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## MYERS WINS FIRST

### ROBERTSON TAKES SECOND IN ORATORICAL CONTEST.

### MUCH EFFECTIVE WORK DONE

### EIGHT MEN MAKE TRY FOR THE COVETED PRIZES.

### Dean Costigan Presides in the Absence of Governor Shallenberger—Orations Show Great Deal of Thought.

The first oratorical contest of the college of law was held in the music room of the Temple last evening. On account of the contest not being well advertised the attendance was not nearly as large as the contest merited. The orations showed most careful preparation and effective delivery. The judges were Mayor Love, Professor Lee and Mr. Flansburg. At the conclusion of the contest first place was awarded to Mr. W. A. Meyers and the second to H. C. Robertson. Dean Costigan presided in the absence of Governor Shallenberger.

#### Bates Speaks First.

The first speaker was Ross W. Bates who had for his subject "America's Attitude Toward Japan." He held that the United States and Japan were the logical rulers of the Pacific. America must profit by past examples and experience. For our own sake we must protect ourselves against Japan. The presence of the Japanese in America is a menace. They are undesirable and low morally. Then to protect our democratic institution we must not tolerate them here. We brought the negro into the south and we had to pay the penalty.

"The Demands of organized Labor," was the subject chosen by H. E. Dixon. He declared that labor is of the greatest importance. It involves the supremacy of a nation and its problems must be solved within a generation. Labor accomplishes its results by peaceful means. Unsettled it involves a claim, however, social and moral. Labor cannot be condemned because of its mistakes. Organized it is today regulating labor for the best interests of the community.

#### "A Great Man's Ruin."

C. A. Emory followed with "A Great Man's Ruin." "No other life," he declared, "has been so marked by stirring events and positions of power and yet gone down to utter darkness as Aaron Burr. Let us deal with him in sympathy, rather than criticism and consider his life that it may throw light upon our own lives. He was a prince of orators, a genius, fascinating, brilliant and eminent. He was born to be great. His downfall began with his fatal duel with Hamilton, his rival. He was a victim of his monster passion of self-centered ambition, and it leveled him to his ruin. He had every quality to lead him to success and fame except moral purpose."

"The Modern Molech," was the subject of Louis C. Gregory's oration. He made a most effective plea for the child laborer. "Molech was the god of a historic race. He is still the god of modern industrial life. As children were once sacrificed to a heated metal god, even now child life is being offered up. Child torture and destruction goes on as they labor long weary hours in factory or in mine. This is worse than the conduct of heathen parents and such conditions will lead only to anarchy."

Richard C. Hunter discussed "Municipalization."

He declared that the word "municipalization" is of growing importance and also its problems. A private monopoly with a franchise is as equally dangerous as a trust. Municipalization is only the extension of governmental functions and a duty it owed to every citizen to see that they get the best the government can give. Municipalization and socialism are not opposing forces, for in Europe where both are particularly strong, each is making great headway.

#### The National Hero.

The subject of Mr. W. A. Myers' oration, which won the contest, was "The National Hero of Sweden." His style, delivery and fluency went to make a strong oration. "Gustavus Adolphus has no mighty monument to perpetuate his name. His life was spent in the service of his country. In a crisis he was thrust into the responsibility of ruler of Sweden though only a boy. Boldly he became the defender of Sweden. In peace he still served his country in science and art. He was exalted among his people. Later the needs of the world stirred his soul. The cry of a people beyond called out his sympathy. And for thirty years he fought, and Swedish and German blood flowed together. He waged unselfish war and died loved and honored by all."

#### To Live Not to Die.

"The greatest duty of men today is not to die but to live for their country." So declared H. C. Robertson, winner of second place in a stirring appeal on "Civic Duty." Continuing he said: "The new public spirit leads men to vote intelligently. Yet we have one form of public duty men still shirk and its operation is a disgrace to our government. Our jury system is a source of greatest injustice, for the average juror has not the intelligence of the average citizen. Our liberty and the administration of justice ought not to be sacrificed by inferior judgment which is easily swayed by prejudice, ignorance or bias. Justice is justice regardless of person or position."

The last speech was A. E. Warren who spoke on "The Cry Against the Trusts." He made a good impression and handled most successfully the unpopular side of a mooted question. "It has come to be an opinion that to strike the trusts is an act of justice. The truth should be known, whether we are dealing with a public enemy or a benefactor. The question is: 'Does the concentration of capital involve danger to the community?' Large and improved facilities make the trust more effective. Large aggregations of capital are enormous benefits as proved by experience in every progressive country. It is the duty of statesmen to see the possibilities and do justice to these aggregations of capital and not censure alone."

## NEBRASKAN GETS GOOD PLACE.

### Secures Birth With Washington State Highway Commission.

H. L. Bowby, instructor in civil engineering at the University of Washington, has been appointed chief engineer of the Washington state highway commission. This commission will have charge of the improvement of the roads of Washington, extensive plans for which have been laid.

The last legislature of the state appropriated \$1,000,000 for the improving of the highways with the provision that the counties in which the work is done furnish further amount. This means that Mr. Bowby will be in charge of the engineering tasks connected with the expenditure of several millions of dollars.

Turn your old books into money on Saturday only, May 15. Hinds & Noble of New York City, will buy them at the Co-op.

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

## COUNTS IN THE RACE

### GAME WITH DRAKE TOMORROW A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.

### LEAVE FOR MINNEAPOLIS TODAY

### Cornhuskers in Annual Cinder Path Games and Field Games With Gophers Tomorrow on Northrup Field.

The second championship game of the spring with Drake university of Des Moines will be played at Antelope park at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The first game of the race with the Des Moines men was played on the recent trip of the Cornhuskers, and was won by Captain Beltzer's men.

In the Missouri Valley Conference League, Nebraska and Kansas are now the two leaders, and the winning of this game will put the local team a notch nearer to the taking of the rag. The Jayhawkers have yet to come to Lincoln for two games and Nebraska hopes to be tied with them by that time so that the game here will decide the pennant question.

"Hap" Ward will probably occupy the rubber for the Cornhuskers tomorrow. He has had a good rest now and should be in fine shape to twirl winning ball.

#### Game at 10:30 Sharp.

The game will be started at 10:30 o'clock sharp. Student tickets will admit the holders. Visiting high school pupils will be given the same rates to the game as university students.

#### The probable line-up:

Nebraska.	Drake.
Carroll..... c.....	Van Meter
Ward..... p.....	McCoy
Clarke..... 1b.....	Witter
Greenslit..... 2b.....	Caves
Metcalf..... s.s.....	Burcham
Beltzer..... 3b.....	Musgrove
Dudgeon..... lf.....	Cliff
Cooke..... cf.....	Miles
Sturtzenegger..... rf.....	Scott

#### Track Teams Leave Today.

The Nebraska track team, accompanied by Coach Dr. Clapp, will leave for Minneapolis this afternoon to meet the Minnesota team at Northrup field tomorrow afternoon in the annual games between the two schools.

Most of the Cornhuskers are in fine condition and should be able to make a good set of records in this meet. Captain McDonald has been running the hurdles well in practice and is practically certain to take first in both the high and low sticks.

#### Smiley a Fast Gopher.

The man whom the Cornhuskers fear most is Smiley, the Gopher sprinter. This athlete is a very fast man. In the Iowa-Minnesota meet he won the 100-yard dash in 0:10 1-5; the 220-yard dash in 0:23 1-5; the 440-yard dash in 0:54 1-5.

This afternoon the annual track meet of the Nebraska Interscholastic Association will be held at the State Fair grounds. The weather man has promised a fair day, and will hold in his rain levers until evening at least.

The meet this afternoon begins at 2:45 sharp. Dr. Clapp figures that he can run off all the events in two hours. Three different events—one on the track, one in the weights, and one in the jumps—will be kept going simultaneously.

The high school visitors began arriving in the city yesterday and by last evening several had come. Many more will reach here this morning.

During the class hours this forenoon the high school pupils will be

permitted to visit around the campus in the different buildings.

Tonight the pupils will be entertained at the Temple from 6 to 8 o'clock by the "N" men and the Innocents.

### CONTEST AT WESLEYAN TODAY.

### Tennis Players of State in Championship Meet.

This afternoon, at Wesleyan, the university tennis team meets the teams from the other colleges of the state. Flower and Smith will represent the university. There are two trophies offered, a cup for first in doubles is offered by Tridys & Shean of Lincoln, and a cup for first in singles by Hallet of Lincoln. The school winning either one of these cups for three consecutive years keeps it.

The contest will be held at Wesleyan today and tomorrow. The university team stands a good show of winning, both Smith and Flower being strong players. The last contest in the semi-finals was held yesterday morning between Smith and Hubbell, Smith winning. This leaves the university championship to be decided between Smith and Flower. This contest will be held probably next week.

### GRADUATE CLUB WILL MEET.

### Last Meeting of the Year to be May 21 in the Temple.

The meeting of the graduate club which was originally set for the 7th of May, has been announced for May 21. It will be held in the banquet hall of the Temple from six to eight p. m., and a light lunch will be served.

Regent Coupland will be present and will discuss a special phase of graduate study. Long experience in research work and the opportunity of association with some of the best British scientists makes him especially able to speak on this subject. His boyhood was spent in England with a number of men who have written well known text-books on biology and agriculture.

This meeting of the club will be the last of the year and officers for next year will be elected. Those who wish to attend should send their reservations and thirty-five cents to Treasurer Pool, as the hall is not large enough to accommodate the full membership of the club.

The president of the club has asked the heads of all departments to make out lists of the graduate students working with them, the subject of their thesis, and their majors and minors. These are to be tabulated and put in such form that they may be displayed at the meeting of the club.

### NEED FOR STUDENT FELLOWS.

### Lack of Men Who Will Take Department Places.

For some reason there seems to be a lack of university graduates who desire to return to Lincoln to take post-graduate work with the privilege of holding a university fellowship and doing department work in return for minor services as assistants.

Nearly all of the departments of the University are allowed the services of one or more fellows, who act as assistants in the department and in return are granted a compensation of varying amount. This year some of these places are still open. Among them is one in the department of botany that has been easily filled in the past. An assistant is wanted in that department for superintending laboratory work who has taken a couple of years work in the department and who is a graduate. Just what is the cause of the scarcity of applicants is not certain, but the condition seems to exist.

Remember the date, Saturday only, May 15. Hinds & Noble will buy your old books at the Co-op.

## SENIOR DAY OBSERVED

### SENIORS DECAMPED EARLY IN THE MORNING.

### ANNUAL CUSTOMS OBSERVED

### DAY'S OUTING ON THE BLUE FOR THE UPPERCLASSMEN

### Sliding Down the Spiral Fire Escape, Playing Ball, Fishing, Picking Violets and Singing Were on the Program.

Classes were held as usual yesterday morning, the professors called the roll, but no seniors answered "Here!" All who could possibly leave were already on their way to Milford. It was the day of the Senior Sneak.

No one but the chancellor and the professors knew of this going, but according to the time honored custom, the word was passed and at 7:40 over 150 seniors clad in old clothes boarded the train for the day's outing. Everyone was happy, the weather was of the finest, making the day a grand success.

#### Strenuous Program.

As carried out, the program for the day led the upper classmen a strenuous life from the time they left until they returned. Disembarking at Milford they formed a procession and marched through the town, past the high school building, and out to the Old Soldiers' home. From there they went down into the park east of the home and played children's games, ring around the rosey, and the like. After they tired of this, leaving their wraps piled up around trees and fences, they marched back to the Old Soldiers Home.

Here the main attraction seemed stories high. Starting to slide from the top each senior tried his novel form of the hurly-burly to his heart's content, sliding down time and again. A souvenir autograph book into which the signatures of each member present, together with those of many of the old soldiers was secured.

After this the different inclinations of members of the party led them in pursuit of various forms of amusement, breaking up the crowd which so far had hung together. Many of the students wandered off along the blue river in search of fish. It is told that the stream was for a time bordered by enthusiastic emulators of Isaac Walton. Some, more energetically inclined, played ball. Some went violet hunting. But as the hour for lunch appeared, all gathered together again and the party proceeded to the Shogo-Lithia springs where they had dinner. And truly a dinner it was, served in boxes, each one containing sandwiches, eggs, fruit, potato-salad, pickles, cake and ice-cream. Coffee was also served, but many preferred the Shogo-Lithia from the springs. Although the camera fiend had been in evidence all morning, he seemed to spring from everywhere at this time and photographs were taken in various positions, eating various things.

After dinner the seniors went back to the Soldiers Home, where they sang college songs to the inmates, winding up with "America." The next feature of the program was the ball game at the park, between the Milford team and the seniors. The game ended, after five innings with a score of 18 to 0 in favor of the seniors.

At 4:30 they started to the depot, leaving Milford for Lincoln at 5:10. On the way home the train stopped near Pleasant Dale, where each senior got out and began collecting boulders. They worked industriously for a few moments lugging boulders, some of them of considerable size into the car. They were not destined for fobs, nor even for ring sets; but for a monument to commemorate the class of 1909.

Arriving at Lincoln each senior grasped a boulder, the party formed in a column of twos and marched up to the university. On the campus, they circled about the pine tree in front of the Library, and each one deposited his or her boulder about its base. They then sang the "Scarlet and Cream," gave the university yell, their class yell, and disbanded. The day's fun was over. But the boulders remain piled about the pine. They will be used in the construction of the senior fountain.