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NO COLORADO DEBATE

Nebraska and Colorado Cannot Agree as to Judges, and Debate Is Called Off

Nebraska will not debate Colorado College this year. The executive committee of the debating board announced yesterday that Nebraska had decided the contest off. For Nebraska's action there were, the committee states, two reasons—first, Colorado's refusal to allow Nebraska the customary rebuttal argument; and, second, the failure of the two institutions to agree on judges of the debate on the technical, economical, and present-day political question—whether or not trusts are inimical to the public welfare.

As to the first reason, Nebraska chose the negative of the question and expected, of course, to have the customary rebuttal speech at the end. For both sides to have rebuttal arguments is the almost universal custom in intercollegiate debates among the more important colleges and universities. So it is, for instance, in the Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska debates. But Colorado insisted that Nebraska should have no closing rebuttal argument. She said that would be against precedent. In the debate here last year Colorado declined to take advantage of her right to close the debate on the negative. She told Nebraska to go ahead alone with hers—and Mr. Cronin did, to the grief of the visitors. But this year Colorado would not listen to the proposition that the Nebraska team should have the usual rebuttal—the rebuttal Nebraska urged upon Colorado a year ago.

In rebuttal it is that Nebraska is particularly strong. Rebuttal work is the main test of the debater. That Nebraska can debate—that is, can make the fur fly in off-hand rebuttal—Colorado College has apparently learned by Nebraska's five successive victories. To give up the most interesting and most vital part of the contest Nebraska, of course, promptly refused. To that proposition Nebraska telegraphed this retort: "On your condition debate off."

For Nebraska the closing rebuttal was to be done by W. Frederick Meier, who went against the Kansans two years ago, and who was a member of the team which demolished the Missourians around their own camp-fire a year ago. The Nebraska case was to be opened by Mr. Meier, then Ira Ryner was to follow, and Burdette G. Lewis was to let loose the third thunderbolt. Then, ordinarily, the Coloradans would get in their argument in rebuttal, and Mr. Meier for the negative would close. But Colorado said, "No, we are going to close the debate as well as open it. We are going to have the first and last say, both!"

As to the judges: That there was trouble over the selection of judges has been known here for two weeks. Nebraska asked simply what Missouri

and Nebraska both insisted on for the recent Missouri-Nebraska trust debate—namely, that, particularly in the debate on this technical economic and political question, the judges should be experts; that at least two of them should be trained economists, men thoroughly familiar with the subject matter under discussion. In the Missouri debate, where Nebraska had the affirmative, two of the judges were professional economists; but when Nebraska laid the above proposition before Colorado College, President Cronin got back an impertinent letter in which the phrase "technical, economic and political question" was sarcastically reiterated three times.

As judges for this technical debate in the anti-trust Colorado atmosphere, where Colorado had the anti-trust side, the Colorado Springs collegians tried to get Nebraska to agree with them on first, a judge who was elected as an enemy of trusts; or, second, a Colorado Springs politician; or, third, a former state official who was committed against trusts; or, fourth, a Denver lawyer of whom a prominent Nebraska graduate, who has practiced law in Denver several years, notified the debating board he had never heard; or, fifth, a Denver medical doctor; or, sixth, a nondescript "county chairman" over at Cripple Creek!

Nebraska insisted that at least two of the judges should be economists, who would, in this educational discussion, take the calm scholar's, and not the politician's, point of view. One of the two prominent professors of economics in the state, Colorado College accepted; but the other one she flatly refused to accept, though for her refusal she would give no grounds whatever. The reason is supposed to be intercollegiate jealousy. In place of him, Colorado suggested a Princetonite in Denver and another Colorado politician who had been mixed up in anti-trust politics. On whether or not to accept one of these men, Nebraska was considering when Colorado sprang her surprising refusal to allow Nebraska an equal chance at rebuttal.

Meier, Lewis, and Ryner will, therefore, not get at the rike's Peakers. As soon as the political color appeared in Colorado's list of judges, the Nebraska team took the university, not the personal, point of view and said that it would prefer to sacrifice the time it had given to preparing the case than to argue before judges who were either incompetent or not judicial.

The Nebraska professor who knows most about the team said yesterday: "I greatly regret that the team will not get a chance to debate. That Meier, Lewis, and Ryner would have won another victory for Nebraska, I have not had the slightest doubt, assuming that the contest were judged by experts as genuine debate. Each member of the team has been singularly faithful to the trust the University gave him. Each has worked tremendously hard ever since Christmas. Individually and as a whole, the team is, in my opinion, very strong."

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Notes on the Knox Meet.

Track team men and their enthusiastic supporters are getting anxious over the coming meet. On Saturday afternoon Nebraska Field will be the scene of the largest and best track meet ever held on the University campus. The Cornhuskers will meet Knox College. The reputation of this latter school in the realm of athletics is well known. Last fall they held our famous 'varsity eleven down to twelve points, and came nearer scoring on Nebraska than any other team. If reports are true, they are equally as strong in track athletics as in football.

The Galesburg men hold annual meets with Northwestern, Chicago, and other large eastern institutions ranking high in the athletic world, and cope with them in a creditable manner. The question now is whether Nebraska is equal to the occasion. It is up to the track team to say. It is rather early in the season yet, and the men will not be in the best of shape to compete. Nevertheless, if the weather permits, some extra hard flocks will be put in this week, and every man will appear Saturday with the intention of winning.

This is a contest where there is everything to win. Victory would mean much greater recognition from large institutions, and almost insure an extra good schedule for next year, and eventually place track athletics on a paying basis—a thing greatly to be desired. Defeat would almost mean the overthrow of such possibilities, and Chicago papers would again feel inclined to say "Nebraska doesn't amount to much after all."

As to what showing Nebraska will be able to make in this contest, if it is anything like she made at the home meet last week—and there is as yet no reason why it should not be—it will not be one to be ashamed of. Two 'varsity records were broken then and others given a close shave. If Knox can throw the hammer over 124 feet and run two miles in less than 11:16 she will be going some. At any rate, this will be the largest meet which ever took place on the home grounds and the only one this year. Everyone should avail himself of the opportunity to attend.

It is not known as yet just what ten men will represent Nebraska in this contest. The team has not yet been selected, and likely will not be until the latter part of this week. They will be chosen, however, from the following fifteen: Burg, Benedict, Mouck, Manning, States, Tobin, Martin, Lehmer, Johnson, Cheney, Corr, Fenlon, Reed, Leonard, and Newton.

The athletic department is considerably concerned just at present over what to do in regard to the annual state meet. The date has been set for May 30, to take place at Crete. This is the date of the Nebraska-Dakota meet, and it is very probable that the first Nebraska track team will not participate in this event. However, it is very desirable that Nebraska be represented on this occasion, because if she should win she would get the F. and M. cup to keep for having won three successive times. Just what will be done in regard to the matter is not yet known. The second team may be sent to represent Nebraska at the meet.

In spite of the damp weather the sprinters took a run on the campus west of the chemistry building last night. The rain has placed the field in very bad condition, and will considerably handicap the men in their work this week.

Eat at Don's Cafe.

LOSE ANOTHER.

Nebraska Yesterday Gave Illinois Game by Score of 7-3.

To offset the victory over Purdue Saturday, Nebraska yesterday gave a game to Illinois. Report came in late last night to the effect that Illinois won the game easily, by a score of 7 to 3. Purdue is considered a strong institution in the athletic field and it was hoped that the Cornhuskers would give the Illinoisans a dose of the same medicine that she administered to Purdue Saturday. It seems to have been decreed otherwise, however, much to our regret.

Nebraska in part redeemed herself Saturday from her overwhelming defeat at the hands of Notre Dame the day before by defeating Purdue by the close score of 11 to 10. The game was a exciting one, and hotly contested throughout, the score being a tie at the end of the eighth inning. In the ninth Johnson brought Gore home with a two-bagger, and Purdue failed to cross home plate when their turn came. Longanecker was batter out of the box in one inning, allowing four runs for Purdue. Captain Townsend took his place and pitched a star game.

Score by Innings:
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Nebraska 1 0 4 0 0 1 3 1—11
 Purdue 4 0 2 0 0 1 0 3 0—10
 Hits—Nebraska 9, Purdue 16.
 Error—Nebraska 3, Purdue 7.
 Struck out—By Townsend 3, by Jones 9.
 Batteries—Longanecker, Townsend and Bender; Jones, Penick and Witt.

Pan-Hel Menu.

The Pan Hellenic barbeque will be held Thursday, May 21st, at Cushman park. There will be athletic events in the afternoon until supper time, when roast ox and trimmings will be consumed along with several speeches by alumni. Prizes will be offered in the following contests: 100-yard dash, potato race, sack race, fat man's race, and tug-of-war. There will also be a ball game in the afternoon between frats from the north and south side of O street, players to be picked from frat teams. John Westover and Johnnie Green will box eight rounds, while Hugh Edmiston and Elim Seacrest vie in a pie-eating contest. There will be good band music and plenty of fishing.

The "Chase" Tonight.

The mysterious hare and hound hunt occurs tonight. Those who fail to help chase the "hares" will miss a rare treat. The jolliest time of the season is planned and a delightful surprise is in store for the "hounds" when they see where the "hares" have led them. After the chase is over Miss Puffer will give a talk on the "Social Life of Smith." Every University girl will want to go for the sake of this talk alone. Unless it rains this afternoon the chase will take place at 6:30 as announced. It is necessary that all who wish to go register by noon in the association rooms in order that the committee may plan accordingly. All girls of the University are invited.

Hare and Hound Hunt

Register at once at Y. W. C. A. for this event of the season. Hounds follow hares, who start from Y. W. rooms, tonight, 6:30

Pan - Hel Barbecue
 CUSHMAN PARK
 THURSDAY, MAY 21

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