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## DRILL DISCUSSED

Room is Crowded With Interested Listeners.

Captain Chase and General Dagget Give Their Opinions.

Saturday evening the question of "Militarism vs. Americanism" was debated before the largest audience ever assembled to hear a local debate, conspicuous among which were General Dagget and Captain Chase. Spirit was by no means lacking and the enthusiastic listeners frequently gave vent to emotions by loud hand clapping and applause interrupting the speakers after each "grandstand play." The subject was debated from a general standpoint, for the most part on the ground of principles, and was entirely free from any personal element. Although it was evident that the audience sided against "Militarism" nevertheless fair play was given and the champions of compulsory military drill were hardly less applauded than the "rebels" who deemed such a system "un-American."

The question as stated was as follows: "Resolved, That the system of compulsory military drill as in vogue in the University of Nebraska is un-American." The affirmative case was opened by S. E. Black.

"Un-American," he defined as anything which unnecessarily restricted freedom of the individual. Compulsory military drill he declared was unjust because it was compulsory for all male students and incompatible with the ideals of a free state. It was unfair to require the completion of the military course for graduation in the University when no such requirement is made in other colleges of the state. The student is compelled to give forty-four full days out of the two years, for work which he takes against his will.

S. M. Thompson answered for the negative. He held that the question should be viewed from a broad standpoint, that of the ulterior benefits of military drill to the students. Military drill inculcates self control, respect for authority, manliness, forwardness and honesty. It is the only institution which brings students of every social class upon a democratic basis.

P. F. O'Garro continued the affirmative case. He declared that he was at a loss to know why he was placed on the side against the "military of it," and could only account for it by the fact that he was an Irishman and "agin the government." He insisted that military drill fosters a military spirit which would in time result in the domination of military authority over civil authority.

G. S. Fenlon on the negative held that there was no more unfairness in withholding degrees until military work was completed than in requiring credits in other departments for graduation.

D. P. DeYoung concluded for the affirmative by arguing that the system of military drill infringed the rights and liberties of the University. A compulsory system of Domestic Science

## Senior Prom.... Lincoln Hotel, March 17 Walt's Full Orchestra

would be more American, especially when viewed from the husband's standpoint.

W. R. King presented the final negative case. Trained soldiers he said were necessary for the defense of our country. The state was under obligation to the United States to require military drill in return for large government appropriations.

After the debate General Dagget was called upon to speak. Forty-five years in the army he said would lead one to expect him to favor compulsory drill. However, the most noble and courageous deeds in our great wars were accomplished by volunteer soldiers who had never seen previous military service. The best trained soldiers have the least spirit under fire.

Captain Chase, who was next called for, said he came to learn the attitude of the student body toward drill. He said compulsory drill was mandatory, that when the state legislature accepted the appropriation of congress in the Act of 1862 it was under obligations to require military drill in the University. Since the United States has entered the arena of world politics, he said, she must have trained soldiers to defend her rights.

Judge Hamer of Kearney, spoke briefly. Military strength he said depends on both good commanders and good soldiers. Several students of both sexes were then called upon to give their views on the question.

### May Not Materialize.

The meet proposed by Dr. Clapp and for which letters were sent out to the different colleges and clubs in the state has not met with much encouragement. Answers have been received from about six of the different Y. M. C. A. teams and colleges but only one signified an intention of entering the meet. Dr. Clapp's intentions were to arouse interest enough this year with a meet so that this would become an annual athletic event in the state. Inducements were offered to the teams asked to be represented that would compensate any team for making at least an attempt to enter. Unless more encouragement is received from other colleges the plan for a meet will be dropped.

### Prof. Taylor.

A fair sized audience, for the most part embracing students of an economic turn of mind, listened to Prof. Taylor's discourse on "Monopolies" at Convocation yesterday. Prof. Taylor said that the subject was of such a magnitude that only a few introductory remarks could be given in the time allotted to him. Although his address was of a quasi-technical nature, it was appreciated by those who were versed in economics.

### TWO GAMES FRIDAY.

#### Haskell Indian and Peru Normal Girls' Teams to Play Here.

Next Friday evening at 8:15 the 'varsity girls' basketball team will line up against the girls' team from Haskell Indian school. On the same evening the girls' second team will line up against the Peru Normal team.

These two games will both be fast and exciting and no one will lack for entertainment who comes out to see the fast team from Haskell Indian school play against the Nebraska girls. The game between the second team and the Peru Normal will prove equally as fast as the other as both teams are well trained.

The first half of this game will be played between the halves of the other game and the other half immediately at the close of the Haskell game.

This will be the first and last time the supporters of Nebraska's team will get to see the girls play before they go on their southern trip. The price of admission has been set at 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seats on sale at the Co-op.

A good number of men reported for baseball practice on last Saturday afternoon. Captain Bender put the terday afternoon. Captain Bender put me through a stiff course of training but every man responded with a zeal and worked hard to make a showing.

The men were divided into two teams and in this way every one had a trial in the position for which he wished to try. Special attention was given to the pitchers and every candidate thus far reporting was worked out. Kurtz and Nilsson did good work among the latest candidates while Morse, Dort and Dirks showed good form and seemed able to hand out most any kind of a curve the backstop called. As this was the first real practice for the fielders no just opinion could be given for many of them are not playing in their regular form yet.

Judging from the number of men out Saturday and the determination with which they entered into the game Nebraska will have a strong team this year on the diamond.

L. L. Harter, '03, has headed in his A. M. thesis to Professor Bessey for examination and approval. His topic is "The Variability of Wheat Varieties in Goxic Salt Solutions." Mr. Harter expects to take his examination in April, or early in May, so as to get his degree in June.

Manicuring at the Famous.

## FINALLY SETTLED

Date of Competitive Drill at Last Decided Upon.

Petition for May 26th Approved and Date Set for That Time.

The date for the annual cadet competitive drill has finally been set for Friday, May 26th. Last year competitive drill was held on the 20th and the 19th was at first recommended with the idea in mind that this date would correspond with the 20th of last year. Later, however, it was discovered that school had begun one week later this year than last and a petition to have the drill set for May 26th was immediately presented to the commandant.

This petition was signed by all the officers of the battalion, with one or two exceptions, and Capt. Chase immediately acceded to the wishes of his officers and recommended the 26th of May instead of the 19th. One year ago the drill was held on the 20th and the cadets went to camp on the Tuesday following the 24th. This year the cadets will camp May 30th, the Tuesday following competitive drill, just as was done last year.

This change to the 26th thus does not mean a week more of work for the cadets who will drill the same length of time as they did a year ago. The Chancellor last night approved Capt. Chase's recommendation and the date was fixed at May 26th. A movement was started yesterday by one of the non-commissioned officers to have the 19th decided upon, but the commandant stated that the 26th had been settled upon and no change would be made.

### Banquet a Success.

The Y. M. C. A. banquet held at the Lindell hotel last Friday evening proved to be a great success and went off without a hitch. An excellent feed of ten courses had been prepared and was much enjoyed. In spite of the fact that the Non-Com Hop came on the same evening about the usual crowd was present, among whom were several outsiders from the city and other parts of the state. Several good stunts were given by those on the toast list and the toasts were all of a high order and were well enjoyed. The dining room was kept ringing between courses with University yells and short verses were sung to do honor to some of the prominent men present. There was two more courses on the menu than had ever been given at any of the Association banquets before.

In the absence of State Secretary J. P. Bailey, who was sick in Omaha, Mr. J. Clark Oberlies, of Lincoln, acted as toastmaster and the following responded to toasts:

"A World-Wide Fraternity"—Chas. D. Hurrey, Michigan, '00, International College Secretary, Middle-West, Chicago.

"Years Agone"—L. J. Marsh, '00, Grand Island.

"A Vital Influence"—J. Dean Ringer, '03, General Secretary.

"Things Real"—Dr. Henry B. Ward, Dean of the College of Medicine.

"The College Y. M. C. A. and Athletics"—John R. Bender, '05.

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