

SCHOOLS FEATURE ATHLETICS

Folk Dances, May Pole Dances and Many Games Popular with Girls.

TEACHERS DEEPLY INTERESTED

Plans for May Festival for School Girls, Tennis for High School Girls and a Basket Ball Tournament.

With the idea of organizing athletics for girls encouraged by some prominent educators, athletic instructors in the Omaha schools have decided to make competitive play among the lassies a stronger feature. Raymond L. Carns, superintendent of grade school athletics and Miss Boss Dumont, head of the girls' physical training department at the high school, are promoting the scheme.

Considerable enthusiasm already has been awakened among the girls enrolled at the Capitol hill school and nearly 400 girls are taking the gymnastic course, which includes basket ball and other games and apparatus drill work. Miss Mary Herbert, for four years a star on the class floor quintets at the University of Nebraska, is coaching the young floor sport enthusiasts.

The gymnasium of the high school is the finest equipped in the city, with the exception of the Young Men's and Women's Christian Association "gymns." Complete sets of weight-lifting apparatus, flying rings, Indian clubs, dumbbells, wands, adequate steel lockers and other necessary equipment have been installed.

In addition to basket ball, the high school girls are playing indoor base ball and much interest has been aroused in this sport, especially among the freshman girls. The lassies play the game with from eight to twelve on a side, and are learning to bat, run bases and field like veterans. The Ninth A team is making the best showing.

Much "Folk Dancing."

As in the grade schools, dancing has been given considerable attention, the Swedish folk dances, polkas and mazurkas being the favorites.

A feature of the daily gymnastic work is the weekly "speldown" in physical culture movement in which the girls of all classes take part. Every girl making the slightest mistake is counted out until the best remains. Miss Dumont finds this way of encouraging competition among her classes especially effective.

"Long" base has proven the sport feature of the grade schools, the game having been played since last fall, when it was introduced by Mr. Carns.

To score a run it is necessary for a player to reach "long" and return to home without being touched by the ball or in any other way called out. Nine innings constitute a full contest.

Volley Ball Popular.

Volley ball and rope skipping also are included in the list of athletics for the girls in the public schools, although many of the principals object to the latter for fear of over exertion.

While the boys are looking forward to their big outdoor track meet, which will be held at Rourke park in May, the girls are planning their May pole dances, which will be held the same month. Members of the Board of Education are trying to determine whether or not such "fairyland" action should be taught the girls. Superintendent E. U. Graff is heartily in favor of the idea and looks upon the dances as a part of the organized system of play which Superintendent Carns is trying firmly to establish. Only the girls of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades will take part in this festival.

Mrs. Martha W. Christy, principal of the Edward Rosewater school, personally has taken the reins in her own hands and is teaching the girls of her seventh grade class the May pole dance with all its steps and windings. It is the object of this early training to thoroughly prepare the girls of this school so that they may instruct others. The May pole dance steps as outlined by Mrs. Christy contain many intricate and difficult movements, but nevertheless the young enthusiasts are making great headway in their work.

The Young Women's Christian association is lending willing aid towards promoting athletics for the school girls and about 125 are enrolled in the semi-weekly classes, which are given expert gymnastic training under direction of Miss Lillian Downer.

Central School Program.

A feature event was held at Central school building last Monday, when a program of folk dances and games was given for the benefit of persons interested in them. Under the direction of Miss Mary Flitch, principal, a class of some forty lassies went through a difficult program.

A series of intricate dances, including "Ace of Diamonds," "Swedish Blazing," "Swedish Chop" and Irish Jigs, was given. The Hungarian game, a series of connected movements of grace, was played by twelve girls on the gymnasium floor.

Mrs. Nora Lemon, principal of Lothrop school, and Miss Simons, the Cass school leader, are encouraging the idea of organized games among their girls and personally direct the games.

Holovitchiner Likes Dances.

Dr. Holovitchiner of the Board of Education is one of the foremost advocates of the idea of public school athletics for girls, and believes that the May pole dance and forms of folk dances being taught at present should not be referred to as dances, but should be considered as part of the physical culture training.

An innovation this year will be the tennis tournament for high school girls. A spring singles and doubles tourney will be played on the high school courts at Twenty-second street and Capitol avenue and at Happy Hollow next month. Miss Laura Zimmerman, '12, holds the present singles honors, having won the silver trophy cup of the school in succession during the last two years. Other girls who are considered strong contenders for honors with the racquet this spring are Louise Fellers, challenger of Miss Zimmerman last fall; Miss Helen Johnston, runner-up in last fall's singles tourney; Elizabeth Rainey, Dorothy McMurray and Katherine Woodworth. The loving cup now in the possession of Miss Zimmerman will be contested for again this season.

Through the efforts of the Racquet club of the school it is expected that at least 100 girls will become interested in tennis this spring.

The big event of interest this week will be the class basket ball tourney, in which the sophomore, junior and senior girls' quintets will compete for the 1912 school championship. Each team has been practicing hard for the last three weeks and rivalry is intense.

Following is a complete list of all the girls on the class squads who will play this week:

Seniors—Marie Warthun, captain and



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT—MARIE WARTHUN, CAPTAIN AND RIGHT FORWARD; MISS MARY HERBERT, COACH; MARTHA HADRA, GUARD; NORMA SCHEUBEL, RIGHT GUARD; ELSIE ROGERS, LEFT GUARD; DOROTHY MCMURRAY, CENTER; NORMA WHITE, SUBSTITUTE CENTER, AND ELIZABETH RAINY, LEFT FORWARD.

right forward; Elizabeth Rainey and Helga Rasmussen, forwards; Dorothy McMurray, center; Norma White, substitute center; Norma Scheubel, Elsie Rogers, Mary Marston and Martha Hadra, guards.

Juniors—Nettie Muir, captain and left forward; Alice Peters and Carmelita Jenkins, forwards; Laura Myers, center; Ruth Comp, Leila Whitley and Hazel Leverton, guards.

Sophomores—Frances Bolland, captain and right forward; Lillie Samuelson and Frances Waterman, forwards; Lucile Henchman, center; Lou Scheubel, substitute center; Barbara Churchill and Amy Zehau, guards.

PROFESSORS HELP THE STATE

Prof. E. A. Ross Tells of the Way it is Done in Wisconsin.

SUGGESTS IT FOR NEBRASKA

Sociology Expert Will Talk This Evening on China Before Palmetto Club—Has Traveled Extensively in China.

The state of Nebraska should seek the services of its university professors as advisers to legislative committees and as members of public boards and commissions, according to Prof. E. A. Ross, of the Department of Sociology of the University of Wisconsin, formerly with the University of Nebraska. He advocated this in an address at the luncheon of the Commercial club's public affairs' committee yesterday.

Prof. Ross told of the close relations between the Wisconsin state government and the faculty of Wisconsin university. Thirty-six members of the faculty, he said, are serving the state in one capacity or another; and on the other hand, state officials and experts lecture before the students of the university.

The advantages he pointed out are: The state gets the services of experts in their line at the same price for which they sell their services to the university, much less than it would take to employ experts in private business; the arrangement stimulates the professors by contact with material current problems and through the professors stimulates the students; the students trains the young men of the university for efficient service of the state.

Often Asked Advice.

Members of the faculty, Prof. Ross said, are constantly called upon for information and advice by committees of the legislature and by state commissions, especially in matters regarding labor legislation and control of public utilities.

"In my five and one-half years on the faculty of the University of Nebraska," he said, "no human being ever suggested to me that I attend a committee meeting of the legislature.

"I have often wondered why people of Nebraska have never thought of this. It is worth while your investigation. It is worth while to appoint committees to study the situation in Wisconsin and see if there are not some features which will commend themselves to you."

The professors do not "seek these positions," the speaker said; some even "kick" us having to work so hard, but yield when they consider that they are doing something for the state. And no professor will yield to the temptation to do a wrong thing in public matter, in the opinion of Prof. Ross, for even if he were disposed to yield, for a consideration, the thought that his professional career would be ruined, would deter him.

Prof. Ross will address the Palmetto club this evening.

A. M. Klingman, efficiency engineer of the Adams-Bagnell Electric company of Cleveland, O., addressed the club relative to city lighting. He explained various systems of electric lighting and said good lighting will increase the attractiveness of the city, make possible more efficient police protection, will furnish an incentive to civic pride, which leads to better government, and will even increase healthfulness, because electric light accentuates the appearance and extent of dirt and will cause people to take measures to clean up.

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NINTH GRADE OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' GYMNASIUM CLASS.

FARM LANDS ARE INUNDATED

Effects of Excessive Precipitation Beginning to Be Felt.

MUCH DYNAMITE BEING USED

Another Snowfall Comes Friday Night and Nebraska and Wyoming Are Covered to Depth of One to Three Inches.

Nebraska was again visited by snow Friday night. It is from one to three inches deep and very wet, remaining where it fell. From Schuyler west to North Platte the fall averaged three inches in depth, being practically the same over the south half of the state and the north half of Kansas.

Railroad officials are taking steps to save property from flood damages, which they say is inevitable within the next few days. In most of the streams the ice is now as solid as during January and the theory is that when warm weather comes and the water from the melting snow flows into the streams they will be converted into racing torrents, sweeping bridges and everything before them.

Steps are now being taken to save the bridges. All of the roads have their dynamite experts at work. Quantities of the explosive have been sent out along the respective lines, where it is being used on the ice for from 100 to 200 yards above the bridges. In the interior of the state most of the streams are now bank full of water.

Gorge Five Miles Long.

High water in the Blue River continues to give the Union Pacific some trouble on the line south of Beatrice. However, on account of colder weather down there, the water is not as high as a couple of days ago.

The Burlington has reduced the gorge where its line crosses the Cheyenne river near Edgemont. The bridge has been saved and this morning the five passenger trains that had been held for a couple of days were moved on toward their destination. The gorge was five miles long, made up of ice that had frozen to the bottom of the stream. The water had spread out over the bottom and was eating away the roadbed. Two superintendents and half a dozen dynamite-handling experts had been working on the gorge for three days, but they were unable to budge it.

Thursday General Manager Holdrege hurried to the scene and Friday took charge of the work. As a result he had trains and ice moving full speed.

Too Much Heat.

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In western Iowa conditions are even

worse than in Nebraska. There snow is so deep and the roads so bad that even the rural mail carriers are unable to make their trips. There are four carriers at Blanchard, Ia., and it has been more than a week since any of them went over their routes. The snow has drifted badly and in the fenced lanes and the adjoining fields the snow is from two to six feet deep, making travel next to impossible.

Farm Lands Under Water.

From Blanchard, Ia., to Tarkio, Mo., twenty or more miles, last summer a ditch ten feet deep and thirty feet wide on top was cut for the purpose of draining the Tarkio river bottoms. Now the ditch in not only bank full, but the water has spread out for a mile or so on either side, inundating valuable farm lands to a depth of from two to four feet and the main body of the snow has hardly commenced to melt.

PLATTE RIVER RISING RAPIDLY

Bridges, Haystacks and Farm Houses Are Threatened by Floods.

C. D. Woodward, a sand contractor, says the Platte river near Louisville is flowing over its banks and rapidly converting the lower bottoms into lakes.

Melting snow and the break-up of the ice has caused numerous small ice jams and forced the water above the level of the low banks. Houses and hay stacks in the lower bottom fields are threatened and precaution is being taken to reinforce bridges across the channels.

River bridges are, in places tottering and warning signs that it is dangerous to cross on them now are being posted.

Household Hints.

If cockroaches reappear after you have once exterminated them, send a package of insect powder to your next door neighbor.

In case of fire in your house, retain your presence of mind and let your fire insurance policy be the first thing you carry out.

There are preparations that will kill the odor of tobacco smoke in your parlors, but as a rule they smell worse than the tobacco smoke.

Never give a house party when painters and decorators are at work in the house.

The only sure way to keep the children from hearing you swear is to cut out the words entirely.

Never build a split fence. It doesn't deaden the sound of your neighbor's piano in the slightest degree.—Chicago Tribune.

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ALL ON CITIZENS' TICKET RUN

Word Received from J. A. Swanson and Petition is Started.

REDICK GOES AFTER NAMES

Juggling Just Before Endorsement Cuts Off Names of Some Who Had Expected to be on the List.

Comment on the slate promulgated by the Citizens' union indicates that instead of uniting public opinion the action of the executive committee has created additional confusion and among some people formerly unprejudiced a bitter dissatisfaction.

Those who have been selected by the Citizens' union frankly admit that the game is by no means ended and are preparing for one of the hottest campaigns ever pulled off in a city not unacquainted with political confusion and upheaval.

Disappointment was suffered by a surprisingly large number of aspirants for the endorsement, for in the last few hours of juggling for the seven favorites the personnel was changed frequently. City officials and some not connected with the "gang in control" had been given to understand they would be endorsed.

In the last few hours of travail after the situation had been discussed for eight months, it is admitted that a compromise was reached whereby favorite names were neglected in order to lessen the sound of discord in the committee.

None of the endorsers will withdraw. Friends of John A. Swanson, now in California, have received word from him, saying he will accept the nomination an will make the race. Doubt as to his willingness to run had been prevalent and candidates for the vacancy were springing up.

Judge W. A. Redick took out a petition blank this morning and will circulate it for signatures. A petition was also taken out for Mr. Swanson and will be circulated in his absence.

City hall officials and habitués as a whole were not surprised at the slate except in the naming of a councilman.

George W. Craig, who it is understood was once slated for the Citizens' union endorsement, as were also Alfred C. Kennedy, John A. Rine and A. C. Kugel, declared he believed the slate had good men, but was also weak in some of the endorsers, but he did not specify.

John A. Rine, who had expected the endorsement up to the last few changes

of the slate, optimistically viewed the

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BOMB IN THE CHANCELLORIES

General von Bernhardi Issues Book that is Not Liked.

OUTLINES FIELD OF NEXT WAR

Insists Germany's Salvation Lies in Her Ability to Meet and Conquer Enemies in Detail—Lottery to Boost Aeroplane.

BERLIN, March 22.—"Germany and the Next War" is the title of a new book now in press by General Friedrich von