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ACCOUNT OF TRIP

Report of Girls' Games from Scene of Contest.

The girls' Varsity basket ball team, which left Lincoln Thursday evening, made the return trip Saturday night, reaching Lincoln early the next morning and thus missed but one day of school. Two games were played, one with Minnesota Friday night, and one with its strongest opponent, the Minneapolis Central high school team, Saturday afternoon. The team reported a splendid trip from beginning to end, even those who were car-sick going and coming. The Minnesota team, in a body, met the girls at the station, and at the end of their visit, saw them off for home with appropriate cheers and demonstrations. From the station the girls were taken to Russell's Coffee House, where a breakfast was given them. They received a cordial welcome at chapel, and from then on were variously entertained until the final banquet to the three participating teams at Donaldson's tea rooms, Saturday after the game. From every point of view the girls were given by the Minnesota players generous and hospitable treatment, which they will be only too glad to return if it can be made possible for the Minnesota girls to come to Lincoln.

Those playing on the Minnesota team are: Forwards, Misses Bessie Cox, Hattie Van Bergen; center, Isabel Dunn; guards, Emily Johnson, Sylvia Frank. It has defeated for several years everything in sight in the northwest and Friday night emerged victorious in the contest with Nebraska by a score of 30 to 22. The team, which is characteristically light and wiry, has been training and playing matches since October, under the skillful coaching of Mr. W. C. Deering, formerly a player on the Minnesota men's team, one of the best in the United States, and now an amateur trainer of the team. He probably knows as much about basket ball as anyone in the United States, and has certainly produced a brilliant girls' team. They use the same methods as the men's team, in fact, reproduce the latter's game in miniature. They are accurate in passing, both long and short, and play like clock-work. But they are especially noted for speed, and for their ability to throw difficult and accurate goals.

An immense crowd was present at the game, the largest of the season, and applause was enthusiastic. Nebraska's fate was decided in the first half, at the end of which the score stood, Minnesota 22, Nebraska 9. Several of the latter's few points were awarded on fouls during attempts at goal. The Nebraska girls seemed to be spending most of their time picking themselves up from the floor, or trying to keep their balance upright while they watched the others play the game, and wished that they had provided themselves with other shoes, as the floor was waxed for dancing. After Miss Jansa had tumbled four times, Miss Scott and Miss Gittings twice, and even Miss Shinbur and Miss Sly, the team gave up much effort at following their lightning-like opponents and got into the game only when it came their way. At the end of the half most of them were not even warm from running or from effort to secure the ball. Add to this a bad case of stage fright, with the tall forward on whom the team relied imagining that she belonged at center, and the wonder was that their whirlwind antagonists did not run up a still greater score.

For the second half two of the team borrowed shoes with corrugated rubber soles, and the stage fright had been partly bumped out of them, so that

they not only guarded better, but began to run up the score themselves. At one time they were within two goals of their opponents. The points scored in this half were Nebraska 13 (10 on goals from the field), Minnesota 8. If there had been a third half and more extra shoes, it is within the bounds of possibility that Nebraska might have turned the tables. The girls say that the substitute, who had no chance to play, was the lamest of the crowd, from over-excitement. The game was clean, with few fouls. Nebraska fouled chiefly by carrying the ball over the line, Minnesota mostly by striking the ball or pushing; 18-inute halves were played.

SATURDAY'S GAME.

For this game the Nebraska girls appearing wearing the new shoes they should have had the day before, and were able to play harder and to do more lively guarding. Their opponents scored 9 points, some of them very brilliant throws from center. Nebraska defeated them by at least as many points as had the Minnesota team at its highest record of the season. The Central's team played in much the same style as the opponents of the evening before, but made much more of guarding. The girls' game in the northwest amounts to "covering," amounting to "holding down" and of "arms around." But for this fact Nebraska would have run up a much greater score. It was no uncommon sight to see Miss Jansa or Miss Scott, for whom under local rules it generally means a goal if they get possession of the ball near the basket, bent over backward with layers of hands on their heads, and around their necks. It was felt that in neither game did the University have the opportunity to show its best skill. The Central high school team were in some ways more formidable opponents than those of the night before. The Nebraska girls decided that they were glad they had not met this team the night before, else they might have been badly beaten by these players too.

One thing emphasized by the matches was the necessity for adopting some one set of rules for a woman's game. Some teams play by the men's rules, out and out, other strictly by the women's rules, involving line limitations, as formulated some years ago in an eastern conference, and published yearly since by Spaulding. Others, like the Minnesota and Nebraska teams, play by local rules, a modification of one or the other of these games. Teams in the northwest play by the men's rules except that the ball may not be knocked from the hands. The Nebraska team plays literally by the woman's rules, except for the line limitations, in spite of efforts there were many points in the matches played in Minneapolis concerning plays and rules not covered by previous comparison, and difference in usage and interpretation proved a serious handicap and source of perplexity to both sides. It seems more necessary than ever that matches inter-collegiate and inter-scholastic are to be a feature of the athletic life of the mid-west, there should be some well understood and established common rules.

ANXIOUS FOR DEBATE.

Iowa Still Negotiates, but Contest Can't be Held.

Iowa is certainly anxious to arrange a debate with Nebraska this year. In reply to Nebraska's letter last week stating that she would be unable to arrange her schedule so as to get in an extra contest with Iowa so near the end of the semester, a letter was received from the Iowa secretary, Purley Ripker yesterday. The letter ignores the fundamental matter of dates and takes up a secondary matter, making suggestions as to the place where the debate should be held.

Nebraska had stated that she did not feel warranted in venturing upon holding a second expensive debate at Lin-

coln on the same question so soon after the meeting with Kansas. Iowa, who for financial reasons, is unwilling to risk a debate at Iowa City, makes a new proposition, to the effect that the debate be held at Council Bluffs, the receipts to be applied to paying the expenses of the judges and that any money over and above the expenses be divided between the teams on the basis of railroad distance. If this fails to cover expenses, then each team shall be responsible for its own remaining expenses. We have been informed unofficially that this novel proposition can not be accepted.

The Daily Iowan states that the Debating Board authorized its committee to consent to the debate being held at Council Bluffs or Sioux City. It also gives the impression that the Hawkeyes seem to be still making preparations. If the interstate debate does not occur, then the members of the literary society teams, the Irving and the Zetathian, who are about to contest for places, will debate the same question.

The Daily Iowan also urged editorially that the Iowa Debating League endeavor to secure the Nebraska debate by agreeing to enter into a two year's compact. It thinks that to hold the Nebraska debate outside of the university town would be a very treacherous financial risk and argues that Iowa should not hesitate to enter into a two years' agreement with us. It remarks on the enviable record that Nebraska has made in debate and insists that though Iowa would rather continue the annual debate with Wisconsin, yet she feels that she is under no obligations to that institution after the "shabby" treatment the Badgers gave her. Following is a portion of the article bearing on this subject:

"The Debating League hesitates to bring the Nebraskans here this year and stand all of the expenses, largely because it does not know whether or not it cares to debate with Nebraska next year. Iowa feels that it would be more advantageous to continue the annual contest with Wisconsin. Iowa should not hesitate to enter into a two years' compact with Nebraska. The westerners have an enviable record on the rostrum and their debaters are worthy foes for the best. More than that, Iowa should feel under no obligations to Wisconsin after the shabby treatment she has been accorded by the Badgers this year in both basket ball and debate."

The contest of the Kansas State Oratorical association this year at Topeka was, according to the "K. U. Weekly," a rather disgraceful affair. The orations themselves were low grade, and the rivalry of the denominational colleges—the State University has withdrawn from the association—is so bitter than the rooters collided in the streets and also had a mix-up with the police. The "Weekly" suggests that prize fighters be selected as judges.

The following press dispatch bears on the selection of the Kansas team: "The preliminary contest to choose debaters to represent the University of Kansas in the annual contests with the University of Nebraska and the University of Colorado, was held at Lawrence, March 27. The following were selected to represent the University of Kansas in Lincoln: J. W. Kayser, J. A. Johnson and S. E. Bartlett; C. A. Linebach, alternate. Those who will debate against the University of Colorado are: A. F. Sims and J. F. Bender; F. E. Tyler, alternate. The dates have not yet been set."

Do you want a nice pair of Oxfords? Sanderson's have the swellest lot you ever saw.

The regular spring opening of millinery is being held at the Famous. How about that Easter hat?

Sam's Cafe. The only place in the city to get the famous "Little Gem Hot Waffles." Special service for ladies.

NEARLY COMPLETE

Third Carload Being Prepared for Educational Exhibit.

Although in its last stages, the preparation of material for our educational exhibit at the world's fair still continues. Two carloads of material have already been shipped and the third will soon go. As soon as the last of the material is packed and shipped, Dr. Barbour, who is superintendent of our educational exhibit, will take up his headquarters at St. Louis, where, aided by his present force of assistants he will spend a month arranging the material for exhibition. From now on the work will entail a greater rush than ever heretofore shown. So congested is the traffic going into St. Louis, it takes three or four weeks for material shipped by freight from Lincoln for the fair to get there. Less than a month now remains in which to finish the preparation of material and ship, and fix up the entire exhibit at the Fair. The delay in transportation of the material will also impede the work.

A splendid assortment of specimens of high school and grade work have arrived lately and more is expected. The Omaha high school's showing is especially good. It sent among other things several large albums bound in dark Russian leather, filled with specimens of drawing, penmanship and artistic work. Some fine drawings and examples of penmanship have also been received from the Peru Normal. A drawing of Pharaoh's horses by a thirteen year old girl at Gering has attracted much attention because of its accuracy of delineation and artistic finish, there being a total lack of hard lines. In this exhibition the public schools of the state have received the first consideration, and only the space remaining has been allotted to the University.

The University exhibit is up to a high standard to say the least. The electrical engineering department exhibit deserves special mention, it having furnished a fine set of views and arranged to display some of its apparatus. Large handsome colored views of the University buildings, grouped and individual, have been prepared. The coloring work was done by Miss Webster and is exceptionally fine. These pictures will be hung at a height of fifteen feet and their vivid coloring will enable them to show forth with better effect. Views of a number of public school buildings, finished in the same way, have also been prepared. Superintendent Fowler has promised a large collection of photographs of school buildings and school children, as well as statistics concerning them.

Exhibits will also be sent from the Debating department, the Agricultural experiment station and the School of Music. The forestry department sends some beautiful specimens of sections of young pine trees, and pine cones and seeds. The U. S. department of forestry station on the great forestry reserve in Cherry county, will make a display of young pines with which they are foresting the sandhills regions. These range from seedlings a year old to specimens large enough for transplanting. It will also exhibit photographs of the treeless sandhills in Cherry county, of sandhills devastated by fire, and sandhills covered with a force of workmen planting pines, and of the first of the well established pine forests in the treeless regions.

The work of preparation will have to be completed this week. In every room of the geology department specimens are being prepared and even the basement of the Science hall is being invaded. A large number of boxes stand packed ready for shipment. The next shipment will be the last by freight, and all material sent after that will be sent by express.