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The United States civil service commission announces an examination to be held at Lincoln, Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte and Omaha, March 30 for expert farmers in the Indian service.

Applicants should at once apply either to the United States civil service commission or to the secretary of the board of examiners at any of the above mentioned places for the application forms and necessary information. Applications must be on file with the commissioner in time so that necessary papers may be sent to the examining office. Applicants for this office should state that they wish to take an examination for expert farmer, Indian service. It is probable that a number of school of agriculture boys will take this examination.

Carl Chas. '10, will leave in a few days for Manhattan, Kansas, where he has accepted a position to take charge of all the corn growing experiments to be carried on at that station. He also expects to carry on a very extensive work by means of co-operation with the farmers throughout the state.

The farm mechanics department has just received a new 45-horse power Avery traction engine and a 16-bottom steam plow. With this outfit they expect to do a considerable amount of experimental work and gather much valuable data relative to the cost of plowing by steam as compared to horse power. They will also test the comparative efficiency of each of these methods and try to determine by which means the highest productivity of the soil, at the least expense, can be attained. Without doubt the day is not far distant when much of the heavier labor on the farm will be performed by motive power, either steam or gasoline, and the tired horse can stand by and look leisurely on. In the regions of larger farms much of this type of power is already in use and the manufacturers of such types of engines are rapidly improving their machines and making them smaller and lighter so that even the farmer with moderate means and a small farm will see the advantage to be derived through the use of such power, and will be able to afford such an equipment.

Mr. E. W. Frost, who has been the efficient herdsman at the university farm dairy for the last five years, left yesterday for Central City where he is to start a large, pure-bred Holstein dairy. Faul Hunter, '12, will succeed Mr. Frost in the university dairy.

J. H. Gramblieh, '11, has just returned from Franklin, this state, where he has been assisting in a farmers short course which was held there lasting six days. These short courses consist of a series of lecture and practical demonstrations carried on by men sent out by the Nebraska experiment station by the farmers' institute. This seems the quickest way to reap beneficial results by going to the farmers in their own neighborhood, taking the experiment station and its teachings to the farmer in a small way is practically what these short courses accomplish.

JUDGES ARE SELECTED

Results of Seven League Debates Are Sent In.

From a list of names submitted by Humboldt and Pawnee City in the southeastern district of the Nebraska High School Debating League, the following men were selected to judge the debate between these schools last night:

Prof. E. B. Conant.
Dr. Edwin Maxey.
James E. Badnar, '06, Law '10.
The winners of this debate will meet Falls City, which defeated Stella; and the winner of this latter debate will meet the winners of the Auburn-Wymore contest for the championship of the district.
Seven debates were held in the Nebraska High School Debating League

on Friday and Saturday nights. The results were as follows:

In the southeastern district, Wymore defeated Tecumseh at Wymore by a unanimous decision. On the jury were Prof. E. B. Conant and Dr. G. A. Stephens of the department of political economy.

Southern District—Hastings won from Edgar at Edgar by a unanimous decision.

East Central District—Seward defeated Syracuse at Seward, getting the votes of all three judges—Prof. M. M. Fogg, Prof. C. E. Persinger and Supt. J. A. Woodard of Havelock. Professor Fogg gave an address after the discussion. His subject was "Debate."

Eastern District—Plattsmouth won by a unanimous decision from Fremont at Fremont. The judges were Prof. F. C. French, Principal E. U. Graff of Omaha high school and H. M. Garrett of Ashland.

Southwestern District—McCook won 2-1 from Trenton at Trenton. Beaver City received a unanimous decision over Franklyn Academy.

Northwestern District—Alliance defeated Sidney at Alliance by a 2-1 decision. Prof. Edwin Maxey, Supt. Robt. I. Elliott ex-'09, Judge Steuteville of Bridgeport were the judges.

Gordon won from Rushville at Gordon by a two to one decision.

Northern District—O'Neill won from Atkinson by a two to one decision.

There will be six debates this week in the league.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS IN MEMORIAL HALL

UNIVERSITY CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF SEMESTER.

DR. HALL WAS THE FIRST SPEAKER

Richard L. Metcalfe and Arthur Mullen Expound Principles of Democracy to University Students—Trace History of Party.

Three speakers addressed the meeting held under the auspices of the University Democratic Club last night. Dr. Hall, president of the Central National bank and member of the democratic national committee; R. L. Metcalfe, who is much talked of at the present time as a candidate for United States senator, and Arthur F. Mullen were the speakers of the evening.

The meeting was held in Memorial hall and was attended by over a hundred university students. It was the first of a series of similar meetings which will be given by the club from time to time until the end of the semester. The object of the meetings is to get university democrats interested and to expound democratic principles.

Dr. Hall Speaks.

Dr. Hall was the first speaker of the evening. He spoke on the allegiance to party. He expressed himself as having little use for the man who would not set his own ideas contrary to those of the majority of the voters of the party if he believed himself right.

Richard L. Metcalfe was the next speaker. He gave a concise history of the republican and democratic parties and their relation to the special interests and tariff principles. He designated the republican party as catering to the popular will and the democratic party as being the defenders of the constitution.

Arthur F. Mullen, the last speaker on the program, said that many people do not know why they are democrats. He spoke of the need of being informed on party principles and advised democrats to read the first inaugural address he said they would find em- address of Thomas Jefferson. In this bodied the principles of democracy.

The meeting last night is the outcome of the meeting of university men held at the Lincoln hotel last week, at which time the University Democratic Club was organized. The club at that time declared itself in favor of Governor Shallenberger and its object is to work for his re-election.

PREVIOUS REPORTS WERE NOT OFFICIAL

DELINQUENTS DECREASED OVER EIGHTY IN YEAR.

INCOMPLETES ARE NOT REPORTED

Decrease of 15.2 Per Cent Pleases Authorities—Due to Work of Professor Engberg, Committee and Miss Ensign.

An official statement was given out from the chancellor's office last evening regarding delinquencies as follows.

"Some days ago the papers gave statistics of the per cent of delinquent students in the university. As no official statistics had been given out, the question was raised whether these reports were authentic. They seem to have been compiled from the reports made to the inter-fraternity and inter-sorority councils, and which were not official. On the basis of these reports it is determined whether pledges can be initiated. The figures were presumably taken from the mid-semester reports for the students pledged to these organizations, but did not in any sense represent the entire student body. The following statistics are now available:

"In 1909, number of delinquent students, 591. In 1910, in spite of the increase in registration, the number of delinquencies was 510.

Percentage of Decrease.

"The per cent of delinquent students a year ago was 27.7 as against 22.9 this year. The decrease in delinquency this year as against a year ago is 15.2 per cent. In making this list there have been reported as delinquent students, only those who have conditions or failures opposite their names. We have not reported in this given incompletes. It is not fair to call an incomplete a delinquency, as often a student has permission of his instructor to complete a theme or do some other small requirement after the time for the handing in of the report.

"Figures are not yet available to show the percentage of men and women who are delinquent. The decrease of 15.2 per cent is gratifying, since it is to be supposed that the instructors have been quite as severe in their grading this year as previously, and the showing is to be attributed to the work of Professor Engberg, the delinquent student committee, and Miss Ensign, along with a general movement on foot to tone up the student body in respect to serious work.

DATES FOR DEBATES CHANGED.

Seniors Picked Team for Inter-class Debates Yesterday.

Some shifting in the dates for the inter-class debates has been made in the last few days. The freshmen have decided by mutual consent to hold their debate on Friday evening, March 4th. The date was changed owing to difficulties encountered by the members of the teams in working up the question.

The senior class has after some delay picked their team. The men chosen were H. F. Wunder, J. F. Ebert and Paul Yates. This team was chosen by the committee without the usual preliminary try-out owing to the fact that there were no other applicants for positions on the team. The date for the senior-junior debate has not as yet been changed, but owing to the lateness of the choosing of the senior team, the debate will in all probability be postponed until next week. The lack of interest which has been displayed in this series of debates is arousing considerable comment about the campus. The senior class has been especially lax in the details of choosing a team.

A dance at which clothes made the men was given by the women of the University of Oregon a short time ago. No men were allowed to be present, half of the women attending dressed in the evening clothes of their men relatives and friends.

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