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A NEW INTER-STATE LEAGUE

An Organization of the High Schools Completed
At a Meeting Held Wednesday,
December 28.

THE PROBABLE CONSTITUTION DRAWN UP.

An Annual Track Meet Will Also Be Held at Same Time as the
Inter-Collegiate.

For some time a movement has been on foot to organize a Nebraska Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association. It is recognized by all that the high schools are the preparatory schools in athletics as well as any other branch. Looking to this end Dr. Hastings recently sent out the following letter:

Instructor in Physical Training:
Dear Sir: High schools are becoming more and more each year the feeders of our University athletics. We are very deeply interested in your success, therefore, from an athletic point of view. We recognize fully that the greatest contribution which you make to our University life is the rounded health and vitality which makes a strong life-work possible; that your first care must be the health of the whole student body.

But superabundant life and strength must have vent in some way. Strong boys are too full of energy to spend it quietly. They require exercise adapted to a powerful organism.

Athletics properly conducted provide the most wholesome and pleasurable method of expenditure of this superabundant energy and as a means of development becomes to the strong what milder forms of exercise are to the weak, BODY BUILDING.

The period from twelve to twenty-one is peculiarly the period when men are made or unmade, when vitality is gained or lost. You have the greater part of this period and during the more formative impressionable portion of life. The effect upon the growing organism of the physical training given in high schools is infinitely greater than that of the University training upon mature men. The dangers arising from lack of the proper guidance of boys' sports are, therefore, exceedingly great and your responsibility to know the best methods of training and organization correspondingly important.

Only by joint conference with reference to the handling of such games can keep you in touch with the best methods of conducting contests and by actual participation in the management of inter-scholastic meets. Only by these joint meets can a vital interest in clean sports be stimulated and habits of self control and good natured rivalry be inculcated. For the proper management of such meets a State Inter-Scholastic Association is essential.

Allow me to propose the appointment of a committee consisting of George C. Shedd of the Lincoln high school, Mr. Nathan Bernstein of the Omaha high school and R. D. Overholtz, superintendent of the Ashland high school to solicit information with reference to the best method of organization of a state inter-scholastic association and to report the same at the first conference of the representatives of the various schools.

Kindly fill out the enclosed blank and return at your earliest convenience. Very truly yours,

WM. W. HASTINGS.

The result was all that could be expected. A meeting was arranged for Wednesday, December 28, 1898. At that time the following representatives appeared: Nathan Bernstein, Omaha high school; I. S. Cutter, Fred Rees, Beatrice; William Ebricht, West Point; Albert Snare, Milford; J. L. Mathews, Grand Island; R. D. Overholtz, C. S. Norton, Ashland; George C. Shedd, Principal Waterhouse, Lincoln.

A constitution was framed and the officers were elected. Nathan Bernstein was made president, George C. Shedd, secretary and treasurer. An executive council was also named to consist of I. S. Cutter, R. D. Overholtz, Albert Snare and the other officers ex-officio. A student will be chosen in each school represented to act as a vice president and corresponding secretary.

The object of the association is to hold dual and triangular meets in foot ball, basket ball, and base ball. Once

a year there will be a state meet of the track athletics. This will be under the auspices of the State Inter-Collegiate association and will meet on the same day as the latter and at the same place. The constitution as it will probably be ratified is as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This association shall be known as the Nebraska Inter-Scholastic Amateur Athletic Association.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of the association shall be the supervision and development of all amateur sports and games among the preparatory schools of the state of Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership in the association shall be limited to high schools and schools of that grade, standing to be determined by the executive committee.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

1. Each school shall be represented by one faculty and one student delegate in the annual state association meeting.
2. The representatives shall be elected by a joint mass-meeting of faculty and students.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be a president, vice president from each school admitted to the association, a secretary-treasurer and an executive committee consisting of three members.

Section 2. The president, secretary-treasurer and the three other members of the executive committee shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the association.

Section 3. The vice presidents shall be elected from the student body by the athletic associations of the individual schools, and shall serve as official correspondents for those schools.

ARTICLE VI.

ATHLETIC RULES.

Section 1. The rules outlined in the W. I. A. A. Hand Book shall govern the track and field athletics of this association with the exception that from the prescribed order of events, numbers 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16 shall be omitted, and other events may be omitted from a given contest by common consent of parties contesting. Such agreement as to change of order of events must, however, be made before the close of entries.

Section 2. All entries for the annual State Inter-Scholastic field day must be closed and sent to the state track committee ten (10) days before the date of the contest.

Section 3. Offering of pennants and trophies shall be under the direct supervision and control of the executive committee.

Section 4. Football, basketball, tennis and any other games which may be supervised by the State Inter-Scholastic association shall be governed by the rules annually printed by A. G. Spalding & Co.

ARTICLE VII.

SUPERVISION AND CONTROL.

Direct supervision and control of individual sports and games shall be secured by the state executive committee through the appointment of sub-committees consisting of three members, each of which shall contain one student. There shall be a sub-football sub-track, sub-basketball, and sub-tennis committee, and such sub-committees for any other sports or games as soon as they are recognized as such by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

GIRLS' GAMES.

Girls' games shall receive the same recognition and supervision as those of the boys.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES.

The annual dues shall be \$2.00 for each school. The payment of said dues shall accompany the making of entries to the annual championship games and entries shall not be allowed unless accompanied by said dues.

ARTICLE X.

TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The time of the annual meeting of the Nebraska Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association shall be on the second day of the Nebraska Teachers' Association. The hour of the meeting shall be selected and announced by the president in connection with the announcements of the Physical Education Society.

ARTICLE XI.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY.

The time of the annual interscholastic field day shall be the same as that of the state inter-collegiate.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the constitution may be made at any usual meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.

ARTICLE V, SECTION TWO.

MEMBERSHIP OF TEAMS.

The following rules shall apply to the membership of foot ball, base ball, track, basket ball and all other athletic teams:

No person shall represent a school upon any team unless he is a bona fide student in that school, doing full work. This rule shall be construed to mean that the student shall have been duly registered and have been taking at least three full studies in the school for a week previous to the games.

No student who has competed upon any athletic team of the school and who drops out of school at the close of the season can compete upon any school athletic team until he has been in attendance at least six months.

PAUL CLARK.

An alumnus of the University of Nebraska, who has recently been honored with a much-sought-after position is Paul F. Clark of the class of '87. A few days ago he was elected speaker of the house of representatives of the state of Nebraska.

When an undergraduate Mr. Clark had the reputation of being the wittiest man in school, and he is now, by common consent, the champion funny man of the alumni association. One of the most notable things he did in those older days was to go to the Milford encampment, when the battalion was under Lieutenant Townley's fostering care, as drum major, clothed in white duck trousers, a red coat and a chapeau! History does not record what happened to him or his uniform, but he at least is still in existence. During a part of his undergraduate career he set type for our esteemed contemporary as a means of livelihood. He was a Palladian, later becoming a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

After his graduation Mr. Clark studied law in the county judge's office for a couple of years, then went into partnership with another alumnus of this University, Charles S. Allen, '86. In September, '89, he married Miss May L. Roberts. That he did not give up the "higher learning" and his interest in the University is shown by the fact that he earned the degree of Master of Arts in '98. He was first elected a member of the legislature two years ago, was re-elected this time, and chosen speaker, which position he will undoubtedly fill with credit to himself and to his alma mater.

Mr. Edgar Morrill entertained Saturday night to watch the old year out and the new year in. His guests were Misses Hammond, Morrill, Woods, Steiner, Minor, Daisy Minor, Hertz and Holdbrook; Messrs. Heacker, Arthur Morrill, Reagan, Edmisten, Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Steiner.

The young men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who were in the city during the holidays, charmingly entertained their lady friends at 7 o'clock dinner. The tables were very neatly decorated in roses and holly. The party was chaperoned by Mesdames C. H. Morrill and G. M. Bartlett. Those present were: Misses Holdbrook, Winger, Bissler, Houtz, Richards, Harley, Outcalt, Minor, Daisy Minor and Studit; Messrs. Bartlett, Morrill, Sawyer, Cowgill, Holdbrook, Edmisten, Baldwin, Green and Stoppers.

A riddle—What is easiest to find in a newspaper? Answer—One's own name.

Needy Nephew—"My dear uncle, are you sick again? How I feel for you."

Rich Uncle—"Yes, I've noticed you always do when you want to touch me."

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE

Disclosing the Plans of a Certain Set of Men Somewhat Prominent in University Affairs.

IT INVOLVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A

New Fraternity Upon Somewhat Original Lines--As Will Be Seen It is Self Explanatory.

Editor of the Nebraskan:

The enclosed document was found Saturday afternoon between the leaves of the Atlantic Monthly Magazine in the city library.

The loser was evidently taking notes on expansion for it was found at the beginning of an article on the "Control of the Tropics," by Kidd.

Can you use it? If so, I hope it is not too late for this week's Nebraskan. I think it a great "scoop," considering the individuals concerned.

For obvious reasons I withhold my identity.

Dear _____

I have contemplated writing you for several days regarding a matter of great importance to myself and others of my intimate friends. I have had some hesitancy in disclosing the matter to you because of the possibility that it might not meet your entire approval, but I have sufficient confidence in you to believe that, whether it meets your approval or not, you will under no circumstances betray a matter which is confided to you in strictest secrecy. I have no doubt you will be greatly surprised on learning of our new scheme.

A NEW FRAT IS BEING ORGANIZED IN THE UNIVERSITY, and you will doubtless wonder when you learn who are the movers in this new adventure. The list, as yet, is incomplete, but we are in hopes the same may be completed soon. Will say, however, that not one of those whom we have yet approached on the subject have seen fit to refuse. Up to date the following individuals have pledged themselves to the enterprise: E. B. PERRY, PERSE A. MOORE, LEE BERR, J. S. SMOYER, J. F. BOOMER, BENEDICT, C. M. FUNK, J. A. MAGUIRE, E. F. WARNER, and your humble and obedient servant. Besides these, we have a few prospective members, whom we have not yet approached, but whom we have reason to believe, will readily enter in with us. They are F. G. Hawxby, Hart, Horner, L. J. Marsh, H. J. Theobald, Claude Wilson, J. C. Platt, and Hubbell.

Now we don't expect to be in a position to announce our organization until some time next spring, and meantime, we desire to keep this a strict secret from the frats as well as the barbs, inasmuch as we propose to be fully allied with neither party, and furthermore, we expect we will be attacked by both sides when the matter gets out, and especially are we uneasy lest the college papers get hold of it. We realize also that this course may seem inconsistent with the stand we have taken in the past, but we believe we can show that it is in full accord with our past principles, and that we are fully justified in the end we have in view and the motive which urges us to take this step.

It is well known that the fraternities and societies, as they now exist, represent two extremes. You know, as well as I do, to be honest about it, that THE SOCIETIES ONLY GIVE A ONE-SIDED DEVELOPMENT, that is, they do not develop the social side of man. Of course, we believe, as we always have, that the fraternities go to the other extreme socially, and do not develop the literary side as they should. Our purpose is to strike a happy medium. In the first place, we propose, FOR THE SAKE OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE NAME, that our organization shall not be called a fraternity, but rather a club, and we expect to steer clear of the Greek letters. We intend to adopt the name or title, LITERARY-SOCIAL CLUB, to be known as the L. S. C.; and by the way, let me say right here, that a number of the girls of the literary societies and some outside, are making up a similar organization among the girls.

It is our intention not to withdraw from the societies, if this can be possible, and in the meantime, before we

announce ourselves, we shall endeavor, in as quiet a way as possible, to work up a strong enough sentiment in the literary societies to strike out the clauses, which now exist in the constitutions of these organizations, forbidding the fraternity people from belonging to the literary organizations.

We desire to make this a purely western college movement. We have never heard of a similar organization, and hope to be the first promulgators of such a scheme. We think our position will be such that we will be able to draw members from both the societies and fraternities. We will be very strict in the admission of members to our club, and get only those whom we believe have a future before them, not only in the University, but in the outside world of business, POLITICS and the professions. Our aim is still to make the social side subordinate to the literary, but to make it sufficient to give the grace and polish necessary to a thoroughly developed man.

It will be our policy to hold weekly meetings, which for the most part, will take the character of a seminar for the investigation of important questions of the day and various fields of literature and science. But a part of the meetings will be given up to a social time among the fellows and the friends, and, of course, we shall expect to entertain our co-ed friends occasionally. We have already held several meetings in the interest of our new organization, and have talked matters over thoroughly. IF WE ADMIT THE TRUTH, WE MAY AS WELL SAY RIGHT HERE, THAT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN IN FULL SYMPATHY WITH THE POLICY OF THE SOCIETIES and we have never been really opposed to a moderate indulgence in the social features of the fraternities. But as you know, our lot having been cast early in our college life with the societies, naturally we had to fall in line and defend their principles staunchly whether we believed in them fully or not.

Now, _____, you know what I have just said about the societies and fraternities is true, if you will just admit it; and you have felt yourself the need of just such a movement as we propose. Besides the fellows we have in the deal are the cream of the University.

Now what we want is to get some alumni who have always been in sympathy with us. We have thought of you and Seanson among the first, but we fear Seanson is too stubborn and too much inclined always to stick to an opinion he has once argued for. We believe that you have always felt like us, and that this plan will meet with your approval. I hope you will write us at once and let us know what you think of it all.

Now, of course, I believe you will realize the sacredness of this confidence, and will see the bad light in which many of us will be put if this should get out before the proper time. As you know, Morse is president of the Union society for the next term; Smoyer was elected president, of the senior class as a barb, and Warner and myself are on the Junior Annual board. Now, IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HARD ON ME IF THE COLLEGE PAPERS SHOULD GET HOLD OF IT BECAUSE OF MY RELATIONS TO THE HESPERIAN, AND THE PART I TOOK IN FIRING VAN VALIN FROM THE ANNUAL BOARD FOR A SIMILAR REASON, of which you, no doubt, have heard.

You will confer a favor on me, therefore, if you will destroy or return this. Awaiting a favorable answer, I am,

R. C. ROPER.

P. S.

Roper just showed me this letter. It's O. K. I hope you will fall in with us, but if you can't, for friendship's sake KEEP IT MUM TILL THE PROPER TIME.

J. F. B.