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TALBOT AGAIN WINNER.

Intercollegiate Contest Proves Easy. Grand Island Gets Second Place.

The fifteenth annual contest of the Nebraska collegiate oratorical association was held in the Omaha Y. M. C. A. auditorium last Friday evening being in charge of Bellevue college.

The university delegation went down on the morning train in order to participate in the business meeting, which was held at Bellevue. President Baekus called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. After the usual preliminary business the order new business was taken up, and there followed a hard but unequal fight upon several questions. Applications were made by Creighton college and Cotner university for admission to the association, both of which were granted.

An amendment to the constitution was read and passed, providing that the contest be held on or before the third Friday in March of each year.

Doane then proposed an amendment as follows: "That after the contest of April 7, 1899, no member of any law school, school of medicine or technical school, nor anyone taking any work in any such school or schools be allowed to compete." After a stormy fight, despite the efforts of Warner, Maguire and Benedict, the amendment was passed, the university alone voting in the negative. It was the same spirit of petty jealousy which has always characterized the smaller colleges in the association. It is this littleness which continually comes up that causes the university to consider the advisability of joining with Kansas, Iowa and Missouri in an organization of some dignity, leaving the present association to colleges of their own class.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, A. G. Abbott, Grand Island; vice president, E. F. Warner, University of Nebraska; secretary-treasurer, F. G. Stephens, Doane; float delegate, Dave Murphy, Creighton. Grand Island has the contest next year.

At 6:30 in the evening a banquet was given, with G. A. Benedict as toastmaster. This was a very pleasant feature of the contest.

At 9 o'clock the crowd had become almost exhausted and was ready for the program. A half hour had been spent in making as much noise as possible. Yells, songs and good natured bantering had put everyone in good condition for enjoying the orators. Bellevue had the largest and noisiest delegation and had a good list of yells and songs, the following yells being particularly effective:

And a Ve Vi! and a Vo Vi!
And a Ve Vi Vo Vi Vum, Vum, Vum!
Get a Rat Trap Bigger Than a Cat Trap! Vum!

Get a Rat Trap Bigger Than a Cat Trap!

Vum, Vum, Vum!
Shally, Shally! Boom-a-Laka Bah!
Bellevue, Bellevue!
Rah, Rah, Rah!

The first orator was "The Mission of War," by Shalleross of Bellevue. He spoke in part as follows:

"Wars deserve a prominent part in the economy of the world. The temporary effects are undeniably bad, but out of the violent throws of war nations spring forth. War is an organizer of forces which bring advancement. The sword is the weapon of liberty. All liberties are traceable to armed resistance. But a new spirit has come. The czar's proclamation voices Christ's spirit of peace."

The orator's voice was well under control, but pitched a trifle high. His delivery was rather too studied and a spasmodic emphasis attracted adverse attention. He secured second place from two judges on delivery and all three on manuscript.

The second orator was Kirby of Grand Island, with "The Anglo-Saxon—The Highest Type of Civilization." "National greatness," he said, "consists in the possession of the three elements, physical, intellectual, and spiritual. The spiritual was dominant in the Jewish race; the intellectual typified in the Athenian Greek; while the physical was left to the city on the Tiber. Each of these excelled in some one phase of strength, but none combined the three. Of all races today none save the Anglo-Saxon have solved the problem of a combination. The Anglo-Saxon race is girdling the earth with a stream of light like the ring of Saturn."

This oration received two firsts on manuscript, but the orator has few if any qualities for public speaking. His voice is good in quality, but the touch of affectation makes it unpleasant. His head was held rather too high and a continual closing of the eyes made a bad effect on those present.

Talbot, the university orator, then

followed with his production "William Lloyd Garrison."

He had an opposition in point of delivery, receiving three firsts, but secured only one first on manuscript. Mr. Talbot's power lies in his voice, which is deep and resonant, but not strong. He follows the conversational style of delivery, but with such earnestness as to hold his audience with ease. His gestures are not good, a continual use of the right arm to denote emphasis, becoming monotonous.

"Unrest, a Sign of Progress" was the theme chosen by Linberg of Doane. "Unrest results from the clash of the new with the last lingerings of the old. We, who stand in the full light of the present, cannot comprehend the past. Look back on the origin of monarchy and follow the upheavals and revolutions of the past. Luther was a strong factor in the world's unrest. The invention of printing marked the world's sunrise.

The laboring man of today reads and thinks. He seeks a wider horizon. He must be satisfied in this or revolution threatens. The spirit of avarice threatens in the present. There is an interdependence of capital and labor. This economic condition must be settled. Mind and heart will solve the problem. The divine spirit of brotherhood is dawning."

Mr. Linberg has good stage presence, but speaks too rapidly. He showed a little nervousness at times, and suffered from a slight fault of memory.

Following are the markings. The decision seemed satisfactory to all: Judges on manuscript: W. M. Beardshear, president of Iowa state college of agriculture, Ames, Iowa; Dr. J. D. S. Riggs, president of Ottawa university, Ottawa, Kas.; Dr. F. H. Snow, chancellor of Kansas university, Lawrence, Kas. On delivery, Hon. H. W. Baldwin, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Victor E. Bender, "Nonpareil," Council Bluffs, Ia.; Hon. J. C. Cowin, Omaha, Neb.

The following is the rank given by the judges:

	Manuscript Delivery				
	Beardshear	Show	Riggs	Bender	Baldwin
Bellevue	100	100	100	100	100
Grand Island	105	98	110	106	100
Univer. Nebr.	94	102	90	110	105
Doane	97	95	95	102	98

HIGH SCHOOL BEATEN.

The high school and university base ball teams met at the opening game of the season on the university campus Saturday afternoon. Both teams played with quickness and snap considering the bad condition of the grounds. From start to finish the university team out played their opponents, winning by a score of 12 to 2.

The game gave supporters of each team an excellent opportunity to study new material and speculate upon the possibilities of the season. After the game Captain Reeder of the university expressed himself as much pleased with the work done by the players.

The new men in the game, McDermott, Bell, Lehmer, Cuscaden and Kingsbury, all showed up in first-class shape. For the high school DePutron and Winger deserve notice. Their good work was, however, very much handicapped by the ragged playing of some other members of the team. Reynolds at first base and Johnson at second played a passable game at times, while at others, they made some disastrous errors. The players and the score by innings was as follows:

University	High School
Reeder	Raymond
McDemott	Johnson
Bliss	Dobson
Gordon	DePutron
Kingsbury	Nickel
Cuscaden	Lau
Lehmer	Winger
Rhodes	Reynolds
Bell	Wright
Rhen	Biggestaff
Score by innings:	
University	0 5 1 0 4 2 0—12
High school	2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

Dr. Hastings went to Crete Saturday to talk on "Methods of Training" to the students of Doane college and the Crete high school.

The meeting of the zoological club Thursday evening was of unusual interest. Professor Fordyce of Wesleyan told the results of investigations of fresh water fauna by Professor Richards on Lake St. Clair. Professor Benedict of Lincoln high school discussed the results of Professor Ward's work in the same line on Lake Michigan, and Professor Ward reviewed Professor Birge's work on Lake Mendota.

PHI PSI CONVENTION.

Delegates From Neighboring Institutions Entertained Last Week.

The convention of the Fifth district of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity opened Wednesday afternoon at the chapter house, 1630 G street, and came to a close Thursday evening with a banquet at the Lincoln hotel.

The convention was called to order by George C. Shedd, archon of the district. Officers of the convention were elected and committees appointed. The delegates reported on the condition of each chapter and the archon made a detailed report on the condition of the district. Thursday morning papers on matters of interest to the fraternity were read and discussed and miscellaneous business was transacted. Congratulatory telegrams were received from the conventions of the other four districts, then meeting in the various sections of the country east of here.

The business sessions of the convention were conducted Thursday evening at about 7 o'clock the final session having lasted all afternoon and well into the evening. Some excellent papers on fraternity questions were presented and the discussions on them were earnest and spirited. The election of an archon, the district resulted in the choice of George C. Shedd of the local chapter, who was previously holding the office by appointment to fill a vacancy. Madison, Wis., was selected as the place for holding the next district convention, after the Wisconsin and Iowa chapters had made a spirited contest for it. The convention was confidently expressed by the delegates that the convention had been and would be of great benefit to the chapters of the district and their members.

The local chapter entertained at a cotillion at the Lincoln hotel in honor of the delegates. The large dancing hall was elaborately decorated with the fraternity colors, the scarlet and cream of the University and flowers. The members and alumni of the Nebraska chapter together with delegates made up about forty couples, which were led through many pretty and amusing figures by H. G. Shedd and Miss Hargreaves. An unusually large number of figures were original and both design and execution were the work of the painstaking and eminently successful leaders. At 11 o'clock luncheon was served from the ordinary and was followed by more figures.

The party was chaperoned by Chancellor and Mrs. MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gere, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Burnham.

The delegates from away were P. S. Porter, Claude Luse and L. A. Page, University of Minnesota; P. W. Childs, Beloit college; L. T. Flynn and L. R. White, University of Iowa; Howard Bauer, Leland Stanford, Jr., University of California; E. K. Woods and Hamilton, University of Kansas.

The others present Wednesday evening were: Misses Robinson and Robinson, Lehmer and Lehmer, Omaha; Douglas, Dewese, Tukey, Hargreaves, Haeker, Woods, Webster, Raymond, Jaynes, Bonnell, Bridge, McMenemy, Cunningham, Holbrook, Welch, Hammond, Macomber, Macomber, Wetzel, LaSalle, Jackson, Andrews, Hayes, Gere, Gere, Winger, Macfarland, Thompson, Wiggenhorn, Polk, Vanell, Millar, Sedgwick, Lansing, Alton, Messers, W. D. Reed, Carl Fricke of Plattsmouth, Wiggenhorn of Asalaud, H. G. Shedd, Clarke, Christie, Brown, G. C. Shedd, Collett, Haeker, Chapin, Weeks, Pearce, L. W. Kornsmeier, L. S. W. C. Reed, Manchester, Cuscaden, Campbell, Hayes, Riekards, Crandall, Engel, Dewese, Norton, Barber, Kimball, of Wayne Sedgwick of York, Williams of York, F. A. Kornsmeier.

The convention banqueted Thursday night at the Lincoln hotel. Delegates, members of the local chapter and alumni were present to the number of fifty, seated at a long table down the middle of the hall. Both the hall and the table were beautifully decorated, the former with the flags and bunting that had graced it for the occasion of the cotillion at the evening before and the table by an immense bunch of lilies, clusters of roses at short intervals and by loose flowers sent by the women's fraternities of the university. The gifts of the latter were accompanied by expressions of congratulations to the members of the district convention. The local chapters of Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma and several individual members of these were among the number extending greetings.

Music was furnished by Hagenow's orchestra. Rev. W. H. Mauss of Ohio Beta chapter acted as toastmaster. After the banquet was disposed of the evening was enlivened by the singing

of college and fraternity songs and the giving of the different college yells. Just before the banquet dispersed, the whole company joined in giving the yell of each college and university represented, after being instructed in it by delegates from the different schools.

The menu was as follows:
New York Counts
Cold Slaw
Cream of Asparagus Croquettes
Sliced Tomatoes
Planked White Fish, Maitre d'Hotel
Parisienne Potatoes
Braised Calf's Sweet Bread Chateaufort
Mushrooms
Roman Punch
Supreme of Chicken, Maryland
Petitits Pois
Turkey
Mayonaisse
Neapolitaine Ice Cream
Cake
Fruit
Cigars

The toasts were as follows:
Toastmaster Rev. W. H. Mauss, Ohio Beta; "Our New District," C. Z. Luse, Minnesota Beta Phi Psi; "Gentlemen," L. T. Flynn, Iowa Alpha; Fraternity Life at Stanford," H. A. Bauer, California Beta; "The Western Man," A. T. Smith, Wisconsin Alpha; "Phi Psis in Exile," H. G. Shedd, Nebraska Alpha; "Our Great Family," F. H. Ward, Kansas Alpha; "Our Soldiers," T. P. Lansing, Wisconsin Gamma; "The Alumni," W. A. Sellock, Minnesota Alpha; "Farewell," Archon George C. Shedd, Nebraska Alpha.

The delegates arrived Tuesday afternoon and evening. Tuesday evening they gathered at the chapter house and met the local chapter and several alumni of the city, becoming thoroughly acquainted with them and with one another before taking up the work of the session. A very pleasing incident of the evening was the arrival at the house of a box of cigars, expressing the kindly feelings toward the convention of the members of the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

RECITAL BY MRS. WILL OWEN JONES.

The fourth of the series of artistic recitals of the University School of Music was given last Tuesday night in the University chapel by Mrs. Will Owen Jones.

The audience was large and attentive, showing the deepest sympathy with every mood of the pianist. Perhaps the most pleasing feature was the predominance of the modern. The four sea pieces by McDowell particularly delighted the audience and seemed highly suited to the interpretative genius of the pianist. Of the Chopin numbers, the Scherzo C sharp minor was rendered with charming clearness and purity.

Mrs. Jones excels in delicacy of touch. The students of the university are technique and purity of mood study.

	Reese	Sherman	Hill	Anslay	Caldwell	Total
1. Talbot	3	1	2	1	4	11
2. Craft	1	4	1	3	3	12
3. Stull	2	2	4	4	6	18
4. Hawxby	4	3	6	8	5	26
5. Wilson	5	6	5	5	5	26
6. Nims	8	7	8	6	1	30
7. Weaver	7	8	3	7	8	35
8. Bollenbach	6	9	7	11	7	40
9. McNaughton	9	5	9	9	9	41
10. O'Connell	11	12	11	2	15	46
11. Barr	10	10	12	12	11	55
12. Griffith	15	11	10	10	12	58
13. Motis	12	13	15	13	14	67
14. Landis	12	15	14	14	13	69
15. Sampson	14	14	13	15	15	71

rapidly coming to appreciate the opportunity afforded in these recitals for securing a most needed and much neglected phase of education.

Following is the program:
Allegro Briosso from Sonata Opus 53—Schytte.
Andantino and Variations in B minor—Schubert-Tausig.
Basso Ostinato—Arensky.
Scherzo C sharp minor, Waltz, G flat, Ballad A flat—Chopin.
Waldweben—Wagner-Brassin.
Intermezzo E flat—Brahms.
Troika—Tzchaikowsky.
Four Sea Pieces—MacDowell.
No. 1 To the Sea.
No. 2, From the Wondering Iceberg.
No. 3, The Song.
No. 4, A. D. MDCXX.
Witches Dance, Flute Idyl—MacDowell.
Etude in E major—Paganini-Liszt.
Waldebrausehen—Liszt.

Harvard foot ball coaches for the coming season have been announced as follows: Head coach, B. H. Diblee, '99; coach for defense and center men, W. H. Lewis L. S., '95; for tackles, B. G. Waters, '94. The other special coaches will be announced later.

FINAL PRELIMINARIES.

Representatives Chosen to Compete with Other Institutions in Debates.

The final preliminary contest to choose debaters for the contests with Kansas, Missouri and Colorado occurred last Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the chapel. Talbot was given first place by the judges. The remaining eight which were selected, ranked in the following order: Craft, Miss Stull, Hawxby, Wilson, Nims, Wenver, Bollenbach, McNaughton.

Interest in debating is very great as is shown from the large number of debaters aspiring for honors. Owing to the unfavorable weather Wednesday night the speakers were greeted with a rather small audience. The question for discussion was: "Resolved, That the combination of railroads to determine rates are undesirable and should be prohibited by law." The speakers on the affirmative were W. H. O'Connell, F. G. Hawxby and E. J. Motis, J. F. Warner was to have spoken on the affirmative, but he withdrew from the contest, leaving only three speakers on that side to contest with four on the other. Those on the negative were: Clinton Barr, Charles P. Craft, G. D. Talbot, Claude S. Wilson. Each speaker was allowed fifteen minutes in which to present his argument. W. O. O'Connell, the first debater on the program, was granted five minutes at the conclusion for rebuttal. One of the debaters Mr. Talbot, recently won the university oratorical contest, but not satisfied with that he is looking for new fields to conquer.

The final series was held Thursday evening. The subject discussed was the same as on the night before.

The speakers for the evening were as follows: Affirmative—R. Sampson, F. A. Nims, Bertha Stull, A. Bollenbach, Negative—W. F. McNaughton, V. B. Weaver, G. P. Gratch, H. D. Landis. The debate throughout was of much more interest than that of the previous evening. McNaughton and Bollenbach made the best impression with the audience, and received the bulk of the applause. Miss Stull also made many friends by her easy bearing and readiness of speech.

The decision of the judges was based upon the debates of both evenings. Of this number three will contest in the debates with each of the neighboring institutions just mentioned. The respective terms to be formed later.

The judges for the contest were: Judge M. B. Reese, Professors A. Ross Hill, A. L. Sherman, H. W. Caldwell and C. F. Anslay.

The debaters were given the following positions by the judges:

COLLEGE AFFAIRS.

The Yale Alumni Weekly publishes an address to all graduates of the University appealing for funds to carry out the plans for an elaborate celebration which is to be planned for 1901. The sum of \$2,000,000 is asked for, and it is announced that as much of this as shall be necessary will be devoted to the erection of a "commemorative hall," the rest to be applied to university endowments. It is also announced that subscriptions amounting to more than \$225,000 have been received.

The Harvard golf club will work this spring with a professional trainer if the services of a good man can be obtained. With a professional player as greenkeeper, the club can have links kept in the best of condition and also furnish instruction to the members. Practice will begin this week at the club links and the players will begin training for the May tournaments. There will be no green team activity this spring and summer, although numerous small matches will be arranged, among them foursome contests and medal play tournaments.

Mary I. Wallace desires to correct the mistake made in the senior class book. She is not a Palladian.