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DEBATING LEAGUE GROWS

**ADDITION OF TWENTY SCHOOLS
MAKES DECIDED GAIN FOR
NEBRASKA LEAGUE.**

DEBATES HELD IN FEBRUARY

**High School Debaters Wrestle With
Question of Commission Form of
Government—Finals Held on
University Fete Day.**

The Nebraska High School Debating League, which in 1911-12 was the largest organization of its kind in the United States, has this year proved itself to be even more worthy of being so designated by the admission of several new schools. Formerly seventy high schools belonged to the league and recently twenty new schools were admitted, which is a decided gain for the organization. The increased number of institutions has not necessitated many changes and redistricting has not been found necessary.

The league was organized by Professor M. M. Fogg in 1908, and then had a membership of thirty schools. The plan of unifying the system of high school debating has proved to be so successful that each year has seen the entrance of new schools into the association. They are divided into twelve districts, each presided over by district directors, and these divisions form the league, which is under the supervision of Professor Fogg.

The series of district debates for the sixth annual contests will be held some time during the month of February. The winning contestants of the districts will appear in the state championship debate, which will be held at the University on high school fete day, during May. The question selected for the forensics of this year is: Resolved, That American Cities Should Adopt a Commission Form of Government.

Professor Fogg has supervised the preparation of abstracts of thirty-five articles on the question. There are ready for distribution by the Debating and Public Discussion Department of the University Extension Department, three sets being furnished for \$2.75. Those interested in the subject will find these very valuable material for the thorough study of it.

The twenty new schools which were admitted to the league this year are as follows:

Ainsworth, Supt. A. C. Whitford; Bartley, Supt. J. F. Duncan; Bellevue Academy and High School, Principal Albert Snare; Blue Springs, Supt. C. Lester Littel; Bloomington, Supt. Joy E. Morgan, Central City, Supt. A. Crago; David City, Supt. Frank R. Beers; Fairbury, Supt. A. L. Caviness; Hay Springs, Principal B. T. Hess; Harvard, Supt. R. V. Clark; Holbrook, Principal D. M. Rogers; Holdrege, Supt. C. W. McMichael; Norfolk, Supt.

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PRESENTED BY THE CLASS OF 1906 TO THEIR ALMA MATER

The granite seat presented by the class of '06, has been completed and as soon as the warmer weather again permits of outdoor life on the campus it will offer a rival temptation to the general library as a studying and loafing center.

The new seat is made of white Bedford granite, set circuitously around a large ash tree and face the center with an entrance on the east side. The class gift as originally presented, consisted of a circular stone

bench with individual seats encircling the tree. Upon the destruction of the old structure as a result of the growing tree loosening the decaying cement and separating the sections, the new seat was substituted and now makes one of the most attractive gifts on the campus.

The gift will be formally presented to the school at the dedicatory services to be held at the alumni reunion which takes place annually at commencement time. A special meeting



of the class will be held at that time and an extensive effort made to re-assemble as many as possible of the two hundred and fifty members of the class. The class of '06 is well organized, having a corps of officers elected annually and issuing an annual pamphlet locating its members.

The new gift is one which the school can duly appreciate for its beauty and usefulness. It comes as

a result of the special efforts of Miss Korner, president of the class, and Mr. A. H. Wellensieck, and was set under the personal supervision of Mr. Anderson, assistant superintendent of buildings.

The officers of the class of '06 are as follows: Miss Korner, president; Grace Roper, vice-president; T. A. Hutton, secretary; Maude Mellick, secretary-treasurer.

DECIDE NOT TO "DINNER-DANCE"

Junior-Senior Prom Committee Determines To Give Favors to Ladies and Gentlemen Instead of Lunch.

SUB-COMMITTEES WERE NAMED

At a recent meeting of the combined Junior-Senior Prom committees, important decisions concerning the details of "The First Annual Cotillon" were arrived at. The idea of giving a dinner-dance, which was at first seriously considered, has been discarded, and the money will be used in providing favors for both the ladies and gentlemen.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

Publicity—Byrne Marcellus, R. Garrett, C. L. Rein.

Decorations—Ray Smith, Miss Hyde, Miss Helen Sawyer.

Refreshments—Fred Trumbull, Miss Helen Jess, Miss Ethel Sloane, R. R. Hastings.

Music—Miss Helen Sawyer, Miss Isabell Coons, Miss Helen Drake, J. L. Driscoll.

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LAST DAY OF EXHIBIT

**RECEPTION IN GALLERY TONIGHT
MARKS CLOSE OF ANNUAL EXHIBIT.**

NO PICTURE PURCHASED AS YET

**Directors of Association Undecided As
To Plans for Buying—Last Few
Days Marked By Good
Attendance.**

The annual art exhibition of the Nebraska Art Association closes this evening with a final reception to all patrons. The exhibit was planned to be ended last Saturday, but was postponed until today to give the students and others who failed to visit the gallery before vacation a second chance to see the pictures.

As soon as possible after the closing of the exhibit the majority of the pictures will be packed and shipped to Lawrence, Kansas, where they will be placed on exhibition. Later the pictures will go to St. Louis and finally to the owners' respective galleries.

As yet the directors of the Art Association have not made any definite plans for buying one of the pictures but it is probable that they will do so before the pictures are sent away.

Many of the patrons have suggested that if they decide to purchase one they should consider "The East River." Of the pictures that have been liked best "The Pinnacle" takes the lead. Though one of the smaller pictures, it is one of the most carefully prepared. It was painted by C. C. Curran of New York. "Where the Brook and River Meet," and "The Stock Yards in Winter" are others that have been greatly admired.

The attendance this year, though not as large as last, has been very good, particularly since the holidays. Thursday and Friday surpassed any previous days with a total of five hundred visitors.

The reception this evening will begin at 8 o'clock in the gallery. This will be the last time that the pictures may be seen.

OMAHA STUDENTS VISITING.

**Eight Eighth Grades and Teachers
Will Visit University Jan 17.**

Eight Eighth B pupils of the Pacific school, Miss Lizzie Banker, principal of the school; Mrs. Carrie Mackenzie, class teacher, and Superintendent E. U. Graff, all of Omaha, are coming to Lincoln, Friday, January 17, to visit the University. This excursion was planned by the pupils in the place of a regular class program and will be at their own expense. They have saved money to make the trip in order to gain an idea of the work of the University.

COUNT APPRECIATES NEBRASKA

Count Luetzow Speaks Well of University in Recent Book of Travels.

MOST SPACE TO NEBRASKA

Count Luetzow, the Bohemian nobleman who was a guest of the Chancellor and the University last spring, has written an account of his visit to the United States and the impressions received on his travels. The pamphlet, which is written in German, is called "Americanische Ein, drucke" and gives an account of the places and people he visited while in this country. Most of the schools and colleges are disposed of with a brief paragraph, while his appreciation of the Nebraska University is shown by the comparatively large amount of space that he gives to his impressions of this school. His remarks concerning the department of Slavonic languages were very flattering and he particularly mentions Miss Hrbek and Chancellor and Mrs. Avery. He modestly estimates the crowd that attended

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