulated among his many Hudson friends between trains on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Okey went to Canton on Saturday to attend the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Obel Ulrikson, the little one living only a few hours. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all in their loss.

The Misses Ita and Rena Hermanson, and their cousin, Miss Mabel Hermanson, of Watertown, S. D., who is a student at Augustana College, at Canton, came down on Saturday afternoon and visited at the Hermanson home in Eden township, the young ladies remaining until Monday evening, when they returned to Canton, having had a very enjoyable time.—Hudsonite.

Edw. M. Linde was up from Norway township Monday and announced that he had decided to become a candidate for the office of county commissioner from the First District. He has had considerable experience in business and consequently feels that he can give entire satisfaction to the people in the conduct of the affairs of the office and states that any support given him will be greatly appreciated. It is reported that there will be quite a fight for the office down in that district. Before leaving for home Mr. Linde called on the LEADER and made us richer by several dollars on subscription.

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**COURT CALLED NEXT WEEK.**

The Spring Term of Court Will Be Called Next Week But Nothing Exciting Expected. All the Prisoners Will Plead Guilty.

Following is a list of the cases appearing on the calendar:

Continued Criminal Causes.  
State of South Dakota vs. B. Viken  
State of South Dakota vs. C. Tyler  
State of South Dakota vs. John O. Reiners.  
Continued appealed criminal causes.  
State of South Dakota vs. Harm Eronnaga.

New criminal causes  
State of S. Dak. vs. Theophil Theurer  
" " " John Due and Richard Doe  
" " " A. G. Pond.  
" " " B. Akkermann.  
" " " Albert Pape.  
" " " C. A. Cruts  
" " " O. Groggham.  
" " " Case Kraayenbrink  
" " " W. E. Honsall and A. M. Justensen.  
" " " Frank Adams.

Continued civil jury causes.  
Glen Grote vs. Fred Smith.  
Security State Bank vs. Ed Bogge.  
The Prinz Biederma Co. vs. Trina Torgeson as Administratrix of estate of Thos. Torgeson, deceased.  
Continued civil appealed jury causes.  
D. M. Thomas, et al. vs. P. S. Wick Co., principal defendant vs. C. M. & St. P. R. R., garnishee defendant.

New civil jury causes.  
Lewis Lukken vs. Highland twp.  
John G. McLaughlin vs. C. M. Brewster, et al.  
B. F. Dav's vs. City of Beresford et al.  
Beresford State Bank vs. Willis E. Lane.

Appealed court causes.  
John Tollefson vs. First National Bank of Beresford.

New court causes.  
D. C. Frank vs. Lennox Milling Co.  
Pat King vs. Mary Ann McDermott

**High School Notes.**

The Teachers Club was entertained by the Misses Holmes and Tomland at the latter's home. Everyone reported a delightful time. The spring weather last Friday proved too tempting to a number who could not forbear skipping. This reminded them of the Friday half holidays we used to have.

We wish to correct the false report concerning Margit Wood in last week's issue. We are glad to note she is so much improved that she was able to be removed to Canton.

Miss Nettie Loomer visited school Tuesday. Do not forget the debates Friday evening March 24th. The Home Economics club will hold their next meeting Thursday evening, March 30th at 7:30 o'clock.

We would like to see more of the town ladies at our meetings. The following program will be given:  
Violin Solo..... Veta Goodroad  
Reading, "Margit Wood Plea"..... Margit Wood  
Vocal duet, Ruby Engeströmm and Lola Hansen  
Address.....Mrs. Ed. L. Wendt  
Demonstration "Uses of Knox Gelatine".....Palma Juel

Miss Johns and Miss Young honorary members of one of the classes entertained them a sumptuous 6 o'clock dinner last Friday evening. The color scheme was carried out in lavender and white, sweet peas and also in the place cards, at the table. During the dinner certain ones were called upon for toasts and everyone readily responded. After dinner the guests were invited to the parlor, where pictures were shown on a screen of them from infancy until the present day. After this more toasts, comical stories and music completed the program. The class declared they enjoyed this dinner more than any other event.

The Sioux Valley Power Co., have erected an immense steel smoke stack over the power house. They have the big new 240 horsepower Murray Corliss engine on its base and the new dynamo but it will be some time yet before they are ready for use.

P. L. Allen of Perry, Iowa, has been checked in as agent at the depot, as it will probably be some time before Guy Smith will be able to work. We forgot to mention also last week that Geo. Elton is back in the depot again.

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