Debating Teams of High Schools Start Contests

Fifteenth Year of State League Discusses Closed Shop Question and Public Opinion.

Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—In the first 20 district contests of the Nebraska High School Debating league's fifteenth year the results were as follows, the school named first in each case maintaining the affirmative of the league question, "Resolved, That the Movement of Organized Labor for the Closed Shop Should Receive the Support of Public Opinion:"

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Supt. E. C. Bishop, Bradshaw, Director.

Hampton, Amelia Kolling, Leroy, Zierott; Hilery Piotts, Maurice Dery, Bradshaw, Miss Crain, Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Peterson. At Hampton, February 10. Won by Bradshaw, 2 to 1. Judges: Prof. H. H. Woods, York college; County Attorney J. J. Reinhart, Aurora; Carl Miller, York. Presiding, R. C. Houghton, Hampton.

Gresham, Dorthea Peters, Lois Rasp, Esther Brittell, Geneva, George Keeler, Howard Hamilton, Donald Warner. At Gresham, February 10. Won by Gresham, 2 to 1. Judges: Father Schertck, Osceola High school; Supt. James F. Callaway, Waco; Alice Carpenter, Osceola High school.

York, Guy Tucker, Floyd Doty, Leslie Smith, Everett Graters. Clay Center, Ellis Price, Eugene Hayiett, Ernest Spragler. At York, February 8. Won by York, unanimous. Judges: Prof. E. H. Wells, Wesleyan university; Guy C. Cambers, Lincoln; H. N. Landis, Seward. Presiding, W. W. Wycoff, York.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Principal R. M. Marrs, South High School, Omaha, Director.

Peru Demonstration High, Welcome Wills, Celia Kizer, Roscoe Wright, Grant Casey. Plattsmouth, Raymond Bookmeyer, Allison Flynn, Carl Wurl. At Peru, February 2. Won by Peru Demonstration High, 2 to 1. Judges: S. J. Ellenberger, Peru; Mrs. E. W. Grandy, Auburn High school; Principal L. E. Peterson, Nebraska City High school. Presiding, Principal Brownell, Peru Demonstration High school.

Peru Demonstration High, George Gee, Avery Stevens, Grant Casey, Celia Kizer, Schuyler, Ineg Binder, Harold Wood, Gertrude Barber. At Peru, February 16. Won by Schuyler, unanimous. Judges: Principal Bertha Weilhausen, Auburn; Rev. E. M. Wilcox, Nebraska City; Harry Linton, Tecumseh High school. Presiding, Arthur Majors, Endicott.

South High, Harry Gleand, Philip Brun, Ben Kaslowsky. Schuyler, Evelyn Vrzak, Harold Woods, Gertrude Barber. At South Omaha, January 26. Won by Schuyler, 2 to 1.

EAST-CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Principal C. W. Taylor, Teachers' College High School, Lincoln, Director.

Cathedral High (Paul Haberlan, Eugene Sullivan, Gaylord Ford); College View (Ivan Brinsbach, David Reeder, Harold Lovell, Edward Inhelder). At College View, February 2. Won by Cathedral, unanimous. Judges: E. J. Magi, Lincoln; George R. Mann, Lincoln; Dr. P. L. Hall, Lincoln. Presiding, Principal L. E. Fisher, College View High.

Bethany (Valphine Lodwig, Neva Crandall, Aldrew Harman, James McCord), University Place (Paul Schlmetz, Walter Gass, Loren Winship, George Wilson). At Bethany, February 13. Won by University Place, 2 to 1. Judges: Professor J. A. Rice, University of Nebraska; Professor Fullbrock, University of Nebraska; George R. Mann, Lincoln, Presiding, Rev. C. F. Stevens, Bethany.

Wilber (William Hein, Edward Jennings, Camille Barton), (Walten (Margaret Spatz, Ella Mae McDonald, Seth McGinity). At Wilber, February 8. Won by Wilber, 2 to 1. Judges: S. Stowater, Wesleyan university; S. B. Hieb, Doane college; Beth Mickle, Doane college. Presiding, Superintendent E. G. Hopkins, Wilber.

Ashland (Grinnell Almy, Mary Campbell, Charles Flood), Weeping Water (Donald Spell, Dagmar Olsen, Barbara Tabb). At Ashland, February 1. Won by Ashland. Judges: Mayor H. G. Anderson, Ashland. Presiding, Miss Genivieve Scott, Ashland.

NORTH-CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Superintendent L. J. Surface, Albion, Director.

Battle Creek, (Nelda Werner, Dorothy Shriner, Virginia Hackler), St. Edward (Evelyn Johnson, Elton Breckenridge, Ruth Cross). At St. Edward, February 16. Won by St. Edward, unanimous. Judges: Hon. George N. Seymour, Elgin; Judge Louis Lightner, Columbus; George Rose, Geneva. Presiding, Superintendent G. O. Kelley, St. Edward.

Albion (Frederick Weitzel, Ivan Ross, Harold Stebbins), Norfolk (Helen Anderson, Edith Van Alstine, Clair Johnson). At Albion, February 16. Won by Norfolk, 2 to 1. Judges: Supt. R. E. Bailey, Newman Grove; F. H. Price, Newman Grove; Mr. Walker, Columbus. Presiding, R. I. Blatter, Albion High school.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Principal E. E. Stone, Fairbury, Director.

Nelson (William Kauffman, Edith Roby, Paul Bruce), Superior (Clarence Gitting, Maurice Henderson, Robert Sowular, Earl Slates). At Nelson, February 21. Won by Superior, unanimous. Judges: Prof. C. W. Hochstetler, Hastings college; Prof. R. M. McDill, Hastings college; Prof. J. A. Dunn, Hastings college. Presiding, Supt. J. G. Mandalian, Nelson.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.

Supt. E. M. Short, Wymore, Director.

Beatrice (Arnold Van Borkum, Earl Adams, Wayne Waddell; Floyd Schnieder), Pawnee City (Maynard Arnot, Harold Bosley, Donald Becker; Roy Beebe). At Beatrice, February 16. Won by Beatrice, 2 to 1. Judges: Prof. E. H. Wells, Wesleyan university; Prof. L. E. Aylsworth, University of Nebraska; Prof. J. E. Lefkosicrch, University of Nebraska. Presiding, Harold Mattoon, Beatrice.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT.

Supt. J. C. Mitchell, Holdrege, Director.

Holdrege (Mary Tidball, Charles Bruce, Paul Copeland; Dena Hodges), Oxford (Edith Sley, Floyd Ivey, Margaret Maskprang). At Holdrege, February 13. Won by Holdrege, unanimous. Judges: Dean F. E. Weyer, Hastings college; E. T. Grether, University of Nebraska; H. F. Russell, Hastings. Presiding, L. E. Chadderdon, Holdrege.

Cambridge, (Gwendolyn McCabe, Grace Marple, Paul Dick; Harold Simons)—Wilsonville (Marjery Mackey, Velma Bassford, Lucile Anderson; Margaret Rice.) At Cambridge, Feb. 7. Won by Cambridge, unanimous. Judges: Mrs. Vance Smith, Holbrook High school; Miss Grandstaff, Holbrook High school; Supt. L. S. Devoe, Oxford. Presiding, Supt. J. W. Hussey, Cambridge.

Ragan (Catherine Black, Emma Sohus, Otha Anderson)—Bertrand (Lois Clark, Carl Johnson, Oscar Larson). At Ragan, Feb. 9. Won by Bertrand, 2 to 1. Judges: Supt. W. H. LeBar, Wilcox; Principal Cook, Wilcox; Rev. Ed. Jeamby, DeWitt. Presiding, Alice Bremwell, Bertrand High school.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Supt. C. L. Littel, North Platte, Director.

Ogallala (Loyd Pounds, John Thies, Henry Geisert; Erick Linquist), Grant (Ruth Troxel, Mary Burge, Harry Wartwik; Vera Roberts). At Ogallala, Feb. 16. Won by Grant, unanimous. Judges: L. A. Devoe, Ogallala; O. W. Percy, Ogallala; Mrs. Hastings, Grant. Presiding, Supt. R. Eton Emery, Grant.

WEST-CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Supt. B. A. Kennedy, Greeley, Director.

Burwell (Jesse Pearl, Odessa Griffith, Edna Harred; Winnifred Grunkemeyer—Ord (Eugene Leggett, Hazel Mason, Helen Wilson; Walter Gabriel). At Burwell, Feb. 20. Won by Burwell, 2 to 1. Judges: Co. Judge Scott, Greeley; Co. Judge Gudmenson, Ord; Co. Judge Fenner, Burwell. Presiding, Supt. W. H. Waddel, Burwell.

University of Nebraska.

The following promotions and appointments have been made among the cadet officers of the R. O. T. C. To be cadet first lieutenants: Cadet Second Lieut. E. H. Hickman, Cadet Second Lieut. Louis K. Hughes, Cadet Second Lieut. Robert Doherty, Cadet Second Lieut. M. A. Buchanan, Cadet Edward L. McMonies. To be cadet second lieutenants: Cadet E. C. Richardson, Cadet M. M. Payne, Cadet Millard R. Getty, Cadet Francis B. Millson, Cadet James F. Miller.

The university band gave its first concert program of the season Thursday. The band, under the leadership of William T. Quick, is composed of 53 pieces and is one of the best student bands in the country. The soloist, Burford Gage, is an accomplished musician who has studied music for 11 years under some of the best teachers in the state and has been with the university band for three years.

Simpson College Wins Against K. C. Debaters

Indianola, Ia., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—In a preliminary to the annual national convention of the Pi Kappa Delta forensic fraternity which will be held at Simpson college the latter part of March, the Simpson debating team defeated Kansas City university in a debate here.

The Simpson team supported the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, that the principal of the closed shop is justifiable." The debate was judged by Prof. J. H. Parker, debate coach at Des Moines university. He gave the Simpson team 232 points as against 223 for the Kansas City team.

The Simpson team was composed of Homer Wood and John L. Hillman of Indianola and Lauren Thomas of Dow City, Wilbur Curry, Clayton Campbell and C. Bond were the Kansas City debaters.

Clerk Who Wrote Blackmail Letters Is Rearrested

Washington, Feb. 26.—George E. Long, clerk in the bureau of insular affairs of the War department, released Friday night after he confessed that he was author of the death threat letters sent to several prominent Washington society women, was rearrested.

The arrest of Long followed a conference between the police and District Attorney Gordon after which it was declared that "as a precaution for the safety of the public," Long was taken into custody to undergo mental observation.

The women whom he had frightened had refused to prosecute when they learned that Long had a sick wife and three children.

Cotner College.

The Alpha Kappa Pi girls' athletic organization, held a masquerade party in the gymnasium Friday. Sixty-five girls attended in costume.

Cotner entertained the student volunteer convention, February 17, 18, 19. Nearly 150 delegates were present from 14 different schools of the state. The speakers were Dr. Vartania, a native of Armenia, and head of the Bible department of the Omaha university; Dr. Gohen, a missionary from India; Capt. Riene, a student volunteer secretary; S. Parker Cadman and Mrs. A. D. Harmon of Cotner.

The nominations for the officers of the Y. W. C. A. for the coming year have been announced. They are: President, Vera Snapp; Bertha Fishback; vice president, Betty Britt, Golda Conwell, secretary, Irene Stauffer, Blanche Lindemeyer; treasurers, Beatrice McFall, Ruth Atwood. Elections will be held March 1.

A series of special meetings will begin Monday night. These services will continue through the week. President Harmon will be the speaker each evening.

The Bulldog staff is rapidly collecting the material for the Bulldog. All the pictures have been taken and the snapshots depicting student life are in the hands of the engravers. The writeups for the different departments are being compiled and will soon be in the hands of the printer. The staff is promising a splendid book this year. Miss Beatrice McFall is the editor; Clyde Sherman, business manager, and Henry Harmon, advertising manager.

Cotner will open the debating season Monday night in a dual contest with Grand Island college. The affirmative team composed of Richard McCann, Floyd Leavitt and Lawrence Berry, will represent Cotner at Grand Island. The team composed of Ray Bradley, Randolph Smith and Wayne Sorrell will uphold the negative at Cotner. A dual debate will be held with Nebraska Wesleyan, March 1.

Chadron Normal College.

President Elliott will attend the meeting of the National Educational association which will be held in Chicago.

Miss Work, dean of women, left Monday evening to attend the meeting of the deans of women of the normals and colleges of the country. This meeting precedes the one of the National Educational association. Miss Deizell, Miss Boyer and Miss Frasier act as the dormitory during Miss Work's absence.

Mrs. Ross Gearhart Morrison, assisted by Miss Munson, read the three-act drama of the civil war, "The Copperhead," by Augustus Thomas. The second part of the program consisted of old-fashioned readings and musical selections.

The second annual rural school conference of northwest Nebraska was held Tuesday. It was preceded by a community dinner given by the women of the rural neighborhood in the vicinity of Chadron. The conference was attended by rural school patrons from Sheridan and Dawes counties. The meeting was presided over by Orla Rucker of Dawes county. Two of the most interesting numbers on the program were exhibits by the children of District No. 31, Sheridan county, of which Mrs. Emma Moore is teacher, and those of District No. 62, Dawes county, whose teacher is Mrs. Graham. Mr. C. S. Marcy, who lives in Banner consolidated school district, southeast of Hay Springs, discussed school consolidation as it has been developed in Banner district. Miss Ella Flanders gave an address on the school library. Mrs. English gave an address on the cost of rural schools. Mr. O. O. Johnson of Sheridan county discussed the subject, "Better Schools." Professor Wilson of the normal gave an address on "Making the Rural School Conference a Permanent Organization."

Wayne Teachers' College.

Prof. O. R. Bowen of the Teachers college faculty is author of a new school text book, "The Government of Nebraska." This book is the first of its kind to be published since the revision of the state constitution in 1920 and meets the need of schools throughout the state for a new text dealing with the constitution and laws of Nebraska.

A sacred concert was sent out over the radiophone at the college Sunday. Reports of receiving at points 100 miles distant have come to Professor Britell, head of the department of physical science.

James Squire and Ernest Nelson, students of the expression department, delighted the audience with a short program consisting of several of Kipling's ballads. Miss Martha Pierce of the art department, spoke on the value of art.

Doane College.

Mrs. Carlson gave a program of piano numbers in the chapel Friday morning.

Miss Lucile Walsh, one of the favorite soprano soloists of the school of music, sang at the meeting of the press association in Lincoln.

Dr. F. M. Sheldon, secretary of the American Educational society, and Dr. Alden Clark of Boston left Wednesday after a very successful series of meetings with the students and conferences held with them about their life work.

The library of Prof. A. B. Show, which he willed to the college, has just arrived from Palo Alto, Cal. This is composed of 13 large boxes of books, some of which are very valuable.

Kearney Teachers' College.

Miss Bernice Sanford, dean of women in the University of Wyoming, addressed the Women's league on the subject of "School Spirit." She complimented the school on its attractive buildings, artistic environment and the cleanliness of the surroundings.

Three special programs were given last week in observance of the national "Good Music week." Under the direction of Miss Snidow, head of the music department, a variety of musical talent was secured for the programs.

York College.

About 18 teams expect to enter the basket ball tournament held by the Y club of York college here next week.

Mrs. Perkins, W. C. T. U. secretary, gave an interesting talk on temperance Tuesday.

The Palx Literary society have chosen the actors for their play "Clarence," which will be given in the near future.

The home economics department was entertained by Mrs. K. M. Steady at a Washington tea Thursday.

Grand Island College.

The student body is planning a pay social in the nature of a carnival to help defray the annual budget in college athletics.

Every member of the faculty and the student body is planning to make a personal pledge of money to be paid before April 22 as a gift to the continuation fund of the $100,000,000 campaign of the Northern Baptist convention.

Insurance Rate Increase Legal

Royal Highlander Officers Win Sweeping Victory by Decision of Courts.

Lincoln, Feb. 25.—In the district court of Lancaster county Judge Frederick Shepherd handed down a sweeping decision in the Royal Highlander rate controversy, when he declared the rates adopted by the September, 1921, convention of the order were legal and could be enforced. Judge Shepherd held that the society had a representative form of government.

Judge Shepherd found that the convention of 1921 was legally called and empowered to adopt rates, and that its enactment was authorized and legal; that the rates adopted at the convention were not unjust or discriminatory, but were such as the society had a right to adopt.

The suit to enjoin the new rates was brought by William Widener and other members of the Royal Highlanders for an order perpetually enjoining the executive officers from enforcing the table of rates. It was alleged by the plaintiffs that the rates were unjust and discriminated against the older members of the order and in favor of the younger members. The plaintiffs sought to revert to the old certificate rates.

Officers of the Highlanders claimed it was necessary to raise the rates in order to keep the society financially secure.

Farmer of Harvard Hangs Self in Home

Harvard, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Herman Korgan, wealthy retired farmer, committed suicide here by hanging at his home last night. No motive is known. He had lived alone for many years. The body was found by a brother.

State Teachers

The recent elections of school superintendents and teachers in different parts of the state indicate the attitude of the people with reference to the maintenance of the present salary schedule. McCook has elected their superintendent, J. H. True, and teachers at the same salary as this year. Fairbury reports similar action, re-electing W. H. Morton as superintendent. Superintendent Shirley of Wayne has been re-elected at his present salary and Superintendent Bixler of Emerson has been elected to succeed himself with a nice increase in salary. Superintendent Mapes will succeed himself at Bethany, Superintendent Surface of Albion, Superintendent Hanlen of Brock, all receive the same or larger salaries than they received last year. School boards that made a study of the situation are inclined to economize by dropping some department or supervisors, leaving the greater degree of this responsibility to the individual teacher. Elimination of one or two such positions makes it possible to retain their present corps of teachers who are familiar with conditions without reducing their salary, and at the same time show considerable reduction in school budget. Many boards are advising superintendents that they desire reduction of school expenses and passing the buck to him to cut down expenses. The superintendent's knowledge of the school plan puts him in a position where he should be able to recommend possible economies to the board.

Will Attend Meeting.

The school board of the Hartington city schools has instructed Superintendent Steinbach to betake himself to the department of superintendence of the National Educational association, which meets in Chicago this coming week. Superintendent Steinbach is going as an agent of the board to get the latest information in the matter of economy of school administration.

Superintendent Charles E. Green of Peru State Teachers' college has made a study of school taxes for school districts organized under article 22 of the school law, and on the assumption that schools of this size indicate the general financial condition of schools in the state, and has issued a report which has some very interesting information for those in charge of school finance.

Eighteen cities entered into the study and find that the average tax levied was 29.5 mills, of which 12.5 mills was for the school, 10.25 for the city, 3.4 for the county and 3.3 mills for the state.

The school millage for 1920 was 9.16 mills and for 1921, 10.25 mills, which was an average increase of 1.09 mills. The report also points out that the city government spends a great deal of money for the city which it does not receive by direct taxes. The schools raised 96.5 per cent of all their money from local taxes, while the city raises but 62 per cent, the other 38 per cent coming from the public from other sources.

Mr. Green substantiates these figures with others to show that the schools have made a small reduction in their expenditures this last year, while the city is responsible, even under the present method of income, of increasing their cost to the public. Mr. Green makes a study also of the factors that enter into the actual cost of education, such as the district valuation per pupil and the school tax rate, which gives the total amount of money raised for each pupil, and he finds that there has been 12 per cent less money raised for education this year than last year.

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