

STATE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE SATURDAY

Representatives of Twelve Districts Will Meet in Lincoln for Final Round.

SKETCHES OF CONTESTANTS

LINCOLN, May 8.—(Special).—The eighth annual state debate of the Nebraska High School Debating League, to be held Saturday morning, May 15 (High School Pete Day), at 10 o'clock in Memorial hall, will be a contest among twelve representatives of the championship schools in the twelve districts: Geneva (central), South Omaha (eastern), Lincoln (east-central), O'Neill (northern), Oakland (northeastern), West Point (north-central), Alliance (northwestern), Blue Springs (southern), Beatrice (southeastern), Trenton (southwestern), Kearney (western), and Sargent (west-central).

These schools came victorious out of the first, second and third series' debates during February, March and April, on the proposition, "That the United States should adopt government ownership and operation of railroads." The three judges, who will decide who is entitled to first (state championship), second and third honors, will be selected by the president of the league, Prof. M. M. Fogg and the twelve competing schools. The order of speaking on each side was decided by lot.

Beatrice, West Point, Lincoln, Geneva, Sargent and South Omaha have the affirmative; Alliance, Blue Springs, O'Neill, Oakland, Kearney and Trenton, the negative. The High School Debating League club of the university, composed of 191 former league debaters, is arranging to welcome the twelve district contestants, Edgar D. Kiddon, '17, of South Omaha, who represented the Eastern district in 1912, is secretary of the club; Robert V. Waring, '17, Geneva, state champion in 1913, is president.

Identity of Debaters. The debaters chosen to represent their respective schools and districts, are: Donald George Moore of Geneva, the representative of the central district, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moore of Omaha. He graduated from the regular course of the Geneva High school this year. He attended East Denver High school the first year and has since been at Geneva. In scholarship his rank is excellent—one of the best in his class. He is prominent in track athletics and in musical organizations. This is his first year in interscholastic debating. He represented Geneva in the debate in connection with the Central Nebraska Teachers' association at Kearney in March.

Frank Faux of South Omaha, representative of the eastern district, is a senior. He attended grade school at Omaha, Lincoln, Canton, Ill., and South Omaha. This is his second year in the South Omaha debating team. Last year he was on the team that debated the University of Nebraska sophomores on the woman suffrage question. Aaron R. Speier of Lincoln is the representative of the east-central district. He attended grade school at Crete two years and then the McKinley and Everett schools. He is a member of the Clearwater society and the senior play cast and is senior editor of the Advocate, the school paper. He was a member of Lincoln's debating team last year also and was on the team that this year won the Amherst cup by defeating Omaha.

Hubbard Represents O'Neill. Frank Harrington, selected by the O'Neill High school to represent the northern district, is the son of M. F. Harrington, lawyer. He spent his first and second high school years at St. Mary's, Kan., and the third at the Creighton school, Omaha. He ranks high in English. This is his first year in debating. Donald David Elliott of the West Point High school is the representative of the north-central district. All his schooling has been in the public schools there. He is a member of the senior class and will be, without a doubt, valedictorian. He took the debating course offered in the high school and became a member of the debating team. His clear, logical thinking, under fire, made him a valuable member of the team. He is looking forward to a course in law.

Walter Christenson of the Oakland High school will represent the North-eastern district. He did the ninth grade and tenth grade work at Peru Normal school. Miss Nell Tash of the Alliance High school, who will represent the North-western district, has secured the greater part of her education in the Alliance schools. Her father, Ira E. Tash, who for many years has been the postmaster at Alliance, is one of Alliance's pioneers. She ranks high as a student and is a leader in student activities. She was a member of the Alliance team which won the district championship last year.

Klein for Southern District. Leonard Wilson Klein will be the contestant from the Southern district, which Blue Springs is the leader. He has taken all his school work at Blue Springs, making an exceptionally high record as scholar. He will be graduated this year. This is his first year on the debating team. Rutgers George Van Brunt is the representative of the west-central district.

Leading Nebraska High School Debaters



Donald D. Elliott West Point



Aaron R. Speier Lincoln



Walter Christenson Oakland

representative of the Beatrice High school, champion team of the Southeastern district. Although this is his first year in interscholastic debate he has had good preparation in the I. F. Debating club and the regular class work in argumentation. In addition to his honors in debate he will have the leading part in the senior class play. He is president of the senior class and will graduate this year with scholarship honors.

Raymond Wertz of the Trenton High school has been chosen to represent the Southwestern district.

Eighth Year for Kearney. Dal Lantz of the Kearney High school which has held the championship of the

Western district for the eight successive years of the league's history, was born at Florence, Colo., but has had all his schooling at Kearney. He is the president of the senior class, has been captain of the foot ball team the last two years, and was the acknowledged all-star quarterback of the state last year. He ranks very high in his general scholastic work. He was a member of Kearney's district-championship debating team last year.

Ralph Brooks, representative of the West-Central district, was born at Eustis and is a junior in the Sargent High school. This is his first year on the debating team. He intends to study law.



Ralph Brooks Sargent



Nell Tash Alliance



Raymond Wertz Trenton



Leonard W. Kline Blue Springs



Frank Faux South Omaha



Frank Harrington O'Neill



Dai Wertz Kearney



Donald G. Moore Geneva

OMAHA TRAVELERS USED LUSITANIA

Agents of Cunard Line Here Declare Big Liner Was Popular with Local Globe Trotters.

HUBBARD WRITES TO FORT

With Omaha people going abroad, especially those who desired to make a speedy voyage, the big Cunarder, the Lusitania, was one of the favorite boats from the time when it commenced to bid for the ocean-carrying passenger trade. During past years it has carried scores of Omaha men and women. On its last voyage, when it went to the bottom of the Atlantic ocean, torpedoed, however, there were no Nebraska people aboard, so far as is known: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burgess, were passengers on the boat on its maiden trip, coming home from Europe. The Lusitania had made a record passage.

The Cunard line has several agencies in Omaha and J. B. Reynolds, one of the agents, recalls in times past of having sold sailings to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton on their wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Magee and Mrs. Herman Kounze, Roy D. Miller, another agent, has looked the following Omaha people on the Lusitania at different times: A. C. Buek, George Hillberry, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith and daughter, William Thompson, Miss Minnie Kusek, Gustave Turkvich, Harold Dimpley, Miss Ida Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Sacke, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jorgensen, Thomas Thompson, John Slater.

Among the Omaha people to whom W. E. Bock has sold tickets for foreign trips on the Lusitania in years gone by are: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Haller, Senator Miller and Miss Jessie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pickett and Miss Pickett, A. I. Root and family, William Redgwick and family and the late Joseph Cullen Root.

South Omaha Women Plan Peace Meeting

South Omaha women are planning a large peace meeting to be held Friday afternoon at the First Methodist Episcopal church in South Omaha. Among those heading the movement are Mesdames E. B. Towle, P. H. Shields, Howard Vore, W. W. Widoe and G. F. Copper, who will preside. The speakers will include Mrs. Walter N. Halsey of Omaha and Mesdames J. B. Kirkpatrick, F. A. Broadwell, E. B. Towle, A. W. Porter and W. W. Widoe. Musical numbers will be given by Mrs. C. E. Kullbom and Miss Emma Dickman, supervisor of music in the South Omaha schools.

SON OF EX-SECRETARY FISHER REPORTED SAFE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Dr. Howard L. Fisher, son of Walter L. Fisher, former secretary of the Interior, who was on the Lusitania, going to the American Red Cross unit in Belgium, cabled to his wife here from Queenstown today that he was safe and well.

Special Agent of U. P. Lands Bad Man

Special Agent McCauley of the Union Pacific arrested J. B. Mitchell, a Wyoming sheep herder, who was terrorizing railroadmen and others in the vicinity of Summit, just over the South Omaha line. Mitchell had come in from Big Sandy, Wyo., and making the rounds of the stations in the south part of town. After filling up with liquor, he headed for the railroad yards, where he confided to everybody that he was a bad man and proposed to do some shooting in the event anybody interfered with him taking a box car trip back home. McCauley happened along about this time and calling Mitchell's bluff, easily placed him under arrest, took him to South Omaha police station, where he was booked on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, intending to file a more serious charge later. When McCauley reached the station Saturday morning he found that the case had been disposed of by Mitchell having been sentenced to sixty days in jail.

Brakeman Held Up on Moving Train

Brakeman Edwards of freight train No. 25, Union Pacific, west bound, lost \$12 and a gold watch to three negroes and an Italian hold-up man shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night, between Rogers and Schuyler on the railroad main line. No. 25 left Omaha during the late afternoon and at some point west of here the four holdup men boarded the train. Shortly after the train pulled out of Rogers, Edwards left the caboose and over the tops of the cars was proceeding to the engine. Going over an empty coal car, he was confronted by four men, three colored and the fourth an Italian. Three guns were leveled at him by the colored men, while the Italian went through his pockets, relieving him of his money and his watch. The hold-up men kept Edwards on the coal car until the engine whistled for the Schuyler station and as the train slowed down, they stepped over the side of the car and disappeared.

NEW FIRMS SEEKING LOCATIONS IN THIS CITY

D. E. King of St. Louis, industrial commissioner for the Missouri Pacific, is spending the day in town. Mr. King notes a decided improvement in business conditions throughout the central west during the last ninety days, at the same time noting that Omaha is getting its share of good things. Mr. King asserts that a considerable number of industries are seeking locations and that the men at the head of several of them are giving this city favorable consideration.

Wheat Takes Tumble as News of Sinking of Lusitania Breaks

The carrying of the European war into the ocean shipping zone and the sinking of the Lusitania was the cause for the most sensational decline ever experienced on the Omaha Grain exchange. The market opened steady to a bit lower, but inside of five minutes prices commenced to slump, and inside of an hour wheat prices had gone down 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 cents per bushel, corn following with a drop of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4, and oats 1 to 1 1/4 cents. There were thirty-nine cars of wheat on the market, and a reasonably fair number of bidders, but as prices were their wheat, and with the exception of one carload, everything was carried over. This carload sold at \$1.75 per bushel. There were fifty-nine cars of corn and selling prices ranged from \$5 to 71 cents, while the twenty-one cars of oats sold at \$2.01 1/2 cents per bushel. Just before the market closed, a private wire was received from New York, saying that the sailings of twelve ships that were at the docks, preparing to load with wheat for Liverpool, had been cancelled and that the underwriters were requested to carry insurance risks at any price.

Police Find Negro Seen With Coffey

Arthur Lewis, colored, was arrested Friday night by Detectives Dunn and Keannely and Moral Squad Officers Holden, Barta and Williams. Captain of Detectives Maloney says he has witnesses who will testify that Lewis was seen with Daniel Coffey, the Union Pacific conductor who was badly beaten up Thursday night by men who robbed him and then bit or cut a finger from his left hand in order to secure possession of a ring on it.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW GAIN OF TWELVE PER CENT

In connection with a showing of over 12 per cent increase in local postal receipts for the month of April, Postmaster J. C. Wharton has received the following letter from Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster general: "My Dear Colonel Wharton: I rejoice with you in the splendid increase which your office shows. It is also gratifying that you have arranged to handle the increased business of your office until July at least, without additional clerical help. Besides the splendid showing for April, the Omaha postoffice business for the months of March and April this year exceeded the business of the same months in 1914 by over \$25,000."

MANY STORM THE CITY PIE COUNTER

Dahlman Escapes Horde by Taking Short Vacation—Council Reorganizes Monday.

CITY ENGINEER JOB AN ISSUE

Mayor Dahlman is escaping a horde of office-seekers by taking a short vacation. His office is swarmed with applicants and "persons of influence" after various appointive positions. The office of city license inspector is just now the center of a coterie of aspirants, among whom are Merv Bernstein, Charles Risenman, Richard Schneider and Tony Hoffman. David Berkowitz is the present incumbent. R. J. Madden is still after the city prosecutorship. City Chemist Crowley was another caller at the mayor's office.

William Mineque, formerly of the county treasurer's office, and Harry Everett, who was in the sheriff's office, are after city jobs. Edward Callahan, one of the foremen in the street cleaning department, is said to be slated for a change on account of not supporting the square seven, according to the administration leaders.

Had Already Resigned. The records show that George Cathro, health inspector, resigned before he went out for the big six. James Brennan, legislative candidate last fall, is seeking reelection in the distribution of patronage. Gus Rense of the Ak-Sar-Bien is being mentioned in connection with the appointment of a manager for the Auditorium when the city takes over that property.

The city engineer situation continues to be an issue in connection with the reorganization of the municipal machinery. Goodley Brucker, former city councilman, conferred with the commissioners in behalf of George Craig, former city engineer. The commissioners are not ready to commit themselves. One commissioner declared he is for Herman Boat of South Omaha. The question has been raised whether Mr. Craig's residence for more than two years in Calgary, Canada, would render him ineligible for the position.

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NO DAMAGE BY FROST IS REPORTED FROM STATE

Morning reports to the railroads indicate that every portion of Nebraska escaped a frost last night, though there were some places where the mercury got down to 33 degrees above zero. Most everywhere a brisk wind continued during the night and was blowing this morning.

Mrs. Stewart Asks \$50,000 Alimony

Mrs. Nettie B. Stewart asks the district court to compel her husband, Louis L. Stewart, well known real estate dealer, to pay her \$50,000 alimony and to grant a decree of divorce on grounds of abandonment. She alleges that he is worth \$300,000. Mrs. May Textler Klahn charges Herman Klahn with cruelty in a petition. Mrs. Helen Finner is suing William P. Finner for divorce on alleged grounds of non-support. Mrs. Celestina Warner alleges that Oscar Warner has treated her cruelly.

SOME HAVE CHEAP GLASSES TO USE IN AN EMERGENCY

There are several prominent Omahans who find that 10-cent spectacles will serve the purpose of expensive eyeglasses in an emergency. Chief of Police Dunn always keeps a cheap pair in his desk, so that when he forgets his gold-rimmed glasses he takes out the cheap pair and works. He notes that many people have a habit of business just as if nothing had happened. Assistant City Attorney Lambert and United States District Attorney Howell likewise resort to 10-cent glasses in times of stress. Mr. Howell carries a pair of the cheap grade in a pocket. He has a habit of holding a pair of glasses in his hand when arguing a case.

CONDUCTOR KICKS WHEN PEOPLE FOLD TRANSFERS

A street-car conductor on the Cross-town line says he has an opportunity to study human nature in his line of work. He notes that many people have a habit of folding up their transfers before handing them to him. He has to unfold these slips and says that in the course of a day he does much unwrapping on account of this human foible. "If people would just stop and think of the unnecessary work they cause street car conductors they would not fold their transfers," he remarked.

MAGNETISM TOO MUCH FOR SMITH'S TIMEPIECE

Cliffhanger Smith, who drives Mayor Dahlman's hither and thither, has been unsuccessful in getting a high grade watch which will indicate the time with any degree of correctness. He declares that his personal magnetism causes this state of affairs. He is now carrying a cheap watch and says he always knows just what time it may be.

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Jitney Nearly Gets Man in Bad with Wife

The Jitney business is not without its humorous possibilities. The other day a wife of a business man was walking down Farnam street, when she spied her husband seated in the rear seat of an automobile, beside a stylish young woman not of her acquaintance. She did not observe that the car was a Jitney bus, which presented a choice domestic situation. The wife reached her husband's office in short order and scolded the coming of her huge lord, to whom she directed several pointed queries. The husband assumed the role of injured innocence and succeeded in convincing his wife that she should have observed that he was in a Jitney.

MEDALS AWARDED AT THE JENNINGS M. E. CHURCH

Matrons of over forty years and little girls of eleven summers competed in the Frances Willard Woman's Christian Temperance union double medal contest held Friday evening at Jennings Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Dan Shandy won the silver medal by delivering an oration on "Judge Moore's Reason" and little Margaret Widener won the musical event. John Dale presented the medals. Among those who contested for the matrons' prize were Mesdames John Blake, O. G. Hock, William MacMurray, Howard Miller and R. H. Crane.

STIMSON RETURNS TO CITY FOR A VISIT

C. F. Stimson of New York, secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, is stopping over on his way home, after having made a recreation survey at St. Paul, Minn. He is interested in a recreation board ordinance passed by the city council. Commissioner Hummel expects to be ready to announce the members of the new board next Tuesday morning.

MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL BY IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHOR

On Friday evening, May 14, the Immanuel choir will give the last concert of the season, at the Immanuel Baptist church, Twenty-fourth and Pinkney streets. This will also mark the farewell of A. E. Eaton, the choir director, who has been with this choir for a number of years. He leaves shortly to take up work in Superior, Neb.

Advertisement for Stearns-Knight automobiles, featuring a light four for \$1750 and a big six for \$5000. Includes contact information for McIntyre Auto Co. at 2427 Farnam Street.

Advertisement for Milton Rogers & Sons Co. 1515 Harney, featuring a refrigerator week sale starting Monday. Lists prices for various refrigerator models.

Large advertisement for Francis-Cullis Auto Co. at 2024 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb. Promotes a demonstration of automobiles on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, highlighting the ease of running a sawmill, family washer, and other appliances.

Advertisement for Green Gables Sanatorium, located in Lincoln, Neb. Describes the facility as a central west institution with separate buildings and modern medical treatments.