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STILL ANOTHER VICTORY

U. OF N. AGAIN THE CHAMPION.

E. B. Sherman Wins at the State Contest—And It Was Not a "Wonder" Either.

One more state oratorical contest has been held and one more victory is recorded for the "Uni." The eleventh annual state oratorical contest was held last Friday night at the Funke opera house. It resulted in a decided victory for the University of Nebraska. Doane College and Wesleyan University stood close for second place with Doane slightly in the lead. Cotner University and Gates College were not in it. This is the third consecutive victory for the University of Nebraska, and from the material shown at the local contest it need not be the last.

The streets of Lincoln and the university campus had been filled all day with ribbon bedecked students from the visiting colleges, the orange and black of Doane probably being the most conspicuous. At 7:30 p.m. the opera house began to fill, each delegation assembling in a certain section. Doane was seated on the right, their front reaching almost to the orchestra; Wesleyan and Cotner were in the middle section, while Gates, having but few representatives, had choice seats in the left section of the parquet. Where was the "Uni"? Well, a large number were seated in the left section of the circle, in the boxes, and what was left comfortably filled the large balcony.

Everybody brought his enthusiasm with him. Some had it stored in their lungs which had had no active exercise since football season, others contented themselves with waving the colors of their school, while more pressed into service the tin horns and whistles of their boyhood days. A Wesleyan student had brought his in the shape of a large tin helican horn which emitted a noise quite out of proportion to the size of the instrument. It is said that this now adorns a fraternity hall together with numerous orange and black flags which were found upon the streets after the contest.

But the program and the orations:

Rev. Curtis, of Lincoln, invoked the Divine blessing.

J. A. Dungan opened the exercises with a cornet solo "La Neige" (air varie) by Arban.

Then came our Sherman: Doane had said he was excited and was marching to the sea, but as he stepped to the front to deliver his oration it was a march to victory. How did he act? Were you at the local? Well, he did just the same this time as then, only better. His subject was "America's Literary Genius." His composition was good and his delivery excellent.

The Wesleyan Euterpean quartet sang "Gypsy Life" by Schumann in a very pleasing manner.

Doane's representative, Ira. W. Kenagy, spoke upon "The Law Supreme." Mr. Kenagy's manner was pleasing and his voice strong. His composition was original and he spoke it as if he thought and meant every word of it. Unfortunately his training in gestures had been neglected and he appeared to a disadvantage in this.

The University of Nebraska Banjo club appeared next playing Schrammel's "But One Vienna," which they rendered with taste and appreciation.

R. Kent Beattie, of Cotner University, spoiled his composition by his poor delivery, which though clear and forcible was too ranting.

Wesleyan University was well represented by T. H. Essert, whose subject was "The Spirit of Brotherhood." He spoke in a deliberate manner, in a voice well modulated, and held the audience in a remarkable manner considering the lateness of the hour and the length of the preceding orations.

Gates College, which was admitted to the association at the afternoon meeting, was represented by G. C. Williams. His subject was professional politics, which he thought should be reformed at the "primaries."

The Doane College Glee Club sang again and then the club indulged in all sorts of good natured yells and wit. The presence of the president on the stage with a paper in his hand was a signal for death-like silence. Every one held his breath and President Leavitt read, "Geo. W. Kenagy, of Doane college, will be the chairman of the delegation to the inter-state convention." Then Doane men cheered. They had just been letting on before they really didn't expect any more than this. "E. B. Sherman, of the University of Nebraska, is chosen as orator to represent Nebraska at the interstate contest." Then everybody yelled. They knew the best man had won and they all want Nebraska to win at the interstate. Sherman was in a box, but he didn't stay there long. A crowd had him on to the stage in a trice, and after tossing him somewhat, he was allowed to regain his equilibrium and receive congratulations, which were showered upon him from all sides.

The following were the marks submitted by the judges: On delivery, Wattles, Clary, and Austin; on manuscript, Rev. Curtis, John M. Thurston, and Pres. Finley, of Knox college. The marks given below are in the order of the judges above named.

ON MANUSCRIPT.					
COLLEGE.	Thought	Composition.	Average	Rank.	Total.
University	100	100	100	1	12
Doane	50	50	100	1	
	73	70	72½	2	
	98	96	97	3	14
	45	48	93	3	
Cotner	100	100	100	1	21
	92	90	91	4	
	42	44	86	4	
	75	80	77½	4	
Wesleyan	88	86	87	5	15
	47	50	97	5	
	80	85	82½	5	
Gates	97	95	96	3	23
	40	45	85	5	
	85	85	85	5	

ON DELIVERY.					
COLLEGE.	Articulation.	Gestures	Effect.	Average	Rank.
University	90	100	95	95	2
	85	90	80	85	2
	98	100	100	99½	1
Doane	90	95	95	93½	3
	90	80	85	85	2
	85	90	80	85	3
Cotner	95	90	90	91½	4
	98	93	90	94	1
	84	80	88	84	4
Wesleyan	100	98	100	99½	1
	85	90	80	85	2
	94	90	96	94	2
Gates	85	80	85	83½	5
	73	75	74	74	3
	80	80	84	82	5

ANNUAL SCRAP FOR HONORS

STATE ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Doane Gets the Lion's Share of Honors—Our Politicians Outwitted.

State Oratorical conventions have always had a reputation for furnishing abundant amusement to the spectators. The convention held last Friday afternoon in the chapel was no exception. In fact the contest was even more vigorous than usual, for the stakes played for were larger than ever before in the history of the association.

This year the presidency of the Interstate Oratorical association comes to Nebraska. To what school should this presidency go has been the question uppermost in the minds of the students of the various institutions represented in the State association. It was over this question that the convention divided and nearly wrecked the state association. Unfortunately the association has been composed of four schools. Each institution is entitled to but one vote and consequently in case of a tie vote the president has the deciding vote. Doane, having the president, and one vote in the convention, was in a position to dictate. Who would she "tie up" with and on what conditions, were the all absorbing questions.

The usual amount of "wire pulling" and caucuses was indulged in before the convention was called to order. It was soon known to all that Doane and Wesleyan had combined and were to meet the united forces of Cotner and the State University. At 2:25 p.m. President Fred Leavitt, of Doane, called the convention to order. Doane and Wesleyan held the front rows backed by a large delegation of students from Doane college and a few from Wesleyan. The orange and black was very conspicuous all day. Cotner and the State held the front rows on the right backed by a large number of students from their respective institutions. A few blue ribbons from Gates college could be seen in the back part of the room. Lincoln Normal had a delegation present to present her claims.

The delegations from the various schools were made up as follows: State University, E. McNeal chairman, A. J. Weaver, Victor McLucas, H. L. Kimball, and Sid White; Doane College, R. B. Morgan chairman, J. H. Andress, H. C. House, F. T. Owen, and McGrew; Cotner University, James chairman, Harmon McGrew, Harris, and Aylesworth; Wesleyan University, Mans chairman, Miss Green, Dettys, Coleman, and Turner.

The ball was started by McNeal moving that a committee on credentials consisting of the chairmen of the various delegations be appointed. The motion was carried and the committee retired. The whole question hinged on what action was taken in respect to the seating of the delegation from Lincoln Normal. At the last convention a committee had been appointed with full power to act on the application of Lincoln Normal. After thoroughly investigating the subject the committee accepted the application of Lincoln Normal and so informed the secretary of the association.

The committee on credentials in



"DAD" COLEMAN MAKING A POINT OF ORDER.

the committee room agreed to accept the credentials of Wesleyan, Cotner and the State, referring those of Doane and Lincoln Normal back to the convention for action. The forces of Doane and Wesleyan were completely out-witted in the committee room. Before coming back into the convention the leaders of Doane and Wesleyan held a conference on the report. They saw that they had been outwitted. To make the report agreed to by the committee would wreck their cause at the very beginning. Accordingly, when the report of the committee was called for, Mr. Mans, of Wesleyan, chairman of the committee on credentials, arose and deliberately reported "from memory" that the committee reported in favor of approving the credentials of the delegates from Wesleyan, Cotner, the State University, and Doane. No such action was ever taken in the committee room and the gentlemen from Doane and Wesleyan thought more of winning the prize than of their honesty and integrity and would not submit the report of the committee.

This precipitated the "scrap" and a lively one it was. Points of order and appeals from the decision of the chair were made in rapid succession. "Dad" Coleman, of Wesleyan, soon became famous for his points of order and McNeal appealed from the decision of the chair. The veracity of both sides was repeatedly questioned on the floor of the convention. It seemed as if nothing could be done. The casting vote of the chair repeatedly aided the Wesleyan and Doane delegates. Mr. Leavitt was in a very trying position. He, naturally, was in favor of Doane, and cast his vote that way as he was expected to do. He fulfilled his position under the trying circumstances with honor to himself and to his college. Throughout the whole afternoon but one of his decisions was seriously questioned. That one was certainly "rank," and since it decided the whole question, was complained of very bitterly by the opposition. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair and the vote stood 2 to 1. The chair then held that he had the right to vote and make a tie on an appeal from his own decision. This rank injustice settled the whole matter. The four delegations above named were seated and Lincoln Normal was shut out in the cold.

There is no question that there was a great deal of politics on both sides. Both sides based their whole cause on technicalities and the side with the president won. The defeated side cer-

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ATHLETIC CONSTITUTION

TO GOVERN OUR ASSOCIATION.

Adopted Yesterday by the Association—Preparations for an Inter-State Meet.

The Athletic Association met Thursday afternoon with about thirty-five present and took up the matter of adopting the new constitution which was published in the last issue of THE NEBRASKAN. The changes were as follows:

The admission was reduced from \$1 to 50 cents. Privileges of membership still continue until the first meeting in the fall. The chairman of the committee on field sports shall be director of sports and manager of the track team if one is organized. The advisory committee shall be elected by members of the association instead of the board of directors. The advisory committee shall have power to negative any action of the association by a three-fourths vote instead of seven-eighths. The section giving the power to the captain to select the members of the team was changed by delegating this responsibility to a board composed of the coach, the captain and the manager of the team.

The secretary read a letter from George Sweeney former treasurer stating that he would probably not attend the university again this year. C. B. Burnham was unanimously elected in his stead. Treasurer Sweeney's report was read showing a balance of sixty-seven cents in the treasury.

The secretary then read letters from the other three universities looking toward an interstate meet, all of them replying favorable. Fred Barnes then read a letter he had received from Neal S. Doran, of Kansas City, in answer to a letter he had written him concerning the proposed interstate meet under the auspices of the Kansas City Athletic club. In this letter the railroad expenses of a track team were guaranteed and accommodations also, if the team would accept what the association would provide at the dormitories on their athletic grounds. A committee composed of J. P. Cameron, Fred Barnes, W. H. Hayward, and Ralph Johnson, was elected to work up this matter, and were given full power to act.

Fred Barnes then reported the result of the meeting of the officers of the Interstate Foot Ball league, whose report was adopted. The board of directors was instructed to look into the matter of securing the cup, awarded to Nebraska, as champion of the league. Judge Lawson, of Missouri, was to submit designs to the various colleges, of the cup, but he has not done so as yet, and the board is expected to jog his memory somewhat. Johnson, Tefft and Cameron were appointed as a committee to look up the debt of \$100 or so Coach Crawford claims is owed him by the association.

A committee was then appointed to prepare nominations for the advisory board, provided for in the new constitution. Johnson, Barnes and Raymond will constitute this committee. An adjournment was then taken.

A fond parent writes his loving son to be sure and come home as soon as possible, for fear he will not have time to clean up the yard.