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## THE DEBATE OPENS

Majority of the Speakers Very Well Prepared.

### ATTENDANCE NOT TOO LARGE

Seating Capacity of the Chapel Yet to be Severely Taxed—Debaters and Debaters.

The first one of the series of the preliminary debates was held in the chapel Wednesday evening. The question, Resolved, that the principles and policy of the American Protective Association are un-American and inexpedient, was ripped up the back and patched up again in every conceivable manner. The attendance was fair but the chapel could seat a few more. Mr. Quaintance, president of the debating association, held the gavel.

Only four took part in the debate. Barr, Walsh, Weaver, and Baker. Stroman was out of town, and what had become of Fairfield, no one could tell. The other two in this division had withdrawn sometime before.

The remarks of all were characterized by much force and earnestness, and showed that a good deal of time had been spent in preparation. Mr. Walsh probably became a little bit too earnest and resembled a campaign speaker at times with his gestures and tone of voice. The affirmative side kept more to the substance of the question than the negative, and utilized the fifteen minutes time to the best advantage.

E. O. Barr was the first speaker and defended the affirmative side of the question. He did not wander from the subject, but only discussed the substance of the question, that it was inexpedient and un-American. He was a little hurried but took up all the allotted time.

Walsh appeared next for the negative. Mr. Walsh has an excellent voice. His gestures are natural, and he puts his whole soul in his address. He proved himself very ready in answering his opponent's argument, while his flow of language was almost as even and smooth in his extemporaneous remarks as in his prepared discussion. His argument consisted mainly of a tirade against the Catholic church. It required a couple of sharp raps from the president to induce him to cease firing.

Weaver was a little impassioned and hurried but he kept the closest attention of his audience. He claimed to have knocked his opponent's argument in the head, by admitting some of the evils of the Catholic church. His questions were natural and a great deal of earnestness was put in his address. His speech was short and to the point. His points were well supported by evidence, and attacked the tender parts of the question.

Mr. Baker had the rather difficult task of answering the arguments of the former speakers. He hesitated a little at times and his greatness was rather stilted, but taken all in all he put up a good "talk." His remarks closed the debate.

### THURSDAY EVENING.

The second evening's debate was before a small house. The debaters certainly derived but little inspiration from the audience. The question chosen was: Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished. The affirmative was opened by McGuffey, supported by Barr, Sundean, and Whitmore. McNeil led the negative, followed by Wilson, Skiler, and Correll.

Mr. McGuffey, in opening the debate, said that whilst capital punishment was once useful it had served its time and should now be considered a relic of the past. He advocated the reformatory method as a

substitute. Mr. McGuffey has a good voice, but was not at ease on the platform. He hesitated at times and his delivery was destitute of gestures.

McNeil was rather too violent at the outset. His argument was logical and well arranged. His justification of capital punishment was that it is based on natural law. When a man takes the life of his fellow-man, he must suffer the penalty. Society can trust no other method. He showed that in those states where capital punishment had been abolished and a decrease of crime had followed, it was because of increase of intelligence in the people, or of decrease in moral standards.

Mr. Barr was not at all embarrassed, but his material was not well in hand and his arguments were not well clinched. He made the point that it was not the justice but the kind of punishment that should be considered. Punishment is for two purposes, to protect society and to reform the criminal. He thought these could be best accomplished by abolishing capital punishment.

Mr. Wilson, the next speaker on the negative, like most of the debaters, showed a lack of preparation. His delivery was very good. The facility with which "Billy" could quote scripture to sustain his point was marvelous. He showed that the burden of proof was on the affirmative who were introducing a substitute for capital punishment.

Mr. Sundean, of the affirmative showed that a man had not the right to take his own life, nor to delegate that right to another person. Neither could that right be delegated to an artificial person, the state. Hence capital punishment was wrong. Mr. Sundean hesitated at times, presumably from lack of preparation.

Probably the best speech of the evening was that of Mr. Skiles. Mr. Skiles is an old debater and knows how to clinch his arguments. He is perfectly at ease on the platform and is free in gesturing. He spoke somewhat rapidly and quoted too many statistics. His preparation was much more thorough than that of the majority of the debaters.

Mr. Whitmore followed in a somewhat oratorical speech. The speech was well prepared but was delivered too rapidly. The speaker did not stop long enough to drive home his arguments but rushed on to the next point. The speech was, however, one of the best productions of the evening.

The debate was closed by Mr. Correll. Mr. Correll has evidently not had much experience in debating for he appeared very much frightened. These debates are just the place to remedy this fault.

### THE OTHER QUESTIONS.

The question to be debated this evening is, Resolved, that it was a mistake to grant the negro the right of suffrage. The affirmative side will be conducted by Talmadge, Kenyon, and Barry, the negative by Maguire, and Edwards. Funke has withdrawn. The literary societies will not hold their meetings tonight, but attend the debate instead. This promises to be the most successful evening of the four. At any rate it is not thought that the judges can be picked out on account of no others being present.

Saturday night's question is, Resolved, that the present political and social condition of the United States demands a material increase of the standing army. The speakers are, Affirmative, Walkers, Sherman, McMullen; Negative, Neil, F. W. Martin, S. H. Martin, S. H. Brown.

Those who have joined the Palladians are Misses Cook, Edwards, and O'Connell. Messrs Hills, Moody, Graves, Magee, Cushman, and VanDorn.

## OMAHA TOMORROW

We Will Meet the Y. M. C. A. on Their Own Grounds

### AND A STRUGGLE IS EXPECTED

Opposing Team Very Strong—Some Notes on the Missouri Game—Athletic Incidents

The football team leaves to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock over the B. & M. where they will fight, bleed, and die a couple of times on the Y. M. C. A. football ground, in a struggle with the eleven that that organization has put up this year. And it will be a struggle. The Omaha Y. M. C. A. team embraces some of the best football players in the west. Thomas, who coached Doane, is also coaching the Omaha team. Other star players are, Polcer, who played on his class team at Princeton. Tuffield, one of the best trained athletes in Omaha, and an old football player. Waltemeier, Jeffries, Volkhart, Gardner, and Burdick are other men who have a reputation for knowing how to conduct themselves upon the gridiron field.

A one-and-a-third fare has been secured and a number of students have declared their intention of going down with the team, but several are holding off until Thanksgiving when the scheduled game with the Iowa State University will be played there.

The nine will probably line up like this, but there may be some changes.

Y. M. C. A. LINCOLN.

Clark ..... L. E. Yont or Thorp  
Coleman ..... L. T. Oury  
Volkhart ..... L. G. Bradt  
Waltemeier ..... C. Heming  
Brown ..... R. G. Jones  
Jeffries ..... R. T. Dern  
Pixley ..... R. E. Wiggins  
Tuffield ..... Q. Spooner  
Gardner ..... L. H. Flippin  
Burdick ..... R. H. Fair or Yont  
Thomas ..... F. B. Hayward

### NOTES ON THE GAME.

Points of Interest Which Did Not Reach us by Wire.

There are several interesting points about the Missouri game which did not reach THE NEBRASKAN by wire, as the report came at "day rate," just double what the night rate is.

Of the three touch downs made by Nebraska, at no time was the ball taken behind the goal posts but went over near the side lines. From this position it was next to impossible to kick a goal. Mr. Oury deserves great credit, for assuming the responsibility of trying for goal. Fair has always performed this duty heretofore, but as he went as a substitute, the team found itself lacking at a critical moment. It is not generally thought that any blame attaches to Mr. Oury for his failure to kick goal. This idea should be banished by anyone if he has entertained it. The goal which was kicked, was a surprise to Mr. Oury's friends, as they were not aware of his ability in this line. It seems that the U. of N. is always downed by hard luck.

In the second half the run of seventy yards, made by Shue, was one of the finest ever seen on the Kansas City grounds. It happened just a couple of seconds before time was called.

The game that Flippin put up was marvelous. The Kansas City papers smear glory all over him.

Hayward bucked the line very successfully, making good gains, but a couple of times when he punted, Missouri men were allowed to break through and spoil his kick. Missouri puts up a sort of under-

hand game. In one instance when they failed to gain the requisite five yards, the full back punted the ball out of bounds, then fell on it himself. This would not work, however, and the referee gave the ball to Nebraska. At another time they withdrew most of their men from the line, and gave the signals very slow. The field was clear to Nebraska players and one of them walked into the trap by stepping across the line. This was the play and Missouri got five yards on an off side play.

Whipple played "out of sight" (this is official.) He was only very slightly injured, and is out practicing regularly.

### Athletic Notes.

Everyone is complaining of the lack of enthusiasm shown by the students of this university. The NEBRASKAN will post bulletins after the first and second halves of the Omaha game, on the bulletin board. Get up a little enthusiasm and come down to meet the boys when they come back, win or lose.

At 5:15, Saturday evening, Robbins entered the Postal Telegraph office, in Kansas City. At 5:20 the report of the first half was received at the Lincoln office. This speaks well for the Postal Company. The same thing may be expected from Lawrence when the Kansas game is played. Look out for the NEBRASKAN then!

After all the howling that has been raised, it is now announced that no one has ever applied to the proper authority to obtain the privilege of using the lockers. It roused the ire of the chancellor, somewhat, who had been blamed by several who knew not whereof they were thinking about. But everything lovely is promised for the future.

The second eleven flunked a little during the past week, in the way of getting out to practice. Just why these fellows should get out every night and get walked over is difficult to understand. No one can blame them, but the excellence of the first eleven depends almost entirely upon the practice they get from the second eleven. There is some talk of getting a few games for the second team, which, if it is done, will rouse up their enthusiasm a bit, and get them out to practice.

### CONSERVATORY RECITAL.

Will Be Held at Four O'clock This Afternoon.

The first recital given by the pupils of the conservatory of music will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. This weekly entertainment is to be a permanent feature, and forms only one of the modes of instruction introduced by Professor Kimball. The recital will be held in the chapel and is open to all.

The numbers composing these programs are presented by those who are proficient and represent the work that is actually done from week to week by the students of music.

The program to be rendered is as follows:

The Program  
Tarentella.....Gustav Schumann  
Hattie Maine.  
"The Holy City".....Stephen Adams  
Myrtle Ritchey.  
Hymn de Riego.....Blumenstengel  
Nella Schlessinger.  
Two Etudes.....Chopin  
Gertrude Fitzmaurice.  
"Queen of the Earth".....Pinsuti  
Albert Kendall.  
Obertass, Mazurka.....Wieniawski  
Ina Ensign.

### Professor Ansley Back Again.

The students in Professor Ansley's classes have been having a snap since last Friday, when the Professor was called to Illinois by the illness of his father. He returned yesterday and met his classes as usual.

## CADET HAPPENINGS

Varsity Rifles Elect Their Business Officers.

### CAVALRY TROOP IS ASSURED

Will Have Real Live Horses and Regulation Trappings—Uniforms by Thanksgiving.

The Varsity Rifles met last night at 7:30 in the armory. The committee on constitution was ready to report and the substance of the constitution which was adopted, is as follows:

Name, Varsity Rifles. Candidates for membership must have at least one year's previous drill, be elected by ballot and rejected by ten adverse votes. Twenty members form a quorum. Meetings shall be held every Thursday evening. Military officers shall be captain, two lieutenants, five sergeants, and requisite number of corporals. Captain and Lieutenants must be a senior or alumnus. No officer can hold the same office more than one year.

The company shall have a business organization, the officers of which are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. There will be an executive committee and a membership committee, etc., etc.

Dick Reed was elected president, Bently, vice president, Johnson, Secretary, and Benton Dales, treasurer.

It was decided to put off the election of company officer indefinitely. It was also decided that five unexcused absences in three months would be sufficient cause for dropping any member. Fred Clements was elected drill master temporarily.

### BATTALION NOTES.

The cavalry troop is now considered a sure go. About twenty-five have promised to be present tomorrow with real live horses to engage in the first drill. The government will furnish the necessary equipments, saddles, blankets, etc., if a sufficient number join to maintain a troop.

About twenty-five new uniforms have arrived, and the others will be here before thanksgiving time.

### Almy Dismissed.

The cadets were somewhat surprised Monday evening to hear the order read which reduced Sergeant Almy to the ranks and dismissed him from the corps of cadets, without honor. It seems that he had already handed in his resignation which was refused and the order issued, presumably on the ground that Almy was dissatisfied with his promotion. The order read that the reason for his dismissal was for making the statement that he was drilling for promotion only.

It is understood that his brother, who is quarter-master sergeant, has also handed in his resignation.

### For an Omaha Club.

There is a movement on foot to form a club of Omaha students at the university. Its promoters have in mind a social club for the mutual benefit of its members, but it is thought a lasting benefit will accrue to themselves and the university from the organization. It is a fact, that has been a matter of comment, that such a small number of Omaha boys attend this institution from Nebraska's metropolis, but the number this year has increased wonderfully, there being about thirty Omaha students in attendance.

Due notice will be posted when the first meeting is to be held which will be in the near future.