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Our Apology

You will notice that this issue of The Forensic and the next one are considerably reduced in size. Perhaps you are disappointed. So is the editor—but—

First, The state of our treasury justifies, if it does not compel, a policy of retrenchment. In order to have a big annual number it was wise to curtail these two issues.

Second, The cost of printing has been mounting—seems to have joined the aviation corps.

Third, Until we know what the war is going to do to us in keeping the men out of college next year for military training, etc., it is well to save up something for the future. If debates are abandoned and forensic activities lapse more or less we shall find ourselves with small chapters and a depleted treasury in another year—so it is well to save where we can.

With these apologies in mind be easy on the editor for these scantied issues.

Don't forget to send that Chapter Letter and Cut for the Annual Number of The Forensic. Please do this without obliging the editor to drag them out of you by correspondence.

Say, why doesn't your chapter have your college paper sent to the Editor of The Forensic. Or, better, why don't YOU mark a copy every time there is any forensic news in the paper and send it to him?

The Forensic acknowledges the receipt of The Cue, the magazine of the Associated University Players.

"Big League Stuff"

The National Prohibition Oratorical contest was held at Lexington, Kentucky, during the Christmas holidays. A glance at the list of names below with attendant information shows it to have been pretty much a Delta Sigma Rho and Pi Kappa Delta affair.

The numbers given indicate the ranking received in the contest. The contestants are named in the order of speaking:

1. **Joshua R. Lee**, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. (Central Interstate, 1915.) (Delta Sigma Rho.)
"Lay the Axe to the Root of the Evil."
 2. **Bernard C. Clausen**, Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. (Eastern Interstate, 1915.) (Delta Sigma Rho.)
"A New Indictment."
 - Leonard V. Buschman**, Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, Ky. (Southern Interstate, 1916.)
"Prohibition, a National Defense."
 2. **Harold R. Husted**, Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D. (Central Interstate, 1916.) (Pi Kappa Delta.)
"Prohibition Plus."
 - Earl W. Foster**, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. (Southern Interstate, 1915.)
"The Passing of the Crown."
 - Ugene U. Blalock**, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal. (Western Interstate, 1915.) (Delta Sigma Rho.)
"Our National Welfare."
 5. **Monta C. Smithson**, McMinnville College, Minnville, Ore. (Western Interstate, 1916.) (Pi Kappa Delta.)
"Alcohol and National Efficiency."
 - DeLloyd F. Wood**, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. (Eastern Interstate, 1916.) (Delta Sigma Rho.)
"The Challenge to the Century."
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The Intercollegiate Statesman says the following about Husted and Smithson, the two Pi Kappa Delta men in the contest:

Harold R. Husted won his right to speak at Lexington at the Central Interstate at St. Paul, Minn., in July of 1916 in connection with the Prohibition National Convention. As a freshman he first made the debating team and took first place in the state and interstate Peace contests, speaking in that series at the Lake Mohonk, N. Y., national. He has been quarter back on his foot-ball team and is a local and state officer of the I. P. A.

Monta C. Smithson, representative of the Western Section, is a senior at McMinnville College, Oregon. Besides winning the I. P. A. honors through three stages, he is the winner of the state contests of the Old Line and Peace Contests and the '94 college oratorical prize. Smithson has been president of the Y. M. C. A. and local and state president of the I. P. A.

The National Convention

It is time to begin thinking about the National Convention next year. We have so many chapters in Kansas that it seems sensible to hold the convention in that state. Which chapter wants the convention? Please speak all at once.

The time—We think it should be somewhere around April 1st, 1918. Does that suit you?

Say, here is a great big suggestion—Why can't all of the chapters outside of Kansas arrange for a debate with some one of the Pi Kappa Delta institutions in Kansas—all these debates to be held the evening previous to the beginning of the National Convention. That would get us a delegate from practically every chapter—two of them or even three. How does this look to you?

Morningside at Southwestern (both M. E. institutions).

Iowa Wesleyan at Paker (both M. E.).

Redlands at Ottawa (both Baptist).

Colorado Aggie at K. S. A. C. (State Schools).

Oklahoma at Kansas Normal.

Highland Park at Fairmount.

South Dakota Wesleyan at Washburn.

Ripon, Eureka and Illinois Wesleyan might be able to arrange a trip by getting debates in Missouri and Iowa on the way and in Kansas. There are Friends, College of Emporia, Cooper Kansas Wesleyan and others that might be debated. Now is the time to make arrangements and plan the finances. What do you say? It's up to you.

This scheme is practicable—reason—Redlands arranged a trip for the last National Convention, carried it out and had three men there. They expect to do it again. What they have done you can do.

This scheme is attractive—reason—it means a great trip for some of your debaters, and the pleasant experience of a big National Convention.

This scheme is the thing—reason—it will make a successful convention. It will be the biggest thing that has been done in the Forensic world. Let's put it through.

Kansas chapters, don't wait for the visitors to ask for an opportunity to come, invite them, challenge them—any way to get them to come.

Who wants the convention?

Here are some imperative chapter duties:

Get ready to initiate new members.

- (a) Get blank membership applications (apply to the National President).
- (b) Get catalogue cards to send the record of each member in to the Forensic (apply to National President, Secretary or Treasurer).
- (c) Get cards from National President to report changes of standing of charter members.

Make sure you have copies of the Ritual and ceremonies of initiation. (National President has some extras if you haven't any copies.)

Get a cut and a chapter letter ready for the Annual Number of the Forensic.

Pay up all dues and initiation fees immediately, promptly, pronto—so that there will be an Annual Number of the Forensic.

Work for new chapters of Pi Kappa Delta in the institutions that you meet in debate

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