MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

SIMON HIRSCH IS CALLED BY DEATH

Pioneer Clothing Merchant and Resident of City More Than Half Century Goes to His Reward.

BEGINS CAREER AS CIGARMAKER

Works Alongside Samuel Gompers of Shop in New York After His Arrival From Native Land.

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HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS IN BIG PRODUCTION

Tomorrow evening will see the staging of the largest production ever attempted by the Moline high school, "Dido, Queen of Carthage," to be given under auspices of the Latin club, with assistance of the music department. The play will be put on in the high school auditorium and will commence at 8. The production is taken from Virgil's Aeneid and has been translated and arranged by Frank Justus Miller of Chicago. Following is the cast that has been selected:

Aeneas, prince of Troy ..... Alfred Lindblom
Achates, friend of Aeneas ..... Joseph Walker
Iliona, a Trojan lady ..... Francis Plumbeck
Dido, queen of Carthage ..... Lottie Hastings
Anna, sister of Dido ..... Barbara Gaze
Barce, nurse to Dido ..... Christina Haney
Iopas, Carthaginian minstrel ..... Donna Pilson
Iris, queen of Juno's, fourth to Troy ..... Josephine Walker
Venus, mother of Cupid, goddess of love ..... Elizabeth Vernon
Cupid, son of Venus and god of love ..... Julia Spring
Ascanius, son of Aeneas ..... Gertrude Wood
Four attendants to Dido
Twenty-five soldiers, Girls gym club.
Fifteen courtiers.
Five soldiers.
Seven servants.
Seven Trojans.
Eleven peasants.
Dogs (live dog)

The play has its setting about 1300 years before Christ.

Following is a synopsis of the play:

Aeneas, a Trojan boy, and Achates, his friend, are exploring a strange and unknown country. Across the which land their ships have been driven by a furious storm. They have wandered about on this land for six long years because of the wrath of Juno, goddess who is hostile to Troy. As they listlessly wander about this strange country they meet Venus, the goddess of love. Venus is the mother of Aeneas but because of her disguise as a huntress, her identity is concealed. They inquire as to their whereabouts and who the inhabitants of this unknown land are on which they have so mercilessly been cast. They are told the story of Dido, queen of Carthage, of how this feminine monarch had fled from Lyre, with a few intimate friends, because of a dream in which she was warned of the danger of her presence near her brother, Pygmalion, who murdered her husband. Of how this band of exiles found the city of Carthage with Dido as their queen.

Venus enwraps two of the strangers, Aeneas and Achates, in a thick cloud of smoke and they proceed to the city. Wonderful is the spectacle that they behold as they approach the city. In their eagerness they dismantle the clouds of smoke and present themselves to the queen, who graciously welcomes them. Aeneas, according to the Greek custom, presents the queen with rich and wondrous gifts.

The gods are eager that Aeneas and Dido become man and wife and conspire. Dido gives a banquet for the guests, and Cupid assumes the form of Ascanius, son of Aeneas, and shoots his mischievous darts of love into the heart of Dido. Thus Dido was loving two men at once. Aeneas and her dead husband, as it was the custom to worship a dead member of the family like a god. She draws the curtain of her former love and decides in love Aeneas. But Aeneas is reminded by the gods of his duty to leave the land, in the morning, and to continue the quest of promise, is reached, and found the Latin race. Nor an instant does he hesitate, but decide sailing on leaving immediately. Dido should wife, she, but he does not heed. Broken hearted, Dido decides upon death and stabs herself.

The play is to be rendered in Sorbian. The Latin department will be assisted by the Latin clubs. Reserved seats at 75 cents and general admission at 50 cents will be on sale today.

MOLINE OBITUARY

Andrew Anderson.

Andrew Anderson, 1225 Blackhawk avenue, died at 1:45 this morning. The funeral will be held at 2 Sunday afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. F. Bergstrom. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

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MANY SEE ATHLETIC MATCHES AT THE Y

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Boys Judge Cers.

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CASTS CHOSEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS

Selection of the casts for plays to be given by the junior class of the Moline high school every month [illegible] has taken place and rehearsals will commence at once. Following is the cast for the junior play at Whitney's in January, and rehearsals will commence at once. Following is the cast for the junior play at Whitney's in January:

Mrs. Martin ..... Selma Gustafson
Mrs. Stacy ..... Frances Wilson
Polly ..... Charmaine Maxwell
Mrs. Jackson ..... Johnson

"Cross Purposes" is the other play and for this the following cast has been named:

Dennis Coughlan ..... Carl Sellers
Julian von Blumenthal ..... Gladys Chapman
Chauncey Keene and Kensington Jones—Clarence McKamie
Lady Thirza von Blumenthal ..... Margaret Hunnicutt
Dorothy, Duchess of Penrose—Phyllis Chapman.

The selections were made by preliminary events.

PROGRAMS GIVEN BY EAST MOLINE PUPILS

An interesting program is being given this afternoon in the auditorium of the East Moline township high school, the occasion being the close of school activities for two weeks. A feature of the entertainment is an all-girl drill, the numbers being arranged in Japanese different countries.

As a meeting of the high school pupils was assembling, the [illegible] Thomas Hoche was started acted but and Mr. Steel Carlwright was called upon for a speech. [illegible]

A laudable game between the girls of East Moline and Hippie will take place at 7 this evening and the East Moline boys are scheduled to meet the Buffalo-Prairie team after the girls' contest.

BASEBALL MEN TO MEET.

Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western Baseball association will be held in the city court room at the Moline city hall at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, at which time directors for the coming year will be named and other business will be transacted. Within the present month there will be a meeting of the present board for the winding up of all business of the 1916 season, preparatory to the submitting of reports at the annual meeting.

NYBERG WILL LOSE TOES.

Carl Nyberg, the Burlington railroad employe who was brought to Moline from Barstow yesterday morning with frozen limbs, as a result of a night lying in a cornfield, has regained consciousness. It now seems probable that he will lose the toes from both feet.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

INSTITUTE NAMES OFFICERS LATER

Rock Island County Farmers Conclude Their Gathering at Port Byron—More Prizes Awarded.

IS VOTED A DECIDED SUCCESS

Business for Year to Be Disposed of at a Meeting to Be Held During Winter in Hillsdale.

(Special to The Argus.)

Port Byron, Dec. 15. It was an enthusiastic body of men and women who returned to their homes in all parts of Rock County last evening following the close of the Rock Island County Farmers' Institute in Port Byron. The need for improved agricultural conditions in this district has been forcibly impressed upon them by the several speakers. The farmers of this section of Rock County will hereafter have an organization. Mike Brennan's land is dearly and naturally state in the country. As a result of addressing officers put up for the year and a quick, who managed the affair, the institute was a decided success. There was nothing to do in the way of entertainment.

Discussion was resumed to postpone the business session until the next meeting, which will be held this winter probably in Hillsdale. At that time it will be determined where to hold the next institute. Officers will also be set out at that time and the business will be passed on to men in the lower end of the county.

The display of machinery shown at Port Byron was equal to a similar exhibit in the past. Mrs. Kate Dunham [illegible] the prize for the best [illegible] Mrs. Dunham [illegible] the prize for the best [illegible] Mrs. Dunham [illegible] the prize for the best [illegible] Mrs.