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RESULT OF THE DEBATES

Finish of the First Preliminary Contest.

SIXTEEN SELECTED FROM SIXTY

Nine of Them Will be Chosen to Meet Kansas, Missouri and Colorado—Great Interest Shown.

On Friday evening, December 17th, the first of the preliminary debates came off in the chapel. On Saturday evening, December 18th, the second, third, and fourth divisions debated their respective subjects in the three society halls. And on Monday evening, December 20th, the remainder of the series comprising the fifth, sixth, and seventh divisions spoke also in the three literary society halls.

From these seven divisions there were chosen sixteen debaters who will compete in the final contests which will take place the latter part of February.

Following is a list of the successful sixteen, named in accordance with the rank assigned by the judges:

J. D. Dennison, R. S. Baker, G. E. Kindler, E. B. Perry, C. W. Taylor, G. E. Hager, C. E. Matson, A. L. Deal, J. A. Maguire, O. W. Meier, F. G. Hawxby, H. E. Sackett, W. L. McNaughton, E. F. Warner, J. H. Kemp, and Miss Bertha Stull.

From the first division, which debated the subject: Resolved, that President Jackson was justified in his attitude toward the bank of the U. S. Messrs. Deal and McNaughton won paces. Mr. Deal showed himself thoroughly familiar with his subject and handled it in a clear and concise manner. His delivery was easy and natural. Mr. McNaughton had his main points worked up in very good form and was exceedingly logical all through his speech. He lacked an easy stage manner and was a trifle inclined toward the "spread-eagle" style in his delivery.

The judges for this division were Ansley, Caldwell, and Hill.

From the second division, which discussed the question: Resolved, that the United States should annex Hawaii as a territory, there were chosen, Messrs. Taylor, Kemp, Hager, and Dennison. Mr. Taylor made a strong speech in which his clear, direct, and forceful style showed off to a good advantage. Mr. Kemp built up his argument in such a way that it was exceptionally strong, and delivered his speech in a very convincing manner. Mr. Hager showed to fine advantage his elocutionary training which, with his strong argument, made him one of the most pleasing speakers of the evening.

No comment on Mr. Dennison is necessary except a chance remark of one of the audience, "It was the finest speech I have ever heard from one of our students."

Caldwell, Ward, and Reese were the judges of this division.

The third division discussed the question: Resolved, that municipal ties should own and control their natural monopolies. Messrs. Meier, Perry, and Maguire will compete again as a result of their good efforts.

Mr. Meier showed much improvement over last year and was exceedingly calm, easy, and natural. His long experience in debate showed itself in his manner of handling his subject.

Mr. Perry, while very strong in argument, was hardly easy in his delivery. He impressed the audience as working entirely too hard for the occasion.

Mr. Maguire did not show as thorough preparation as was expected but yet stamped himself as a debater of force in the manner in which he worked out his debate.

Professors Hill, Sherman, and Lucky were the judges.

The fourth division had for its subject: Resolved, that the income tax measure passed by the second session of the fifty-third congress was just and equitable.

Messrs. Sackett and Warner and Miss Stull were the winners.

Mr. Sackett had a pleasing manner and an excellently arranged plan of debate. Mr. Warner did not show the same ease in his delivery but had his points worked up in good style.

Miss Stull proved that others besides men are capable of winning in such contests. Her whole speech showed most careful and exact style. Professors Ansley, Barbour, and Hinman marked in this debate.

The fifth division, after various unpleasant preliminaries, debated the question: Resolved, that the radical is of greater importance to society than the conservative. Mr. Hawxby was the only fortunate one in this lot. Although laboring under difficulties, he made a very telling speech and clearly showed what a well-trained debater may do when occasion requires.

Hill Reese, and Ward were the judges.

The sixth question discussed was: Resolved, that a permanent board of arbitration should be established for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between employers and employes. Mr. Matson, the only successful contestant from this division, was careful and logical in his argument. His fine delivery pointed out that such practice tends to make perfect.

The final, and seventh, debate: Resolved, that the United States would be justified in extending belligerent rights to Cuba, brought forth as winners, Messrs. Kindler and Baker. Mr. Kindler had perhaps the clearest and most convincing argument of any debater in the preliminaries and strengthened his argument with an emphatic delivery. Mr. Baker showed too great eagerness to win, and as a result was not as easy and natural as is usually the case with him. However, Mr. Baker could make a speech much below his own average and still be above the majority of the other debaters in this contest.

The respective judges marked the successful debaters as follows:

Dennison	150	142	165	3
Baker	9	170	185	4
Kindler	100	167	137	5
Perry	125	150	100	9
Taylor	115	106	142	10
Hager	127	97	132	13
Matson	115	115	139	15
Deal	140	111	115	15
Maguire	110	155	98	15
Meier	120	125	95	16
Hawxby	115	99	119	17
Sackett	180	160	97	17
McNaughton	98	113	112	19
Warner	170	141	98	20
Kemp	104	115	99	22
Miss Stull	135	115	94	22

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society will be held January 11 and 12 in the chapel, to which all are invited. "Territorial Journalism," the subject for the first meeting, will be treated as follows:

Address of the president, J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City.

Address, Dr. George L. Miller, Omaha.

Paper, by Mr. D. W. Carpenter, Omaha, earliest Nebraska printer still surviving.

Paper, by Hadley D. Johnson, Salt Lake City, a Nebraskaan of 1853.

Responses by surviving territorial journalists: Hon. Robert W. Furnas, Brownville; Mr. John S. Briggs, Omaha; Hon. H. T. Clarke, Omaha; Mr. John A. MacMurphy, Omaha; Mr. Joseph E. LaMaster, Tecumseh, Dr. F. Renner, Omaha.

On Wednesday evening the following program will be rendered:

7:15 p. m. Business meeting. Reports of officers, election, etc.

8:00 p. m. Two notable habeas corpus cases in Nebraska.

The arrest of the Lincoln city council, 1887. H. A. J. Sawyer.

The Ponca Indian habeas corpus case, 1876-77. Mr. T. H. Tibbles.

9:15 p. m. Joint session with the Horticultural Society to eat apples.

The State Horticultural Society will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week, having only day sessions.

AWARD THE CHAMPIONSHIP

League Formally Awards the Pennant to Nebraska.

KANSAS SORE ON NEBRASKA

Tries to Form a Dual League With Missouri and Freeze Out Nebraska—The Attempt Fails.

Manager W. H. Oury returned Sunday evening, December 19, from the meeting of the Western Inter-Collegiate League at Columbia, Mo., feeling very much pleased over the successful effort of Nebraska to land the pennant. The report which was published in the daily and college papers, to the effect that the matter of awarding the pennant was indefinitely postponed, was false throughout. It was sent out by the Kansas delegate, which fact may partly explain the perversion of facts. The very first business which the league transacted after President Howard Ayres, of Missouri, had called the meeting to order, was to award the pennant to Nebraska. On this matter there was no complaint at all. Even if the game with Kansas had been called no game, as Iowa was technically not in the league, that would leave Kansas and Nebraska each with a victory over Missouri and no points scored against them. But Kansas only scored sixteen points against Missouri to Nebraska's forty-one, hence the pennant was Nebraska's in any event.

After the pennant had been awarded, Kansas entered a formal protest, on the Kansas-Nebraska game, claiming that it was no game, on the ground that it had not been played out. Mr. Oury wisely refrained from protesting the five points scored (?) by Kansas, but took the position that the referee's decision was final. As Kansas was a one in her protest, it was not sustained. Kansas evidently expected such a result as she had, in order to be re-engaged on Nebraska, made an attempt to form a dual league with Missouri and thus freeze out Nebraska. Missouri, however, refused to be a partner to such a scheme and so the whole affair fell through.

The office of general manager, which has been a source of a great deal of trouble, was abolished by the league, Kansas alone objecting. Although no definite action was taken on the matter of selecting officials for the games, it was the unanimous opinion of the delegates that hereafter the officials will have to be selected from the east.

An invitation was extended to Iowa to re-enter the league, and in all probability it will be accepted.

Nebraska was honored by the election of George Shedd as president of the league. R. K. Moody, of Kansas, was made vice-president, and C. E. Dewey, of Missouri, was elected secretary-treasurer. If Iowa returns to the league she will be given the treasurer'ship.

The affairs of the league were conducted very economically, the expenses being about one-fifth of what they were last year. Notwithstanding there was no money in the treasury and Nebraska was forced to accept dues-bills as payment for the league expenses, the greater part of which fell on her this year.

The following schedule of games was arranged for next year: The Missouri-Nebraska game at Columbia, October 24; Nebraska and Kansas at Lawrence, November 5; Kansas and Iowa at Iowa City, October 24; Kansas and Missouri at Kansas City, Thanksgiving day; Missouri and Iowa at Iowa City, November 5. The date and place of the Nebraska-Iowa game was left to the discretion of the managers of the respective teams.

The meeting of the league next year will be held in Lincoln.

In Germany one man in 213 goes to college; in Scotland one in 520; in the United States, one in 2,000; and in England one in 5,000.

PHI BETA KAPPA.

The speculation which has been indulged in for some time as to who would secure Phi Beta Kappa honors, was ended Thursday morning, December 23, when Professor Hodgman made the official announcement of the following as members of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity: William Hertzman, Miss Edith Henry, O. H. Martin, Phil Russell, and Miss Edith Schwarz. The above men and are the five who stood highest. The others who will be elected to Phi Beta Kappa will be announced at the end of the year.

Professor Hodgman said that in choosing these five, every hour had been accounted for from the heads of the departments down to the lowest assistants, and that the selection was as near just as it was possible to be. The applause which greeted the announcements seemed to bear out Professor Hodgman's statements.

PERSHING RIFLE HOP.

The annual hop of the Pershing Rifles takes place at the Lincoln Hotel one week from tonight, January 14. The members of the rifles are all taking unusual interest in the hop and a large number of them will doubtless participate. As the number of tickets is limited those who contemplate purchasing the same would do well to see some one of the committee consisting of Messrs. Wigganham, Weeks, Troyes, Henty, and True.

RECEPTION TO DR. JORDAN.

President Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, was given a reception in DeLian Hall last Friday morning by Chancellor MacLean and the faculty. After all had become acquainted with the distinguished guest, President Jordan gave a very interesting talk on the habits of scale and the seat of action in general. As the speaker is probably one of the best informed men on this subject, his remarks were listened to with especial interest. At the close of the talk the company was invited to dine at Chancellor MacLean's.

Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION.

The Young Women's Christian Association this year kept up the old custom of receiving calls from their gentleman friends on New Year's day. The association rooms at 12th street were beautifully decorated with carnations and evergreen. Hagenow's orchestra was stationed in the corridor and sent sweet strains of music throughout the rooms. Many of the club women of the city were present and assisted the ladies of the association. Also a large number of members of the Ladies' Faculty Club. The young ladies of the fraternities received the fraternity men from 4 to 6. The great number of men who called during the afternoon were unanimous in wishing that the good old custom were not dying out.

The Y. M. C. A. is planning to have one of the best meetings it has had this year next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Reports of the great Y. M. C. A. convention at Hastings will be given by men who were there. John H. Bose will lead the meeting. It is desired that every young man in the university will make it a point to be present.

Clarence C. Culver, formerly of '98, now holds a lucrative position with the Denver Packing Company, in Denver, Colo.

Roy Syford enters the university again after an absence of two years.

The freshman class will give a hop at the Conservatory of Music January 21.

The good accomplished by the Hayden Art Club in bringing some of the finer things in life to Lincoln and the university is commensurate with the undertaking. One cannot look upon "Breaking Home Ties" with all the finer feelings of nature surging upward. The Hayden Art Club does and led ingfr Lincoln what many wish to do for eastern cities. The club is to be commended for the graded scale of prices; all may avail themselves of the privilege.

THE SENIOR CLASS BOOK

Class of '98 Decide to Issue a Publication.

THE FEATURE OF THE YEAR

Will Contain Short Sketch and Photograph of Every Member of the Class—Comes Out May 1st.

At the last meeting of the senior class just before the holidays, it was decided to publish a book which will be strictly a class affair. It will be bound in paper and contain about 115 pages. The chief feature of the work is to be a photograph and short write-up of every member of the class. While the book is intended principally for seniors it will be found of great interest to lower classmen as it will contain short stories, poems, jokes and serial pictures. It will be profusely illustrated by the drawing of the best artists in school, and several pages of the book will be in colors. As there will be no Junior Annual published this year, the senior book will make a good substitute, although it is not intended to be in an affair of such size as the Annual.

A committee of five has the work in charge and will immediately start to work upon the project. The committee consists of J. S. Cutter, George Burgett, Harry Gage, Miss Anna Lytle, and Miss Lucy Green.

The number of members on this committee has not been definitely determined, and it is very probable that other names will be added. If the book comes out on schedule time it will make its appearance on or about the first of May. The price is only 25 cents, and at such a low cost to the students, a large number of copies will undoubtedly be sold.

CHAPEL ADDRESS.

Honorable George Fred Williams, the distinguished free silver leader of Massachusetts, made a short talk to the students after chapel, last Wednesday morning. Mr. Williams said it was always a pleasure to him to be able to give a word of advice to students because if he had had impressed on him when he was a student, certain truths which he afterward learned from experience, he would be better satisfied with his position in life today. One of these truths set forth was that a man's destiny depends on his own efforts. The speaker said that he went through college without receiving the slightest assistance from his professors or any one else that his future was certain. Any man who takes advantage of the opportunities of a college training is responsible to himself alone for his future success or failure.

In conclusion, the speaker said that if the student learned nothing else it were sufficient if he learned how to learn, for knowledge gained in the college course is not the basis of future life but it is the character one acquires which is the one important thing.

FOR AN ATHLETIC ANNUAL.

It has been rumored recently that it is the intention of those interested in athletics to publish an athletic annual. As athletics is one of the most popular departments in the university such a publication would undoubtedly meet with a large patronage among the students.

BREAKS THE RECORD.

An incident happened in the gymnasium a few days ago which is of some interest in showing the effect of a great deal of practice in ladder and rope climbing. C. De'vill, a member of the Lincoln fire department, happened to be in the office of Professor Hastings and expressed a desire to see how high a grip he could register on the machine. Although he is only a man of medium size and weight, he gripped 197 pounds, which is twelve pounds more than made by Turner, who had previously held the record for the greatest grip.