

## HIGH SCHOOLS IN DEBATE

**Nebraska League Begins Preparation for Annual Contests.**

### PROF. FOGG AT THE HEAD

**Membership of Organization Now Includes Over Ninety Schools of the State.**

**LINCOLN**, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The Nebraska High School Debating League, the largest organization of its kind in the United States, has begun preparation for its fourth annual contests, which begin in January with the contests in the division leagues and end with the state championships debate at the state university on high school field day in May.

The league was organized by Prof. M. E. Fogg of the university, in January, 1908, at the instance of Nebraska schools men. Thirty schools joined them. The next year the membership increased to forty-eight. Last year it went to fifty-eight, and, according to announcement by the president, Prof. Fogg, the membership of the HSDL will be seventy next month.

#### New Schools Get In.

Fourteen new schools have so far voted. The last date for joining is December 30. These schools are as follows:

**Nebraska superintendents:** E. J. Boden-Cole, superintendent; K. W. Macmillan-Cole, superintendent; J. B. Thompson-Cole, superintendent; J. A. Gandy-Dunlap, superintendent; Thomas Farnsworth-Franklin, superintendent; P. M. Housington, Indianapolis, superintendent; T. Stuckel-McNair, superintendent; C. W. Metzger-McNair, superintendent; C. G. Lytle-Welch, superintendent; C. A. Marquand-Green, superintendent; F. P. Johnson-State, superintendent; George Crocker-Stevensburg, superintendent; R. A. Brown-West Point, superintendent; G. E. Bowen.

The object of the league is to give high school students direct speech training in straight, cut, cutting and in correct, effective expression—by emphatic training in argumentative thinking, writing and speaking in preparation for future vocation, and for the duties of citizenship. Nebraska's lead in emphasizing this phase of practical education in the high school as well as in the university is being followed by other states. Kansas has recently organized a league modeled directly on Nebraska's, and Texas is doing so.

The league was last year divided into eleven districts. The rapid growth this year necessitates the splitting of the southeastern district, the central district and perhaps the northwestern.

#### New Schools Get In.

The fifty-eight members of the league last year were:

**Central District—Central City, Fairmont, Friend, Grafton, Geneva, Council and Seneca.**

**Eastern District—Blair, David City, Fremont, Plattsmouth, Wahoo and Wayne Valley.**

**South-Central District—Arliland, Seward, Fremont, Grand Island, Falls City, Beatrice, North-Central District—Admiral, Follett, Ponca, Randolph and Wayne.**

**North-Central District—Chadron, Crawford, Gordon, Hartwell and Butler.**

**Southern District—Edgar, Fairchild, Bassett, Harrison, McCook, Columbus, Falls City, Beatrice, Nebraska City, St. Paul, Pawnee City, Tecumseh and Wyoming.**

**Southwestern District—Brown, Clay, Bladen, Franklin Academy, McCook and Tribune.**

**Western District—Kearney, Gothenburg and North Platte.**

**Central District—Ogallala-Broken Bow, Ord and Harrison.**

Fifty debates were held by the league last year on the question whether or not labor unions are on the whole beneficial. The schools in each district pair off and decide who is champion of that district. That school sends a representative to the state championship debate. The championship was won last year by Miss Marie Douglass of Plattsmouth, with second honors to Van Webster of Hastings, and third to Jessie Kroll, Geneva. The third annual "Suffrage" of the league, which is now being distributed, gives an account of each of the fifty debates and contains the conclusion and a bibliography of the questions for the contests this year.

#### Questions for Debate.

The question for this year, selected by the league, is as follows:

"Resolved, That the policy of maintaining the United States navy at its present strength is preferable to the policy of substantially increasing it."

The work in each district is under the immediate supervision of a district director. The directors for this year, whom the league empowers the presidents to appoint, are not yet announced. The directors for 1910-11 were:

**Central Superintendent: J. C. Nichols.**

**Eastern Director: C. W. Macmillan-Cole.**

**South-Central Director: E. J. Boden-Cole.**

**North-Central Director: F. P. Johnson.**

**Southwestern Director: W. T. Davis, Ponca City.**

**Western Superintendent: H. W. Bradford.**

**Central District—Ogallala-Broken Bow, Ord and Harrison.**

Such an address before the students of the High School on Great Island.

Miss Anna Clegg, one of the most energetic deportees, was a speaker in Stevens City, speaking before the Women's club of that place on "Industrial Education."

The "Net-a-Show," one of the annual events given under the auspices and for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association, will occur Friday, December 20, in the normal building. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. After a short program of music and speaking, the different side stories will begin. These consist of humorous, musical, nautical, scientific entertainments of every description. The committee in charge claims the entertainment will run in originality and interest and one given in previous years. Besides the entertainment, there will be a colonial tea room, where dainty refreshments are served by the young women, and a candy booth, where cakes made under the supervision of the domestic science department will be sold. A small admission fee will be charged for the various attractions.

The basket ball schedule is being completed. The team expects to take a trip about the middle of February, playing February 1 at York, February 15 at Westerville, February 21 at Connor and February 28 at Toledo. Double college will be at Kenosha on December 20. A large number of students are trying out for the teams. The regular meeting of the Latin class gave a very interesting program consisting of a drama, music, word and instrumental and a paper. The members of the club enjoy a lively interest in the work and find it a great assistance in the regular work of the Latin classes.

#### WAYNE NORMAL SCHOOL.

##### Various Activities of Faculty and Students.

Miss Piper entertained the ladies of her dormitory at a luncheon Saturday afternoon.

Miss Rachel F. Fairchild returned to Wayne Monday evening and has resumed work in the Model school.

A class in beginning Latin was organized Monday morning for the accommodation of new students and for those wishing to review the work.

Dean H. H. Hahn was called to Baltic, O., on Friday of last week by a message announcing the death of his mother.

Copy for the new quarterly bulletin of the state normal school is now being prepared for the winter, and the bulletin will be issued on January 3.

Mr. L. G. Lockwood of Ponca, a graduate of the scientific class of the Nebraska Normal college in 1907, was a visitor a few days ago.

There were twelve new registrations Monday morning, making a total of forty who have enrolled since the Thanksgiving vacation.

The Ladies' Glee club, under the direction of Prof. Lewis, performed music in the church exercises Wednesday morning.

Home M. Cox, a graduate of the scientific class of the Nebraska Normal college in 1908, returned to Wayne the first of the week and will complete the advanced course of the normal school.

Ralph W. Sterling enrolled for a course at the Normal Monday morning. Mr. Sterling is a first class carpenter and has been in the employ of a company at Irwin, Pa. Part of his work will be in the manual training department.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 20, will occur the second joint meeting of the Christian Association of the school. This service will be under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association and the meeting will be addressed by Miss Charlotte Wilson.

President Cox has made his report to the board of education for the session ending December 1, 1910. This report sets forth the needs of the school for the next two years and includes an estimate for the erection of a new Science and Library building at a cost of \$6,000.

Mr. A. J. Ferguson attended the chapel exercises Wednesday morning and gave a talk on the studies on the subject of "Patrician." Mr. Ferguson was the first treasurer of the board of trustees of the Nebraska Normal college, was always a strong friend of that institution and he is now greatly interested in the success of the new school at Wayne.

The Young Women's Christian Association held a bazaar last Friday and the proceeds from the sale amounted to \$21. This makes a total of \$60 now in the hands of the treasury to the credit of the association.

The expense budget for the year 1910-11 decided upon at the opening of school was \$5 and the ladies have now raised only half the required amount.

#### NEBRASKA MILITARY ACADEMY

##### Examinations, Improvements and Vacations Preparations.

Christmas comes at the Nebraska Military academy at Lincoln will begin Friday evening, December 20, and end on Tuesday, January 3, at 1 p. m. Most of the cadets will spend the vacation period at their homes, some going to Illinois, Ohio, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and North Dakota, as well as to various Nebraska towns.

The first half season is now over, and the various teams feel that their record is fairly good. Basket ball teams have been organized, with Cadet Temple as captain of the first team and Cadet Wessinger captain of the second team. The third and fourth teams will be organized next week. The teams practice on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium. The first game will be with the Lincoln High school on January 3.

A debating club and a dramatic club have been organized and will begin activities as soon as vacation ends. The basketball, consisting of the commanding officers, was turned to take charge of the details of arrangements for the big Xmas night. These clubs are in charge of Commandant Keppler.

The school has purchased a new badge stereopticon with reflectoroscope and microscope attachments. By its use all microscopic work requiring the use of a microscope can be reflected on a screen. Captain Kanaga gave an exhibition of the workings of this instrument a few evenings ago, which proved very interesting.

Captain A. H. Hindey, the champion quick shot of the world, gave a demonstration of his wonderful ability recently. The cadets were highly entertained by this remarkable exhibition.

Sergeant Major G. E. Scholl, a French soldier, teacher and traveler, gave an address last Monday, giving before the faculty and cadets a history of life experience in the Army, also of the work of the mounted police in western Canada. His talk was illustrated with implements of various articles, trials, etc., of wild animals and other articles collected in his travels. Following the address, he gave an exhibition of some stunts, which the cadets found very interesting.

Examinations for the third month are being held this week.

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the metallic cough of croup bringing dread to the household. Careful mothers keep Fisher's Honey and Tar to the house and give it at the first sign of danger. It contains no narcotics. Being by all drugs.

President Thomas assisted in the county educational association at Ogallala last Saturday. Sunday afternoon he spoke before the Young Men's Christian association in Central City. On Thursday morning he

## SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

### Summary of the week's Events in Various Institutions.

#### SPUR OF HOLIDAY SEASON

##### Approaching New-Year Vacation Brightens the Routine of Student Work—Personal and General Studies.

#### FREMONT COLLEGE

##### Brief Mention of the Week's Happenings.

The program at the Methodist Episcopal church of Fremont was taken charge of by the college. Mrs. Gilbert spoke on the subject, "The Master Teacher," and Prof. Settler, "The Student From Home."

Mrs. Eva Miner made a week-end visit to Mrs. A. C. Ricketts, nee Thompson, of Lincoln.

E. L. Mansfield, the general bookman from Lincoln, was a caller at the college on Tuesday.

Mrs. Gilbert, Dean of the Latin department, went over to Lincoln to address the Frances Willard Woman's Christian Temperance Union on Jan. Friday. She was the guest of the president, Mrs. A. C. Ricketts, who was formerly a member of the faculty of Fremont college.

The Red Cross society took charge of chapter exercises on Friday morning.

A little daughter was born to Prof. and Mrs. White on Monday, December 1.

President Clements is confined to his room with a sprained shoulder. Students are registering daily and many calls are being made for him.

Prof. Burgess was in Omaha on Tuesday and had Miss Lehman pianist and composer, with a quartet of English soloists. On her Sunday he attended at the dedication of the Presbyterian church.

Herbert Deiter, a violin pupil of Prof. Swanson of the college, will play for the primary section of the Northwestern Nebraska Teachers' association, which meets in Fremont April 1. He is only 13 years old and is already a violinist of merit.

Master Stanley Capon, 15 years of age, a violin pupil of Prof. Swanson from Blair, Neb., is now doing platform work in Fremont. Prof. Burgess has been receiving payment for his glowing tributes.

Miss Vida Nation, who has been touring Southern Iowa and southern Minnesota as violinist for the Nebr. Concert company, writes that she is expecting to spend Christmas at home if dates do not permit. Her college friends will be glad to see her.

Laura Brown of the college was taken to the hospital on Wednesday. Her doctor and Dr. Burkholder, the family physician from Lexington, are in attendance. Dr. Burkholder is a former student of the Prof. and Mrs. E. L. Mansfield.

Prof. and Mrs. E. L. Mansfield entertained the pharmacy class on Friday evening of last week. After the spread, which was served in four courses, the Pharmacy Quartet club gave three or four numbers. There was also piano and string music, and all report having had a fine time. The pharmacy department is enjoying a steady growth.

The Red Cross society was represented at chapel Friday morning by Mrs. T. L. Matthews and Mrs. William F. Friel of the Fremont Woman's club, who were selling Red Cross stamps for Christmas packages.

They have already sold stamps to the amount of \$1. Ten-cent packages were offered for sale in chapel. Prof. T. L. Matthews addressed the audience, explaining the aims of the society in presenting these stamps to the public.

**Photography, Photo-Engraving**

#### Annual Winter Promenade of the Students.

The students of Illinois College gave their annual winter promenade Saturday evening in the college gymnasium. A series of athletic contests, divided with periodic intermissions electric lights formed a ceiling, and the color scheme was carried out in pillows of red and green. The committee on decorations consisted of Caroline G. Hinck, '12, Elsie, '13, Carlene, '14, Charles, '15, Bertie, '16, and John Catherina, '16.

Miss Hinck was chosen to open the promenade.

Mr. Herbert Hunter, '14, Oak Park, Ill.

Frappe was served throughout the evening, and at 10:30 the guests and their hostesses adjourned for supper in the reception room of middle hall. The college possessed a piano recently enclosed with glass, was also thrown open and proved very attractive with an open fire, Navajo rugs, and palms and ferns. About seventy girls and their guests were present.

**Rockford College.**

Notes from Illinois College at Effingham.

Mr. Clarence Reed of the Eastman company made the college a visit last month demonstrating the new circling sepias paper.

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**Peru Normal Notes.**

Everett society every Friday evening at 7:30 in Everett hall.

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Young Men's Christian association, Sunday at 2 p. m. in Everett hall.

Young Women's Christian association, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in Phi hall.

December 20, 1910, bell reception.

December 21, Agricultural society, from 7 to 8.

December 22, grand concert chorus, girls and band.

December 23, recital, Miss Howell of the dramatic club.

December 24, basket ball, Peru vs. Sherman.

December 25, Christmas vacation begins.

Prof. Ross House, vacation began.

Mr. George Spencer of Clinton, La., student of 1908, sends an announcement of his marriage to a young lady of that city.

Mr. Allen Densham of Peru and Mr. Edward L. Magee, also a student of last winter, have returned to finish their courses. Mr. Magee received a short visit from Mr. James McLaughlin of 1907, now residing at Milwaukee, Wis.

Miss Ethel Cameron, who spent several months with us this summer, recently died at her home at Smithfield, Ill., of typhoid fever. She was a very popular student and leaves a large number of friends to mourn her loss.

**Educational Notes.**

Short talk in the interest of the Peru, the senior annual, were made by Elmer-in-Chief Langford; Miss Bernice O'Neil, editor of the literary department, and Miss Minta Hanna, editor of organization. Prospects are good for a fine book, an account of the good staff, material and the early start made