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THE UNIVERSITY GIRLS WIN

Iowa Players Come and Go Leaving Victory Behind Them

IT WAS A VERY EXCITING GAME

Council Bluffs Girls Played Well But Were Not Tall Enough—Score 15 to 7—Midgets Entertained the Crowd

The high-gear interest in girls' basket ball manifest during the past month or two found culmination, to use a mixed metaphor, in the Iowa-Nebraska battle of last Friday evening. The wheels are going more slowly now and the girls are resting. The game was an innovation for Nebraska and the West, and the management rolled up their sleeves and worked like Trojans during the week of preparation, making plans and arranging details. Now they feel joyous and well rewarded, for the girls say that they had the fun of their lives Friday night and made the most of the first chance they have had at an athletic event "their very own."

A fine crowd was on hand early, one which taxed the seating capacity of the armory, and which represented Lincoln's finest and bravest in the way of culture and prominence. It was noteworthy that a minimum of University people were present, but the influx of town folk more than filled their places, and the girls had exactly the stamp of audience before which they could play with éclat and inspiration. The spectators proved liberal of encouragement and impartial applause, even if they didn't happen to be familiar with all the niceties of the game and the rules about fouls; and they went away pronouncing the basket ball "more fun than a comic opera." So it was, not only for the spectators, but for the players.

The Iowa girls came in at 3:45 over the Rock Island, under the care of their chaperone, and were taken at once to the homes of their entertainers. They were located as follows: Mrs. A. R. Moore, chaperone, with Mrs. L. C. Richards; Erma and Vera Linkey; Mrs. J. H. McMurtry; Stella Royer and Agnes Spiess, Mrs. G. M. Lambertson; Kittie Warner and Sadie Gross, Mrs. F. M. Hall; Claudia Scott and Grace Barnum, Mrs. A. S. Raymond; Mabel Cook, Mrs. M. D. Welch.

The armory was decorated for the occasion with scarlet and cream and colors of various societies were conspicuous. Neatly printed programs were distributed, bearing the names of the players and setting forth the order of play and the rules to be followed. The game was called early, not only because the spectators were on hand early, but because it was necessary to get through so that time would be left before the lights went out at 11 o'clock for the luncheon after the match. Everything went off smoothly and there was not one wait in the whole program. The patronesses occupied seats reserved for them along the north side, and the "rooters," deciding that they couldn't see well in the balcony, ranged themselves opposite along the south side.

Promptly as the whistle blew for 8 o'clock the game was called, and the celebrated "Midgets" appeared as a curtain raiser. They came skipping joyously out on the floor of the armory like Brownies or spring lumps and lined up as follows for their billiard conflict:

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| Forwards. | |
| Adeloyd Whiting (capt.) | |
| Lucy Griffith | |
| Rosa Hess. | Nettie Henry |
| Grace Broady | Jennie Pentzer (capt.) |
| Edith Schwartz | Mabel Dempster |
| Mabel Erford | Anna McCrosky |

They were very fairly divided and the game was close, for the "Midgets" play with spirit, though they may not be much as to size. Miss Anne Barr, a smile on her face as they scooted about her and hopped against her on every side, as their game grew in excitement, served as both referee and umpire, and was properly lenient towards these fledglings about fouls. The Midgets played as hard and fast as ever they

could for twenty minutes, running about like caged mice newly let loose, and mingling some pretty passing and skillful throwing with bird-like shouts of excitement at critical points. No official score was kept of their doings, but at the end of the "half" Captain Pentzer's team was several points in the lead. They were heartily applauded, for they are great favorites, and one of their renowned matches never fails to win them compliments.

Then began the first half of the contest of the evening. The girls from Iowa made their entrance through the east door garbed in pretty suits of gray, short-skirted, and trimmed with scarlet braid. From the west door entered the stalwart athletes making up the Nebraska team garbed in bloomer suits of navy blue, decorated with an "X" of white felt in the front. The two teams met in the middle of the hall, and as they shook hands before the "line-up," were greeted with a diaphanous of cheers.

Those who served as officials were: W. E. Anderson, referee; Miss MacDill (Council Bluffs), Miss Anne Barr, umpires; Miss Grace Hardman (Council Bluffs), time-keeper; Miss Daisy Bonnell, score-keeper. Miss Hardman is the young lady who dislocated her arm in a practice match in the Council Bluffs armory, and will have to stay out of her favorite game for some time. She is now acting as business manager for the "L. I. E." team.

The Council Bluffs girls formed a better, because more experienced, team than Omaha Y. W. C. A. team, with whom it was originally announced that a match would be played. Probably they were the best team from a reasonably near locality with whom a match could have been arranged. The Nebraska girls had the advantage, though, in height and strength and garb, a greater advantage than had been looked for. All the girls in the first team are athletes, tall, strong girls with long reach, all except the team's little forward, Bertha DuTeil, whom her associates call the "lady" of the team, and she makes up for her lack of size by her unusual strength and activity. The Council Bluffs girls had not the height of Misses Kennedy, Beach or Welch, nor the all round athletic skill of Harriet Cooke, and they averaged less in age as well as stature. Their youth was not necessarily a disadvantage, but their lack of height was, and this joined to their style of passing, probably went far toward losing them the game. It was noticed that they used overhand passing exclusively, which, against a taller team, proves calamitous. The Nebraska girls used both styles, high and low passing. As was predicted, the Iowa girls were swift, being used to men's rules. They got the ball out of their hands with superior quickness and showed good coaching in this and other respects. Especially in guarding the Nebraska girls showed a tendency to hold the sphere long before throwing and fouled often, with the exception of the day before the match, when they were advised by a player from the men's team. They have had no coaching except from Miss Barr, the director, hardly even from their captain, who, being the newest player, at basket ball in the team, was herself in need of coaching and increased familiarity with the rules. The Council Bluffs team played a steady, hard and plucky game. They were beaten because they ran up against taller and more athletic girls, not because they couldn't play good basket ball. That they had fair treatment is shown by the number of fouls called—eighteen against Nebraska as compared to six against Iowa. The field department of all the players was noticeably good. All seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and were good-tempered and friendly. There was not a dispute or a protest of any kind during the whole evening.

The players were:

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| Council Bluffs. | U. of N. |
| Stella Royer | Bertha DuTeil |
| Kittie Warner | Helen Welch |
| Vera Linkey | Louise Pound |
| Mabel Cook | Harriet Cooke |
| Agnes Spiess | Marie Beach |

U. of N.

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| Centers. | |
| Stella Royer | Bertha DuTeil |
| Kittie Warner | Helen Welch |
| Vera Linkey | Louise Pound |
| Mabel Cook | Harriet Cooke |
| Agnes Spiess | Marie Beach |

Centers.

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| Stella Royer | Bertha DuTeil |
| Kittie Warner | Helen Welch |
| Vera Linkey | Louise Pound |
| Mabel Cook | Harriet Cooke |
| Agnes Spiess | Marie Beach |

Guards.

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| Stella Royer | Bertha DuTeil |
| Kittie Warner | Helen Welch |
| Vera Linkey | Louise Pound |
| Mabel Cook | Harriet Cooke |
| Agnes Spiess | Marie Beach |

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WILL BE DECIDED TONIGHT

Oratorical Contest Takes Place in the Chapel This Evening

ONLY THREE WILL CONTEST

Messrs. Meier, Dennison and Tucker Will Strive for Forensic Honors—Telyn Quartet Will Furnish the Music

One of the very few real great events of the college year comes off to-night in the chapel, where the annual oratorical contest of the University of Nebraska takes place.

The officers of the association have been doing their utmost to ensure the most successful contest ever held in the University.

They have arranged a program which should attract the largest crowd that has gathered in the chapel this year.

Unfortunately two of the contestants, Mr. Cake and Miss Gough, have left school, leaving but the three representatives of the literary societies to contest for the place.

The friends of the three contestants are all confident that their favorite will win.

Since our last issue the Senter Leimer and Quintance contest of the Union society has taken place and Mr. Meier came out victorious.

The showing that Mr. Meier there made has filled his supporters with confidence that he will do honor to his society and to himself.

Those who heard his oration pronounce it an extremely fine effort, both as to manuscript and delivery.

Mr. Dennison's past record speaks for itself. Last year he won second this year he was first place in the preliminary debates. On the strength of this showing his Delian friends are very hopeful.

Mr. Tucker, although new in such circles, has already proved his prowess by winning the Chase and Wheeler contest of the Palladian society.

The winner of this contest has been successful in the last two University contests, so the Palladians think that a record of three straight will be established.

In addition to the orations some exceptionally fine music will be furnished. Following is the program: Mandolin solo..... Oration—The Evolution of Government..... J. D. Dennison Music..... Telyn Quartet Oration—The Principles Fought for by Our Ancestors..... O. W. Meier Vocal Solo—The Flight of Ages..... Grace E. Reynolds Oration—The Coming Statesman..... H. R. Tucker Music..... Telyn Quartet

The Mass Meeting

The mass meeting Wednesday morning in the interests of oratory brought out a good number of students, especially on the boys side of the chapel. After the devotional exercises Chancellor MacLean announced the mass meeting and put it into the hands of the students. Mr. Dennison immediately placed the chancellor in nomination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hager and unanimously carried.

The chancellor spoke of the new fashion in vogue in Eastern colleges and borrowed from Oxford of calling such mass meetings, convocations, but under any name, when for such a purpose, they must be successful. He spoke of the object of the meeting, that of encouraging the study and practice of oratory and said that so long as persuasion leads men to noble actions, oratory will flourish. He introduced Mr. L. R. Ewart as a representative of the student body.

Mr. Ewart told some funny stories as a starter and then spoke of the need of co-operation by the whole University which wanted its best men to represent it at the state oratorical meeting. When a little over a year from to-day the interstate meeting occurs at which fifteen states will be represented Nebraska should be able to do herself justice there.

T. F. A. Williams was introduced as a gentleman who comprised the whole alumni body. Mr. Williams did not understand on which count Professor Fossler, who was present, was ruled out, whether from the alumni body or

the ranks of gentlemen. The speaker said oratory was called dead, but this was refuted when any crisis came. Some man always came forward at such a time who held the masses in the palm of his hand and moved them at his will simply by means of his power of eloquence. The title of orator is won when the people do as he bids them, not by any opinion they may express as to his ability. Courage, sympathy and conscience are essentials.

The university supported by the state owes something to it and an obligation rests on men to get out for contests, to train all the powers they have in this direction. He said he might be talking heresy, but he considered oratory as subsidiary to debate, for which it was a training.

Dr. Fling, who followed him, spoke on "Oratory and Debating." He remarked on the fact that the faculty had three representatives and the students and alumni only two. He didn't know whether it was because there was more oratorical timber in the faculty or because the students who arranged the program went on the principle of quantity against quality.

He had attended some oratorical contests, he said, and he thought more training was necessary to give stage presence and control. No matter how good the thought is, a ragged delivery spoils it all. Even genius needs to get technique and this is what the association should give to students. Regular training will seem machine work at first, but at last the impulse will come of itself.

Dr. Hill followed on "Oratory in Eastern Colleges." He said he could not speak from personal experience as an orator, having never written or delivered an oration, and he believed he was sandwiched in as a set-off.

Dr. Hill differed somewhat from some of the other speakers. He thought oratory had a place itself, independent of the training it gave. He knew that in Cornell it stood on its own legs. The Cornell-Pennsylvania is the only debate that brings out an audience, and that is due to college spirit, but the oratoricals always draw crowds and make money. He could not speak of Harvard and Yale, but in Wisconsin so great was the interest in the seven normal schools that each school had forty or fifty men in training for each contest. While it was narrowed down to one for the contest between the seven schools in the state, it kept up the interest through the year.

He did not think it was strange that teachers should train for orators. They needed it to present their work. A teacher should be a compound of logic, psychology and oratory. He also had observed that the preparation here was not sufficient. By good work the association could be put on a better basis. In Wisconsin the faculty voted two prizes to the association's one.

Dr. Ward spoke on the "Bigness of the Unit." He had taken part in only one oratorical contest and received no prize, as there was no booby prize given. He instanced how often lawyers and ministers failed because they were not able to convey the message they had in a forceful way. It depended not only on power of expression, but on logic of thought. He spoke of what Louis Agassiz had done for science because he had the power of eloquence. By his travels and his speeches he had aroused an interest all over the country in the natural sciences. He had secured from a reluctant legislature the grant of \$25,000 for a museum and the people call it still by his name.

The chancellor advised the boys to look over at the faithful girls who attended the meeting and see that each of them got to the contest Friday night.

Company D Feed

Keeping right in line with several of the other companies, Company D will give an informal feed at the Alpha Tau Omega house, Fourteenth and M streets, next Tuesday evening. The boys will assemble there at the invitation of Capt. Morrison, who will discuss with them ways and means of capturing the cup in the competitive drill.

TO PUBLISH THE SOMBRERO

Class of 1900 Decides to Have a Junior Annual Next Year

EDITORS OF ANNUAL ELECTED

F. H. Woodland and R. C. Roper are Editors-in-Chief, Collett and VanValin for Business Managers

The members of the Sophomore class held a meeting in the chapel last Friday afternoon to elect editors-in-chief, business managers and a board of editors of the Sombrero, which publication that class intends to issue next year. The political fight for the places of honor on the Sombrero has been one of the most bitter in the history of the class, and for a month past, caucuses have been held and the members of the class have got out and hustled for their favorite candidates.

So when the class assembled in the chapel it was with feelings of suppressed excitement. No factions were present and each was confident of victory.

After disposing of some minor matters of business it was unanimously decided that the class publish the Junior Annual next year, otherwise known as the Sombrero. Then came the first fight as to how many editors-in-chief and business managers there should be. One part of the class members argued for three editors-in-chief and the same number of business managers. The opposing faction favored two instead of three, Mr. Pearse moved that there be two editors-in-chief. This motion was amended to elect three editors-in-chief. The amendment was lost and the original motion carried. A motion to elect but two business managers met with no resistance and was carried. It was also decided that the board of editors consist of twelve members of the class. Nominations for editors-in-chief were then in order. F. H. Woodland, R. C. Roper and G. W. Kline were put in nomination. When the ballots were counted the vote stood: Woodland 61, Roper 57, and Kline 48. Messrs. Woodland and Roper were declared elected. For the position of business managers, Collett, VanValin, Woodruff and Liebmann were nominated. Collett and VanValin were the successful candidates.

Twenty-four nominations were made to fill the positions of associate editor. The following twelve were elected: Misses Henry, McCune, Alderman, Packard, Mackin, Hess, Messrs. Imler, Chambers, Adams, Benedict, Reeder, West.

As soon as the meeting adjourned candidates at the head of the ticket had to submit to being tossed by their enthusiastic supporters.

Company F Feed

At the invitation of Captain W. H. Noyes the members of company F met at the Tau Delta Omicron house at 2444 P street last Tuesday evening. In order to more thoroughly unite the company a civil organization was perfected. H. B. Noyes was elected president and C. K. Cooper secretary. The boys indulged in a tug of war just by way of getting up their muscles for a similar contest with company E, which will take place in the near future.

All of the officers, non-commissioned officers and some of the privates made short speeches tending to arouse company spirit. Major White increased the enthusiasm by offering a prize of \$10 to be spent in celebrating by one of the companies in the second battalion, in case it won the cup in the competitive drill.

The cadets employed the remainder of the time in playing various games, after which delightful refreshments were served.

Company F Hop Tonight

The first annual company F hop will be given tonight at Courier hall, 1132 N street. This is the first hop given this year by any of the companies of the regiment. The committee on arrangements consists of Brown, Cloland, Clark, Adams and Atwood.