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WE GET OUR NEW BUILDING

The Legislature Grants \$30,000 for Its Construction.

SCHOOL OF MECHANIC ARTS

That is the Purpose for Which the New Building Will Be Erected—To Be Used for a Recitation Hall—The Appropriation Bill.

Prospects are exceedingly bright for an appropriation sufficient to meet the needs of the university. If the senate does as well as the lower house in supplying our wants, there will be general satisfaction. The general appropriation, \$252,500, asked by the regents for current expenses has been recommended by the committee on finance in the house. Only two items of this bill were changed. One was the appropriation for the protection of the state against the injuries of chinch bugs, and other insects. The other item was the farmers' institute appropriation, which was cut from \$2,500 to \$1,500. The house in a committee of the whole Thursday approved these recommendations. It now remains only to formally adopt the report of the committee to carry this measure through the lower house.

It is known that the senate is friendly to the university, and it is not probable that it will make any material changes in the action of the house. Governor Holcomb has already put himself on record in his message as recommending every thing requested by the board of regents. It seems therefore tolerably well established that the university will be able to hold on its way doing the good work which it has done in the past.

The bill to appropriate \$30,000 for a wing of a building on the campus was also recommended to pass, by the house in a committee of the whole. This building will be used for the school of mechanic arts and also to relieve the crowded class and lecture rooms of the other departments. Besides enabling us to continue the school of mechanic arts, it will also allow the opening of the unopened half of this department, having to do with metal work. It seems very probable that this bill will pass with little opposition and therefore the university will not be obliged to turn away students for the next biennium, from want of room.

Every one is deeply regretting that the house by a majority of only one vote defeated the bill appropriating \$30,000 for erecting on the state farm a building for the dairy and agriculture school. Some of the gentlemen who voted against this bill have since said that they feared they had made a mistake as this would have been of practical benefit to the farmers of the state. It seems that the bill was defeated simply because the legislators felt that the state was too poor to do just now what ought to be done.

It is very gratifying to notice that no feeling of hostility to the university appeared in the discussion yesterday afternoon. All parties in the legislature seemed warmly attached to the university, and this fact alone augurs good things for the future. Despite the defeat of the bill providing for a new building on the farm, the chancellor says that this school seems so to meet the demand of the students now in it, and demand is increasing for the school throughout the state, that it will not be allowed to die. It is hoped to maintain it although it can not develop as it ought and it will probably be harbored temporarily in some building on the campus, or in an extemporized building on the farm.

The appropriation which the legislature will give to the university amounting to almost \$300,000, is exclusive of the funds which come from the United States Government, which have also been appropriated.

While regretting that the legislature did not see fit to grant quite all that the regents asked for, nevertheless the university is very thankful for the way in which it has been treated.

REPORT OF COLLEGE SETTLEMENT.

The committee has submitted a voluminous report this month which goes in to all the details of the work. The resignation of F. A. Korschmeier has been accepted and Orlo Brown has been elected to fill the vacancy. Acting chairman, W. T. Elmore is appointed chairman of the visiting committee, and B. R. Gordon is appointed chairman on the committee on supplies and furnishings. E. F. Turner is appointed to chairmanship of employment bureau, vice E. D. Banghardt, resigned, who is still retained on the committee to which Miss Farrand is also added.

Attention is now being paid to readings bearing on nature, especially the study of

cocoons. Kindergarten work is continued as heretofore and attention is given to the practice of Delsarte movements. There has been an average weekly attendance this month of over twenty-five pupils.

The regular monthly social given on February 9, was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Until interrupted by the quarantine the night school has been improving in attendance, so that additional equipment has been necessary. A large number of German story books have been presented by the editor of the Frie Presse. A class of older students for the study of English has been formed under the instruction of Grace MacMillan, also a class in drawing under Miss Parker. Another teacher is needed for the younger students in the German class. The young ladies in German under Miss Schwartz and Mr. Gutleiben is meeting with deserved success. A large number of periodicals have been kindly furnished by the editor of the State Journal and also by Miss Dennis of the city library. Through secretary Ludden, twenty-five singing books have also been secured. Work in the music department has progressed favorably so that many of the members of the class are able to furnish some of the music for the socials and entertainments. In this department there is still need of a young man to take charge of the work on alternate Saturday nights.

The visiting committee has aided the employment bureau in the distribution of want blanks so that almost every home has been reached. Any special cases which have been brought to the notice of the committee have also been looked after. All who were out of employment have been requested to fill out the "want" blank which they have received and on which they are to state their exact needs.

The reading room has been well patronized, and the average daily attendance shows an increase.

Y. M. C. A.

The association had its annual business meeting Saturday evening, at which time reports were submitted from the chairmen of the various committees. The attendance was disappointing, not being as large as it should have been. The reports showed that the association is in a prosperous condition and that the work is moving along as well as could be expected.

At the first of the year Bible classes were organized in nearly all the city churches for university students and have been carried on under the direction of the association. In some of these classes, particularly in that of Dr. Sherman's, the attendance has been very large and the results gratifying. Through the efforts of the Bible study committee, several electives bearing upon Christian work have been put in the university curriculum.

The treasurer reported that nearly all the bills of the association had been paid, and that there was a balance of \$6.15 in the treasury. Considering the hard times, the association has done very well in a financial way during the year, as some of last year's indebtedness has been made up aside from meeting the expenses of the present year.

During the year four missionary meetings have been held and special addresses have been given by several missionaries. The volunteer band has held meetings regularly every week and members of the band have conducted meetings in the principal city churches.

Fifty-eight new members have been received into the association since the opening of the collegiate year, making the membership at present about two hundred, and new members are being received nearly every Sunday.

The mission work carried on in the school house at Ninth and Z streets has given very gratifying results. Some trouble has been had in maintaining order and the use of the school house has been uncertain, but these have been about all the drawbacks to the work. Sunday school is held every Sunday afternoon and mission services every Sunday evening, the services being conducted exclusively by university students.

The report of the nominating committee was submitted and accepted. The officers for the following year will be: R. W. Thatcher, president; H. S. Evans, vice-president; P. H. Thompson, secretary; Charles Allen, corresponding secretary; W. J. Hunting, treasurer.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The Nebraska section of the American chemical society will hold its next regular meeting in the chemical laboratory on Friday evening, March 19, at 8 p. m.

Papers will be read as follows: Mr. R. S. Hiltner will present the results of an investigation upon the composition of American cliders; Mr. Benton Dales will describe some recent work done by him upon the electroscopic determination of cadmium, and Dr. Senter who has recently returned from Germany, will tell of what he saw there of chemistry as applied to various industries.

These meetings are free to all, and while the matter reported is primarily of especial interest to chemists, the section has always aimed to have presented subjects of general interest.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS.

Candidates for positions on the baseball team are doing some preliminary training in the gymnasium, and outdoor practice will begin at the earliest opportunity. There are five or six candidates for the box, and as many more are trying for the place behind the bat. There will probably be about twenty-five men out for practice as soon as the weather is favorable. Manager Pace has closed a date for two games with the university of Kansas, at Lincoln, May 29. He is now trying to induce Northwestern, Wisconsin, and Iowa to come here.

Mr. L. V. Patch has been absent from the university last week on account of the death of his grandmother.

ROPER GETS FIRST PLACE

Wins the Fifty Dollar Prize and will Represent the Uni.

J. D. DENNISON WINS SECOND

The Ninth Annual Contest of the Local Oratorical Association is very Spirited—Markings of the speakers—The Program.

The ninth annual contest of the Oratorical association was held last Friday evening in the chapel. A large audience was present. The various orators were supported by large delegations from the organization to which they chanced to belong. Great expectancy was manifest from the start and the interest increased until the decision of the judges was announced. Mr. R. C. Roper of the Palladian society was awarded first place and the prize of fifty dollars. The second place and a prize of twenty-five dollars was given to J. D. Dennison of the Deltan society and law school. The Ideal mandolin club of the city furnished the music for the opening and closing numbers on the program, and Miss Barnaby favored the audience with pleasing vocal solos.

At 8:30, President R. H. Graham stated the object of the contest in a few choice words and announced Mr. Roper and his subject, "The Author Hero of the Revolution." Mr. Roper made a good impression at the start by the cool and frank manner in which he expressed himself. As he proceeded the hearer forgot the personality of the speaker and was interested chiefly in the subject—the author hero, who proved to be the much maligned Tom Paine. He traced the part played by him in behalf of liberty, both in this country where his pamphlets, "Common Sense" and the "Crisis" stirred the people to rebel and to maintain their war; and in France where his "Rights of Man" found unprecedented sale. The one thing which has kept his name from being enrolled among the nation's greatest men, was the publication of his "Age of Reason." The oration was convincing, and at times thrilling in its intensity, yet always calm and deliberative. His supporters were feeling quite satisfied when he finished and the rest of the speakers were put on their mettle.

Miss Smoyer eulogized Martin Luther, taking as her subject the famous declaration which he uttered at Worms when ordered to retract his statements, "Hier Steh Ich." In graphic manner she sketched his life, and with a few bold strokes made plain the issues between him and the church, thus bringing before her audience the supreme importance of his declaration and the sublime courage manifested by him. Miss Smoyer's delivery was natural and characteristic and at times very intense. Her sentences were clear, pointed and forcible.

"The Practical Truth of Theosophy" was the theme of Mr. Deal's effort. He spoke very rapidly, and in a clear voice, though it was keyed too high. The ideas which he deemed to be fundamental in the belief of the theosophists were brought out in well chosen words and apt illustrations.

Miss Barnaby then varied the program with a delightful vocal solo after which Mr. C. O. Brown portrayed the public services of John Adams. He began in a decidedly deliberate tone and warmed up to his plea at the end, and the Deltan crowd congratulated themselves on the outcome.

The Unions were represented by G. E. Hager who brought out the need of municipal reform and the plan which seemed most feasible for its accomplishment. His delivery was excellent and his supporters were hopeful.

Not at all dismayed, Mr. J. D. Dennison entered the arena and in a masterly manner handled a most difficult theme. He introduced many beautiful similes and carried his audience with him through a number of climaxes. The only general criticism which was expressed was that he had made use of too much oratory; and the audience felt that the decision would give first place either to him or to the first speaker.

On the general averages Mr. Dennison was five points ahead. But the constitution prescribes for consulting first the sum totals and Mr. Roper won by the narrow margin of one-third of one percent. Mr. Roper will represent the university in the state contest which will be held in Lincoln March 26, and Mr. Dennison will be chairman of the university delegation in the annual meeting of the Inter-collegiate oratorical association.

THE MARKINGS.

Judges.	Roper	Dennison	Brown	Hager	Smoyer	Deal
On Manuscript.						
Wolfe	1-90	5-85	6-82	3-88	2-89	4-87
Jones	4-90	1-95	6-85	2-92	5-88	3-97
Sherman	2-88	1-92	4-85	2-88	5-83	6-80
On delivery.						
Field	1-95	2-95	6-75	5-80	3-90	4-85
Lees	3-85	1-95	5-77	2-88	4-80	6-75
Wilson	2-100	5-92	4-95	3-97	1-95	6-90
Totals	13	15	31	17	20	29
	548	554	499	553	545	508

THE GLEE CLUB TOUR.

After months of practice under the able direction of Professor Willard Kimball, the glee club is in excellent condition to start on its concert tour over the state. Tuesday afternoon, the boys will leave for Fairbury where they will give a concert in the evening, returning to Lincoln the same night. Thursday afternoon they will start out on a week's trip, singing in York Thursday evening. Friday night they will give a concert in Ravenna, Saturday night they will sing in Grand Island, and remain there over Sunday. They are billed to sing in Columbus, Monday evening, in West Point Tuesday evening, and in Fremont Wednesday evening. Before returning to Lincoln they will probably sing either in Wahoo or David City. They will return to the city Friday morning, and then go out to Seward to fill an engagement the same evening.

Many of the western cities including North Platte, Holdrege and Beatrice are very desirous of a visit from this club, and it is probable that another trip will be arranged to include these places.

Director Kimball thinks that the club should certainly give a concert in Omaha before closing the season. It may be that the Omaha club can make necessary arrangements. There is some talk of making an engagement at the Beatrice chautauqua, which opens immediately after commencement, but nothing definite has been decided upon in regard to it.

April 2, is the date set for the Lincoln concert, and if the Lansing theatre is not filled from heaven to pit on that night the glee club will not be properly appreciated. The club will be assisted by the philharmonic orchestra in their engagement in this city.

The repertoire of the club is exceptionally fine and includes a medley composed by R. H. Manly which deserves special mention.

The members of the club are; first tenor: Davis, Burks, Evans and Ireland; second tenor: Whedon Lansing, Whaley and Kenney; first bass, Sumner, Porter, Reedy and Prescott; second bass, Norton, Gillespie, Lehnhoff and Mueller.

SENIOR GIRLS ENTERTAINED.

Last Saturday the senior girls spent the afternoon at the home of the Misses Spurck. The very novelty of being together gave a certain charm to the occasion while it afforded a long needed opportunity for the girls of the class to become acquainted. The means for entertainment suggested by thirty brains proved too many to be carried out in one afternoon.

Very properly the girls began by "doing" fancy work but after Miss Camp had proved her efficiency in threading needles in a competitive drill and Miss Ricketts had been consoled with the booby prize, a reaction from the unusual silence necessitated by such scientific labors came in the shape of dancing. This ended in the Senior Girls' grand march to the dining room where all were seated at two long tables bountifully spread. Here wit and humor revelled for an hour or more when a hasty adjournment was made to another room in order that the remark of one member might be duly dealt with, the member was tossed.

Quiet being restored, the gallantry of the senior boys was deliberated upon, each member taking part in the general discussion. When at last the hour came for adjournment the motor man on the return car was bribed with a piece of cake, to uncomplainingly hear any yells the moment suggested. A number of industrious students at the library were startled by a short but impressive visit of the party after which the senior girls went to their homes. The following were present:

Misses Clarke, Rhodes, Ricketts, Philbrick, Pfeiffer, Wort, Bassett, Schneller, Jackson, Redford, Camp, Mansfield, Frankish, Byam, Duncombe, Griggs, Pillsbury, Hall Heiza, Graham, Bullock, O'Sullivan, Hulthorst, Broady, Sargent, Thomson, Guile, Walker, and Anne and Jessie Spurck.

COMPANY D HOP.

At a meeting of the members of Company D, held on last Friday afternoon, it was decided to give a company hop. A committee on arrangements was appointed consisting of Lieut. Linquest, First Sergeant White, Corporals Brown and Bartlett. The hop will be given on Friday evening March 26, and will be held in Lansing hall. It is proposed to make this an annual event and no pains will be spared to make it a complete success.

LECTURE TO TEACHERS.

I propose to give a course of four lectures on teaching botany in the high schools, time Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in room 15 of Nebraska hall. The first lecture will be given March 23.

CHARLES E. BESSEY.

Commencing next Saturday, a hare and hound chase will be run weekly, the remaining part of the semester. Dr. E. H. Barbour offers an inscribed tablet to the winner of the grand chase. This will be hung in the armory alongside the other tablets commemorating football and other athletic victories.

PLANS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Outlines of the Courses Offered Our State's Teachers.

BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR

The Heads of Departments Will Have Charge of All Studies Where it is Possible—Arrangements that Have Been Made.

The faculty has decided to hold the Summer School again this summer for the teachers of the state. At the faculty meeting on Monday the special committee having this work in hand recommended that the summer school this year be conducted along essentially the same lines as last year. The report was unanimously adopted. Since so many teachers wish to attend the meetings of the National educational association in Milwaukee, early in July, the school will open on the 7th of June and close on the 3rd of July. The general feeling of the faculty is that this term must eventually be lengthened, but at this time when teachers are to be encouraged to attend the meetings of the N. E. A., it would be inexpedient to do so.

Carrying out the plan of alternating some of the studies, courses will be offered this summer as follows: Latin, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, American history, European history, chemistry, zoology, English, English literature, pedagogy, and child study. These courses are offered without condition, excepting in chemistry, where there must be at least five students who will give their whole time to the subject. As far as possible all work will be in the hands of the heads of departments, so that those who attend will secure the aid of the most mature minds in the university. Where it is impossible for the head of the department to have charge of the work, persons of known ability as instructors will be given known ability as instructors will be selected. Special attention will be given in order to make the work of still greater value to the teachers of the state. A detailed announcement of each branch to be offered cannot be made at this time. Among the general announcements are the following:

Registration will open June 7, and close June 14. It is very desirable that every one should be present punctually at the opening.

The registration fee is one dollar. Those working in laboratories will pay a small fee for additional materials used.

Board and lodging may be found near the university at moderate prices, ranging from \$2.00 per week to \$4.00 or more. A list of boarding places stating accommodations and prices will be found in the executive office.

Books and stationery may be obtained from the Students' Co-operative book store on the ground floor of university hall.

Attention is called to the university exercises of June 7, to 10 inclusive, to which members of the summer school may obtain admittance. These will not only be full of interest, but suggestive and instructive as well.

Further details may be obtained by addressing the director of the university summer school, or the chancellor of the university of Nebraska. The detailed announcement of the summer school work will be ready within a short time.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Students of the university of Pennsylvania are contemplating the establishment of an undergraduate comic magazine.

A movement is on foot in Minnesota university to honor debating teams who defeat their colleges, by printing their debates in pamphlet form at the expense of the university.

At Oxford, half the police force is under the control of the town and half under the control of the university. Troubles of any kind in which the students are engaged, no matter how grave, are solely under the cognizance of the university, which permits no interference.

The Yale-Harvard football game will be played November 13, at New Haven, and the Yale-Princeton game November 20, at Princeton. It is likely therefore that that Pennsylvania and Harvard will play on the latter date at Cambridge, and still more likely that Harvard and Princeton will not meet next year.

Dr. Clarke will soon begin his course on first aid to the injured. Diplomas are granted to those who take this course, entitling the holder to aid his fellow man when he sees him down. It is expected that a large class will be formed.

John Cameron went to Omaha Monday night with the legislature to witness the initiatory rites of the Ak-Sar-Bens. His head had regained its natural size.