

and had to get down the old arithmetic to settle the matter.

When the old man came into the office on Monday, the young lawyer looked a little disconcerted, for it was early and he had not taken time to study up a plausible story. He was too clear headed himself to be able to tell a poor lie without telltale embarrassment. So on the spur of the moment he assumed the air of a cool business man and gave a concise statement of facts.

"I'm sorry but we can't let you have that money just now. The company doesn't want your property. During the boom, you know, we had so much property left on our hands, and you see Mr. McDonald, you are an old man. We are not willing—"

The old man had risen and with his head erect had opened the door and closed it behind him.

The young lawyer turned to his stenographer with an uneasy laugh.

"Sensitive about his age as you are, nint he?"

ANNA PREY.

PRELIMINARY DEBATES.

The University Debating Association will hold the annual preliminaries on the 17th, 18th and 20th of December, including Friday, Saturday and Monday nights respectively. There are fifty-eight names on the list for the contest. Taking eight debaters in each division, it makes seven divisions. By the old plan of retaining the same judges all through the entire series, it would necessitate a sacrifice of seven evenings by the professors who serve as judges. This year there will be nine judges who shall all be present and mark upon the work of the first division. But the markings of but three judges will be handed in for the general average. The remaining six judges will keep their markings for a basis of comparison for the remaining divisions. Then the judges shall be divided, by lot, into three divisions of three each, who shall hear the remaining six divisions in two nights. But the three judges whose markings shall be taken the first night, will be assigned to separate divisions for the remaining two nights, thereby giving a continuity of markings as far as possible. On Friday Dec. 17th the first division will meet in the chapel; the second, third and fourth will debate in separate halls on Saturday night, and the fifth, sixth and seventh divisions on Monday night. The judges are as follows: For divisions two and five, Profs. Caldwell and Ward and Judge Reese; for divisions three and six, Profs. Luckey, Sherman and Hill; for divisions four and seven, Profs. Ansley, Barbour and Wilson. There are to be sixteen men selected by the first preliminaries. Then in the second preliminary nine men will be selected from the sixteen, to represent Nebraska in the interstate debates with Kansas and Missouri state universities and Colorado Springs College. The last nine debaters will determine their respective positions in the inter-state debates. The speakers ranking highest in the final debates shall have first choice, both as to the institutions he

shall debate against and as to the place in the inter-state debates; the speaker ranking second shall have second choice and so on until all the places are filled. In case of a tie for rank in the final debates the order shall be determined by lot.

The following are the questions and debaters of the different sections:—

First Division.—Resolved, That President Jackson was justified in his attitude toward the bank of the United States. Affirmative, Berge, Pearson, Smoyer and Stewart. Negative, Deal, Sloan, McNaughton, and Hutchinson.

Second Division.—Resolved, That the United States should annex Hawaii as a territory. Affirmative, Taylor, Kemp, Hager and Goodwill. Negative, Denison, Lowrie, Griffith and Tellison.

Third Division.—Resolved, That municipalities should own and control their natural monopolies. Affirmative, Pope, Meier, Maguire and Tucker. Negative, Spencer, Waterman, Davies and Perry.

Fourth Division.—Resolved, That the income tax measure passed by the second session of the Fifty-third congress was just and equitable. Affirmative, Halderson, Sackett, Warner and Lee. Negative, Frazier, Payne, Wessel and Miss Stull.

Fifth Division.—Resolved, That the radical is of greater importance to society than the conservative. Affirmative, Allen, Oury, Hawley, Andreson. Negative, Landis, Edgerton, Eidem and O'Connell.

Sixth Division.—Resolved, That a permanent national board should be established for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between employers and employes. Affirmative, Cake, Garber, Matson and Ayer. Negative, Kunz, Burleigh, Burch and Hilton.

Seventh Division.—Resolved, That the United States would be justified in extending belligerent rights to Cuba. Affirmative, Toby, Bolenbach, Dittmar, and Dassenbrook. Negative, Kinton, Ewart, Kindler and Baker.

Prof. Hill was unable to meet his classes Wednesday because of sickness.

The Hayden Art Club met in the art rooms of the library Saturday night. Mrs. F. M. Hall read a paper on "The Religious Element in Art." Among those who spoke were Professors Ward and Fling.

A committee, consisting of seven of the faculty, meet every Wednesday night to take into consideration the general organization of the internal workings of the University. Prof. Fossier is chairman, Dr. Lees secretary. The other members are Professors, Davis, Brace, Hill, Owens and Caldwell.

Inspector Crabtree, president of the Nebraska State Teachers Association, extends a cordial invitation to students of the university to become members of the association. He believes it will be valuable particularly for those who expect to become teachers in the near future. The meeting occurs Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30. The program is the best ever prepared by the association. The outlook is favorable for a very large attendance.