

Hannaford-Cooperstown Debate

Affirmative: Jeannette Westley, Philip Thoreson and Charles Brown. **Negative:** Alfred Bolkan, Edward McDermott and Thomas Amlie. **Judges:** Summer-meyer, of Valley City Normal; Baumgartel of the A. C. at Fargo, and Dr. Taylor of Jamestown College.

At 11:35 a. m. Thursday the young people of the Hannaford Schools marched from the school building to the N. P. depot either to buy tickets for Cooperstown or to see the bunch off. Every one who possibly could, wanted to see the first forensic battle in which the Hannaford High has ever engaged. The crowd numbered about twenty-five, including students, teachers and town people who rallied loyally to the support of the team.

At the Cooperstown opera house, where the debate was held, the Hannaford crowd was grouped directly in front of the tables where their own representatives were to take their places at the opening of the debate.

A few yells from both schools, the curtain rolled, the chairman made a few preliminary announcements and the debate was on.

Jeannette Westley opened the affirmative discussion upholding government ownership and operation of the telephone and telegraph lines in the United States. Although she had never appeared in debate before she made a very creditable showing and brought forth hearty applause.

The first negative speaker was unable to tear loose from his paper and although he produced some very solid arguments we could not but feel that we had the better of the situation when he went to his seat.

Next came Philip Thoreson who livened up the crowd with some apt illustrations of poor telegraph service under private ownership of the lines. Philip was so full of things to say that it caused him to hesitate occasionally to determine which blast to turn loose first but he did himself credit and would have shown up with a strong advantage to his side if he had not been followed by so strong a debator. Edward McDermott succeeded in packing a lot of sound arguments into his allotted ten minutes and seemed to swing the pendulum slightly in favor of Cooperstown.

Then came Charles Brown to the support of the affirmative and with his solid wall of closely knit facts made the Cooperstown people tremble for their honors. He was followed by Thos. Amlie—a very forceful speaker with a marked foreign accent, which seemed to enhance, rather than limit his power.

The rebuttals followed in rapid succession and before one realized it, the fast bell had tapped and there was nothing left but to wait for the decision of the judges. It seemed an age. We all had time to build up and refute a hundred arguments to prove that the decision should go to Hannaford. The Cooperstown team and even Prof. Koontz had time to congratulate our team behind the lowered curtain saying "It was a good debate even if you did beat us." But to and behold, when the verdict of the judges was made known the score stood three votes for the negative. That our section of the house was justified in thinking that the Hannaford team had won, may be further shown by the fact that two of the judges decided on a mere margin of one and a half and two per cent respectively. One judge admitted that at the end of the first speeches Hannaford had the balance slightly in their favor. But the first two affirmative rebuttals were not as strong as they might have been; and the time of the last affirmative rebuttal was broken in upon by a question from the negative which prevented the final summary and closing appeal.

The judges marked one of our speakers, Charles Brown, highest of the six, and the delivery of Hannaford speakers averaged higher all the way through. These compliments to our team were more than consolation speeches. They were

given in all fairness and only bear out the opinion of every one who witnessed the debate that the representatives from Hannaford High were in every way a match for the Cooperstown trio and made them look well to their laurels. We were proud of them all; we shall support them in further attempts; and expect big things in the future.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that a teachers' examination will be held at the Courthouse in Cooperstown on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 11 and 12, 1915, beginning at 8:30 a. m. each day.

PROGRAM

Thursday Forenoon	
Reading Rules	8:30 to 8:40
Preliminary	8:40 to 9:00
Reading	9:00 to 10:00
Pedagogy	10:00 to 11:00
Physiology & Hygiene	11:00 to 12:00
Thursday Afternoon	
U. S. History	1:15 to 2:30
Geography	2:30 to 4:00
Grammar	4:00 to 5:15
Friday Forenoon	
Arithmetic	8:30 to 10:00
Civics	10:00 to 11:00
Optional Subjects for Second	
Grade Certificates	11:00 to 12:00
Friday Afternoon	
Psychology	1:00 to 2:00
Optional Subjects for Third	
Grade Certificates	2:00 to 6:00

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Tree planting should become a popular movement on every farmstead, next spring. North Dakota is simply hungry for trees, both for their looks and for their beneficial influence upon the climate.

Communicated

Though the words of Christ the mouth speaketh are quite as true today as they were two thousand years ago yet the training and culture of the individual through established custom and rules should not lie overlooked. When a stranger comes into a town the residents should call on them in a city and if the parties are not desirable as acquaintances it is a very easy matter to drop them. A lady should never call on a gentleman at his office. She should knock at his door send in her card and be as ceremonious as possible. It is almost impossible for a girl to learn the value of time. You owe the winning of a good name to yourselves and to the parents and friends whose peace of mind is to be made perfect. Do not prove to the world that you belong to the upper ten, neither is the house of God the place for such fine dressing. It is not given to all children to become famous but it is in the power of every boy and girl to be truthful, honest, outspoken and fearless, to hate a lie and to check every evil thought. It is easy to be a real lady or gentleman.

We cannot all be heroes and thrill a hemisphere with some great daring venture, some deed that mocks at fear, but we can fill a lifetime with kindly acts, and true there's always noble service for noble souls to to.

—O. H. W.

The Clown's Philosophy



"Put your best foot forward, but don't figure too long which is the best foot. When in doubt—get there with both feet."