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## JUDGES CONTEST

DR FRENCH TELLS OF CUSTOM OF KANSANS.

Oratorical Contest Attended and Great Enthusiasm Shown Among Agricultural Students.

Dr. F. C. French received a call to serve last Saturday evening as judge of an oratorical contest of the Kansas agricultural college at Manhattan. In commenting on an annual custom in that institution he writes as follows:

Among the nineteen hundred students in the college there are six or seven literary societies. Each has a membership of from seventy-five to one hundred. One representative is chosen from each society to participate in an annual oratorical contest. The institution is fortunate in possessing an excellent auditorium with a seating capacity of twenty-two or three hundred. As the audience was assembling each society in turn marched in and took seats in a body. Each was marked by some distinctive dress, banners or other devices. The Webster Society, (young men) wore green caps with a large white W embroidered in front. The Hamilton society wore broad read scarfs over their coats and carried red and white shields. As they took their seats a large electric sign with letters H. A. M. P. S. was set up, and each letter in turn was illuminated as they gave their literal yell.

One of the societies of young women wore white gowns decorated with bands of sunflowers. The bright colors and continued songs and cheer made a brilliant and enthusiastic scene. The appearance upon the stage of the presiding officer was the signal for a final round of cheers and then the house—crowded to the doors with students and their friends—settled in to quiet to listen to the speaking.

The contestants were three young men and three young women. The orations had previously been submitted to an impartial judge and graded with respect to thought and literary merit. The judges of the evening were asked to consider only delivery. The speaking was excellent and did credit both to the young people and their instructors. While the figures of the judges of the evening were being averaged with the marks previously awarded on the literary merits of the orations, a few minutes were assigned each society for some characteristic stunt. One gave a succession of varied cheers, another a song filled with allusions to their dearest foes in the other societies. Some suddenly flashed great banners before the audience.

At length the results of the contest were announced. A twenty dollar gold piece was presented to the receiver of first honor and a ten dollar gold piece to the one who ranked second. At once the great stage was filled with members of the two winning societies who bore off on their shoulders in triumph their victorious champions.

As we left the hill the handsome stone buildings on the campus were (Continued on page four.)

LINCOLN HOTEL

FEBRUARY 21

## JUNIOR PROM

FORMAL

TICKETS 3 DOLLARS

### Y. W. C. A. STUDIES.

A Number of Courses in Mission and Y. W. C. A. Studies.

Already the Y. W. C. A. Mission and Bible Study classes are being organized for the second semester and work will begin next week. A number of very good courses are offered which are essentially educational in nature, and any student who is anxious to have a knowledge of the great civilizing movement which is taking place in foreign countries would do well to register for one of these classes in mission study. The different courses offered are:

Home Missions—Thursday 1:00, U 109. Leader, Miss Rinker.  
Japan—Wednesday, 5:00, Y. W. Leader, Miss Vibbard.  
China, Wednesday, noon, Y. W. Leader, Miss Walker.  
Comparative Religions, Wednesday, 4:00, U 110. Leader, Rev. Houseman.  
China, Tuesday, 4:00, U 109. Leader, Eva Arnold.  
India, Tuesday, 5:00, U 109. Leader, Bertha Akin.

Women's Building, Mission and Bible Class, Monday, 5:00. Leader, Ida B. Vibbard.

Miss Walker, who is a returned missionary from China, will give short mission talks every Wednesday noon in the Y. W. C. A. rooms which will be very interesting as well as instructive, drawn, as they are, from actual experience upon the foreign field. The course, under Dr. Houseman, entitled "Comparative Religions" will embrace the following topics:

1. The World's Religion
1. Nature of Religion.
2. A Survey of Non-Christian Faiths.
3. The idea of God obtaining in the great religions.
4. The place of sin and its opponent in heathen lands.
5. The belief of the non-Christian world as affecting practical morals and the future life.
6. What religious system will dominate as the absolute and proficient one.

### BASKET BALL TRIP.

Second Team of University Will Meet Peru Normal Tonight

Manager Eager has arranged a game of basket ball between the team of the Peru Normal school and the second squad of the Cornhusker ball tossers.

Gus. Zimmer will manage the team on the trip. They leave today over the Missouri Pacific with the following personnel:

Right guard, E. A. Ssemidt; left guard, Long; center, Parrott; left guard A. C. Smith; right forward, Flower; sub, H. D. Schmidt.

### Notice, Juniors and Seniors.

All Juniors and Seniors who have not yet had their pictures taken for the '08 Cornhusker should do so before Saturday evening, February 8th. This is absolutely the last call. All members of '08 and '09 who have registered this semester should also have this done not later than the same date.

### Notice.

All students desiring to take Latin 44 will please meet me for a moment in U. 205 at 5:00 p. m. today to decide upon a permanent hour for the class. It will be necessary for every one to be present.

GROVE E. BARBER.

The question for the debates which are to be held in the high school debating league, which was recently organized by Professor Fogg, has been selected. The high school students will discuss the election of United State senators by direct vote of the people.

German Club meets with Edith Patterson at Chi Omega house, 1035 J street.

Baked beans, baked on the premises and served hot with delicious brown bread, 10c, at The Boston Lunch.

FRATERNITY HALL, FEBRUARY SEVEN, 1908

## LAW HOP

EDDIE WALT'S ORCHESTRA

## SANE SPELLING

RECENT WORK OF THE SIMPLIFIED SPELLING BOARD.

Many New Members Added to the Original List in This and Other English Speaking Countries.

The Simplified Spelling Board have just published a second list of amended spellings that have been approved by the Board and Council. The following are a few of the changes in the second list:

ake, ache.	goat, ghost.
boro, borough.	iland, island.
blid, build.	num, numb.
coco, cocoa.	sion, sion.
det, debt.	siv, sieve.
eg, egg.	thum, thumb.
foren, foreign.	tung, tongue.

On January 12, 1906, at the instigation of Andrew Carnegie, the Simplified Spelling Board was organized to promote, by systematic and continued effort, the gradual simplification and regulation of English spelling.

The board originally consisted of eleven members. At the time of its organization nineteen more were elected, and several others have been added at intervals since. The number now consists of forty-three members, nine of them representing other English-speaking countries—England, Scotland, Nova Scotia, Ontario and New Zealand.

It is surely interesting to the students of the University of Nebraska to know that Chancellor Andrews takes a leading part in the work. Other noted men on the board are President Roosevelt, Chief Justice Brewer, William T. Harris, editor of Webster's International Dictionary; Henry Bradley, associate editor of the Oxford English Dictionary; David Star Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, and many other prominent educators of the country.

In the beginning the Simplified Spelling Board conceived the idea of forming an Advisory Council composed of scholars, educators and others interested in intellectual and social progress, to whom changes in spelling might be referred for their opinion, thus the council would constitute a body of expert advisers.

At its annual meeting in 1907, the board adopted a plan for the establishment of such a council and after considering and corresponding with a great number, now announces the election and acceptance of one hundred and sixty-five persons as the members of the first council.

As the council now stands, it has representatives in nearly every state in the union and in every phase of educational and professional activity. Others of like standing in every state and among all professions will be added later.

The first step of the Board after its organization in 1906 was to publish a list of common words spelled in two or more ways. This was known as the Three Hundred Words. Persons interested were asked to examine the (Continued on page 4.)