

LOCAL DEBATERS PICKED IN TESTS

Tryouts for Teams to Represent High School Develop Fine Talent Among Students.

TWELVE ENTER THE CONTEST

Eight Are Selected by Judges After Interesting Trials—Rivals to Clash in March.

At the tryout of the 12 candidates for the local high school debating teams yesterday afternoon at the close of school, eight men were picked to represent Rock Island on the two teams that will meet Davenport and Moline, respectively. These debates will take place on March 17 upon the question: "Resolved, that the present army and navy program of the United States is inadequate for our needs."

The men picked yesterday afternoon are: Edgar James, Lewis Saupepaugh, Robert E. Olmsted, Verner Hallgren, Robert Anderson, Uri Metcalf, George Adams, Roy Johnson. From these eight Coach Robb will select six regulars for two teams of three each and an alternate for each team. Mr. Robb states that these men would be chosen as soon as the issues have been decided upon, which will probably be within a week.

The contest yesterday afternoon was the most interesting ever held in the high school. Twelve contestants, all of them of high school before five of the teachers who acted as judges, these being Miss Hazel Healy, Miss Beryl Titterton, O. F. Achtenhagen, and W. C. Robb. Each contestant had some phase of the question to deal with and all of them, considering the little time which most of them had to work upon it, did remarkably well. It is no reflection on those that lost that they did lose, for the contest as a whole showed the bad effect which lack of preparation had had upon them, the class tournament and various activities of the past week taking a considerable amount of attention. Also, the candidates for the team this year were all of unusual merit, most of them having had some experience in the line of public speaking. Now that the teams are picked, however, there is no doubt about the interest and loyalty of every man and they will begin to attack the question immediately.

Credits for Music Study.

At the end of a semester, Principal A. J. Burton of the high school now announces that the plan of giving credit to high school students for outside study of music has been taken advantage of to a very great extent by the students. The number now enrolled in a course outside school and receiving high school credit for it is 48, 37 of whom are doing work on the piano, eight on the violin, one on the cornet, one on the clarinet and one with the voice. The plan is to give one credit a semester for six hours a week or more outside study, or for three hours a week if the student takes up voice culture. The student must apply to be enrolled in this course before the close of the second semester and at the end of the semester must give the teacher's report of the work accomplished. The plan has been a great success during the past semester and Mr. Burton hopes that it will be taken up by even more during the next.

Casto's New March Heard.

At the general assembly, which was held at the high school yesterday afternoon, J. V. Casto, instructor in history, favored the students with his new selection, "The Jublator," a military march. Mr. Casto has designed the march as a memorial to the late Thomas B. Myers, a couple of years ago an instructor in English at the high school, in collaboration with whom he wrote his popular piece, "The High School Kids," and for that purpose has embodied in the new production the chorus of that song, "High School Kids" came out two years ago at the high school, the words by Mr. Myers and the music by Mr. Casto. Now that Mr. Myers has passed away, Mr. Casto decided that he would remember him in a piece which would be of more than local interest and with that end in view composed "The Jublator" last summer. The selection is an excellent one and will undoubtedly enjoy a wide sale as one of the best of Mr. Casto's productions. Mr. Casto has to date composed some 250 selections and the new one promises to be one of his best.

McLANE IS TO DESIGN ANDERSON BUILDING

The new Y. M. C. A. building for Anderson, Ind., will be designed in Rock Island in the office of Architect C. D. McLane.

Mr. McLane returned today from Anderson, where he closed the contract with the local Y. M. C. A. building committee for this work. Preliminary sketches will be started at once, and it is expected that the actual construction will begin at a fairly early date in the spring.

This building is to be one of the finest association homes in Indiana.

Advertisement for Allcock Plasters, featuring an illustration of a person applying a plaster to their back. Text includes: 'Allcock PLASTERS The World's Greatest External Remedy. Backache, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Any Local Pain. Insist on Having ALLCOCK'S.'

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MR. PEABODY IS ANSWERED

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—Editor The Argus: I have read in The Argus of Jan. 10 the account of the attack on Mrs. Eddy and Christian Science made by Mr. Peabody. We who know Mrs. Eddy's goodness, her spirituality and her unselfish devotion to God's work, realizing that history will have to record her as having brought health, happiness and hope to a larger number of people than any other man or woman of the century, may well ask in her behalf, as Jesus asked, of the Pharisees, "for which of those works do ye stone me?" One wonders what like achievements stand to the credit of her detractor.

The virulence of the attack is likely to serve as its own best antidote, for it must be manifest to thinking people that a woman who was an insincere sham and a religion which was a fraud would not require exposure after the lapse of half a century.

Mrs. Eddy lived for years in the small city of Concord, N. H., and her life and character were well known to her neighbors and indeed to the entire country. If any evidence is needed that Mr. Peabody's assault on her character is absolutely without foundation in fact, it is to be found in the esteem of her fellow townsmen, whose knowledge of her was necessarily both intimate and reliable. When she passed from this sphere of usefulness to the Concord Monitor, one of the influential daily papers of the town, placed this estimate upon her life and work: "Whether one agrees or disagrees with the Christian Science faith . . . few, we think, will deny to the founder of that church the laurels of greatness and the right to be called 'a wonderful woman.'"

"Study the story of her life as written by friend or foe, . . . and every thoughtful reader must be impressed with what Mrs. Eddy accomplished . . . The permanence or brevity of the spiritual empire she created, the extent of her influence upon modern thought and life, will be justly valued soon by time, the great appraiser. Whatever the verdict may be, the memory of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy will long be cherished in Concord, the city which by her and through her has been so much beautified and benefited."

The question of the permanence of her work is being answered year by year by the steady growth of Christian Science throughout the civilized world, with its invariable accompaniment of the healing of the sick as well as of the sinning. And the answer to the question as to the extent of her influence upon modern thought and life is found in the marked changes it is bringing about in medical practice and theological teaching. The vitality of this influence is notably, if unappreciated, attested by the fact that five years after the above editorial was penned, a Boston attorney felt constrained to make a thousand mile pilgrimage in the futile attempt to resist it. In spite of misrepresentation, time, the great appraiser, is yearly adding his "well done."

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TO AID BILL CITY COUNCIL FAVORS

Congressman Tavenner and Senator Sherman Write City Clerk They Will Work for Measure.

Assurances were received here today that Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner and Senator L. Y. Sherman would work for house bill No. 54, endorsed Monday at the meeting of the municipal commission. City Clerk M. T. Rudgren received letters from the national legislators acknowledging receipt of the communication which contained the resolution passed by the council.

The bill, introduced by Representative Key, provides pension for the widows and minor children of officers and enlisted men who served in the war with Spain, the Philippines or in China. It has the endorsement of the United Spanish War Veterans. Members of Siboney Bay camp of this city are responsible for the interest shown in the measure by the Rock Island commission.

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Frank E. Crompton, Bowling township, has filed the name "Model Dairy Stock Farm," with Recorder Ryerson for his place in Bowling township. Miss Lou M. Harris, county superintendent of schools, returned home last evening from Macomb where she attended a conference of county superintendents with State Superintendent F. G. Blair at the Western Illinois state normal.

The jury in the case of E. A. Samuelson vs. A. W. Donahoe for \$5,000 damages as the result of an automobile accident in Moline, reached a verdict at 1 o'clock this morning. Acting on the suggestion of Judge W. T. Church, the finding was sealed and left with the forman and the panel allowed to depart, to report in court Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The case went to the jury about 2:30 yesterday afternoon. Judge Church is holding court in Aledo today. The hearing on the attachment against George McMaster, secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Wheel Co., Moline, is scheduled to come up Monday morning in circuit court. It is claimed that Mr. McMaster in a hearing before Master in Chancery J. L. Haas brought by George A. Lyon, trustee in bankruptcy for estate of J. L. Robinson against the Mutual Wheel Co., refused to produce certain papers and books after being served with a summons duces tecum. In the afternoon the case of August Johnson vs. G. A. Hasson, former Moline officer, for \$5,000 for alleged false arrest, is to be tried. J. B. and J. L. Oakleaf appear for the plaintiff and William Whiteside for the defendant.

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Mrs. Margaret Keel, Rock Island, was freed from Ellsworth Keel, desertion being charged. Schriever & Schriever were counsel. The same firm appeared for Mrs. Mary Barnett, Rock Island, who was divorced from Charles Barnett. Extreme and repeated cruelty was the grounds.

Frank E. Crompton, Bowling township, has filed the name "Model Dairy Stock Farm," with Recorder Ryerson for his place in Bowling township. Miss Lou M. Harris, county superintendent of schools, returned home last evening from Macomb where she attended a conference of county superintendents with State Superintendent F. G. Blair at the Western Illinois state normal.

The jury in the case of E. A. Samuelson vs. A. W. Donahoe for \$5,000 damages as the result of an automobile accident in Moline, reached a verdict at 1 o'clock this morning. Acting on the suggestion of Judge W. T. Church, the finding was sealed and left with the forman and the panel allowed to depart, to report in court Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The case went to the jury about 2:30 yesterday afternoon. Judge Church is holding court in Aledo today. The hearing on the attachment against George McMaster, secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Wheel Co., Moline, is scheduled to come up Monday morning in circuit court. It is claimed that Mr. McMaster in a hearing before Master in Chancery J. L. Haas brought by George A. Lyon, trustee in bankruptcy for estate of J. L. Robinson against the Mutual Wheel Co., refused to produce certain papers and books after being served with a summons duces tecum. In the afternoon the case of August Johnson vs. G. A. Hasson, former Moline officer, for \$5,000 for alleged false arrest, is to be tried. J. B. and J. L. Oakleaf appear for the plaintiff and William Whiteside for the defendant.

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