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## SUPT. W. L. STEPHENS SPEAKS TO TEACHERS

### PREPARATION OF TEACHERS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

### THE REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL TAX

Subordinated Academic to Professional Training—High School Teaching Even More Complex than University Teaching.

"Preparation of Teachers for Secondary Schools" was the theme of a lecture delivered by Supt. W. L. Stephens of the Lincoln city schools at regular convocation this morning. This lecture was given under the auspices of the University of Nebraska teachers' college. It was to have been delivered at two former dates as a climax to a series of lectures under the direction of the teachers' college, but, because of unavoidable circumstances, it was postponed until today, when it fittingly became a sequel to these educational discussions. As a prelude to the discourse, the junior class, now providing musical entertainment at convocation, was well represented by Miss Weston, piano soloist.

Professor Stephens was furnished with an extemporaneous and applicable preface to his theme in the fact that his audience was composed chiefly of male students. He declared it was a significant fact that the stronger sex was advancing to its level and would soon recognize the teaching of the arts and sciences as a dignified profession—favorably comparing with the professions of law, medicine and engineering.

#### Criticises Requirements.

The bulk of his discussion was confined to a criticism of the lax requirements of the instructors of second grade schools. These requisites, however, have run their course and the time has arrived for a general awakening in the field of activities exercised by the teacher. This revival will take the form of an obliteration of all the previous state legislation relative to the requirements of the teachers' certificate, and the adoption of new legislation which will cause the attainment of the teachers' certificate to be the reward of merit and not mere accident. He alleged, and backed his allegation with statistics, that heretofore the requisites of the average second grade teachers' certificate were very meagre. In a specific statement he showed that the average requirements of this certificate, if applied, would rank the instructor little higher than the college freshman. Then, as an inference, he questioned the ability of this teacher to cope with the difficult academic and professional questions common to the second grade teacher.

In so far as academic training is involved, he acknowledged the standing of our present day teachers, but he subordinated academic to professional training and held the latter as the only just criterion by which to determine the efficiency of the teacher. He attached great significance to the task of the secondary instructor of adjusting facts and figures to a condition or place where they may be properly assimilated by the immature brain. He assigned this task to the student of psychology, necessarily a college graduate, and not to the undeveloped, inexperienced undergraduate now playing the role of teacher in most city and secondary schools.

#### Lack of Training.

Without training for this work, most teachers will fail. The majority of the aforesaid teachers do unconsciously fail. Training in technique is an absolute necessity if one is to be successful in second grade instruction.

In this respect, high school teaching is even more complex than university teaching. In advanced courses the student comprehends to a certain extent every thing that is put before him. In the elementary studies, the immaturity of the individual's mind necessitates individual attention and probable adjustment of the methods of fact presentation. This involves professional training and the absence of this training invariably results in unsatisfactory work.

The kinds of professional training are many, most of which are covered by a thorough knowledge of the history of education—the relation between school and life—and individual mastery of sociological questions. The inability of the instructor to compete with some of the social problems of the community in which he lives has often been the direct cause of his evident failure.

There is a remedy for these significant and lamentable conditions. Professor Stephens in closing attributed to the teachers' college of this university the responsibility of affecting the suggested revolution in the requirements of the present second grade teachers' certificate. Students of the University of Nebraska should show such superiority in their teaching that the inefficiency of normal graduates will be made apparent. Then and then only will the university diploma be made the minimum requirement for the acceptance of secondary school teachers.

#### WORK TO CONTINUE DAILY.

#### Spring Football Practice to Be Continued for a Month.

On account of the cold and windy weather, the football squad was unable to work yesterday, but Assistant Coach Ewing will have the gridiron men out for daily work from now on.

About twenty men have signified their intention of getting out for work today, and all men who are going to get in training for the gridiron game next fall will be issued equipment at 1 o'clock each day at the gymnasium.

The work of the squad will consist chiefly in learning the new rules and learning the formations planned under the modern rules. Coach Ewing is desirous that all men who intend to play football next fall get out and work for the coming month in order to have a thorough knowledge of the new game when practice opens next fall.

#### PHI ALPHA TAU BANQUET.

George N. Foster Initiated—Alexander Toastmaster.

The monthly banquet of Phi Alpha Tau, the honorary debating fraternity, was held last evening at the Lincoln hotel. George N. Foster, who was on the intercollegiate debate team that debated Iowa, was initiated into the fraternity. Several of the faculty members were present. John Alexander acted as toastmaster. Toasts on the three great American humorists were given:

"Mark Twain," Lynn Lloyd.

"Bill Nye," E. R. Rutledge.

"George Ade," A. M. Oberfelder.

Several impromptu toasts were also given.

#### WORK ON RUNNING TRACK.

Hundred-Yard Straight Away Will Be Ready Soon.

Work on the running track is being pushed rapidly and it will soon be in shape to use. A band of men are busy sifting fine cinders for the top dressing. The 100-yard straight away will be ready by the end of the week.

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

## JOHN L. RICE ELECTED AS IVY DAY ORATOR

WON FROM BEDNAR BY VOTE OF 62 TO 30.

### HE HAS ACHIEVED DISTINCTION

Won Prizes in University—Member of Debating Team and Honorary Fraternities—President of Senior Law Class.

At a meeting of the senior class yesterday morning John Lawrence Rice was elected Ivy Day orator. Mr. Rice received 62 votes to 30 cast against his only opponent, James E. Bednar. Reports of committees was the only other business taken up by the class.

Mr. Rice will write and deliver the oration at the Ivy Day exercises, to be held this year on May 11. Mr. Rice has achieved considerable distinction as an orator during his university career. He won the prize for highest standing during his freshman law year. He is also winner of the legal bibliographical prize. Last year he was a member of the debating team against Wisconsin; this year he was on Nebraska's team which met Minnesota.

Mr. Rice is a member of the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi, the public speaking fraternity Phi Alpha Tau, and of Delta Sigma Rho, the honorary debating fraternity. He is also a member of the University Catholic Club. He is at present president of the senior law class.

## SOPHOMORE RALLY IN CHAPEL

Second Year Class Hold Spirited Meeting Last Night.

The sophomore class met in the chapel at 7 o'clock last night and discussed the Olympics that will occur on Saturday. A large number were in attendance and all were enthusiastic over the prospects of a sophomore victory.

All of the people who are marching around the campus today wearing red ribbons are sophomores. Girls and boys alike are fully aroused. They are determined to win Saturday's contest and tame the haughty freshmen. They intend to make the Olympics a rooting contest for the girls as well as a battle for the boys.

Last night the sophomore yells were practiced and plans for Saturday's contest were made. The sophomore committee is in charge of Frank Clark, and he told of the general plans that would be followed. There were speeches by other members of the class and R. E. Campbell, who is the referee of the Olympics this year, told of the new style of free-for-all that will be used.

The freshmen have not announced a meeting for this week. However, there is a large amount of feeling in the freshman class and the first year men are confident that they will be the victors in this year's contest.

#### PAY UP FOR TENNIS.

Negotiate Dates With Creighton and Kansas.

All men who expect to try out for the tennis squad must be entered and paid up by April 11, as the try-out will begin next week. We will meet Kansas May 14 and negotiations are being made for a date with Creighton College on May 7 and with the Kansas State Agricultural College of Manhattan, Kan., on May 21. This will necessitate hard work and steady practice if the games are arranged as expected.

## "STUNT" COMMITTEE IS PICKED.

Men Who Are to Get Up Funny Things for Frat Banquet.

"Sam" Buck heads the committee on "stunts" for the first annual banquet of the University of Nebraska on the evening of Wednesday, April 13, 1910, at the Lindell hotel. At a meeting of representatives from all the Greek letter chapters yesterday afternoon, "Sam" was appointed to take charge of the committee. Yale Holland and Glen Mason were selected as his colleagues on the committee.

The "stunt" committee will prepare the funny features of the great feast, and they intend to get up some doings that will put in the cool shade the ramblings of the famous Gridiron Club banqueters of the nation's capital city, where Teddy, Bill Taft, Bill Bryan—our own Bill from Fairview—Uncle Joe Cannon—he who went one round with the distinguished congressman from McCook, this state—North Pole Perry, and other noted men are characterized in humorous style by able representatives of the Funny-Bone society. The local lads intend to have some comic songs to interpolate into the program. Besides the comic songs, they will have other music that will make a hit.

They intend to have some take-offs, and many other things that they have discussed and that have met with the hearty approval of the twelve fraternities. Some of their plans for fun would make a horse, or even a colt, laugh just to hear about them.

At the meeting yesterday the representatives decided to make all toasts as short as possible, and placed a limit of ten minutes on the time allowed each speaker.

The banquet will be started at 7 p. m., and every guest will be expected to sit down at the table promptly at the hour named.

#### NO GAME YESTERDAY.

Lincoln League Team Asked to Have Game With University Cancelled Because of Weather.

On account of the high wind and the cold yesterday's baseball game with the Lincoln league team was called off at the request of the Antelopes. Coach Carroll announced no practice for the day.

The team leaves at the end of next week on a four-day trip to Kansas. The Kansas Aggies will be met at Manhattan the 13th and 14th. Kansas University will be played at Lawrence the 15th and 16th. The team is in hopes of winning a majority of the games. There will be a game with the league team at Antelope park Thursday.

#### STUDENTS FIGHT FIRE.

Forestry Boys at Halsey Spend Two Days in Heroic Effort.

The eleven forestry students who spent the past two weeks at Halsey returned to the university Sunday evening. The boys report a great deal of practical work. Also they are still discussing many of the exciting incidents which happened on the trip. One of the most exciting was a prairie fire which started at Whitman and burned over a large area between the Loup and Osmond rivers. The boys at Halsey saw it coming and volunteered their services to fight it. They did not realize the magnitude of the work until they had worked all night and the next day with nothing to eat but a couple of ham sandwiches. After the fire had burned over about 200 acres of their coveted forest at Halsey they finally headed it to the junction of the two rivers, where it stopped.

## A "DRY" LINCOLN IS THE WATCHWORD NOW

BIG MASS MEETING FAVORING TEMPERANCE IN CITY.

### THE STUDENTS SHOW ENTHUSIASM

Dr. Bessey, Chancellor Aylesworth, President Lewis, Chancellor Davidson and Others to Speak.

A big mass meeting of college students was held last night at the city auditorium. Union College, Wesleyan, Cotner and Nebraska Universities united in a great rally to keep Lincoln dry. To aid this movement the university cadet band furnished music for the occasion with the assistance of the quartet.

The majority of the university students who attended were seated near the front of the big building, and they vied with the representatives of the other colleges in giving the good old yells of U. of N.

#### Dr. Condra Presided.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Roach of St. Paul's Methodist church, who introduced Dr. Condra of the university, who presided.

The first speaker on the program was Dean Bessey of the university.

Following his address Chancellor Aylesworth of Cotner, who was followed by President Lewis of Union College. Chancellor Davidson of Wesleyan was the last speaker. All of the talks were short and to the point.

The speakers pointed out the fact that the saloons were a detriment to educational interests and college men were rendered incapacitated for work by their re-establishment in Lincoln.

#### Voters Contested.

Many of the students who registered last Saturday were challenged by the saloon men. The report has spread also that student votes will be contested on election day next Monday. The men of the university, it is claimed, are not residents of the city and on this basis their votes will be challenged.

The students most interested in this work have been investigating this argument and the challenge cannot hold if the students stand up for their rights. All voters among the student body have an unquestioned right to vote.

## XI DELTA ANNOUNCES PLEDGES

Ten Freshman Girls Chosen for Sophomore Organization.

XI Delta, the honorary sophomore girls' society, announced their pledges yesterday. The girls were chosen by the sophomores from the freshman class. The names of the pledges follow: Miss Della Ladd, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Ruth Cull, Chi Omega; Ruth Lindsey, Kappa Alpha Theta; Lucile Bell, Pi Phi; Helen Sawyer, Delta Gamma; Stella Butler, Alpha Omicron Pi; Mary Robbins, Alpha Phi; Mary Howard, Delta Delta Delta; Beulah Bell, Alpha Chi Omega; Evangeline Long.

#### VIOLIN RECITAL TOMORROW.

Program by Silence Dales-Knapp.

The program of Thursday's convocation will consist of a violin recital by Mrs. Silence Dales-Knapp. The program follows:  
Legende ..... Sliding  
Caprice ..... Guirand  
Andante from B minor concert...  
..... Saint-Saens  
Minuet—Ph. Em. .... Bach  
Miss Zumwinked accompanist.