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DEBATE WANTED

THE SOCIETIES OF THE DEBATING LEAGUE ARE HONORED

The League of Iowa Municipalities Ask the Debating League to Discuss Public Utility Question before Them.

The League of the Municipalities of Iowa which was organized in eighteen ninety eight as a branch of the national organization of municipalities will, next October, hold their annual convention at Iowa City. The league is composed of about sixty of the cities and largest towns in the state and has for its purpose the advancement of the ideas and methods for the improvement of city government. The meeting this year was given to Iowa City by the combined invitation of the town and of the University. It is the purpose then of the University to aid in making it a success. Pres. LacLean, Prof. Loos and Prof. McBride have been elected honorary members of the organization in the recognition that they on past occasions have aided in the programs of the different conventions.

Mayor Stebbins and Mr. Pierce C '95 of Marshalltown who are on the committee for the arrangement of the program for next fall are laying plans to make this a joint affair between the University and town. They have therefore asked Prof. Loos to bring the matter before the debating league and ascertain if arrangements could be made with that organization for them to hold a joint debate on the question of public ownership of public utilities, a subject which will be especially important in the convention.

The public meeting will be held at the opera house, and the idea is to have two men take the affirmative and two men the negative and discuss this ownership at that public meeting, each speaker to have a twenty-minute speech. It is thought with the way the debating League's contest's have of getting to the bottom of a question and the fact that the university library contains a great deal of material upon this question under discussion, that a great many facts will be brought out before the representatives of the municipalities, which because of their lack of time and faculties for study are inaccessible to a great many of them.

It is certainly a compliment to the debating League to be asked to take part in the program, especially in the public utility question, which is of such importance in our city governments. The matter will be brought up before the debating League Friday night for their action. It is highly probable from the opinions expressed by several members of the societies that they will take part in the discussion.

Polygon will have a bob ride this evening.

A New Regent

Harvey Ingham, of Algona, who has represented the tenth district as regent of the university for the past term, was defeated yesterday for renomination.

In his place was chosen Mr. J. H. Allen of Pocahontas county. Mr. Allen graduated at the university in 1895 and since then has been engaged in the real estate business.

DRAKE'S ATHLETICS

WILL HAVE NO BASE BALL TEAM THIS YEAR

They Expect to Put a Good Track Team into the Field Next Year—Coach Best May Go

It was authoritatively stated yesterday that the athletic association at Drake University had decided to leave baseball severely alone. At a recent meeting of the athletic committee the subject was thoroughly discussed. Inasmuch as the experience financially in late years has proved disastrous to Drake, it was decided to keep out of the game. Furthermore, owing to the position which the college has taken, there is very little material to be worked up for a team, and in view of this condition, and especially on account of the fizzle heretofore, the committee determined to keep out. Whatever cash and talent there is will be utilized in bringing the track teams into condition for the field meet in May. Although a number of the point winners of the college have departed, it is stated that the new men are developing rapidly and the college will be enabled to put a good team in the field this year. It is admitted, however, that Drake cannot make as good a showing as heretofore. The lack of training quarters and the fact that there is no properly equipped gymnasium renders the work of a coach exceedingly difficult.

Owing to the fact of a financial deficit at the close of the season, the committee is averse to increasing the expenses this year, hence the prospects of a new coach. Coach Best has asked for a raise, but at that his demand is much below what other men in similar positions throughout the state receive. The committee is pondering whether to meet the demand or not. Best is considering meanwhile several propositions from universities and colleges that command more money than he receives at Drake and more, in fact than he has demanded.—Daily Capital.

Die Germania will enjoy a bob ride this evening.

Anna Barrett missed classes Tuesday on account of sickness.

Kappa Kappa Gamma will receive the faculty ladies Saturday afternoon at their rooms.

Mr. Webb, a Delta Upsilon of Northwestern University, visited University friends this week.

ISTHMIAN CANAL

DISCUSSED BY PROF SHIMEK TO HIS CLASSES

While in Central America he Studied It—The Nicaragua Route Much Preferable

In the botany lecture room Monday evening, Prof. Shimek gave a lecture to his students and to the general public on the popular question of the several Isthmian canal routes. Prof. Shimek made a batonical expedition for the University several years ago to Central America and while there made a study of the canal question, especially of the Nicaragua route, the details of which he followed the most of the way across. Since being there he has also been a careful student of the question and therefore in his lecture he covers the ground most exhaustively.

The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides with views of the surrounding country and topographical maps and diagrams.

Prof. Shimek said that the commerce of the world would be greatly benefited by a canal connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific, but that the best route is the debated question. He therefore made a brief review of the many various routes which have been proposed and surveyed but the only two of great interest are the Panama and Nicaraguan routes. The third, the San Juas, being not seriously considered. The fight against any canal is being made by the trans-continental railroads who do not want to compete with the cheaper rates which the canal would make.

The Tehauntepec railroad scheme, by which the ships would be raised and being placed on cars would be carried across the Isthmus, is a simple and practicable method, besides it would not be expensive.

The estimated cost of all the various routes are too high because many labor saving machines will be invented. The building of the Suez canal can be cited as an instance in which this took place.

He described the several different canals upon which work has been done and explained the workings of the locks in a canal. In speaking of the Nicaraguan route, Prof. Shimek said that it had a great many advantages which the other routes, and especially the Panama route, did not have.

The San Juan river is the outlet of Lake Nicaragua, but the small tributaries carry volcanic sand, and it would be advisable to utilize the entire course of the river. Therefore it is proposed to dam the San Juan at a midway point between the lake and the ocean, thus bringing the upper river to a level with the lake. Lock canals would then be constructed from the lake to the Pacific, and from the dam to the Atlantic. The river valley above the dam is wide enough to take care of the rainfall, which is very

abundant in this, region 300 inches falling a year. The great abundance of water is an advantage not met with in the Panama region, and the presence of great basins will insure the safety of the canal in time of flood. The lower channel of the San Juan could be used for overflow, and spillways be constructed along the Nicaragua route, but not in Panama.

Prof. Shimek then answered the objections to the Nicaragua route and showed that its great advantages over the Panama route were many. Better water supply, healthier climate, better strategically, less cost, less turbulent peoples were the advantages given over Panama.

Class Election

The class of '03 met this afternoon to fill vacancies and transact general business. The office of vice-president was left vacant by the leaving of school of Mr. Norman and a treasurer being needed to fill the place left by the resignation of Ward Henry, who resigned on account of the great work of the office, which conflicted with his other work. Mr. C. T. Kemmerer was elected to the office of Vice-President on the first ballot, and he immediately arose and resigned his position of sergeant-at-arms on the ground that it was unconstitutional for one man to hold two offices. This objection was, however, overruled. Mr. H. E. Spangler was then, under protest, elected treasurer, and Miss Clara Preston was appointed as assistant. A per capita tax of twenty-five cents was levied, and the treasurer instructed to collect the same.

Northwestern Chooses New President

Prof. Edmund E. James, head of the extension department of the University of Chicago has been elected president of Northwestern University.

Prof. James came to the University of Chicago in 1896 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he had been the head of the department of public administration for a number of years. His work in economics at that institution first brought him into prominence in educational circles. He has been editor of several journals on political economy, and is widely known for his work in the extension of commercial education in American universities.

The Newman Society of Catholic boys entertain their sister society C. F. U. Thursday evening, Jan. 30.

The Iowa Normal school Monthly, in speaking of the Daily Iowan says: "It is a bright, newsy publication, and well deserves the hearty support it is receiving from all the students and friends of the university."

G. E. Fellows, of Chicago university has been elected president of the Maine university.

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Because of the fact that there is a scarcity of reference books in the library and also because the library was not open in the evening there was a tendency on the part of some of the much-sought after reference books to disappear, mysteriously, from the library. In this way a great deal of inconvenience and annoyance has been caused and it was found necessary that something be done to remedy the matter. Therefore a set of new rules were made by the library board which it is hoped will do away with the annoyance. They are fair to all and offer special privileges to none, and if they are carried out library work will be much more satisfactory.

But will they be carried out? Will they remedy the difficulties? The answers to these questions depend upon the students themselves. They are left on their honor and to their appreciation of property rights and public morals.

The librarian has no safeguard against the scandalous practice, for the librarian is far too busy to exercise close scrutiny over all readers and if she had, a detective system would be anything but pleasant. Let us then, with a wholesome respect for the rights of others, be careful and not violate these library rules which are for the common good.

It is Whispered About the Campus:

That the most important acting student is not always the one with the greatest amount of gray matter.

That the student who is constantly smoking a cigarette has this sign out, "Rooms to rent on the top floor."

That it is better to get the lessons first and then play, for if you play first you probably won't get the lessons at all.

That the orator with the greatest amount of noise is usually the one with the least to say.

That some students are not always sorry when the professor is sick and unable to meet classes.

That the law student who is continually telling how many "A's" he has is sometimes the one with a good many "D's."

That the fellow who is continually after something he don't deserve generally gets what he deserves.

That the fellow who tries to get through on the strength of his father is like the goose that boasted that its ancestors saved Rome.

That the Professor of many subjects can teach one better.

That some girls think that their one great purpose in life is to entertain the boys and to go to parties.

That the cadet who stands with a stoop in his back don't get the promotion.

That the fellow who spends half his time playing billiards will probably have to add just that much time to the end of his course.

That the twenty-ninth general assembly is going to stop the "small appropriation" policy in regard to the university.

That the class in "knocking" still has a full enrollment.

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Other work for the literary department should be in not later than February fifteenth.

LEILA KEMMERER,
Literary Editor.

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