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FINE LECTURE IS POORLY ATTENDED

Sidney Landon, Who Appeared in Denison Last Thursday Gave Delightful Lecture—Attendance Small.

SCHOOL ABANDONS THE COURSE
Not a Single Evening on Which Entertainments Were Given Free From Counter Attractions.

Sidney Landon, who appeared in Denison last Thursday evening as the closing number of the lecture course, presented a most interesting and charming study of some of the most noted men of literary fame. As he lectured, in a half humorous and half serious vein, he rapidly and with skill donned his "makeups" of the various characters portrayed, and as each picture was completed merely by change of lines in the face, wig, and the attitude of the speaker, he presented some choice bit of prose or poetry which had won laurels for its author. It was a disappointment to many of the audience that on account of counter attractions of the same evening the program commenced at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock, a fact which was not generally known before the entertainment. Many missed a greater part of the program as it was somewhat shortened also. The program was an excellent one, the characterization of Victor Hugo shortly before his death requiring perhaps the greatest art in its presentation. Sidney Landon is an artist in his line and the program was much appreciated by the audience.

It is with regret that we learn that the high school will not undertake the lecture course another year. Some companies of high merit have been presented during the past season by the management, but not a single evening on which the entertainments were given has been free from other attractions which have greatly decreased the size of the audiences and the receipts at the door. It is a most difficult matter to secure good talent for the lecture course if the size of the audience does not warrant the large amount of money which is necessarily expended upon the best companies. We hope that some organization of the city will see fit to undertake the course another year as the numbers are a most beneficial addition to the community. If a course is secured we wish to urge the people of the city to stand by the management in order that the best of talent may be secured.

Fourteen pages in this issue of the Review and every one of them a five news page.

NEEDS \$200,000 FOR BRIDGES.

County Engineer Fishel Says It Will Be Necessary to Expend Large Amount for Standard Roads.

County Engineer H. B. Fishel informs us that it will be necessary to expend \$200,000 for bridges to get the present county road system up to standard. This amount will be necessary to replace the old wooden bridges and culverts with concrete and pony truss bridges and culverts of a permanent kind which are approved by the state highway commission. Some of the bridges and culverts are in good condition and the county engineer says that \$60,000 of the amount mentioned above need not be expended for several years. At present there are in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty miles in the county road system.

SLIGHT EVIDENCE OF POLLUTION

Chemical Analysis of Water From One of the City Wells Made by Professor Albert.

Mr. M. J. Burke recently sent a sample of water from the city well which is supplying Denison, to the laboratory at the State university at Iowa City for a test. Mr. Burke received a report on the sample sent today, which states that the water has slight evidence of pollution. The bacterial count is low, but the chemical factors, namely, high chlorine and high nitrates, remain. The laboratory advises that another sample of the water be sent in the near future for examination. At this time of the year when the ground is thawing it is a hard matter to keep shallow wells from becoming contaminated with sewage and it might be advisable for people to boil water for drinking purposes for a few weeks at least, and thus avoid danger. Of course when the new well is in use there will be little danger as the well will be so deep that there will be little chance for sewage to reach the water.

Hon. Carl F. Kuehnle was in Des Moines the latter part of the week and while there met a number of the Iowa editors who were attending the annual meeting of the Iowa Press association. The candidates for governor seem to realize the power of the weekly press of the state, for all of the candidates were on hand at the meeting getting acquainted with the scribes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heiden departed on Thursday last week for Potosi county, where they will spend some time visiting relatives. They expect to leave soon for Whittier, Cal., where they will make their future home.

BUSY TERM OF COURT IS ENDED

Busy and Very Successful Term of Court Closes—Many Cases Disposed of During Term.

BOOK-THESE CASE INTERESTING
Case of Thompson vs Kelly Results in Verdict for Mr. Kelly—Probate Calendar Up to Date.

The January term of the district court closed on Friday afternoon of last week after a busy and successful term. We do not recall a term of court for a long time where so many cases were disposed of as at the last term, which justifies the prediction that within a year or two the work of this court will be well in hand and cases can be tried within a reasonable time after they are brought.

The case of Rundlett vs The Great Western Railway company was called for trial and settled after the jury was called into the box.

The case of Bock vs Thede, a case arising at Manilla, was tried to a jury and proved to be a case of some interest. The suit was brought to settle a disputed account between the two parties, and continued for a couple of days or more when the jury retired and returned with a verdict for the full amount claimed by Mr. Bock. A motion for a new trial has been filed by the defendant, based upon alleged errors of the court and jury and also because of the claim of newly discovered evidence.

The case of Thompson vs Kelly, and the last jury case tried, was an action brought by Thompson against Kelly to cover commission for an alleged sale of real estate. In this case the jury returned a verdict against Thompson and for Mr. Kelly. Thompson sought to convince the jury that he had done something to facilitate the sale by Mr. Kelly, but the jury was not very much impressed with his claim and turned it down.

In the case of Pierce vs Caldwell, Farmers State Bank, Peters & Sons, proprietors of the bank, brought for an accounting, a decree of the court was rendered in favor of the defendant. This case was partially tried at a former term of court and finished at the last term when a decree was rendered.

A large amount of probate business was disposed of the last few days of the term, which brings the probate calendar up to date.

Wm. Clauson, of near Kiron, was in attendance at the Hunt Duroc sale Tuesday.

PROFESSOR EASTMAN RESIGNS.

Professor of Mathematics in Denison High Schools Resigns and Goes West Des Moines High

Prof. M. D. Eastman, who has been teaching mathematics in the high school for the past few years, tendered his resignation to the school board last week and the same was accepted. Professor Eastman has been engaged to teach mathematics in the west high school of Des Moines at a salary much greater than here in Denison and although he was under contract to teach here until June, the board felt that it would be doing him an injustice to hold him. Professor Eastman has made many friends during the time he has been in Denison and all were sorry to learn of his departure. Prof. S. E. Elliott, of Akron, Iowa, was appointed to fill the vacancy and he arrived in Denison this morning. Professor Elliott comes to Denison highly recommended.

MUIR-CHESTENSEN NUPTIALS

Mr. Andrew Muir and Miss Beth Chestensen Reported Married at Mason City Monday.

It is reported that Andrew Muir and Miss Beth Chestensen were married at Mason City on Monday of this week, but the report cannot be verified at the home of either of the young people. They departed Sunday morning without even giving their immediate friends the slightest hint that they were even to take place. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Muir, and for the past few months has been driving the express wagon. Saturday he asked Mr. H. A. Carpenter, the local agent, for a week's leave of absence and made arrangements with Victor Selander to attend to his duties while away. Miss Chestensen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chestensen and has been teaching a rural school near Kenwood. Their many Denison friends are anxious to learn whether or not there is any truth to the report of their marriage.

Guy F. Nixon was brought before the county insane commission Saturday morning at the court house and after a careful investigation had been made he was adjudged of unsound mind and was taken to the state hospital at Clarinda by Deputy Sheriff Costello that afternoon. Mr. Nixon is about thirty years of age and only a short time ago was released from the hospital at Clarinda. It is believed that his trouble is only temporary and that he will be able to return home in a short time.

Mr. O. A. Patterson is confined to his home this week on account of a severe attack of the grippe.

LAST OF THREE BROTHERS GONE

Death of Mr. Louis Romans Occurs Friday, February 11th, After a Long, Lingering Illness.

CHILDREN ARE LOYAL TO LAST
Preceded to Great Beyond by His Wife Some Five Years Ago—Seven Children Left to Mourn.

Mr. Louis Romans, a resident of Crawford county for more than thirty years, died at his home in this city on the afternoon of Friday, February 11th, at the age of 64 years, 6 months and 11 days. The news of the death of Mr. Romans did not come as a surprise to his many friends and acquaintances in the county, as it followed an illness of four or five years' duration, during which time there has been a gradual decline and for the past few months he has been growing rapidly weaker. He had suffered much and his illness was such as to render him almost helpless. It would have been necessary for him to have remained in his home had it not been for the constant and tender care given him by his loved ones who made it possible for him to be up town almost every day. The attention shown him by his sons was appreciated greatly by Mr. Romans. Since the death of his wife his sons, Mr. Brown Romans, and wife have been living with him and it is through their efforts that the last few years of his life were made most pleasant. The death of Mr. Lou Romans removes the last of the three brothers who for the past thirty years or more, had a large part in the affairs of Crawford county and of the city of Denison.

The deceased was the son of Ellsha and Elizabeth Knight-Romans, and was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 7th day of August, 1851. He moved to Clinton county, Iowa, with his parents when five years of age and when but seven years old his father departed this life. Thus, early in life, he became a sharer in the toils and hardships brought upon the family by the death of his father. After residing in Clinton county for a few years he moved to Harrison county, where he lived for some time. While living there he was united in marriage to Minerva A. Howland on the 23rd day of August, 1878. From Harrison county they moved to Neola, Iowa, where they resided for a year and a half, then moving to Charter Oak, in this county, to make their permanent home. For seventeen years Mr. Romans was engaged in business at Charter Oak. He took an active interest in politics and was one of the influential business

men of that place. About twelve years ago the family moved to Denison to occupy a beautiful home here and to enjoy the relationship of brothers and friends. Five years passed quickly and happily. Then came the great sorrow of his life. While he and Mrs. Romans were spending the winter in California she was stricken with apoplexy, which resulted in her death five hours later, March 16, 1911. The passing of his devoted wife, the companion of thirty-five years, was a bereavement from which he never recovered. She had been the stay and life of his home. After her death he was never again the same man, broken, hearted and broken in health, he suffered a gradual decline until death as a merciful messenger released him from sorrow and suffering. Mr. Romans was a christian man, having been converted early in life, and since that time held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Denison by transfer from Charter Oak July 31, 1904.

Seven children are left to mourn the death of Mr. Romans, they being as follows: Alban Roscoe, Louis Brown, Cleighton G., Mrs. Bertha E. Cline, of Aberdeen, Wash.; Mrs. Edna M. Milligan, of Sioux City; Guy E. and Robert Melvin. All of the children with the exception of Mrs. M. J. Cline, who resides in Washington, were in attendance at the funeral.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Boyd, pastor, officiating, after which the remains were laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

The Review joins with the many old friends of this esteemed citizen in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved children in their hour of sorrow.

Thomas A. E. Lally, of Spokane, Wash., was selected as the vice-president of the new World Life Insurance company at Spokane a few days ago. This is certainly a great victory for Mr. Lally, and his friends here will be delighted to hear of the fact. It simply means that this young man will be at the head of this large institution in a short time. He has been for some time the legal counsel of the company, which is the largest financial institution in Spokane. It has a capitalization of a million, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars and a surplus of five hundred thousand dollars.

It is said that Mr. Lally will be coming east before long to look after some business of the company, when it is hoped he will visit Denison. The Review is pleased to hear of the success of young men who were raised in Denison.

J. W. Rousch, of Dunlap, was in Denison yesterday transacting business.

HOME TALENT BEFORE FOOTLIGHTS

Big White Minstrel Show to Be Produced on Thursday and Friday Nights of This Week.

BENEFIT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Speculation As to Who Takes Leading Roles—Entertainment in Three Parts—Plan to Attend.

From all reports the home talent minstrel show, which will be given at the Germania opera house Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, promises to be the best home talent affair ever given in Denison. The forty people who take part in the show have been at work on their roles for several weeks and during the past ten days rehearsals have been held almost every evening. Mrs. Plummer, an expert in her line, is here directing the talent, and she is more than pleased with the progress that is being made. The entertainment is being given for the benefit of the Denison Athletic Field association, and it is hoped that the proceeds after all expenses are paid will go a long way towards wiping out the indebtedness of the association. Tickets for the Thursday evening entertainment were placed on sale Monday at the Schlumberger pharmacy and it looks as if every seat will be sold before night.

There is considerable speculation as to who are going to take leading roles in the minstrel show, but nothing has been given out. We have it from those in close touch with the affair that a number of our leading citizens will appear for the first time on the stage and a few of the characters who took Denison by storm in the "County Fair" two years ago will participate in the minstrel show. The entertainment is in three parts with farces, specialties, songs, dances and a grand finale. It will be one of the biggest attractions that Denison has put on for years and one that every citizen should attend.

Three cars of a freight train on the Illinois Central railroad were derailed near the stock yards in Denison Monday night. The exact cause of the accident is not known, but it is believed that one of the brake shoes came loose and fell on the track, causing three of the cars to leave the rails. It was fortunate that the accident occurred just where it did or train service would have been greatly hampered, but all trains were run over the sidetrack around the derailed cars. The wrecking crew from Ft. Dodge arrived early Tuesday morning and everything was cleared up so that trains are now running over the main line.

:-: A Foretaste of the Charm and Beauty of the New Spring Fashions :-:

There are distinctive style features for spring that we are sure you will be anxious to see as early as possible.

This week's advance showing of spring suits and coats is your first opportunity to get acquainted with the new spring vogue.

That our showing of spring garments might include the most authoritative styles we have arranged this remarkably attractive and complete collection of **Wooltex Suits and Coats**, the leaders of American fashions.



Refined Calling Suit 4990
Quiet elegance, exquisite tailoring and choice materials make this a most attractive model. Self cords form belt effects; flares sharply below the waist in soft, rippling plaits. Embroidered pongee collar. Full skirt shirred at the back. Becoming to all figures.



Smart Utility Coat 4470
Utility coat for misses and young women. Refined, stylish model with characteristic fitting perfection of Menagh coats. Has embroidered natural linen collar; yoke and wide box plaits in back; cloth belt; bell sleeves. In plain colors and checks.

This early showing of Menagh tailored suits and coats is an important event to every woman who takes pride in her personal appearance.

By an inspection of these new Menagh models you will gain an intimate acquaintance with the correct styles.

And even though not ready to buy just now, we know you will be glad to see the first presentation of the new modes.

Coats priced from \$25 to \$35
Suits priced from \$15 to \$35

Specials in Our Dry Goods Department Thursday, Friday, Saturday

- Yard wide striped fleece shirtings priced at 7 1/2c a yard.
- Sash curtain material with lace and hemstitched edges. Priced at 10c a yard.
- Fast color 6-cord cordonette for crocheting and tatting specially priced at 8c a ball.
- A full line of CMC mercerized crochet cotton just received. All sizes and colors at 10c a ball.

Special for Saturday Only
36-inch genuine bleached Lonsdale muslin priced at 9c a yard.
A limit of 10 yards to each customer.

Menagh's

In Our Shoe Dept.

If you wish to get the best in men's footwear try our Williams-Kneeland dress shoes for men. Ask to see our Princeton last, the very latest idea in the rubber-soled shoe with the leather shank. Shown both in gunmetal and dark tan. Priced at \$5.50.

For the more conservative dressers we have the Banker and the Senator lasts. Priced at \$5 and \$5.50. Other makes \$3 and \$4.50.