

Leaders of Nebraska High School Debaters' League



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Amelia Hamil

Louis Wirth

Howard Aikman

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, May 4.—Picked debaters from the twelve high schools which have won district championship honors in the Nebraska High School Debating League this year will compete at the University of Nebraska next Saturday morning, May 13, High School Debate days in the ninth annual state debate of the league, which is the largest organization of its kind in the United States. Since last fall students in over eighty schools have been studying on the subject of "Preparedness." The debaters in the twelve districts into which the state is divided began in February, and the schools which were awarded first honors in the several districts send representatives to the state debate.

"Resolved, That congress should substantially adopt the recommendations of the secretary of war and the navy for increased armament," is the proposition the twelve debaters will discuss. The league was organized in 1908 by Prof. M. M. Fogg of the university with a membership of thirty schools.

The judges of the state debate will select the first, second and third best debaters. Brief sketches of the contestants follow:

The Central district will be represented by Melvin Wilson, senior in the Clay Center high school, in which he has taken high rank as a scholar, and which he has represented in league debates for three years. In athletics he is also a leader—a letter-man in foot ball (team captain for two years), base ball, basketball and track.

The representative of the Eastern district and of the South High school, Omaha, will be Louis Wirth, a native of Germany, who was graduated from the public schools of Germany, and who entered the South High school in 1912. He is a member of the senior class. This is his first year in the debate.

The debater who will represent the East-Central district will be Lawrence Slater, a member of the junior class in

(the Lincoln High school). He has been prominent in class activities—was the first president of his class, took part in the junior play, and has been a member of the Chiononian Debating society since his freshman year. He won the first prize this year in the prohibition public-speaking contest. This is his first year in debating.

The Northern district will be represented by Edgar Carlson of the Valentine High school. He ranks high in scholarship. This is his first year in debating.

The Oakland High school, champion of the Northwestern district, will send in the state debate Miss Amelia Hamil of the senior class. As a scholar, her work is very high. She was a member of the Bloomfield debating team, which won second honors in the district last year.

Marion B. Stahl, a junior in the West Point High school, will represent the North-Central district. In scholarship his rank is excellent, and he is prominent in athletics. This is his first year in the debate work. The team won by unanimous decision of the judges.

The Sidney High school and the Northwestern district will be represented by Ralph Perso, who ranks high as a scholar. He entered the high school from Dalton, Neb. He is a member of the senior class.

The Nelson High school, which took first honors in the Southern district, will be represented by William Reynolds, who has taken very high rank as a scholar and a leading place in various school activities. In annual training he won three first prizes at the state fair, in dramatics he has been a leader. In the Olympics last fall he took the leading role, and in the senior class he will have a leading part. In scholarship he ranks either first or second in his class. This is his first year. Nelson has been a member of the league.

The representative of the Southeastern district will be Gwendolyn Connely of the Auburn High school, son of Rev. E.



Nellie Schwab

J. T. Connely. He has been prominent in various school activities. This is his first year in debating.

McCook High school, winner of first honors in the Southwestern district, will send as its representative Miss Nellie M. Schwab, sister of Harold J. Schwab, '14, law '17, at the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of the team that defeated the University of Iowa in 1913, and of the team that defeated the University of Kansas at Lawrence last December. Miss Schwab is valedictorian in her class of twenty-six. She will enter the state university next fall.

The representative of the Western district will be the valedictorian of his class at the Hastings High school—How-

ard Aikman. He was a member of the debating class last year. He intends to enter the University of Nebraska in preparation for the study of the law.

The speaker for the North Central district will be Ralph G. Brooks of the Sargent High school, president of the senior class. Mr. Brooks represented Sargent and the district in the league state debate last year.

OMAHA ROTARIANS SEND RESERVATIONS

Local Club Delegates to National Convention Will Spread Corn Belt's Fame.

JOHNSON ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Omaha Rotarians will swoop down on the seventh annual international convention of Rotary clubs, which will be held in Cincinnati from July 17 to 21, inclusive, in the guise of typical corn belt farmers.

They will wear the accepted type of wide-rimmed "Uncle Josh" straw hats and carry (not wear, as the English are said to do) canes made from cornstalks.

What with the large Rotary club mem-

bers and buttons, in the shape of replicas of maps of the Tenth district, which will be worn on "by heck" linen dusters, the local delegates are confident they can create more than a sensation in the Ohio convention city.

Many Wives to Go.

Reservations for the following Rotarians and members of their families have been made by Secretary Dan A. Johnson: Dr. H. L. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babin, Jr.; Dr. F. M. Condy, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Goodrich, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Henry, J. H. Hyland, Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Kelly, H. L. Klocke, Mr. and Mrs. Harley G. Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch and son and W. L. Masterman.

The Omahans will travel to Davenport, Ia., in a special car, where they will meet other delegations from the Tenth district and proceed to the convention aboard a special train.

Over 600 reservations have already been made at the convention headquarters in Cincinnati, according to advices received by Secretary Johnson.

The Cincinnati Rotary club has an en-

tertainment budget of \$27,500. The international meeting of Rotary clubs will be one of the largest conventions ever held in this country.

Secretary Johnson of the local club returned yesterday from Des Moines, where he attended a Tenth district conference of Rotarian delegates. Plans for the concerted action of the Tenth district as a body at the international convention were made.

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CITY ELIMINATES THE MIDDLEMAN

Plans to Buy Direct from the Manufacturers and to Do Its Own Assembling.

WANTS AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP

Head of the city departments, in connection with the city purchasing agent, have started the elimination of the middleman. This cannot be done in all cases, but a start has been made and it promises to grow.

Two striking instances are at hand. Commissioner Hummel wanted a motor truck oil spreader for the boulevards. Advertisements brought bids from \$5,500 to \$6,275. An investigation showed that it would be possible to buy the truck and build it up as required at a saving of \$1,200, which has been done. The cost will be \$4,755. The city is doing the assembling.

The other instance refers to four street cleaning wagons for the street department. Bids were from \$200 to \$1,000 each. The city will pay \$1.75 for four wagons by buying the parts and doing the assembling, getting a saving of about \$130.

This situation has suggested the proposition of a general city shop, where painting and assembling may be done on any direction of a competent business. The city has many commodities now in use and the general repair bill has reached quite a sum. There are all sorts of machinery and fixtures in use in the city departments.

THREE SEEK SEPARATION IN THE DIVORCE COURT

Miss Lora has been granted a divorce from Albert Lora on grounds of cruelty and desertion. She was granted custody of the child.

Wally White asks for a divorce from Wilma White. She was granted custody of the child.

Yara Hunt asks a divorce from Edith Hunt. She was granted custody of the child.

Martin H. Glynn to Make Keynote Speech for Demos

WASHINGTON, May 6.—President Wilson's conference with Fred B. Lynch of the democratic national committee, it was learned today, resulted in the president approving the selection of former Governor Martin H. Glynn of New York to

deliver the keynote address as temporary chairman of the democratic national convention at St. Louis, speaker Clark, it is said, will be invited to be permanent chairman.

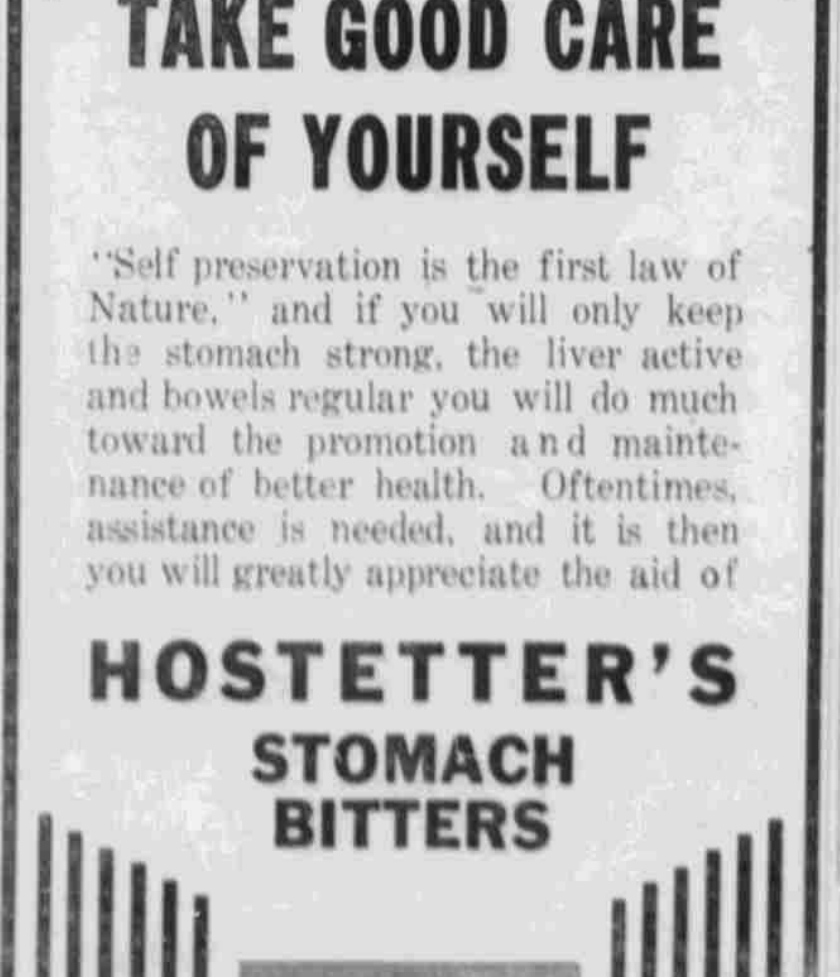
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