

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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of contention between the speakers. On the affirmative side of this question are aligned the following: Leland R. Waters, Edward N. Pettygrove, Robert Warring, Julius Cronin, Gladys Tompkins, Carl Diller and Loyd D. Blackman. The negative side of the question is represented thus: Alfred Reese, Emma E. Nelson, Cloyd Ellis, Leonard Trester, and Marius Christenson. Debaters will speak in the order mentioned.

Activity and pedigree of the contestants is illustrated by the following personal sketches of each debater:

The Geneva high school of the Central district, has selected as its representative Robert B. Waring. In scholarship he is one of the leaders of the senior class. Last year he represented Geneva in the contests of the high school debating league. He also won first place last year in the debate under the auspices of the Central Nebraska Teachers' association.

The representative of the Eastern district is Miss Erma E. Nelson of the Nebraska City high school, a senior in the scientific course. She has won distinction in scholarship and has also been prominent in school activities, notably in public reading and debating. In 1911 she was awarded first place in the dramatic class in the declamatory contest of the Southeastern Nebraska Teachers' association. In addition to carrying a well-balanced course of study, she has for three years been an enthusiastic member of the Martin Forensic club, a strong and important organization of the school.

The Lincoln high school, winner of the championship of the East-Central district, will be represented by a member of its freshman class—Leonard Wallace Trester. While in the grades of the Whittier school of Lincoln, Mr. Trester made a reputation as a good student and as an exceptionally strong debater. Last year the debating team from the Whittier school, of which he was leader, won a unanimous decision in every debate in which it took part in the city debating league. Mr. Trester is active in various aspects of school life. He is secretary of the High School Young Men's Christian association and an active member of the Ciceroian Debating society.

The Northern district will send to the state debate Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill, of the senior class of the O'Neill high school. He has shown a decided liking for English and political science studies and has made an excellent scholarship record. In the debate work of the school he first appeared in the annual junior debate. This year he was chosen member of the team that won first from Ainsworth and then by a unanimous decision from Valentine which had won from Atkinson.

The representative of the Madison high school, leader in the North-Central district, will be Lloyd C. Blackman. He will be graduated this

spring with high scholarship rank. In various lines of school activity he has been active. Several terms he has been president of the literary society has been a member of the baseball and football teams, and is leader of the high school orchestra.

For the Northeastern district the contestant will be Alfred Reese of the Randolph high school. He has received all his schooling at Randolph and is now a junior in the classical course. In scholarship he is leader of his class. In general school activities he has taken a prominent part. To the course in argumentation and debating, which the high school offers, he has given particular attention. Last year he was a member of the Randolph team in the contests of the league.

The Sidney high school, winner of first honors in the Northwestern district, has chosen as its representative Marius Christensen. His entire school training has been at Sidney. He is a member of the junior class in which he is one of the best scholars. He has had a good deal of experience in class debating.

The Southern district will be represented by Carl Diller of the Fairbury high school. He is a member of the senior class, graduating from the combined normal-training and college preparatory courses. He has taken a prominent part in all school activities, was president from his class during the junior year, and ranks high as a student.

The Wymore high school, which for the sixth successive year has captured the championship of the Southeastern district, will be represented by Cloyd Ellis, a member of the senior class. In scholarship he is practically tied for highest rank with two other members of the class one of whom is also a member of the debating team. He is taking the Latin course. Next September he will enter the Washington State University.

The debater for the Oxford high school, champion of the Southwestern district, will be Edward N. Pettygrove. Throughout his high school course he has in scholarship ranked first or second. Outside of his regular school work he has played on the football and the baseball teams and is a member of the school band. He is going to college probably to the University of Nebraska.

Miss Gladys Lee Tompkins of the Kearney high school is the representative of the West-Central district. Miss Tompkins, who has taken her entire school course at Kearney, is a senior in the Latin course. In scholarship her rank is of the very highest. Not only as scholar and debater but also as artist, Miss Tompkins has uncommon ability. This is her first year on the Kearney debating team.

The West-Central district will be represented by Leland Russell Waters of the Broken Bow high school, a junior, ranking in scholarship near the head of his class. He is looking toward the legal profession. He took a leading part in organizing the de-



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bating team of his class this year, and in the final try-outs for membership on the school team he won first place. He also took first honors in the Central Nebraska Teachers' association debate this year at Grand Island.

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