

HIGH DEBATING LEAGUE STARTS ANNUAL CONTEST

Compulsory Military Training in High School Is Subject of Argument in District Series.

Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The Nebraska High School Debating league has begun its 11th annual contests in schools throughout the state. Organized in 1908 with a membership of 30 schools, the league has for several years been the largest organization of its kind in the United States, having a membership of about 100.

The league question for 1917-1918 is the following: "Resolved, That compulsory military training should be established in the Public High Schools of the United States." The schools that win in the first series contests in the 11 districts into which the state is divided will be paired for the second series district debates, the winners in which will meet to decide the district championships. The final debate will be held on high school day, in May, at the University of Nebraska.

The schedule of first series contests, announced by Prof. M. M. Fogg, the president of the league, is as follows:

Eastern district—Principal J. G. Masters, Omaha Central, director.

Omaha Central-Plattsmouth, at Plattsmouth, March 15; North Bend-Weeping Water, at Weeping Water, March 15.

East Central district—Principal Frank G. Pickell, Lincoln, director.

Wilber-Milford; Crete-Raymond; Lincoln-University Place; Teachers College-High school.

North Central district—Superintendent E. M. Short, Oakland, director.

Northwestern district—Superintendent W. R. Pate, Alliance, director.

Madison-Battle Creek; West Port-Wisner, March 22; Madison-North Platte, March 22; Oakland; Albion.

Sidney-Kimball; Morrill-Gering; Alliance-Harrison, at Harrison; Gordon-Valentine, at Valentine; Bayard.

Northeastern district—Superintendent J. R. Armstrong, Wayne, director.

Emerson-Wayne, at Wayne; Newcastle-Fonda; Bloomfield-Randolph.

Southern district—Superintendent C. S. Gilbert, Edgar, director.

Edgar-Ohiowa; Shickley-Ped Cloud; Superior-Hardy.

Southeastern district—Superintendent I. N. Clark, Pawnee City, director.

Pawnee City-Humboldt, at Pawnee City; Tecumseh-Auburn, at Tecumseh; Falls City-Beatrice; Wymore.

Southwestern district—Superintendent W. T. Davis, McCook, director.

Alma-Orleans; Beaver City-Oxford; Arapahoe-Cambridge; McCook-Bartley.

Western district—Superintendent H. W. Wendland, Minden, director.

Sutherland-Cozad; Kearney-North Platte; Gibbon-Shelton; Holdrege-Kenesaw; Minden-Harvard; Hastings.

West Central district—Superintendent Don R. Leech, Sargent, director.

Sargent-Ord, at Ord; Broken Bow-Ansley, at Ansley; St. Paul-Ravenna, at Ravenna.

High Court Lays Down Rule on Property Damage

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The supreme court reverses the Douglas county district court in a case brought by Francis J. Burkley against the City of Omaha in which he recovered damages because of grading a certain street which left the property of the plaintiff 20 feet from a cross street and on a "blind alley."

The higher court holds that where part of a street is vacated the general rule is that any property owners whose property abuts upon the vacated part of the street and who are thus cut off from access to their property, are entitled to damages on account of such vacation and the fact that the property, by reason of the vacation, is located in a blind alley or "cul-de-sac" makes no difference.

Balance of Loan Must Be Paid Under Court Order

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, March 17.—(Special.)—The Automobile Mutual Insurance company of Omaha must repay to Harry L. Nehls the balance of a \$5,000 loan made to the company June 30, 1913, and for which he secured a judgment in the Douglas county district court.

William H. Springer, Lawrence D. Spaulding and Edward W. Wellman are the alleged organizers of the company and on a representation that the money was to be used as a deposit in the treasury of the company as required by law. They were to pay back \$4,000 in 10 days and the balance in 30 days. It is alleged that the last \$1,000 has not been paid.

Nebraska and Iowa Women Placed in War Department

Washington, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Mildred M. Miles, David City, Neb.; Rose L. Forrest, Sioux City, Ia.; Mrs. Sidney J. Patterson and Katherine L. German, Ottumwa, Ia.; Grace E. Kuyion, Peru, Neb.; Ethel E. Nelson, Hillman, Ia.; Mary G. Hadley, Ames, Ia.; Mrs. Hilda E. Allen, Charles City, Ia.; Eileen F. O'Neil, Sioux City, Ia., all have been appointed clerks in the War department.

Dorothy A. George of Clinton, Ia., has been appointed clerk in the War Risk Insurance department.

Civil service examinations will be held on April 27, for fourth class postmasters at Amelia and Prosser, Neb.

South Dakota postoffices discontinued: Amburt, Hardin county, mail to Buffalo; Reserve, Stanley county, mail to Larouche.

Rural letter carries appointed: Nebraska—Hubbard, Hans A. Hansen; Seward, Ernest E. Brown.

Iowa—Breda, Tony L. Wand; Cresco, Robert C. Daley; Goose Lake, Rudolph A. Grossman; Gowrie, Victor E. Liegert; Lovilia, Charley V. Snow; Manning, John H. Mohr; Monona, Edwin J. Haig; Redding, Ebon M. McAninch; Whiting, Laurence A. Peterson.

Lincoln Woman Ends Life After Domestic Quarrel

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, March 17.—(Special.)—The public dance hall in Lincoln has scored another victim, according to the evidence surrounding the suicide of Mrs. Wilbur E. James, a young woman of 19 and the bride of a year, who shot herself last night and died almost immediately, after a quarrel with her husband.

Mrs. James had been attending the dances quite regularly. Her husband objected as he was employed at night. They had had frequent quarrels over the matter and James had left her at one time. She followed him to Kansas City and got him to return, but she would not give up the dances and a couple of days ago James left home and moved his effects to another house. Mrs. James had made up her mind to quit the dances yesterday when she talked with her husband and tried to get him back, but he refused and she went directly home and shot herself.

This is the tenth suicide in Lincoln within a few months.

Thrown to Pavement as He Attempts to Board Car

Anton Fetz, 2940 Castelar street, was thrown to the pavement and rendered unconscious when he attempted to board a moving street car at Thirty-third and Q streets Saturday afternoon. He suffered a cut on the back of the head and bruises about the face. He was attended by Dr. Betts, and regained consciousness soon after being taken to the South Omaha hospital, where his condition was reported as not serious.

Trusted Official Pleads Guilty to Changing Records

Yankton, S. D., March 17.—(Special.)—In circuit court here the auditor of Bon Homme county, J. J. Maus, in office for 16 years, very popular and respected, pleaded guilty to falsifying his country records, by forging county warrants, and was sentenced to two years in state penitentiary. An official examination of the books of Bon Homme county led to the discovery of Maus' manipulation of the books, and his confession followed.

Dance Proceeds Given To the Red Cross Fund

Holdrege, March 17.—(Special.)—The Holdrege local of the Commercial Travelers association enriched the county Red Cross fund by \$604.71 this week when they turned over the net proceeds of their Valentine dance.

McCook School Head Resigns.

McCook, Neb., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Superintendent W. T. Davis of the McCook schools has submitted his resignation to the board and it has been accepted. Superintendent Davis will take up school work elsewhere. The board will meet the latter part of this week to consider the employment of his successor.

Pleasanton Home Guards Formed With 115 Members

Pleasanton, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—A company of home guards was formed here Saturday, with 115 members. D. Phillips was chairman of the meeting and Robert Harris secretary.

HYMENIAL. Bertagnolle-Schmidt.

Miss Alice Schmidt, daughter of Emil Schmidt and Olivia Bertagnolle, of Hudson, Wyo., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge, Saturday at 1. They were accompanied by Miss Elsie Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rogerson.

McFarren-Messick. Miss Lillian Messick and J. R. McFarren were married at Dalton, Tuesday.

Son Drafted in Army, Ends Life When Mother Dies

Tecumseh, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The funeral of Fred C. Nelson was held today. He was the son of W. C. Nelson of Billings, Mont., and committed suicide on a Burlington train near Spokane, Wash., following the death of his mother, who died of heart disease brought on by the excitement incident to her son going into the army.

Arlington Red Cross Sale Nets Seven Thousand Dollars

Arlington, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Saturday's Red Cross sale here netted more than \$7,000. More than 100 head of stock donated for the purpose were sold at auction.

Plan Auto Exhibit.

Holdrege, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The second annual auto exhibit will be held in the Auditorium next week. Already all exhibit space has been taken and a big tent put up in the street north of the Auditorium to care for overflow and trucks. There will be music and entertainment provided throughout the day and night for visitors.

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IRISH HONOR THE MEMORY OF THEIR BELOVED SAINT

With Weather Conditions Perfect, People of Omaha Turn Out in Large Numbers to Observe St. Patrick's Day.

Fair weather and a balmy atmosphere were nature's greetings to St. Patrick's day.

The people of Omaha did not allow it to pass without exacting its full quota of enjoyment. Parks were crowded with young and old, anxious to taste the spring air and feel again the warm damp ground under foot. One would have thought it Easter Sunday.

Farnam street was alive with smartly gowned women and well dressed men. Men in khaki were much in evidence, and peace and contentment were in evidence on every side.

"Twas indeed a great day for the Irish.

Apostle of Ireland. Special services were held in the morning at St. Patrick's church, where Archbishop Harty presided, was assisted by Rev. D. P. Harrington and Rev. P. C. Gannon. High mass was celebrated by Father Krajcick, assisted by Father McCarthy, deacon, and Father Teahon, sub-deacon. Rev. James Aherne preached the sermon. He referred to St. Patrick as "the apostle of Ireland," and told the history of the condition of the world after the invasion by the barbarians in the fifth century. How the Christians had been overcome and had even intermarried with the barbarians.

"It was then that Ireland came into the foreground and was known as the Isle of Saints and Scholars," said the speaker.

"But another blow was to fall. Protestant England waged war on her for 300 years until nothing was left but the remnant of her glorious institutions.

After One Hundred Years. "One hundred years have passed, and the Irish have again shown themselves to be the missionaries of the world. That little isle is less in size than the diocese of Grand Island, yet one out of every eight of the hierarchy of the church are Irish." The speaker asserted that the Irish are called upon to put the church of God before the English speaking nations, and told of the need of priests during and after the present war.

Archbishop Harty delivered a Douglas 691. Burkley Envelope and Printing Co. 417 S. 12th St.

Supreme Court Suspends Rail Order On Ground It Hits Federal Control

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, March 17.—(Special.)—The Nebraska state supreme court has taken "judicial notice that a state of war exists."

The case comes to the high court from an appeal by the receiver of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company insofar that the railway commission had no jurisdiction over train service so long as the government had charge of the roads.

The case was one in which the commission had ordered the Missouri Pacific to maintain a passenger train on its Crete branch. The company objected to the order and questioned the jurisdiction of the commission.

The court sends the case back to the commission with this language: "Without deciding that the order was unreasonable when made—though inclined to so hold—we are reluctant to sustain it under these circumstances. We have concluded that the order should remain in abeyance until an opportunity is given to the railway commission to consider how far the order may infringe upon the power given by congress to the director general of railways over the operation of the railroads during the war, and whether under the present condition the order should not be vacated."

Mason City Furniture Man Held on Disloyalty Charge

Fort Dodge, Ia., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred A. Granzow, furniture dealer in Mason City, was brought before Deputy Federal Clerk James Martin here yesterday on information filed by Federal Attorney A. F. O'Connor of the northern Iowa district. He is charged with violating the espionage act by making disloyal statements against the United States and the Red Cross and also obstructing the recruiting and enlisting of soldiers. He waived preliminary hearing and his bond was fixed at \$1,500. Granzow giving a certified check for the amount. The charge is denied.

Death Knell to Liquor. Annapolis, Md., March 17.—The death knell of liquor selling in the old capital city of Maryland, within a

five-mile zone of the United States, bells of St. Anne's church and the naval academy, was sounded at 4 o'clock this afternoon by the clock hotel bars were closed.

Program During Evening. An audience which taxed the capacity of the Creighton auditorium was present at the annual St. Patrick's day entertainment, given under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Every seat was taken, people standing in the aisles when the Liberty quarter sang the opening strains of the "Star Spangled Banner." John Rush presided as chairman and following a short, stirring speech, presented James O'Hara, speaker of the evening.

Mr. O'Hara recited the history of the Irish people, of its struggles and trials. He was interrupted frequently by applause. A varied musical program was offered, interspersed with fancy dancing.

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