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PLAN CONFERENCE

FORMATION OF BIG FIVE STRONGLY CONSIDERED.

Nebraska May Join Other Missouri Valley Institution in Comprehensive Athletic Organization.

Nebraska may become a member of an athletic organization which will be to the Missouri Valley colleges and universities what the "Big Nine" is thruout the middle states. This possibility is the result of a meeting of the representatives of the Missouri Valley institutions which was held at Kansas City last Saturday and at which a form of organization was tentatively proposed. Final action has not been taken in the matter, however, and the ratification by the Athletic Board of all conditions proposed will be necessary before Nebraska officially joins the new "Big Five."

The movement to secure the formation of the conference is not a new one and a short history of the agitation which led to last Saturday's meeting may be of interest. About a year ago Dr. Hetherington, athletic director of the University of Missouri, wrote letters to the presidents of the more prominent universities of the Missouri Valley, asking their opinion as to the advisability of forming a conference somewhat similar to the Big Nine among their respective schools, and suggesting action toward such an end.

For some reason, however, this effort came to nothing and nothing further was done until last fall, when an agitation was started by Kansas for a general agreement among the southwestern colleges on eligibility when Missouri seconded this and St. Louis University also manifested great interest. Cochens, the St. Louis coach, was especially active in attempting to bring about a conference at St. Louis or Kansas City.

The idea of a possible league, and especially of a common agreement upon eligibility, steadily grew in favor and by agreement between Kansas and Missouri it was decided that a meeting should be held at Kansas City January 12, 1907, and that representatives from the leading colleges of this section be invited.

Nebraska Athletic Board, while decidedly non-committal as to whether it would enter the league or not, decided to send Captain Workizer as a representative to the conference, but did not give him power to act. Delegates from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Washington and Nebraska met at the appointed time and virtually formed a league which is to have the same objects and governing powers in the Missouri Valley in the Big Nine at Chicago.

Tentative rules in regard to eligibility and the conduct of intercollegiate athletic contests were drawn up. These are much along the lines of those of the Big Nine but are not quite so radical. A conference track meet of the five schools was proposed for next spring and will probably be carried thru should the organization materialize. Iowa will retain its membership in the Big Nine,

LINCOLN HOTEL.

FEB. EIGHT

...JUNIOR PROM...

Tickets \$2.50; At Door \$3.

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and all the members will be governed by the rules of the league only when they meet other members of the conference.

What Nebraska's action in regard to this matter will be, it is impossible to state. Captain Workizer favors membership in the organization, believing that if it does us no great good it will at least do us no harm. The matter will probably be acted upon at the next meeting of the Athletic Board.

PROFESSOR CONDRA.

Writes for the American Geographical Magazine.

The American Geographical Magazine will soon publish Professor Condra's three-thousand word article on "The Opening of Indian Territory." This article was prepared by request of the American Geographical Society, before which Professor Condra recently gave a fifteen minute talk on the resources of the Territory.

The physiographic conditions which have led to the opening of these Indian lands will be the phase of the subject treated. Attention will be called to the vast resources which were not known to exist at the time of the allotment was made to the Indians.

Dr. Ward Appointed.

Dr. H. B. Ward has been appointed a member of the Darwin Memorial Committee. The committee is under the supervision of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and will consider plans for erecting a monument to the great scientist. The proposed memorial will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the "Origin of Species." The committee is composed of many leading educators and scientists.

Of the 161 Rhodes scholars at Oxford, seventy-nine are from the United States, ninety-one from British colonies, and eleven from Germany.

John W. Norton, '03, of Stromsburg, has been elected county attorney of Polk county.

THIRD SUPPER.

Y. M. C. A. To Give Another Enjoyable Evening for University Men.

The Y. M. C. A. will give its third supper for University men in the dining room of St. Paul's Church on next Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. This particular supper will be unique in the list for the year in that it will be for social purposes only, and will be produced by the girls of the Domestic Science Department.

Here is an unparalleled opportunity to size up the of the co-eds in the lines along which most men's affections are said to lie, and there is not the slightest shadow of a doubt that this will be sufficient in itself to more than fill all available space at the table next Saturday evening.

Tickets will cost 15 cents and will be on sale by Messrs. Higgins, Jorgenson, G. M. Wallace and Roy Nelson up to noon of Saturday. It is hoped that there will be a very prompt and generous sale of tickets and that the supper will prove to be a real producer of very genuine University spirit.

Three cheers for Domi Sci!

Dramatic Club to Meet.

The University Dramatic Club will meet this morning in U. 102 to install Professor Losey, who has recently been appointed to the position of Instructor in Elocution and Public Speaking, as its president. Besides this, the matter of representation in the Cornhusker will be considered and plans for the recital to be given by Mr. Trip in Memorial Hall on the evening of January 24 will be discussed. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. Mickey Dead.

Word has reached the Nebraskan of the death of the father of Mr. Clark Mickey, M. E. '08, at Gibbon, Nebr. Mr. Mickey, who is an officer of the Engineering Society and is prominent in his class, has been out of school on account of his father's illness since before the Christmas holidays.

A good writing tablet is a necessity. Get it at the Uni Book Store.

SATURDAY, 6 P. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Y.M.C.A. SUPPER

CO-ED. COOKING

PRICE 15 CENTS

PROFESSOR TOMBO

DELIVERS ADDRESS ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

Discusses the Hauptmann Dramas in Afternoon—Talks on Goethe's "Faust" in Evening.

"Higher Education" was the subject of an address yesterday morning at Convocation by Prof. Rudolph Tombo of Columbia University. In comparing conditions in Germany and America we find our own country far behind. Only four of our universities may be styled as coming anywhere near the desired standard in having theology, philosophy, law and medicine in their courses, and these are Yale, Chicago, Harvard, and Northwestern. We still have much to learn, for the Germans hold much loftier requirements than we do. Very few German students have studied in simply one institution and the promising ones migrate to other institutions. A constant interchange of professorship would be beneficial here as well.

Professor Tombo is making a tour thru the West visiting the various universities and colleges in the interests of higher education. While at Nebraska he delivered two lectures on the German drama, one on Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell" and the other on Goethe's "Faust."

The Hauptmann lecture, given at 5 o'clock in University Hall, was, despite the inclement weather, well attended by both faculty members and students. It was one of the most comprehensive addresses of its kind ever given at the University and seemed to be appreciated accordingly.

In discussing Hauptmann's philosophy, Professor Tombo said that its symbolic idealism was due primarily to the reactionary stress movement prevalent throughout Europe during the last half of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

"There is thruout all his plays," said the professor, "the philosophy of brotherhood, a heartfelt sympathy for his fellow-men. Indeed, this is the keynote of his dramas. And in spite of their many crudities, it is this philosophy which makes his works of permanent value."

Before discussing the "Sunken Bell," Professor Tombo gave a brief account of the two plays which preceded it—"The Weavers" and "Lonely Lives." The drama "Lonely Lives," said he, was closely related in many particulars to the "Sunken Bell," both of which show the great influence of Ibsen upon the young German dramatist. In both Hauptmann deals with the same theme, spiritual truth, and in both the ending is the same, suicide.

From the viewpoint of dramatic construction, "The Sunken Bell" is almost perfect. Its situations are in every instance supremely dramatic, its diction superb and its characterization superior to that of any other Hauptmann production.

And not only from a dramatic point of view is it a success, but also as a closet play. Over sixty editions of the piece have been published and still the public's demands are unsatisfied. (Continued on page 3.)