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AMOUNT RAISED

Y. M. C. A. Redeems \$1,500 Pledge to the Temple Fund.

Wednesday night in University hall, the University Y. M. C. A. held its annual business meeting and several matters of importance were disposed of. After a report of the year's work was given by B. G. Lewis, the retiring president, the matter of the Temple pledge of \$1,000 made by the association was presented by Dr. Condra, the chairman of the advisory board, and in a very few minutes, the entire pledge was cleaned up by the members present. Considering the fact that many of the men had turned in pledges of a larger or smaller amount, and that they had to make a great sacrifice in raising more, the response made by them is remarkable and highly praiseworthy. It testifies to the fact that the association men believe in the project and that they are willing to stand behind our chancellor and those men who have sacrificed so much of their time and money in advancing the movement. It is hoped by those in authority in association circles, that this organization may continue the good work, and help carry the burden of those so deeply interested.

After this business was disposed of, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, M. J. Brown; vice president, James Anderson; secretary, J. C. Moore; treasurer, L. J. Zook. The last two men have been filling out an unexpired term, and were re-elected because of faithful and efficient service. All of those chosen to lead the association work are men who are first of all good students, and men who are interested in all the phases of University life. Plans are already in progress for making the coming year a better one in every way.

TRACK TEAM SCHEDULE

A Meet Each Saturday from April 1st. to Close of School.

The main part of the schedule for track meets has now been practically settled, and Dr. Clapp has indeed prepared a hard campaign for his proteges, one which will require an almost phenomenal team to carry to a successful conclusion. There will be three principal contests and a large number of secondary ones, so that the schedule extends over six weeks, and the boys will meet another team every Saturday from the last of April until the close of school. Of course the most important contest will be the great Minnesota meet, which has been definitely set for May 21. The South Dakota team will meet the Cornhuskers at Vermillion on Decoration Day, and the Colorado men will have a shot at our team at Boulder on May 13, probable, although the exact date has not been set. Besides these main events, the annual preliminary contest will of course be held, probably about the middle of April. At this time the men who will compose the regular team will be practically selected, although a man who shows up later will of course have a fair show. Dr. Clapp is also thinking of holding an interclass meet, a handicap contest for University students, and a meet with the Lincoln high school. In addition to these, there will be a contest with either Doane College or else the winner of the Nebraska Intercollegiate championship. All these dates can not be definitely arranged until the others are finally set, but it is certain that there will be

more track meets this season than ever before.

Captain States and Benedict have gone to Colorado on business for a couple of weeks and their absence, coupled with the inclement weather, has caused a depression in track work. The men will be taken out doors as soon as possible, however, probably the first of next week, and then practice will begin in earnest.

A rather ludicrous event happened Saturday in eastern athletic circles. On that date the Michigan Daily announced that it was decided to send a relay team to the famous Pennsylvania relay race this spring. Pennsylvania won the race last year in 8 min. 8 1-5 seconds, for the two miles, but has lost her two best men. Yale broke the indoor record a couple of weeks ago, setting the mark of 8:09 4-5, and the Michigan coach thought they could do no better than this outdoors. The Michigan team did the distance in 8:12, and it was felt could lower this 8 seconds or so on an outdoor track. But that same night the Yale team, in a contest at Buffalo, established a world's record of both indoor and outdoor running of 7:59. Besides this team record, Parsons, a Yale Freshman, lowered his own indoor world's record for the half-mile from 1:58 3-5 to 1:54 3-5. The world's outdoor record is 1:52, and the intercollegiate outdoor record is 1:56. Michigan will have to hustle some to beat the Yale team at Pennsylvania.

So far this season has been most productive of new records, and promises to do even more when outdoor work begins. The records so far broken this year are: American record 16-lb. shot; American and world's records, 12-lb. shot, world's outdoor and indoor records, 2 mile relay; World's indoor record, half-mile; intercollegiate outdoor record, half-mile.

The girls' basket ball team started at 6 o'clock last evening on their long trip to Minnesota. The following, accompanied by Miss Pound and Mrs. Clapp, made up the party: Minnie Jansa, Emma Shinbur, Ina Gittings, Elva Sly, Cora Scott, and Ruth Woodsmall.

From the following extract, which we clip from Wednesday's Minnesota Daily, the girls will be shown an elegant time. Minnesota, it will be noticed, considers this the championship game of the west:

"The championship of the west will be decided at the Armory Friday evening, March 25, when the Nebraska girls' basket ball team plays the Varsity girls."

"The Nebraska girls have never been defeated. This team was organized in 1896, and since that time they have met nearly every girls' team of any account in the vicinity, but in their whole career they have never run up again a superior aggregation."

"An innovation will be in evidence at the game in the shape of a woman official."

"Mr. Kiefer will officiate for Minnesota but the fair Cornhuskers have signified their intention of choosing one of their own sex for an official."

"This has always been the custom at Nebraska. So the spectators will be given the opportunity to compare the relative merits of feminine and masculine discernment and judgment in refereeing a game."

"After a game informal dancing will be held."

"The sale of tickets opens this morning, and from the large advance call for them it is probable that the hall will be well filled."

"The Varsity Girls play the Central High Saturday afternoon."

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MORTON HISTORY

Vast Amount of Material Used In Compiling the Work.

Perhaps few people in the University are aware of the great work that is being done in compiling the history of our state from the earliest times to the present. The Morton history now in course of preparation promises to be the most complete and authentic history of our state ever published. The idea of getting up such a work originated in the minds of Dr. George L. Miller of Omaha, and the late J. Sterling Morton. They were impelled by the knowledge that no creditable history of Nebraska had ever been prepared and with a desire to see one compiled that would be authentic and reliable. The pioneers are passing away and with them stories of the times when civil government was first planted west of the Missouri. When they are gone, there would be no one who could give authentic facts concerning the early history of our state, and it was the idea of these gentlemen to draw from the great storehouse of knowledge and material in their possession.

The idea was first brought to fruition in 1897. Mr. Morton and Dr. Miller had both written much along this line, and they supposed that all that would be necessary would be to get their material into shape and add a few things to give the whole a proper proportion. It was Mr. Morton's desire at all times that the work should be thoroughly done. About a year before his death he engaged Mr. Albert Watkins to assist in the matter of research and compilation. He himself was editor-in-chief, with Dr. Miller as his associate. After his health failed Mr. Morton desired that Mr. Watkins continue the work, and since then it has been entirely in his hands.

In this work thousands of difficulties and obstacles have had to be overcome. Even the official records of the early days were found to be unreliable and full of errors. In many cases the names of the same persons were spelled as many as three different ways in the same record, and it was difficult to tell which was right. All such perplexities as these have had to be worked out, as nothing has been taken for granted, and the original sources have been consulted for information. Neither time nor money has been spared in the work of research.

In doing this those in charge of the work have had occasion to consult all the leading libraries and go to all parts of the country and interview men who were active in events in the early days. Nor has the philosophy of history been neglected.

The history goes back to the Sixteenth century, beginning with Coronado's expedition in 1545. This is followed by the expedition of the Mallet brothers, Lewis and Clark's expedition, and the expeditions of Lieut. Pike and John C. Fremont. Two subjects that are treated more thoroughly than ever before are the Louisiana Purchase and the Nebraska-Kansas bill. A separate chapter is devoted to each. All events are treated that have had a direct bearing upon the history of Nebraska.

Special attention has also been given to the subject of the Fur Trade, as far as it applies to Nebraska.

Enormous expense has been incurred in securing photographs and engravings. A conservative estimate of the amount thus expended is \$40,000. As

an illustration a photograph has been recently secured that was sought by feature writers and history for the past half century. An oil painting has been found and reproduced of Manuel De Lisa, the first settler in Nebraska. He was without doubt the most forcible, aggressive and enterprising character engaged in the early fur trade. He made the first permanent settlement in Nebraska in 1807 at De Lisa's Post north of Omaha. An engraving of his wife has been secured.

In this history for the first time a complete series of the photographs of the governors of the state and territory will be presented. Some of them have been seen by present day Nebraskans, either in person or in likeness. A great deal of space has been given to the Indians and to their relations with the whites and the various treaties, reservations, etc.

Another feature of deep interest is that pictures of men well known in Nebraska have been secured, giving their likenesses when they first came to the state and also at the present time. These include as well as many others J. Sterling Morton, Judge Wakely, ex-Governors Crouse, Furnas and Prentiss, and Peter A. Sarpy. Engravings are also at hand of Joel M. Wood, the first preacher in Nebraska, his church being at Brownville; Hadley D. Johnson, the first delegate to congress; Spotted Tall, the chief of the Brule Sioux; Pitaha Sharn, chief of the Pawnees; Red Cloud, the great Indian warrior; Pierre Choteau, who controlled the fur trade in the northwest for over thirty years, and Logan Fontanelle, the chief of the Omahas. It is aimed especially to secure a likeness of the first man to settle in each county.

The history will contain a large number of scientific articles. The geology of the state will be treated by Professor Barbour; the animal life by Prof. Lawrence Fessler; the vegetation by Dr. Bessey, and the archaeology by E. E. Blackman. All these articles will be illustrated by magnificent engravings.

The first volume, which is now in the hands of the printers, will bring us down to the admission of the state in 1867. A second volume will take up the subject from this date and trace from there on the growth and development of the state and its political institutions, agriculture, horticulture, resources and possibilities. Whether a third volume will be necessary is not known. Mr. Watkins is being assisted in the collection and compilation of material by Mr. Payne.

FIRST JOINT DEBATE

Palladians and Maxwells Will Meet Tomorrow Evening.

Some high flown oratory is expected tomorrow evening when the Palladians will attempt to prove to the lawyers "That the Fifteenth Amendment has Justified Itself." The debate will take place in the law lecture room commencing promptly at 8 o'clock. The three clubs have adjourned their regular Saturday evening to be present at this important event. The Palladian squad consists of Mitchell, Smith and Baird, while the honor of the lawyers will be defended by Buffington, Mathers and Hendrickson.

Competent judges have been secured to decide the outcome and the winning club will have the honor to debate the Unions in a future debate to decide the championship. This is an annual feature of the debating clubs, and a great deal of interest is always manifested as to the outcome. Besides the attendance of the three clubs, a good number of visitors are generally present. The debate this year will be instructive as well as full of interest, since the question is one of the most prominent before the American people today. No student in the University should fail to be present. The admission is free and everybody is expected to come.