

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Northwestern Iowa Oratorical Association Meets.

SCOTT SIEGEL, LE MARS 1ST

Representatives From Sac City, Storm Lake, Le Mars and Denison Take Part.

Friday May 24 was a great day for a goodly number of girls and boys attendant on institutions of learning located in the cities named above. It was the occasion of the twelfth annual contest of the Northwestern Oratorical Association. The contestants and their friends came during the day from out of town and in the evening the Germania hall was well filled with people anxious for the contest. Prof. Lee well known here came with the contestants from Sac City; Pres. Poling accompanied the LeMars boys, and was able to go home happy, and Pres. Campbell added his presence to encourage the students from Storm Lake. He had the honor of presiding at the contest. The orchestra gave two overtures; Rev. Stull made a most reverent invocation, and then the Misses Retta and Irene Van Ness gave a choice duet on the piano.

The first orator was Chas. Greenway of Storm Lake and he had a most fruitful subject in a review of the history of the Jewish people. They were the aristocrats of the race. They had preserved their religion and racial peculiarities despite fierce persecutions and the race would yet see better days. The oration showed hard work and was a most creditable production.

Miss Luverne Moffitt of the Denison college came next. She spoke for "Self-reliance" and made one of the best addresses of the evening. She spoke with perfect enunciation, her thought was excellent, and our people were well pleased.

Miss Maude Long of Sac City the only other girl among the contestants followed. She ably set forth that "Call of the Twentieth Century" was for men and women of honesty, courage of true Christian citizenship. She spoke as from the heart, and the production was a credit to her college and character.

Now came the young man who was to gain first honors, Scott Siegel of LeMars. His oration was on "The Jungle Continent" and was a beautiful eulogy on the life of David Livingstone the African explorer. He began with a word picture of the death of Livingstone in jungle Africa and portrayed his self sacrifice in bearing the hardships and finally giving up his life to make the dark continent known to the world. The results had been worth the pain and toil. In closing he gave a glowing picture of the Africa of the future.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sibbert of Denison now delighted the audience with a duet and were recalled. Their singing is simply entrancing, and our town is to be congratulated on having Mr. Sibbert and wife as residents. A surprise now awaited the listeners for John Foster of Storm Lake, had also chosen Livingstone for his hero and so there were two orations on the remarkable man. Mr. Foster treated the subject in a way to be most interesting. He went into the details of the different trips made by Livingstone in the sixteen years of his African explorations, of the death of his wife, his zeal which no difficulties could seem to dampen. He prayed for Africa and died for it. Mr. Foster had good delivery and was a favorite with the audience.

Earl Hoffman, the Swiss boy from Ricketts representing Denison came next with his oration on "The Evils of the Lobby in Legislative Bodies." He is but sixteen and a boy, beside the tall young men who preceded him. Such was his delivery that one of the judges marked him "one" of the entire eight. He urged that the times demanded less corruption. He advocated the election of U. S. senators by direct vote and called for civic righteousness.

The power of public opinion was ably set forth by Harry Corrie of Sac City. He had a fine voice and truly showed good oratory. He traced the power of public opinion in wresting the great Magna Charta from King John told in English history, and of what it had done in the other countries of Europe. As it was so powerful care must be taken to have it educated and right, and thus the duty of each citizen to work for this end.

The last speaker was Fred C. Mueller of Le Mars. He portrayed the evils of the polygamous Mormon

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HANS HAMANN WINS

Denison Amateurs Delight Their Large Audience.

ENTIRE CASTE IS GOOD.

Notable Absence of Poor Players Receives Favorable Comment—Firemen's Fund Increased.

Hans Hamann, German-American arrived at the opera house on Thursday evening. The play has received much favorable comment and the people were delighted with the players. The story is that of a German immigrant who is deceived by a smooth tongued capper to the office of Ketcham and Holdem, two wily Kansas real estate sharks. They sell the Germans land at a high price, taking mortgages for more than the real value. The new settlers go to work valiantly but the drouth spoils their crop and the hero Hans Hamann is forced to give up his home. In the meantime Holdem makes objectionable love to the stenographer of the office. Failing to win her by fair means he plots with the capper to make it appear that she has lost some valuable papers, that poverty and distress will drive her to him. In this he fails for the heroine leaves her employment rather than submit to his advances.

The scene shifts to Oklahoma at the time of the first opening for settlers when the land was allotted to the first person on the claim. All of the Kansas party are in the rush for new homes. Jerry, the capper who is repentant, overhears Ketcham and Holdem planning to seize a quarter which they believe to be the location for a townsite. He tells Hans Hamann the location and in the race Hans gets there first. Holdem is a close second and tries to drive Hamann off the land. Hans refuses to go and a brisk struggle ensues in which Holdem is knocked insensible. As he falls some papers drop from his pocket among which Hamann sees the note which it was claimed had been lost. He replaces it in Holdem's pocket, confident that if he has carried it there that long he will continue to do so. The scene reverts to Kansas, Holdem boasts that although

Hans got the quarter, the townsite will not be there and that it is very poor farm land. Jerry volunteers the information that oil prospects have been discovered on the land however while Holdem laughs at the idea. Kate the former stenographer enters and Holdem renews his advances, again repulsed he, grows desperate and accuses her of having stolen the note. At this moment Hans rushes in waving a telegram announcing that oil has been discovered on his land. Amid the general rejoicing he notices that Kate does not join. She tells him of Holdem's accusation and he turns on the rascal and compels him to produce the note. After this the way is cleared for the happy denouement. The comedy is furnished by the love making of Jerry and Gretchen the rosy cheeked, flaxen haired daughter of one of the immigrant party, by Jestis Witherspoon a pompous old sinner who aids the real state men in their schemes, by George the old darky servant and by the German picnic scene in which the Germans and their friends enjoy themselves with refreshments, laughter, songs and dancing.

Waldo E. Kahler took the title role of "Hans Hamann". He looked the part and his acting was real art. Many in the audience were moved to tears as Hans poured out the story of his hardships and prayed that the rain might come to save his little home. The part was well sustained throughout, not once was the dignity of the role forgotten and in the scene of the fight he rose to heights which would have done credit to a professional of high rank. We believe that Mr. Kahler could make a great success as an actor had he chosen that as his profession.

The part of Kate the heroine was taken by Mrs. Grace Sprecher. The role is an emotional one, the most difficult of the dramatic art. Mrs. Sprecher took the role with feeling, expression and good taste. She did not over do it, neither did she fail to rise to make the most possible out of every situation. She showed wonderful control of her voice and all of her lines were splendidly read.

Mr. Ray Friend assumed the role of Holdem, the villain of the play. In many ways his was the most difficult character to portray. It was his business not to incite any sympathy for himself and we can say to his

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READY FOR BUSINESS

Ball Team Commences Season in Earnest.

THREE GAMES SCHEDULED

Auburn Plays Here Memorial Day Two Games Billed for Next Week

Games Now Scheduled

Thursday May 30th.....Auburn
Tuesday June 3.....Dunlap.
Friday June 5.....Vail.

The above games will take place, at the Denison home grounds which are now nicely fenced and supplied with a suitable grand stand.

The game with Auburn on the afternoon of Memorial Day promises to be a good one. Auburn has a fast team. Last week it beat Odebolt 6 to 2. It will play the Sunday games at Lake View this season. Denison has been strengthened by the addition of Hart Roberts who is a fine all round player and the boys are counting on making three straight victories in the next ten days.

The Official Opening

The official opening of the base ball season will not take place until next Tuesday. There will then be big doings. The band will play and Mayor Carey will toss the first ball over the plate in approved league style. Dunlap is to be the victim Tuesday and he boys say they are going to give it to them good and plenty.

Friday is Vail's Turn

The Denison boys can say what they please, but the real object of the Denison team this season is to beat Vail. They would like to take Carroll into camp too—but Vail is their real meat—if they can get it. Vail boys are all right and we like them but they are entirely too presumptuous—The idea of Vail having a ball team that can lick all out doors. They usually can and that is why Denison is m-a-d.

Vail started on the toboggan by losing to Manning, but on the same day Denison swallowed a beautifully poached goose egg dished up by Dunlap, so honors are easy. Nevertheless it is the main object of the Denison team to beat Vail, and it is the main object of the Vail boys to pound the

county seat into the mud—Hence Friday's game will be worth attending. With the substantial backing that has been given the Denison team it is expected that the management will keep things going at a lively pace from now until the end of the season.

ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS

Footings of First National Reach Nearly 3-4 of a Million Mark.

The First National Bank of Denison makes another splendid showing in the statement published in this issue. The total deposit are close to the half million mark and the grand totals are nearly a quarter of a million more. In this county strength and stability might well be defined by the simple expression "First National Bank of Denison."

WILL BE MARRIED FRIDAY

Young Milford Township Farmer will Take Fair Bride.

On Friday will occur the wedding of Mr. Herman Finneran, a prosperous young farmer of Milford township and Miss Catherine Schneider, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schnieder of Denison township. The ceremony will take place at the home of the groom, three miles north of Denison, Rev. W. A. Frese officiating. In the evening the young couple and their friends will enjoy a dance and a good time at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Finneran will at once commence housekeeping and we can but wish them every happiness in their new relation. Both are well known and have a wide circle of friends won by their upright characters.

UNDER QUARANTINE.

Carl, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weise is dangerously ill with what is said to be diphtheria croup. Some time ago he was stricken with measles, from the effects of which he did not fully recover.

The home was placed under quarantine today and it is reported that the little fellow is in a dangerous condition.

Teddy Bears at Johnsons.

Carl Moenk was an Omaha visitor over Sunday.

Flags of all sizes can be obtained at the Racket store, cheap for Decoration Day.

You ought to try a sack of
Wizard Flour
Everybody uses it
\$1.35 per sack

Send us your orders for
fresh Berries, Fruits,
Vegetables.
Our stock is always
fresh.

Geo. Menagh & Co.

WE PAY CASH FOR BUTTER AND EGGS
Broadway and Main Street Denison, Iowa.

White Lead.
Boiled and Raw Linseed oil. Greases of all kinds.
Our stock is complete.

Garden Tools Refrigerators
Everything in the hardware line.

GROCERIES :: Broadway.

Talk is cheap, but when it comes to selling goods at the very lowest prices. We are the people that can do it. All we ask is a comparison of quality and prices and we are confident that we will sell you the goods. Every article we sell carries our guarantee with it, because we buy nothing but first class merchandise, and therefore every article we buy is guaranteed to us.

Prunes, extra quality, per lb..... 7c
Tomatoes, extra standard solid pack, per can..... 10c
Soap, best laundry, full 12 oz. bars, 7 bars for..... 25c
Brooms, 3 sewed and made from good quality corn, each..... 24c
Others ask 30c for brooms no better.

Salmon, now is the time to buy your canned fish, per can..... 10c
Peas, good grade, per 2 lb. can..... 10c
Peaches, yellow crawford, per 3 lb. can..... 15c
Our teas are gaining in popularity every day. Why? Because we sell teas that suit the taste and at prices that are great money savers.

\$1.00, 70, 60, 50, 40 and 30c per lb.

Our Wizard Coffee is the coffee that "takes the cake" when it comes to quality. Being sold at a price to suit every pocket book. Coffees no better than this sell for 36c per lb. Try a package, per lb..... 25c

WASHING MACHINES.

Are your washing days the days you dread? After your washing is done are you entirely tired out? We can make this day as easy as any other day in the week if you will get one of our new F. K. washing machines. These machines are made with a high speed heavy balance wheel, so that when the wheel gets started it has enough momentum so that a child can very easily run a machine full of clothes.

Call and look over our line of washing machines before you buy. Our prices are money savers to you. Anything else you need in the laundry necessities will be found in our stocks.

Wash tubs, Clothes baskets, Scrub brushes
Mop, Wash boards, Clothes lines, etc., etc.

LADIES' JACKETS

In order to clean up our line of Ladies' Jackets in all styles, we have cut every garment 25 per cent. If you might be needing something in the wrap line by next fall, now is the time to buy. Call and give them a look the next time you are in town.

Regular \$10 and \$12
Jackets, now..... **\$7.89**
Regular \$5.50 and \$9
Jackets, now..... **6.48**
Regular \$7 and \$8
Jackets, now..... **5.48**



Underwear, Hosiery, Neckwear etc

Our line of muslin underwear is larger than any we have ever before shown. Our prices are the very lowest.

Corset Covers, trimmed with lace, each..... 25c
Skirts, beautifully trimmed with val lace or swiss embroidery, each..... \$3.50 and \$3.98
Gauze vests, good grade, each..... 12c
Gauze pants, per pair..... 50 and 25c

In hose we have the best. All kind, tan, gray, black and white, in lace and embroidery. Our lines of collars, belts and hand bags, contains all the very latest ideas and most popular shapes of the season. Our prices on these lines will surprise you.

SUMMER DRESS GOODS

Tan and light grey plaid Opalescent silk, per yd..... 60c
Fancy check silks, per yd..... 60c
Bag-dad costume silk, in grey, black and white check, yd..... 50c
Pink and tan silk Mulls, per yd..... 55c
White and figured lawns, per yd..... 10 to 35c

Seed Potatoes

Just received a carload of seed potatoes. The very best kinds and the choicest stock. Buy while they last.

\$1.00 per bu.

SHOES--Broadway.

If you need a new pair of shoes and want to get a right up to date style and a pair that will wear, give us a trial. We have nothing but the best grades and guarantee every pair of them.

Our prices on Gents' oxfords are certainly money savers. Our line of Ladies, low cuts is complete. In children's low cuts we are second to none. SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY.

HARNESS. Main St.

Will you need a new driving harness? We carry the largest line of single and double driving harness in this section of the country. Anything you want is found in our stock, and our prices are always lower than anybody else on strictly high grade, hand-sewed harness. Our stock of harness sundries is always complete.

Bits of all kinds, Buckles and Snaps, Sweat Pads, Buggy and cattle Whips, Lap Robes, Saddles, Collars, etc.

Remember us when you need anything in gasoline stoves. Our prices are always the lowest. Call and look our line over.

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Men's Straw and Felt Hats

Our line is complete. Big, small, new and every-day styles. Be sure and see our line if you want an up-to-date hat.

Prices from 10c to \$3.50.

Sunbonnets

If you have none, its time you was getting one. We have them in all shapes and colors from

12c up.

The prices we sell our Gent's Underwear and furnishing goods for are money savers