

LIST OF LECTURES AND DEBATES GIVEN BEFORE THE
DAVENPORT TURNGEMEINDE

Jan. 25, 1857	W. W. Schirach: "Bureaucracy and Democracy"
Febr. 1, 1857	Theodor Olshausen: "The Mormons, Their History, Their Life and Institutions"
Febr. 22, 1857	Dr. Dreis: "Origin and History of the Earth"
March 1, 1857	Theodor Gülich: "Status of Women"
March 8 and April 12, 1857	Th. Olshausen: "Pictures from the French Revolution"
March 15 and March 22, 1857	Fr. Hedde: "The American Revolutionary War"
March 29, 1857	Dr. Dreis: "The Nature and Life of Nations"
Sept. 16(?), 1857	J. B. Stallo: Lecture on the natural sciences
August 26, 1858	Lecture by Otto Reventlow: "Mnemonics"
Febr. 26, 1860	H. R. Claussen: "The Moral System of Grecian Philosophers"
Dec., 1867	Debate: "Is water or beer preferable for the health of human beings?"
April 11, 1868	Lecture by Prof. Eggers, no topic given
April 22, 1869	Robert Schlagintweit: "The Himalayan Mountains and Turkestan"
June 24, 1869	Lecture by Carl Heinzen, no topic mentioned
Febr., 1870	Lecture by the American freethinker, B. F. Underwood.
March, 1871	Lecture by Dr. Höpfner on chemistry
March 14, 1873	Debate: "How can we counteract the temperance movement?"
Oct. 17, 1873	Debate: "Is it in the interest of Turnerism that Turner societies deal with politics?"
Oct. 24, 1873	Debate: "Should we circulate hard coins instead of paper money?"
Nov., 1873	Christoph H. Fieke: "The Abolition of Capital Punishment"

- Nov. 21, 1873 Debate: "Should Turner societies agitate for German schools?"
- Nov. 27, 1873 Debate: "Is tax exemption of church property justified?"
- Dec. 5, 1873 H. R. Claussen: "Is it in the Interest of the United States to Annex Cuba?"
- Dec. 19, 1873 Debate: "Is compulsory school education desirable?"
- Jan. 9, 1874 Debate: "Should instruction on morality be given in schools?"
- Jan. 16, 1874 H. R. Claussen: "Should Railroads be Controlled by the State?"
- Jan. 23, 1874 H. R. Claussen: "Should the Laws against Usury be Abolished?"
- Febr. 6, 1874 H. R. Claussen: "Communism in Contradiction to Morality, Law, and Sound Politics; Destructive for the Commonwealth and the Communities"
- Febr. 13, 1874 Debate on the same topic
- Febr. 20, 1874 Debate: "Should Turner societies support the movement for the abolition of the party system?"
- March 20, 1874 General Turner meeting and debate: "Woman suffrage in contradiction to sound politics"
- April, 1874 Lecture by Michael Biron
- April 10, 1874 Debate: "Hypocrisy in the United States and how to oppose it"
- April, 1874 Debate: "German instruction in public schools"
- May 8, 1874 General Turner meeting and debate: "Are the labor movements of the present to the advantage of the working class?"
- May 22, 1874 Debate: "What are the causes and results of the *Betseuche*, i. e., praying fever?"
- May 29, 1874 Debate: "How can drunkenness and temperance be counteracted best at the same time?"
- June 6, 1874 Debate: "Is nihilism the last consequence of materialism?"

- Oct. 2, 1874 Debate: "Have men freedom of will?"
- Oct. 9, 1874 Debate: "How can we decrease unemployment during the winter?"
- Oct. 16, 1874 Debate: "Introduction of physical education in public schools"
- Oct. 23, 1874 Debate: "How can we promote harmonious relations between Americans and Germans?"
- Oct. 24, 1874 Debate: "Agitation for gymnastics in public schools"
- Oct. 30, 1874 Debate in English: "Resolved that it would be a good policy for the United States to annex additional territory"
- Nov. 6, 1874 Debate: "What is consciousness?"
- Nov. 20, 1874 Debate in English: "Resolved that capital punishment never be introduced in the United States"
- Dec. 4, 1874 Debate: "Which is the best system of appointing officials?"
- Febr. 5, 1875 Debate: "The difference between the Republican and the Democratic parties?"
- Febr. 19, 1875 Debate: "How can we fight the arguments of the opponents of German instruction in public schools?"
- Febr. 17, 1875 Debate: "Would it be useful to abolish the Senate of the United States?"
- March 2, 1875 General meeting and debate: "German instruction in public schools"
- August, 1875 Lecture by Robert Reitzel
- Dec. 28, 1875 General meeting and debate: "The dangers from the propagation of the Catholic Church for the Union"
- Jan. 25, 1876 Debate: "Woman suffrage"
- April 22-24, 1876 Lectures by Gerhard Rolfs
- April 25, 1876 General meeting and debate: "Should the hitherto independent voter join any political organization and participate in the primaries at the next presidential election?"
- April, 1876 Lecture by Friedrich Hecker
- Sept. 16, 1876 Debate: "Did the theater or the church contribute more to the education of the people?"

- Nov. 28, 1876 Debate: "Does our theater meet the requirements of a people's theater?"
- Jan. 23, 1877 Debate and lecture by H. R. Claussen: "The Bill Concerning the Counting of Electoral Votes"
- Febr. 27, 1877 Debate: "The labor question"
- March 27, 1877 Debate: "The theories of creation and evolution"
- April 4, 1877 Lecture by Franz Klepper about astronomy
- April 5, 1877 Lecture by Franz Klepper, no topic given
- April 24, 1877 Debate: "Is Sunday school instruction fatal for free schools?"
- May 8, 1877 Robert Reitzel: "Luther, Schiller, Robert Blum"
- May 9, 1877 Lecture by Robert Reitzel, no topic given
- Oct., 1877 Lecture by Fritz Schutz (at instigation of the Executive of the Upper Mississippi Turner District)
- Nov. 27, 1877 Debate: "Human Happiness"
- Jan. 29, 1878 Debate: "Relief of the distress of the working classes"
- Febr. 26, 1878 Debate: "Should life insurance be introduced in the Upper Mississippi Turner District?"
- Nov. 26, 1878 Debate: "Is the procedure of the German government against socialists justified and wise?"
- Jan. 28, 1879 H. R. Claussen: "Bismarck's Reactionary Policy"
- Febr., 1879 Franz Sigel: "History of Civilization" and "Emigration and Colonization as Relief for the Poor"
- March 25, 1879 Debate: "Is Congress justified in passing pension laws?"
- March, 1879 Lecture by Fritz Schütz
- April 27, 1880 Debate: "How should opponents of a third term act in case Grant is nominated again?"
- May 14, 1880 Robert Reitzel: "Through Love to Hate, through Hate to Justice"

- Jan. 25, 1881 G. G. Carstens: "What should be the attitude of the *Turngemeinde* toward the Prohibition Amendment in Iowa?"
- Jan. 24, 1882 Gustav Donald: "The Freethinker"
- Febr. 28, 1882 Debate: "Should our delegates vote for or against the continuation of the *Freethinker* as the journal of the *Turner Bund*?"
- Febr. 22, 1883 Friedrich Schünemann-Pott: "Old and New Philosophies of Life"
- March 6, 1883 Friedrich Schünemann-Pott: "Religion"
- March 8, 1883 Friedrich Schünemann-Pott: "Savonarola"
- March 28, 1883 Ernest Claussen: "The Proposed Amendment to the Iowa Constitution and the Constitution of the Davenport *Turngemeinde*"
- Jan. 29, 1884 G. Donald: "Professor Haeckel's Lecture about Darwin, Goethe and Lamarck at the Meeting of Natural Scientists in Eisenach, Germany, 1882"
- March 12, 1884 Dr. Brehm: "Character Studies in Monkeys"
- March 25, 1884 Debate: "Woman suffrage"
- Jan. 27, 1885 Reading of Low German Poetry by M. J. Rohlf
- Febr. 24, 1885 Debate: "Free trade and tariff"
- March 31, 1885 Debate: "Woman suffrage"
- April 28, 1885 Debate: "Compulsory education"
- May, 1885 Two lectures by Friedrich Schünemann-Pott
- Sept. 29, 1885 Thomas Jappe: "Co-education"
- Nov., 1885 Lecture by Fritz Schütz
- August 20, 1886 J. L. Andrew: "Law and Freedom"
- March, 1887 Lecture by B. F. Underwood, free-thinker
- Dec. 13, 1887 Recital by Alexander Strakosh
- March 26, 1888 Frau Hedwig Henry-Wilhelmi: "Man as a Product of his Education"
- March 28, 1888 Frau Hedwig Henry-Wilhelmi: "Religion and Morality"
- Dec. 18, 1888 Frau Hedwig Henry-Wilhelmi: "Causes of the Present Status of Women"
- Dec. 21, 1888 Frau Hedwig Henry-Wilhelmi: "Free-thinkers and the Social Problem"

- March 25, 1891 G. Donald: "Truth and Fiction in the Bible"
 Dec., 1893 Debate: "Shall the United States Senate be abolished?"
- March 4, 1897 Max Hempel: "Frederic the Great"
 Sept. 23, 1897 G. Donald: "State and Constitution at the End of the Nineteenth Century"
- Oct., 1897 H. Saltiel, Chicago, secretary of the Illinois Society for the Preservation of the People's Rights: "Initiative and Referendum"
- Nov. 10, 1897 G. Donald: "Schiller as Philosopher and Historian"
- Jan. 19, 1898 Lecture by Fritjof Nansen with lantern slides
- Febr. 21, 1898 C. H. Ficke: "Travelling in the Near East"
 March, 1898 Max Hempel: "Gerhard Hauptmann's play, *Die versunkene Glocke*"
- April 25, 1898 G. Donald: "The Attitude of Immigrants toward the Immigration Problem"
- April 28, 1898 G. Donald: "Shakespeare's Influence on German Literature and Shakespeare on the German Stage"
- Sept. 22, 1898 G. Donald: "Spain, Yesterday and Today"
 Oct. 27, 1898 H. Merker, from Rock Island: "The Black Hawk War"
- Febr. 22, 1899 Washington celebration, lecture by G. Donald
 March 23, 1899 Debate: "Davenport's position in the Upper Mississippi Turner District"
- April 27, 1899 Lecture by G. Donald on Shakespeare
 Sept. 28, 1899 G. Donald: "Antisemitism of the Present and Race Hatred in History"
- Oct., 1899 Prof. Rosenstengel: "Value of the German Language"
- Nov. 10, 1899 G. Donald: "Schiller's and Goethe's Friendship"
- May 3, 1900 G. Donald: "How Should German-Americans Influence the Cultural Life of America"
- Oct. 23, 1900 Conrad Nies: "German-American Poets"
- March 27, 1901 A. Müller: "Religion and Castes in India"
- Oct. 17, 1901 G. Donald: "Communism and Anarchism"

- Dec. 11, 1901 G. Donald: "The Social Development of the Christian Church and the Socialistic State of the Future"
- Febr. 12, 1902 Lecture and Debate: "The Heroic Fight of the Boors in South Africa"
- April 20, 1902 G. Donald: "Cecil Rhodes and his Predecessors in History"
- Jan. 29, 1903 G. Donald: "Thomas Paine's Share in the Purchase of the Louisiana Territory"
- March 19, 1903 G. Donald: "The United States, Germany and England"
- April 21, 1903 Friedrich Fröbel Celebration, lecture by Professor A. Müller: "Kindergartens and Their Founders"
- March 21, 1906 Lecture by Dr. Ludwig Fulda, German author
- Nov. 23, 1908 William Kaufmann: "Germany of To-Day"
- May 9, 1909 Recital by Pedro Ilgen from St. Louis. (Goetz Ackermann, the director of the German Theater, bears one half of the cost)
- March 22, 1915 Lecture by Conrad Nies. (The *Freie Deutsche Schulgemeinde* bears one half of the cost)
- March 22, 1915 Turner Bunge: "The Only Solution of the War Problem"
- March 23, 1915 Turner Bunge: "The International Reich of the Future"
- April 1, 1915 G. Donald: "Otto von Bismarck, the Unifier of Germany"
- Febr., 1917 Recital by H. F. Urban from Milwaukee