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DEBATING LEAGUE INCREASES

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LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Nebraska High School Debating League, which last year was considered the largest organization in the country for secondary school discipline in logical thinking and effective oral discussion, has already had seventeen new applications for membership in 1911-12. This is the largest increase of any year since the league was established in 1906, with thirty members. The number of schools taking advantage of the league work this year will be about twenty-five.

The seventeen new members represent all sections of the state and both large and small schools. The largest increase is in the northwestern section, where the addition of four schools will make necessary the formation of a new district—the northwestern. Three new members have joined the northwestern district, bringing its membership up to the limit—eighty.

Lincoln and York are the largest schools in the list of new members. The seventeen recent additions to the league are as follows:

- Albion—Superintendent E. S. Cowan. Crawford—Superintendent H. H. Reimund. Exeter—Superintendent H. Jennings. Fairfield—Superintendent John E. Talbot. Fullerton—Superintendent C. W. Watson. Hooper—Superintendent A. E. Hildebrand. Lincoln—Superintendent C. S. Stephens. Principal V. L. Mays. Minster—Superintendent J. O. Chambers. Newman Grove—Superintendent A. J. Stoddard. Oniowa—Superintendent P. W. Evans. Pawnee City—Superintendent I. G. Wilson. Scott's Bluff—Superintendent W. L. Greenhill. Stratton—Superintendent G. A. Marshall. Tilden—Superintendent F. H. Price. Western—Superintendent J. D. McMillen. Wilbur—Superintendent B. E. Dill. York—Superintendent W. W. Stoner. Principal W. E. Johns.

The league membership of fifty-nine in the eleven districts last year was the following:

- Central District—Fairmont, Friend, Geneva, Osceola, Strumburg, Sutton. Eastern District—Blair, Fremont, South Omaha, Plattsmouth, Waverly, Weeping Water. East Central District—Ashland, Cete, Dunbar, Haycock, Seward. Northern District—Atkinson, O'Neill, Valentine. Southeastern District—Auburn, Beatrice, Falls City, Pawnee City, Nebraska City, Heida, Tecumseh, Wymore. Southwestern District—Beatrice, Clay, Culbertson, Bloomington, Franklin, Indianola, McCook, Minden, Tension. Western District—Kearney, North Platte. Western Central District—Broken Bow, Morris, Ord. North Central District—Freighton, Madison, Neligh, Pierce, Redwood, Wayne. Northwestern District—Allamore, Chadron, Gordon, Rushville, Sidney. Southern District—Alma, Diller, Edgar, Hastings, Hebron.

Officers of the League. The officers of the league for 1911-1912 are Prof. W. W. Fogg, professor of rhetoric at the State university, president, and Superintendent of Schools, Nelski, secretary-treasurer, who were re-elected at the annual meeting at Omaha, November 10, and the following district directors appointed by the president:

- Central District—Superintendent E. C. Chapman, Beatrice. Eastern District—Superintendent L. N. Clark, Weeping Water. East-Central District—Superintendent J. A. Woodward, Ashland. Northern District—Superintendent C. G. Lorb, O'Neill. North-Central District—Superintendent L. M. Oberst, Madison. Northwestern District—Principal J. A. Hanna, Sidney. Southern District—Superintendent J. A. Eastwood, Diller. Southeastern District—Superintendent G. E. Martin, Falls City. Southwestern District—Superintendent C. F. White, Trenton. Western District—Superintendent H. E. Bradford, Kearney. West-Central District—Superintendent C. E. Jones, Ord.

GRAND ISLAND POLICE ARREST FOUR SUSPECTS

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—After a vigorous search all day for the perpetrators of two attempts at highway robbery and one at burglary, early last evening, the police officers this evening lay in waiting in a third floor corridor for the occupants of a certain room to come out, and arrested the four strangers who soon thereafter stepped forth. Two of them are said to fill the vague description given by one of the victims of the highway robbery stunts, and the other two the burglary of the house, H. E. Schettel, a clerk, was passing through Pioneer square, in a thickly settled residence section, when he was suddenly confronted by two men and was looking into the barrels of two pistols. They took all of Mr. Sustel's money. The square has not been illuminated regularly of late, but the lights were put in proper repair today.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL OUSTS PARSONS FROM LAND

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal Henzel yesterday ousted John Parsons of Rulo from a tract of eighty acres of land which he had leased from an Indian woman near Rulo. It is illegal for Indians to lease land until after the twenty-year trust has expired, unless approved by the secretary of the interior. Parsons made his lease without the consent of the government, and then refused to give up the land when asked to do so by the government reservation agent. He was not ousted until after federal action had been taken.

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ATZPODIEN MAY NOT LIVE TO USE HIS INHERITANCE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Word reached Lincoln today that Paul Atzpodien, formerly a Lincoln newspaper man, will probably not live to enjoy the \$25,000 that he inherited. He is now lying in a Milwaukee hospital, broken in health and conscious only at rare intervals.

Atzpodien's real name is Count Karl Frederick Leopold von Brandenburg. He ran away from his royal home in Germany at the age of 17, came to America, worked at odd jobs in this country and in South America, and finally settled in Lincoln about ten years ago.

Here he fell in love with a young nurse who had attended him during his illness, and the two were married. Soon after they moved to Milwaukee, where they have since resided. He kept his identity hidden until about a week ago, when he disclosed his real name to a nurse who was attending him during a period of delirium which made known that he was heir to a fortune.

SECRETARY OF STATE WAIT SENDS CASH TO SCULPTOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Complying with the contract with Daniel Chester French, the New York sculptor, Secretary of State Wait today sent the former a state warrant for \$10,000. A total of \$5,000 has now been paid the sculptor. French was given \$2,000 when the miniature model was approved by the commission provided by the state legislature to pass upon the work. The contract provided that the sculptor be paid \$10,000 when the full-sized model was completed and cast into plaster. E. M. Hall, a member of the commission, approved the completed model several weeks ago.

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LABOR COMMISSIONER'S FIGURES Compiles Them from Returns of County Assessors Given in Their Reports—Enormous Strides by Growers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—"The people of Nebraska undoubtedly will be surprised to learn that the apple crop of this state has reached the enormous proportion of 9,825,388 bushels for 1911," said Deputy Commissioner of Labor Louis today.

"In going over the statistical report made to this department by the county assessors, I found that there were 68,725 acres planted to orchards or stating the figures more accurately 2,438,124 bearing trees. In going through the records of the surplus shipments of 1910 I found that it amounted to 1,255,187 bushels, which represented the amount over and above the home consumption of apples and I, therefore, decided to ascertain the exact production which was ascertained under the method of ordinary crop reports.

"The orchard total 98,464 trees, with an average yield of 12.84 bushels per tree, making a total production of 1,265,668. The principal yields being confined to the southeastern half of the state. The above figures are compiled for what will be known as the fruit bulletin, which will show in detail the enormous strides which are being made in the way of fruit culture in Nebraska."

CZAR PROTESTS AGAINST MOVE TO END TREATY

(Continued from First Page.) ernment was indicated by a member of the cabinet. One basis suggested was that the Russian government agree to admit to Russia American Jews whose character and standing was vouched for by the United States. It was the belief here that this suggestion had been offered by Ambassador Gull and that it was being considered by the Russian Foreign office. Chairman Sulzer also said regarding the resolution: "The resolution follows precedent. It follows the language of three similar resolutions abrogating treaties with Belgium, France and Switzerland. The closest vote in the house on an attempt to modify the resolution, was 111 ayes to 85 noes. This was the amendment of Representative Olmstead to strike out the charge that Russia had violated the treaty of 1821, and to insert the statement that the discrimination against Jewish-Americans was construed as a violation of the treaty."

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expressed the hope today that the "recitals" in the Sulzer resolution would be stricken out before it passed the senate. He said it was not within the province of congress to declare that Russia had violated the treaty, though it was proper to say "in our opinion, from the United States' standpoint the treaty has been violated."

Speaker Champ Clark, when informed of Russia's protest against the Sulzer resolution, said: "The house has the right to pass any resolution in any form it pleases."

News Causes Sensation.

News of Russia's protest spread through the city and caused a decided sensation. Little else was talked of at the capitol, and there were numerous informal conferences among the national legislators. "The senate was not in session. The State department admitted that the situation was serious. Some of the officials there have contended from the first that the abrogation of the treaty of 1821 would leave the United States without any sort of friendly intercourse with Russia, and therefore in a worse position than now to enforce the admission of American citizens. All thought of being able to negotiate a new treaty with Russia, if the Sulzer resolution should pass, apparently has been dismissed.

Main Favors Amendments.

"It was a wise provision in the constitution—put there by our fathers"—said Mr. Mann, "which did not confide to this house jurisdiction over foreign affairs. The wisdom of the fathers was never more exemplified than on this day when gentlemen rise in their seats with written speeches, from the chairman of the committee down, declaring many things which if we had the real power might quickly provoke war.

Form Wrong, Says McCall.

"The resolution never should have passed the house in its original form," said Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, republican member of the committee on foreign affairs. "There was no excuse for the flat statement contained in the resolution that Russia had violated the treaty. A statement of that sort leaves little room for argument or arbitration. No such assertion was necessary, inasmuch as the United States has a perfect right under the terms of the treaty itself to abrogate it on one year's notice to the other party." Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, said he did not believe a protest by Russia would have any effect on the senate's probable action. "That is," he added, "unless it promised something. If Russia should promise to obey the treaty, I think we would let it stand."

Bishops' Committee Plans for Meeting

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the board of bishops of the Methodist church will be held in Lincoln beginning April 13. This was decided at a full meeting of the arrangements committee Friday evening at the Lincoln hotel. Bishop John L. Nuelson was present and outlined the general character of the coming meeting and details of entertainment which will be required. "Kimmel is improving. Kimmel, Ind., Dec. 15.—George A. Kimmel, Niles, Mich., man of mysterious identity who was injured in a wreck near Converse, Ind., will be brought here from Converse within a few days if his condition continues to improve. He has a chance to recover it was reported today.

Agriculture Board to Meet on Tuesday

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture will be held at the senate chamber, Lincoln, on Tuesday, January 16. At this meeting will be considered the revision of the premium list, rules and regulations, the election of officers, membership and such other business as may legally come before the meeting. Presidents of regularly organized, live county agricultural societies which have filed their report prior to this meeting are ex-officio members of the board. If the president cannot attend, the society must elect a delegate and file authenticated credentials. No proxies are admitted. The following committees have been appointed: Rules and regulations, C. H. Judge, Lincoln, chairman; L. W. Leonard, Pawnee City; William Jones, Dorchester; Joseph Roberts, Fremont; R. M. Wolcott, Palmer. Credentials and returns, P. Youngers, Geneva, chairman; Charles Graff, Bancroft; George Jackson, Nelson. Auditing, E. Z. Russell, Blair, chairman; W. H. Hamming, Union; William Foeter, Lincoln.

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Advertisement for Union Outfitting Co. featuring various furniture items like tea sets, book cases, and chairs, with prices and promotional text like 'No Money Down' and 'Your Credit is Good'.

Advertisement for Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Co. titled 'Christmas Shoppers!' with text promoting early shopping hours and the convenience of streetcars.