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NEBRASKA IS VICTORIOUS

WINS THE DEBATE WITH EASE

Has Four Points to Spare—How the Boys Talked—And What They Said—The Marks.

The second annual joint debate with Kansas was held at the Funke last Friday. A large crowd was present and our boys did well.

W. J. Bryan acted as chairman. The discussion was opened at 8:40 by B. B. McCall from Kansas, who defined the initiative and referendum, and proposed to introduce it into our country to overcome faults in the present system. The initiative was described as an institution by means of which citizens who wish to see some measure placed in the form of law, may prepare a draft and submit it to the legislature to be enacted. The referendum is a veto vested in the people. Mr. McCall is a very pleasant speaker, and won first place in the debate.

A. J. Weaver followed with an argument that convinced the Kansas boys that they were beaten before they had scarcely begun. He used a few moments in rebutting the argument of his opponent, and then presented statistics to show that the Swiss system is not entirely successful, and that it would not be adapted to our country.

Mr. McMurray, the second speaker from Kansas, then took the floor and spent the most of his time in trying to make fun of Weaver's argument. He maintained that our greatest evil was the ignorance of the people in legislative affairs, and that the initiative and referendum would overcome this. Mr. McMurray is a pleasing speaker, but he failed to produce the right kind of argument.

Newbranch took the Hamiltonian stand. He held that government should be for the people, but it must come from the select men. Mr. Newbranch had good thought and his speech showed care in preparation.

U. S. Guyer did not lose much time with points that had been brought out by previous speakers, but proceeded to show how, under our present system, the minority often ruled. This he did with good effect, as he used Nebraska statistics to prove it. He also dwelt on the corruption of our municipal politics, which would be overcome under the initiative and referendum.

Quaintance won applause in the way he disposed of Guyer's argument. He proceeded to give the debate a new aspect. He held that there were three stages in the development of government. First, government by force; second, the form of the Swiss system, and third, the representative government. The referendum was shown to be a failure in Switzerland, and, from statistics, he demonstrated that the system could not be applied in America.

Mr. McCall, in closing for the affirmative, made the best of his time, and concluded by saying that the college professors of our country are in favor of the Swiss system, and that he believed that the United States would adopt it before many years.

Mr. Weaver's closing speech was strong, and it was without a doubt the best talk of the evening. He pointed out very clearly how the system had been used in Switzerland to thwart the will of the people, and showed that it would in no wise overcome the ills of our country. Although Weaver won first place throughout the debates of last year, and had won first place in the preliminaries this year, he was awarded second place and Quaintance first Friday night.

Quaintance won the Manderson prize of \$25 and Weaver, the Esterbrook, of \$10. The judges were Professor L. A. Loos of Iowa university, Professor Thomas Will of Kansas agricultural college, and Judge Keyser of Omaha. Their markings gave Nebraska the victory by four points.

The marks gave the following totals rank: Quaintance 8, Weaver 9, Newbranch 11, McCall 6, Guyer 9, McMurray 17, making the totals, Nebraska 28, Kansas 34. The total percentages given the Nebraska speakers were: Weaver 37 1/2%, Quaintance 27 1/2%, Newbranch 27 1/2%.

SPECIAL HYGIENE LECTURE.

Wednesday morning and afternoon, May 6, a very interesting lecture was given to the young women in the hygiene course, by Miss Adele L. Wade, a graduate nurse, whose home is in Lincoln. Miss Wade is in great demand as a skillful nurse. She was a student in the university in '88 and '89. Her course in nursing was taken at the Homeopathic hospital of Pittsburg, Pa. The lecture was a very practical one. A small bedstead completely furnished and a one-armed doll were used for illustration. The best method of changing clothing, sheets, administering baths, the making of hot appliances, etc., were shown before the eyes of the class. Such lectures cannot fail to be of advantage.

THE GYM GIRLS.

Following is the program of the fifth annual exhibition of the young women of the department of physical training, which takes place tomorrow night in the armory:

- MUSIC.
Dumb bell drill, Leader, Miss Spurck.
Indian club drill.
Music.
Figure marking and circle work.
Apparatus work.
Music.
Bar bell drill, Leader, Miss Elliott.
Marching.
Music.
Bag passing contest, Advanced and first year classes.
Mass drill, Miss Charlotte Clark accompanist.
Music furnished by courtesy of University Cadet band.
Advanced class, white ties.
First year classes, colored ties.

PALLADIAN PROGRAM.

- Vocal Solo—"The Violets"..... Blumenschrievs
Miss Irene Davison.
Story—"A Tale of the West"..... Mr. S. W. Pinkerton.
Parody—"A Freshman's Soliloquy." Miss Marguerite O'Connell.
MUSIC.
Recitation—"Drifted Out to Sea"..... Miss Marguerite Johnson.
Soliloquy.....Mr. Sam B. Sloan
Vocal Solo—"The Linden Flowers"..... Bohn
"Open Now Thy Blue Eyes".....Massenet
Miss Helen Sundean.
Accompanist, Miss Florence Worley.
DEBATE.

Resolved, That college graduates as a class are superior in mental attainments and culture to self-educated men. Affirmative, Mr. H. P. Leavitt; negative, Mr. Perry.

DELIAN BOYS' PROGRAM.

1. Music.
2. Poem.....J. A. Sargent
3. A farce.....Hans Von Smash
Dramatis Personae:
Hans Von Smash.
Mr. Batch.
Katie (Hibernian).
Susie Batch.
Mary Batch.
Henry Dasher.
John Prettyneau.
4. Poem.....P. H. Thomson
5. Tableau—A Delian Boy's Room.

DR. CLARK "LOOSENS UP."

An order was read before the battalion Monday night that hereafter cadets could not have free use of baths; that no one except those connected in some way with athletic work, such as members of the lawn tennis association, could have this privilege. It seems that the cramped condition rendered some restrictions necessary, and after consultations among regents, the chancellor, Steward Dales and Dr. Clark, it was left with the judgment of the director of the physical department to make the necessary changes. This was followed by the above order, but it raised such discontent among cadets that it was thought advisable by the director to "loosen up" a little. Accordingly Wednesday it was announced that by making the proper application for tickets, those taking drill would be allowed one bath per day.

The corps surgeon and the cadets are yet on speaking terms.

Miss Anna Lytle will entertain the Pi Beta Phi fraternity next Friday and Saturday at her home in Greenwood. Saturday the young ladies will drive over to the Platte near Ashland and spend the day fishing.

GRADUATE CONSTITUTION

HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ADOPTED

The Members Perfected a Permanent Organization—Dr. Edgren has Been Made Dean.

A meeting of the Graduate club was called to order by J. B. Recher, with eight members present. The purpose of the meeting was to act upon the report of the committee on constitution, which was as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

1. It shall be the object of the Graduate club of the university of Nebraska to promote good fellowship and broad scientific interest among graduate students of this institution.

2. All students registered for graduate work shall be ipso facto, and at their option, members of the Graduate club. Also the chancellor and all teachers giving actual graduate instruction in the graduate department shall, by courtesy, be members of the Graduate club.

ARTICLE II.

1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a historian.

2. There shall be an executive committee of four members and the president of the Graduate club.

3. An officer shall be elected at the first meeting of the Graduate club.

ARTICLE III.

1. The club shall meet regularly twice a year, viz., on the first Saturday of October and February, for the purpose:

- a. Of electing officers, as stated above;
- b. Of transacting such other business as may come up for consideration;
- c. Of listening to papers on scientific subjects.

2. It shall be the object of the papers read at the meetings of the Graduate club to present in comparatively untechnical form a brief resume of the main advances made during the year past, in the science treated, and thus jointly to aid in keeping students in touch with general scientific progress, and in promoting a broad community of scientific interest.

3. In accordance with this aim, not less than three such papers shall be read at each meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Amendments to this constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of those present at the second (February) meeting of the year. But notice of such amendment must be incorporated in the call for the meeting to be made at least two weeks in advance.

Your committee would further recommend that an effort be made at the first meeting of the Graduate club to provide for the organization of as many special scientific clubs as may seem advisable, by selecting members willing to take into their hands this interest. By way of experiment, your committee would suggest that, with due regard to similar organizations already existing, an attempt be made to organize now the following special scientific clubs, viz., of

- 1. Biological Sciences (Bot. Lore).
- 2. Mathem. and Phys. Sciences.
- 3. Philological Sciences.
- 4. Historian and Philosophy Sciences;

these clubs to be further subdivided into sections as conditions and future developments may warrant.

On motion the constitution was read through by sections and finally adopted as a whole.

Professor Edgren explained that in section 2 of article III, the idea was that no technical papers be read for the reason that they would not be in taste and could not be understood by the greater number of the club.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee those present were instructed to take steps towards organizing clubs in the departments in which they were studying.

It was voted that the executive committee see to arranging the program for the October meeting.

On motion of Professor Edgren, it was voted that the constitution be published in the university papers.

The club then adjourned.

A. C. FLING OBJECTS.

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:—

An article has just appeared in the Hesperian, under the head of "P. B. K.," in which the author attempted to place fifteen of the thirty-five chapters on the roll of P. B. K. on a level with or just below the plane of our little Doane. The comparisons which he declares he made "with considerable assistance," strike me as being so absurd that I would like to correct any wrong impression the article may have left. As an ex-student of one of these "puny P. B. K. colleges" and an alumnus of the university of Nebraska, it shall be my endeavor to make a fair comparison. I do not intend to enter into any discussion as to the desirability of P. B. K. Every unprejudiced, fair-minded student with the interest of the university at heart will see the advantage to be derived from this cultured, scholarly fraternity, Chancellor Canfield, though by no means a fraternity enthusiast, was an earnest promoter of it.

The comparisons the writer makes in his article on P. B. K. is on the principle of the small boy who gives his sister a quarter of his orange and then positively declares he has done the "equitable thing." He continues: "Seven of these P. B. K. colleges rank lower than Doane; eight rank with Doane; twelve more are better than Doane." In other words he sets twenty-seven satellites revolving around Doane; How mightily doth Doane loom up! The twenty-seven colleges he thus humbles are: Kenyon, Marietta, William and Mary, Lehigh, Lafayette, Rutgers, Dickenson, Hobart, Colgate, Hamilton, Union, Trinity, Tufts, Middleburg, University of Vermont, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Rochester, Wesleyan, Western Reserve, University of New York, Brown, De Pauw, Evanston, College of City of New York. These colleges haven't the number of students and in many departments can't do the work of our university. They do not pretend to do it. They are colleges in every sense of the word. Nebraska, however, will never suffer from such companionship.

I would like to compare Bowdoin, one of the score of "puny schools," with Doane. Bowdoin was incorporated in 1794, and consequently is the 11th centennial in the United States. (Williams was the 10th). The college was named after James Bowdoin, a governor of Massachusetts and valued friend of Benjamin Franklin.

Its alumni list contains nearly 3,000 names. It has twelve substantial buildings spread over a grand old campus shaded by aged elm trees. A glance at the catalogue will reveal the fact that in the classics Doane would just about admit to the junior class. Bowdoin sent forth such men as Longfellow, Hawthorne, Cheever, Gen. Oliver Howard, Chief Justice Fuller and even big Tom Reed before Doane took its first steps. Yes, such talent as this was "shut up in college walls for four years," we are told.

Poeta nascitur, non fit, nevertheless Longfellow shows his college training on every page of his works. He is just full of classic lore. If one doubts Longfellow's debt to his college, he has but to read Moriturus Salutamus and imbibe a little of the feeling there expressed. It is not necessary to carry our comparison farther. What is true of Bowdoin applies as well to Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst, Union, Rochester and others. Nebraska is in the choicest company.

A. C. FLING, '94.
Nebraska City.

Not all who are interested in athletics and bicycling know what an ably conducted department on these lines is to be found from week to week in the Young Men's Era of Chicago. The editor of this department is C. E. Patterson of New York City. A brief account as well as a portrait of him can be seen in the issue of April 16, which by the way, is the bicycle and outing number. Mr. Patterson has been the editor of the amateur athletic department of the Era since August, 1893. Since 1879, however, he has attended all the leading athletic meets in the east, and has become very familiar with the names and records of all the principal athletes, as well as with the personnel of all the leading towns. Every one wishing to keep track of eastern athletics should look this over from week to week.

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OUR HEROES FALL AGAIN

WERE DEFEATED AT OMAHA

But They Gave Them a Hard Tussle—Lost by a Close Score—The Summary.

The university of Nebraska baseball team was defeated by the university club of Omaha by a score of 9 to 6. Although our boys were beaten no one need feel discouraged at the result and the Omaha boys were strong opponents. Their club is composed of old ball players from Princeton, Ann Arbor and other eastern colleges and is acknowledged to be one of the best amateur teams in the west. Last year they played Michigan a close game and defeated the university of Chicago with the famous Stagg in the box.

Orlie Thorpe deserves great credit for the superb game he pitched. The Omaha club is composed of very heavy batter; and it is certainly something remarkable for such a young pitcher to hold them down as he did. The boys all fielded well, but were a little weak at the bat. This is a common failing at the beginning of the season and will no doubt be remedied as the season advances. Fred Ryans did the best stick work for the university boys, getting three hits out of five times at bat. Reeder put up a fine game in left field, but he still needs practice at batting. Score by innings:

University Club.....3 1 0 1 0 4 0 0 0
University of Neb.....2 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2

Base hits: University club 12, University of Nebraska 5.

Batteries: Jellen and Hayes, Thor and Friel.

Bases on balls: Jellen 5, Thorpe 5. Struck out: Jellen 15, Thorpe 10. Wild pitches: Jellen 1, Thorpe 1. Passed balls: Friel 1. Time of game: Two hours. Umpire: Keith.

COLLEGE SOCIETY.

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity entertained their friends Saturday evening at a pleasant dancing party. The chapter house was tastily decorated with colors and flowers. Miss Willoughby's orchestra furnished the music. The young people were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Gere. Those present were: Misses Frances, Ellen and Mariel Gere, Mae and Adelaide Whiting, Richards, Garten, Polk, Byers, Griggs, Hartwood, Weeks, Vancil, Randall, Carscadden, Mabel and Gene Tuttle, Hammond, DuBois, Kormsmeier, Jessie and Mae Lansing and the members of the fraternity, Brown, Rowe, Kimball, Powers, George and Harry Shedd, Wiggenhorn, Clarke, Reed, Thompson, Wilson, Christie, White, Kormsmeier, Barber, Sedgwick, Spencer, Hildreth, Elliott, Mapes.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Ladd entertained Kappa Alpha Theta and their friends very pleasantly at their home, 1645 G street, Friday evening. The house was prettily decorated with the black and gold colors of the fraternity and the fraternity flower, the American beauty. Those present were: Prof. and Mrs. F. M. Fling, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Burr, Miss Katherine Weston of Beatrice, Miss Olive Latta, Lida Millar, Lioia Vance, Jessica Morgan, Emily Weeks, Jean Tuttle, Nellie Randall, Dena Loomis, Lulu, Bertie and Charlotte Clark, Anna Barr, Sarah Harris, Clara Buckstaff; Messrs. Tom Wing, Russell Thorpe Jr., Peter Lau, Fred Cooley, Ralph Haggard, Charles Weeks, Ed. C. Adams, Karl Randall, J. G. Sedgwick, Sherman White, Dr. John White, Clinton Norton, Alex Sheldon, T. L. Lyon, Ward Hildreth, W. Morton Smith, John C. Jones and J. F. Gullfoyle.

The English club met last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Frey. The program given consisted of stories by Misses Bruner and Smith and a paper by Mr. McLeod. A story by Mr. Bates which had been left in his desk was read by Miss Melick. It is one of the first the club has ever listened to. The Union boys' quartet favored the club with a selection and encore and Mr. Lehmer played a violin solo, after which ices were served and the business of the club carried through. The newly elected officers, with Mr. Abbott as president, were duly installed, the first meeting in May being the date for the change. It was decided to secure an address from Professor Sherman for the last meeting of the year, if possible.