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### DEBATING LEAGUE GROWING

FIFTEEN SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN.

### THE LEAGUE HAS BROUGHT RESULTS

REORGANIZATION OF TERRITORY MAY BE NEEDED.

Question of Debate Will Be on the Proposed Enlargement of the U. S. Navy.

With the announcement that fifteen more schools have already been added to the Nebraska Debating league, and the prospect of even a greater increase by December 20, this organization promises to be the largest in the United States this year. In fact, it held that distinction last year with a membership of fifty-eight schools.

The Nebraska Debating league was definitely organized four years ago. Under the leadership of Professor M. M. Fogg, thirty schools agreed to enter for the purpose of promoting systematic, special training in debate for high school students, and, by introducing the entire state feature, to stimulate actual interest among likely contestants. The desired result has certainly been attained. From the present outlook, the 1910-11 league membership will reach and probably pass sixty-five schools. Attendant with this remarkable growth has been an increase in secondary school student interest superior to any ever witnessed in Nebraska interscholastic activities.

#### Additional Members.

The fifteen additional members of the organization to date are: Beatrice, Superintendent E. J. Bodwell; Crete, Superintendent E. W. Marcellus; Diller, Superintendent J. A. Eastwood; Dunbar, Superintendent Thomas Barackman; Franklin, Superintendent E. M. Hussong; Indianola, Superintendent C. F. Gordon Madison; Superintendent W. T. Stockdale; Merna, Superintendent C. W. Mottinger; Minden, Superintendent J. O. Lyne; Neligh, Superintendent C. A. Mohrman; Orleans, Superintendent P. W. Pepon; State (Temple), Superintendent George Croker; Stromsburg, Superintendent E. A. Boostrom; West Point, Superintendent O. A. Brown.

Due to the increased membership of the league, and also to the crowded condition of some of the districts last year, it is generally believed that a reorganization of territory may be effected this year, accompanied by the addition of several new districts. The southeastern and north central districts were somewhat crowded last year. They had an individual membership of more than eight schools composing four pairs for the initial debates, and this before the additional enrollment.

#### Membership of Districts.

The 1910 membership of the eleven districts in the Nebraska Debating league is as follows:

Central district—Central City, Fairmont, Friend, Grafton, Geneva, Osceola, Sutton.

Eastern district—Blair, David City, Fremont, Plattsmouth, Wahoo, Weep-

## ST. PETER HAS NO USE FOR THE VEHICLE CALLED A CAB

Cabs! CABS!! CABS!!!

The Nebraskan reporter, who has been swamped with volumes of "cab-discussion" for several days, had a dream. He dreamed he died and was about to start for the place of his reward. He called a cab—nothing like doing things up in style—and set out for the place.

He drove up before the gate, alighted and knocked. Mr. S. Peter, officer of the day, opened the slide peep-hole, and asked what was wanted. He was told. Mr. Peter was just about to open the gate, when he caught sight of the cab, and the driver waiting for his \$3.50.

"What's that?" he asked.  
"A cab," answered the reporter.  
"I'll bet a dime you're from Lincoln," said the gate keeper.  
"I am," the reporter returned.  
"Why?"

"Get back in that cab; you've made a mistake," and the cover slid over the peep-hole.

He woke up.

All this by way of introduction. But this cab question, like every other momentous question, has two sides. The other side has been heard from. In the following letter, dropped into the Nebraskan office unsigned, a co-ed expresses her opinions on the subject in terms which anyone can understand. The letter was headed, "The University Girl Has a Mind of Her Own":

In reply to the "fraternity man's mind" in Tuesday's "Rag," we would like to say that if this matter of cabs is to be decided, we

feel that both sides should have a part in the discussion.

We would like to know why our friend from "the little dink ytown" comes down here and expects to revolutionize university circles and have the girls trail through six inches of slush to formal parties in Lincoln? He expects the girl he invites to be raptly beautiful at the formal dance, but he does not consider the dampening effect of a walk over the cobble stones upon shimmering satin.

"Cabs is cabs," "Trains is trains," "Slippers is slippers."

What a sight for the inhabitants of Lincoln, to see our gallant young men walking down O street accompanied by young women vainly endeavoring to hold up their skirts with one hand, balancing their flowers with the other, and at the same time keeping their gloves spotless and their tempers serene.

Why should we of the university conform to the social standards of the small town, as defined in yesterday's "Rag"?—which we think rather an unjust stab at small towns.

We appreciate the fact that formal parties are expensive. But "formals is formals." Why not cut down expenses by not trying to take in every social event, formal or informal, given in the university? If you are cutting down expenses, are you going to begin by eliminating those things which make for the convenience and pleasure of your guest and not yourself?

ing Water.

East-central district—Ashland, Seward, Syracuse, University Place.

Northern district—Atkinson, Valentine, O'Neill.

North-central district—Albion, Fullerton, Pierce, Randolph, Wayne.

Northwestern district—Alliance, Chadron, Crawford, Gordon, Rushville, Sidney.

Southern district—Edgar, Fairfield, Hastings, Hebron, Nelson.

Southeastern district—Auburn, Falls City, Humboldt, Nebraska City, Stella, Pawnee City, Tecumseh, Wymore.

Southwestern district—Beaver City, Bloomington, Franklin (academy), McCook, Trenton.

Western district—Kearney, Gothenburg, North Platte.

West-central district—Broken Bow, Ord, Ravenna.

#### Question for Discussion.

The question for the league discussion this year is: "Resolved, That the policy of maintaining the United States navy at its present strength is preferable to the policy of substantially increasing it." This will be an instructive subject to high school students in their researches, and prom-

ises to be fully as good a question for spirited forensic combat as did the labor question of last year. One or two of the districts now in the league have debated a question similar to this in previous district debates.

The third annual "Bulletin" of the league is at present being dispensed to the schools of the state. This bulletin, edited by M. M. Fogg, president of the league, contains a detailed summary of all the happenings in the debating league for the past year, including a brief account of each debate that occurred, pictures of the contestants in the state championship debate, the league constitution, and other interesting matter.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Y. W.-Y. M. Function to Be Held Saturday Night.

The Y. M.-Y. W. C. A. Christmas party will be given next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the armory. Efforts are being made by the committee to make this one of the biggest social events of the year and a happy entrance to Christmas vacation. Many unique and novel stunts are promised for all those who will attend.

## ARE TO BE NON-SECRET

CHANGE IN POLICY ANNOUNCED BY IRON SPHINX.

### TO PROMOTE SOCIAL BENEFITS

WILL HOLD FORMAL PARTY AT WHICH CABS ARE TABOOED.

Much Comment on Cab System—Many Students Feel that It is Useless Custom With No Benefits.

Without the influence of the faculty the members of the Iron Sphinx, a sophomore secret society of the state university, announced Wednesday that hereafter the membership would be non-secret, and that the policy would be one of social benefit.

The Iron Sphinx society is one which for the past four or five years has come in for a great deal of criticism both from the undergraduate and faculty members of the university because of their actions in matters pertaining to the student body as a whole. The general opinion was held that the society, which was composed of selected members of the sophomore class, stood for the securing political positions for its members in all classes in the university after the second year of their school career.

#### Sharp Criticism.

This criticism has been so sharp this year and last that the members of the organization feel that they have more to gain by making their membership known, and standing for social benefits instead of political action as has been supposed.

To further this matter it was decided at a meeting of the society Tuesday night that the first formal party of the university social season would be held January 14, by the organization, at which time no cabs would be used in going to and from the Lincoln hotel, where the formal party will be held.

The abolition of cabs at the university has caused a great deal of comment, since the matter was taken up in a meeting of the interfraternity council, and a favorable discussion of this custom was held. Students on the whole are desirous of such a move as a large percentage of them believe that there is no need of the use of cabs inasmuch as many of them have but a few blocks to go to the place that the party is being held.

#### PROGRAM OF CAROLS.

Big Musical Program Arranged for Convocation.

The regular musical convocation will be given in the Temple this morning at 11 o'clock, with Vera Augusta Upton, soprano; Arvid Samuelson, pianist, and Lauretta Spencer, accompanist.

The program is as follows:

Prelude, C sharp minor.....  
..... Rachmaninoff  
The Nightingale Has a Lyre of Gold.....  
..... Whelpley  
I Know a Lovely Garden...d'Hardelot  
In My Garden.....  
..... Diddle  
The Lark.....  
..... Glinka-Balashkew  
Under the Mistletoe.....  
..... Bullock  
Se Seran Rose.....  
..... Arditi