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CHANGE IN FACULTY.

Dean Edgren to go to Sweden—Lectures in Sociology by Professor A. Ross—State Teachers' Association.

Dean Edgren has accepted a position as a member of the "Nobel Institute" of Sweden. This institute is named after the millionaire Nobel, who, at his death left his fortune to be awarded as prizes for literary and scientific productions. These prizes, five or six in number, consist of nearly \$50,000 each, and are annually awarded to the person producing the best results in literary and scientific fields. Competition is open to the world.

Dean Edgren has been chosen by the Swedish Academy of Stockholm, to be its representative in the "Nobel Institute," which is similar to the French Academy. His work will be to examine all productions in English and American literature and decide upon the prize winner. There is no routine work in connection with this position, and it is probable that Professor Edgren will make trips to England and America in his investigations of the literature annually produced.

Dr. Edgren will leave for Stockholm where he intends to make his residence, some time during the coming summer. He has been at the head of the department of Romance languages at the University, since 1885, and has at all times been one of the most popular members of the faculty.

SOCIOLOGY.

Prof. Edward A. Ross has been appointed special lecturer in sociology during the second semester. He will deliver three courses of lectures each continuing through the semester. The first course will be on "Education and Society," treating the social aspect of the public school and the services that society expects the teacher to render. It will review the chief social aims of modern education and the practical methods of realizing these. The course will be broad and non-technical and of special interest to those intending to teach.

The second series of lectures will be on the "Psychology of Society" examining the phenomena which exhibits the domination of the social environment over the individual and also the phenomena which exhibits the domination of superior individuals over the mind of the social mass. The illustrations will be known from contemporary American life, the object of the lecture being to enable the students to comprehend society here and now.

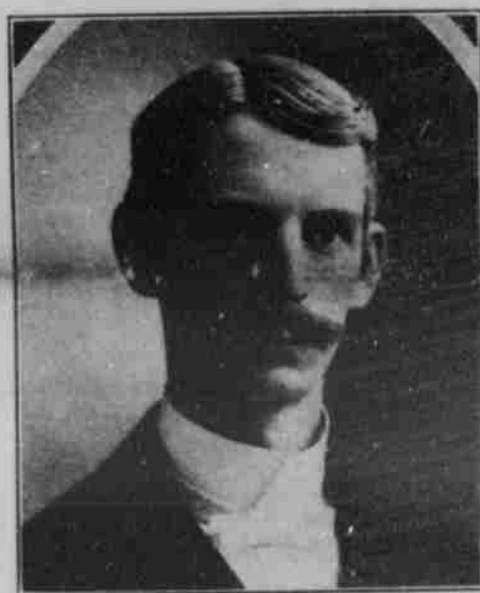
The third course of lectures is on "Cities," the ceremonies and sociology of the modern city rather than its government. The lectures will consider the city as to the laws of its location, its structure, its economic basis and the cause of its growth. The population of the city will be compared with that of the country in respect to race, sex, age, composition, birth rate, marriage rate, divorce, longevity, criminality, pauperism, education, and moral character.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers Association was held Decem-

ber 26, 27, and 28. An unusual large number attended, the total reached was 1,374; or about 500 more than any previous year. This large attendance was due in most part to the splendid program which had been prepared. Of the many features perhaps the most favorable comment was excited by the practical and very interesting address of Chancellor Andrews on Wednesday evening. The subject of his discourse was "True and False Criticism of the Present Method of Public School Teaching."

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, U. S. Conn, of Wayne; Secretary, Bertha Thoelecke, Lincoln county; Treasurer, J. J. Tooley, Custer county; member of executive committee for three years, E. J. Bodwell, Douglas county; member of executive committee for one year, to fill vacancy, W. H. Heitzman, Beatrice; member of educational council for three years, W. H. Gardiner, Auburn; member of educational coun-



W. K. FOWLER,
New State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

cil to fill vacancy, R. J. Barr, Grand Island; member of reading circle board, A. R. Staler, Gage county.

The university people, Professors and alumni, who addressed the meeting are as follows: Physical Science—Professor Brace; Miss Harriet Packard, Plattsmouth; E. D. Banghart, Crete; Z. E. Crook, Auburn; Chas. Philpott, Lincoln; Dr. Chas. Skinner, Lincoln; Professor Moore and Professor White.

Child Study—Prof. Ward, Doctor Bolton, and Dr. Inez C. Philbrick, of Lincoln.

Science—Professor Bessey; Geo. E. Condra, Lincoln, J. W. Crabtree, Lincoln; and Miss Eva O'Sullivan of South Omaha.

Mathematics—Professor Hodgman.

History—Miss Julia M. Wort, Lincoln; and L. E. Munford of Beatrice. Literature—Dr. Sherman; and Miss Jessie L. Stanton, Fairbury.

Latin—Professor Barber, Miss Olive Pound, Fairbury.

Physical Culture—Dr. Wolcott, Prof. Hill, Miss Anna Spurck, and Elmer Bury.

Also addresses were given by Professors Sweezy, Caldwell, Taylor, and Burnett; R. E. Mortiz, Anna M. Betts, of Lincoln and W. S. Heitzman of Beatrice.

EXTEMPORANEOUS ORATORY.

Arrangements for Contest with Minnesota—Rules for Preliminaries—Historical Society Program—Basket Ball.

The following is a summary of the compact formed to govern the extemporaneous speaking contests with the University of Minnesota to be held March 10 at Minneapolis.

Each university is to be represented by two speakers. The subjects are decided upon by each university sending to the other two subjects and the university receiving the same selects one. The two subjects thus chosen are sent to some person outside the universities who will be asked to divide each subject into four propositions and send such divisions enclosed in a sealed envelope to the president of the entertaining university who shall not open the same until the morning of the contest. In the meantime the contestants have been given the subjects to study, though of course they are not informed of the different subdivisions made of them. On the morning of the contests the president of the entertaining university shall in the presence of all contestants open the envelope containing the subdivisions referred to above and shall place in separate receptacles slips on which are written the names of the speakers, the different propositions or subdivisions of the subject, and the numerical figures from one to four inclusive. One card shall then be drawn from each receptacle, which shall determine the speaker, his subject and the order in which he shall appear on the program. The day immediately preceding the contest shall be allowed the speakers for arranging their material and it is thought that the plan of thus dividing the subject into propositions will prevent complaint by any of the speakers.

There shall be three judges to mark the speeches who shall be chosen by the visiting university from a list of twelve submitted by the entertaining university. This list shall be made up of persons residing near the entertaining university. Each judge shall determine for himself what constitutes effective public speaking.

The two questions chosen are "The future of the Philippines" and "Count Tolstoi."

The local contest will be held February 8th. Registration will close Friday, January 11th at 6:00 o'clock. Those desiring to enter may register with Mr. C. P. Croft or Professor Miller. No fee will be charged.

The stories must be in by February 8th also, at 10:00 o'clock p. m. the hour when the preliminaries close. The stories must be between 2,500 and 3,000 words in length. They will be graded on four points: Invention, construction (plot), characterization, and style.

Following are the rules for local oratorical contest:

The local oratorical contest for the purpose of selecting representatives to enter the inter-collegiate meet with Minnesota, shall be held the evening of the second Friday in February.

The two subjects selected by Minnesota and Nebraska for the final contest shall be used in the local one. Four important phases of each topic shall be selected by professor Caldwell

of the American history department and Professor Miller of the public speaking department. At nine o'clock of the day on which this contest is held, the contestants under the supervision of the above named professors shall draw lots to determine the phase of the topic to be discussed and the order of speakers.

The contestants shall be limited to 12, provided, if 8 (eight) or less enter they shall have 15 minutes each, but in the event of a great number of contestants, the total amount of time shall not exceed 150 minutes, and shall be apportioned accordingly. If a greater of contestants shall be referred to the executive board, provided that in case a member of this board registers for the contest, he shall be excluded from acting on said matter.

The executive board shall be governed by the following rules:

"A student, who has taken the course in public speaking, and has had experience in oratorical debating contests and debating clubs in this institution or elsewhere, shall be given preference over one not possessing such training and experience.

The judges of this contest shall be Dr. Sherman of the English department, Dr. Fling of the European history department and Professor Caldwell of the American history department.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM.

January 8th, 8:00 p. m.

The Beginning of a State. Presidents Annual Address, J. Sterling Morton.

Biographical Sketches—Senator P. W. Hitchcock, G. M. Hitchcock; Senator Paddock, W. Eannin.

The Grange and Farmers Alliance. Beginning of the Grange, R. A. Hauley.

Remarks by J. H. Powers et al. The Farmers' Alliance, J. M. Thompson.

Remarks by Hon. N. V. Harlan, ex-Gov. Crounse et al.

Business meeting.

January 9th, 8:00 p. m.

Reminiscences, H. W. Hardy. Biographical sketches—Senator T. W. Tipton, R. W. Furnas; Representative W. L. Greene, W. D. Oldham.

Freighting, H. L. Clarke.

Remarks and discussions by W. A. Paxton et al.

Early Roads and Routes in Nebraska, C. E. Persinger.

Business meeting, election of officers etc.

The basket ball team is hard at work getting into shape for the games to be played this season. Only one man of last years team is playing now making the personnel of the team very uncertain.

Captain Cortelyou is playing the first forward. He has played on the varsity for the last two years and previous to that on an Omaha team. There are several candidates for the position of center among them being Morrill, Koehler, and Pillsbury. The latter is showing up in the best form and will probably hold the place. Gordon has been playing guard but an injured knee forced him out of practice. He may be able to play later in the season. Babson at guard is showing up in fine form. Pollard, Nelson, Hiltner, McComb, and Rochon are playing a good game making it