

PRELIMINARIES NEAR OVER

First-Series Debates in High School League Near an End.

ARE PREPARING FOR THE FINISH

List of Winners in Those Contests Which Have Been Held to Date in High School Competition.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—In the seventh annual contests of the Nebraska High School Debating League, composed of about seventy of the principal schools of the state, the first series of debates are nearing completion. The winners in this series will proceed with the second series, and in districts with six or more members the two second series winners will then compete for the district championship and the honor of sending a representative of the district to the state debate at the state university on high school days in May.

Beatrice runs a special train with 200 "rooters" to Wynmore for the contest between these two fine rival cities of the Nebraska inter-district practice debates that usual are being held this year. This week South Omaha, which had won from Schuyler February 20, lost to Lincoln at Lincoln and to Havelock at Havelock March 4. Wynmore debated with Odel March 4.

First Series Summary.

Summary of the results to date of first series debates follows:

CENTRAL DISTRICT. Dr. E. D. Baughart, York, director. York (affirmative)—Oacoda—At York, February 21; won by York; unanimous. Fairmont—Excelsior—At Fairmont, March 5; won by Fairmont; unanimous.

EASTERN DISTRICT. Superintendent George E. Martin, Nebraska City, director. South Omaha—Schuyler—At South Omaha, February 20; won by South Omaha; unanimous. Fremont—Bellevue—At Bellevue, February 23; won by Bellevue; unanimous.

WESTERN DISTRICT. Superintendent W. E. Green, Valentine, director. Albin—North Platte—At Albin, February 27; won by Albin; two to one. Alnworth—Valentine—At Alnworth, February 25; won by Alnworth; two to one.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT. Superintendent M. E. Croser, director. Battle Creek—North Platte—At Battle Creek, March 3. Madison—Stanton. Albin—North Platte.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT. Superintendent W. W. Thissen, Pierce, director. Bloomfield—Randolph—At Bloomfield, March 13. South Sioux City—Ponca—At Ponca, March 8. Pierce.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT. Principal C. E. Anderson, Alliance, director. Alliance—winner of Minutae-Ridley debate.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT. Principal A. M. Hare, Fairbury, director. Guide Rock—Superior—At Guide Rock, March 8. Edgar—Clay Center—At Edgar, February 27; won by Edgar; two to one.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT. Superintendent B. A. Burdick, Humboldt, director. Auburn—Tecumseh—At Auburn, February 27. Wynmore—Beatrice—At Wynmore, March 1. Table Rock—Pawnee City—At Table Rock, March 8.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT. Superintendent C. A. Anderson, Oxford, director. Trenton—McCook—At McCook, February 27; won by Oxford; two to one. Cambridge—Oxford—At Oxford, February 27; won by Oxford; two to one.

WESTERN DISTRICT. Superintendent Roy E. Cochran, Kearney, director. Harvard—Hastings—At Harvard, March 4. Kearney—Minden—At Kearney.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT. Superintendent C. J. Jones, Ord, director. St. Paul—Sargent—At Sargent, March 5. Amesley—Broken Bow—At Amesley, March 5.

THREE LITTLE GIRLS MAKE FINE SCHOOL RECORD

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Maggie, Mabel and Frances Bolla, three little sisters, residing in school district No. 13, several miles west of here, have been neither absent nor tardy during the six months' term which has just closed. These children have each walked 20 miles in accomplishing the task, their home being three miles distant from the school house and they covering the distance twice every school day. Their ages are 10, 8 and 7 years, respectively. County Superintendent Grimes thinks the girls are entitled to highest commendation and intends bestowing upon them a reward of merit.

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Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Friday was the last day for city commission candidates to file their applications to have their names placed on the primary ballots, and three made their filings. H. H. Norcross, Wallace Weigel and H. W. Ahlquist. Few knew that Mr. Norcross was a candidate until his petition was filed. He will represent the "dry" faction in the municipal campaign for city commissioner. The list as filed comprises the following candidates: J. W. Mayer, J. R. Spicer, J. R. C. Field, H. H. Norcross, Wallace Weigel, H. W. Ahlquist, J. R. Hetherford, C. J. McColl, Peter Stewart, L. Pethou.

Earl Burnham of Wynmore was appointed deputy county clerk Friday by County Clerk J. C. Penrod to succeed Murray Barnard, who was forced to retire because of ill health. Mr. Burnham has been editor of the "Wynmorean" for years and will assume his new duties next Monday.

Walter Johnson of Adams was severely injured in an elevator accident a few days ago, and he was fortunate in escaping with his life. His clothing caught on a screw on a revolving shaft and he was rapidly being drawn toward what seemed certain death when J. B. Zuber and Lester Pittman rushed to his assistance and stopped the machinery. Johnson's arm was broken and his back badly bruised.

The Cotel Farmers' Shipping association has engaged Frank Palmer as manager, and will have charge of the association's plant at Odel the coming year.

Because of his intended removal to Pickrell, Fred Paper has resigned as mayor of Cortland. The village board has appointed Frank Bayling to serve as mayor during the unexpired term of Mr. Paper.

Fire Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock damaged the restaurant and building of C. F. Eble on South Sixth street to the extent of \$800. The fire started in the second story of the building from a defective fuse. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

News from Decatur. DECATUR, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. F. Byram returned Thursday from Boston, where she was called several weeks ago by the serious illness and death of her grandmother.

Mrs. W. Payne is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Parker, at Hastings. Messadams John Ashley, J. W. Hastings, James Calton and Gertrude Calton attended "Ben Hur" at Omaha Tuesday evening.

Miss Gell Darling attended the teachers' meeting in Oakland Saturday.

E. G. Gannon, a brother of Mrs. C. J. Aldrich, arrived Tuesday for a few days' visit at the latter's home.

Maggie De Lashmutt returned home Friday after visiting in Omaha and Glenwood, Ia.

Mrs. Shannon Gatewood and children returned to their home in South Omaha Saturday.

Much Building in Aurora. AURORA, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Building has been going on continually this winter. Dr. D. S. and Dr. J. M. Woodard and Dr. Fred Thomas have built a brick building on the west side of the square and are occupying it now.

The Cass brothers have put up a two-story brick beside it, to be occupied as a store.

J. H. Grosvenor has put up a brick building on the east side of the square. The lower floor is to be occupied by his law office and the offices of the Ancient Order United Workmen Accident Insurance company, of which Mr. Grosvenor is president.

The telephone and electric companies have built new brick buildings, which are almost ready for use, and the Farmers' Elevator company have their mill ready for installing the machinery.

Battle Creek Wins Debate. BATTLE CREEK, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Norfolk's chance of representing the north central district in the High School Debating League was lost last Friday evening, when the team met their smaller but more able opponents in the first series debate of the district. Battle Creek upheld the affirmative and Norfolk the negative side of the trust question. This was Battle Creek's first attempt to enter the debating field and the team showed up much stronger than expected.

The speakers for the affirmative were Margaret Richardson, Wade Price and Carl Dittrick, while those representing the negative were Ivo Hopperley, Eimer Beeler and David Diefenderfer, with Florence McWhorter as alternates.

Alleged Bootleggers Bound Over. BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Elio Crist of this city and William Kennedy of Meria, charged with the illegal sale of liquor, have been bound over to district court. Both men waived preliminary hearing and furnished bonds in the sum of \$500 each.

Gambblers Taken in Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The police today rounded up ten gamblers in the Rock Island yards. Six were arrested, but four of them escaped. Those held by the officers will be given their hearing tomorrow.

SAVED FROM THE SEA ON VERGE OF DEATH IN DARK AND STORM

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which now is divided into two rival factions of almost equal strength, one obeying the orders of "General" Kelley and the other composed of seceders. Nearly 1,500 men are listed in the two camps.

Governor Offers Them Work. Leaders of the men called at the executive offices today and demanded of Governor Johnson that they be supplied with food and transportation to the state line. The governor offered them work instead and they refused, frankly declaring they would accept no employment until they had completed the march to Washington.

No decision could be reached by city and county officials as to what disposition to make of the army. One of the questions debated throughout the day was whether or not to ship it back to San Francisco, whence it had started.

There were no disturbances at the rival camps, although emissaries of the seceders added to the bitter feeling by inducing a number of "General" Kelley's followers to desert.

Backster's Arsenic Salve prevented blood poison on Mr. G. W. Cloud of Plunk, Mo. This soothing salve healed a dangerous wound. See all druggists.—Advertisement.

KING SAYS CHARGE FALSE

Lincoln Police Commissioner Stands By Chief James Malone.

CALLS CRITICISM UNFOUNDED

Declares Proper Care Taken in Enforcing Department and Also in Handling the Department by Officials.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 8.—(Special.)—Having confidence in Chief of Police James Malone and branding the charges made by Superintendent H. F. Carson of the State Anti-Saloon League as false, City Commissioner O. J. King of Lincoln, confined to the house for a couple of months by a stroke of paralysis and facing a recall election because of alleged incompetence of Chief Malone and the police department over which he has jurisdiction, has filed with the city clerk a reply to the charges made against the department.

He says he is "surprised" that Mr. Carson should make the charges he does and brands as false the accusation made in an affidavit by a woman who says that the police held up \$7 of her money and refused to return it. He admits that he told the chief that he should not pay much attention to the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes because he had been informed by traveling men that they were sold in nearly every town in the state. He excuses the police department in the social evil problem by saying if people would only tell the police where to find violations they would make the attempt to punish them.

Mr. King also brands as false the charge that proper care is not taken in the appointment of members of the police force as to their qualifications and fitness for the places. Charges have been made that some of the men were so new to the city that they did not know the street numbers or location of some of the principal streets, it being shown that at one time there came a call for the patrol wagon at a saloon at Ninth and O and the police made a raid on one of the leading hotels of the city at Tenth and O, and by the time they had been directed to the right location, which was only two blocks from the police station, the offenders had got away.

Point for Recallers. The recallers in the petition for the recall of Commissioner O. J. King of Lincoln won another victory in the district court yesterday, when Judge Stewart overruled the motion of City Attorney Foster for a new trial in the case of a recount of the names upon the petitions for the recall. The recallers won to court to compel the city clerk to count names on the petitions thrown out by him and for some other acts of the clerk which they deemed out of his jurisdiction, and the court held for the recallers.

More Warrants Called. The state debt got another slash yesterday, when State Treasurer George issued a call for warrants amounting to \$138,000. This will take in all numbers running up to 6,300 and is made for March 12. The office is still redeeming outstanding warrants in the hands of the original owners from the university extension fund and has taken up \$32,728 worth. The new call will reduce the outstanding warrants to about \$450,000.

Hester Out for Marshal. W. B. Hester, chairman of the Lancaster county democratic committee, has announced his candidacy for the appointment of United States marshal for Nebraska.

Health Conference. The second annual conference of state and local health officers will be held in Lincoln this week, beginning on Wednesday and continuing through the next day.

FORGER IS KILLED IN STRUGGLE WITH POLICE OFFICERS

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evidently suspected our identity beforehand, turned on his heel, whipping a revolver from his right hand, and swung it around and pressed the muzzle against my waistband. I grabbed his wrist with my left hand, raised his arm in the air, and with my right hand obtained a grip on his hip with the intention of throwing him. As his right hand came opposite his temple the weapon was discharged and like a stone from a sling he seemed to shoot from my hands and fall in a crumpled heap on the pavement. Scarcely had he struck until Murphy had his gun hand pinned to the ground. The bullet had passed through the head directly above the right ear and came out several inches higher on the left side, passing through the crown of his derby hat. To man was still breathing when we phoned the station of the affair. Neither Murphy or I fired a shot.

Examine Detectives' Revolvers. Chief of Detectives Maloney, Captain Henry Holmfist and William Devereaux responded to the call with Dr. Hamler, in the emergency car. Maloney immediately examined the weapons of his men and found, so he says, that no shots had been fired from them, as the barrel

was oiled and still had pieces of lint adhering to the sides. The chambers of the guns were full. Hooper was placed in the patrol, which started for St. Joseph hospital. On the way he expired and the body was taken to the morgue.

"Cub" Potter, who witnessed the struggle, asserts that Fleming told him that Murphy had fired the shot that killed Hooper. Fleming accounts for this by saying that at first he was unaware as to just where the shot had really come from and believed that his partner had discharged his revolver. Potter could not state positively who had fired.

Mrs. Erastus Benson, in front of whose home the shooting occurred, asserts she heard one shot fired, and that when Fleming entered the house to telephone police headquarters he told her that his partner shot the fellow. In the afternoon the detectives again visited the neighborhood in search of witnesses to the affair and said that they had found that Hooper killed himself.

Hooper was wanted by the police of Los Angeles for forging a check for \$2,000 on the Panama Rubber company of that city and was also sought by the Muskogee, Okl., authorities for obtaining \$275 under false pretenses from a business man of that city. A circular bearing his name, detailed description and offering a reward of \$50 was issued from Muskogee to the departments throughout the country. Other charges of a like nature are said by Omaha police to be held against him. Surviving him is a sister, Mrs. Doering, of Sioux City, whose husband is the general manager of the Metropolitan Life insurance company. Hooper professed to be a son of ex-Mayor Hooper of Boston. These latter facts were vouchsafed by Mr. Parnell.

Companion for Mrs. Parnell. The story how Hooper happened to be at the Parnell residence was related by Mr. Parnell at police headquarters about an hour following the shooting.

"Hooper's wife, who was formerly Elsie Linsinger, had been employed by the Omaha News company as stenographer for about six weeks previous to her marriage. We had known the girl intimately for a number of years and when six months ago I bought my home in Dundee I persuaded her to come and live with us, as I am on the road the greater part of the time and my wife is left at home alone. Elsie made a good companion for her. Early last fall the girl journeyed to Kansas City to visit relatives, where she met Hooper at a dinner party. When she returned to Omaha he followed and early in November she announced her engagement.

The ceremony took place at Kansas City, Thanksgiving day, and the couple left for Los Angeles for their honeymoon.

Learns of Forgeries. "They stopped off, however, at Muskogee on the return, where Elsie first learned that things were not as they should be with her husband. At Kansas City she left him and came back to Omaha. She got John G. Kuhn, attorney

for the Omaha News company, to look up her husband's record. "Part of the facts were uncovered and she wrote and pleaded with her husband to secure employment and make good the wrongs he had done. Through legal advice she found that this could be done for a reasonable sum of money. Hooper replied that he would attempt to borrow the money and that if he failed they would go to Central America. Mrs. Hooper in the meantime had also learned through legal advice that they would be safe in the south as long as they kept out of the canal zone.

"Hooper came to Omaha Friday. I learned of his visit Sunday morning when I came in off the road and was met in Council Bluffs by my wife. He had spent both Friday and Saturday night at my house. After breakfast Sunday morning he left my home for Chicago, from which place he was going to Louisville.

"He had, so I learned from my wife, threatened to kill himself if he was taken by the police, and before leaving told her that he was armed."

Heard Man Was Desperate. When Chief of Police Dunn received the outside tip that Hooper was on his way to Omaha he was told that the man was desperate and would not be taken without a fight. This fact was also wired Omaha by Chief of Police Sebastian of Los Angeles. It was for this reason, so Chief Maloney asserts, the arrest was not made in the Darnell home, but was delayed until the man could be taken outside.

On the body of the man were found numerous letters from his wife declaring love and her belief that he would do what was right. She declared that she would go to Central America or anywhere with him, where he could find employment and pay back the money he had taken. The envelopes in which the messages were contained had been removed and were missing. Also in his pocket was found a ticket over the Burlington to

Chicago and two identification cards issued by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, each card bearing the name of John T. Parks, and were dated November, 1907 and 1908, respectively. The descriptions on each did not correspond, but in certain respects tallied with that of Hooper. The cards were issued at Indianapolis, Ind., and Shawnee, Okl.

Mrs. Hooper, who is 23 years old, is prostrated with grief and refused to talk with the detectives, following the affair. She advised the officers to consult with her attorney.

An inquest will be held this morning in order that Detective Fleming, who will be called to testify, may catch an afternoon train for Portland, Ore., where he is subpoenaed as a witness in a white slave case. Mrs. Hooper will not be called to testify and is exonerated of all connection with the affair, as is the Parnell family.

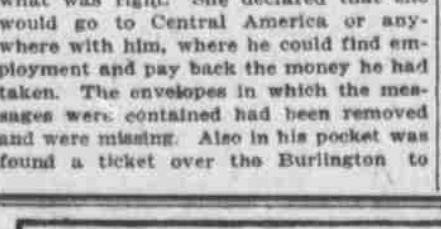
DEATH RECORD.

A. G. Phillips. BEATRICE, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A. G. Phillips, night engineer of the waterworks plant here for many years, died suddenly this afternoon at his home in West Beatrice of heart trouble. He was 55 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

Mrs. Ella Brannan. HARVARD, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ella Brannan, wife of Oscar Brannan, local manager of the David Cole cream station here, died at her home this morning, aged 33 years, after an illness covering a period of more than three years. The husband and one daughter are left.

Mrs. Laura Gilmore. YORK, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Laura Randall, wife of Boss Gilmore, died at the country home near Bluevale Friday evening, aged 61 years. She came to this county in the early '70s and was married to Boss Gilmore in 1872.

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