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THE INTER-STATE CONTEST.

From the Ohio State Journal.

The audience which gathered at Comstock's opera-house was one intended to inspire orators and put them to their most eloquent flights. It is seldom so intelligent a body of people assemble and bring brilliancy to the scene. The occasion was the eleventh annual oratorical contest of the Northwestern Inter-state Collegiate Association, whose delegates have been arriving for several days and improving the time in the intervals of their arrival in practice and getting in readiness for the pyrotechnics of last evening. The assemblage was not only composed of the delegates which have been selected by the colleges which are members in the different states represented, but the contest was made the occasion for a gathering of college men and women from different parts of the country, many of whom are fraternity adherents, and they thus improved the opportunity offered to hold reunions and banquets of a formal and informal character.

Passing by "A Mistaken Policy," by A. V. House, of Nebraska, without comment, also "American Puritanism," by W. J. Gray, of Wisconsin, as well as "The Congo Conference," by Alfred Docking, of Kansas, which orations held the three first places on the program, we come to the fourth which was destined to take second honors.

SCHILLER AND GERMANY.

Illinois was represented by Victor E. Bender, of Knox College, who next took the platform, and delivered his oration on the above subject. The history of Germany reveals a brilliant and distinctive double fiber, interlacing her fabric like beautiful threads of gold. It represents the lives of Schiller and Goethe—the patriarchs of German Literature, the apostles of their country's intellectual freedom. Of the two Schiller is pre-eminently the true German, embodying in his nature every essential attribute of German individuality, feeling, and responding to every genuine sentiment of the German heart. He completed the trinity that effected Germany's restoration from the intellectual prostration fol-

lowing the desolating Thirty Year's War. Lessing, Goethe, Schiller—the seed, the flower, the fruit of her social and political reformers, not only as a dramatist, but as a poet, historian and philosopher, did not Schiller enrich and adorn. His true sphere lay in creating a higher ideal of individual duty—in producing and sustaining the genuine sentiment of fraternal love.

In the communion of Goethe and Schiller there was a mutual awakening of yet latent powers. Schiller's fervor and intensity warmed the less passionate Goethe; while the calm, comprehensive mind of the latter modified the ideal creations of his friend and reduced them to a more practical idealty, enabling him to grasp more completely and effectively the great problems of the human weal. Mr. Bender grew enthusiastic and eloquent as he reviewed the character of Schiller's dramas and poems, and concluded with a glowing eulogy of his hero.

Probably the youngest man on the program was Mr. Bender, and in many respects the most graceful. He was in elegant voice, and his intonation was perfect.

CONFLICT OF CAPITAL AND LABOR.

A. J. Beveridge, of Du Pauw University, Indiana, selected this for his treatise. He said that just as the French revolution was a reaction against the oppression of caste, with Rousseau to lead it, or skepticism the reaction against conservative creed, Ingersoll leading it, socialism is the reaction of labor against capital, Henry George leading it. Such extremes can never solve a problem. Upon the passionless heights between whence unprejudiced reason may sweep the whole field of thought, is ever found the comprehensive truth. The solution of the labor problem must be the abandonment of extremes—the union of labor and capital. Referring to the conflict between the two, he said: But eight years since it kindled the flames at Pittsburg and sent terror to every city in our land; it inspired the late riots in Hocking valley and South Bend, and, waxing fiercer and stronger, running bullets unseen, mustering forces invisible, it will, if unchecked, one day rouse up with drumbeat and bugle call. Was Macaulay dreaming when he told of our coming Huns and Vandals? Was Wendell Phillips a madman when he said that the problem of the rich and poor would yet try our souls as slavery never tried them?

Extremists demand the overthrow of our social system. But their arguments rest in false premises, for vice, sloth and attendant wretchedness do not prevail because of poverty, but poverty because of them. The remedy of the extremists is as impossible as it is unjust. Equalize conditions, and every motive to effect dies, for improvement of condition must be the incentive. God grant that the day may never dawn when socialism attempts to execute its theory; for the sun of that day will set red amid the roar of cannon, and upon the ruins of our republic some Caesar may build his throne. The remedy suggested was universal education.

Mr. Beveridge undoubtedly made the finest impression of the evening. His carriage was graceful and he was perfectly at his ease. Indeed he was so free from embarrassment and restraint that the criticism might possibly be made that he lacked dignity. He spoke rapidly and with great correctness, and has fine control of his voice. At times he was dramatic; and the contrast be-

tween his unimportant passages and those he wished to emphasize were so great that the latter were rendered peculiarly effective. The applause after he had finished was loud and prolonged.

Omitting extended mention of "Ancient and Modern Liberty," by A. G. Greenlee, of Ohio, and "The Jury System," by L. J. Van Fossen, of Minnesota, we cull the following from local papers in regard to Iowa's representative:

EGOISM AS A RELIGION.

C. H. Pomeroy, of State University, Iowa, chose this for his subject, and handled the abstruse theme in a masterly manner.

One of the most eloquent gentlemen on the program was Mr. Pomeroy. He is easy and graceful on his feet and has a very expressive face, with which he makes a good impression in giving emphasis to certain points in his oration. Iowa has reason to feel proud of the manner in which the state was represented. He was well received by the audience and left the stage amid a storm of applause.

"Egoism as a Religion," was now presented by C. H. Pomeroy. His voice was low, musical and sympathetic. His articulation was almost perfect. He held his audience from the start, as no other speaker did. His power of projecting tone is remarkable, and his economy of force admirable. He has range of voice and calls it into constant requisition. He had chosen a most profound and interesting subject, and was most felicitous both in composition and figure. It was certainly a charming exercise, combining as it did thought, life, culture.

During a considerable period of waiting, which the audience took advantage to get as near the doors as possible in order to rush out as soon as the result was announced, the orchestra regaled its hearers with a conglomeration of tunes, evidently selected from the programs of a number of country dances, and then left the house. After another season of sitting on the anxious seat the audience was told by a weak voice that A. J. Beveridge, of Du Pauw University, Indiana, had been given the first prize of \$75.00, and that Victor E. Bender, of Knox College, Illinois, had knocked the second largest persimmon in the form of a \$50.00 note. The manner of marking was so peculiar that the president of the association did not attempt to unravel its intricacies for the benefit of the crowd, but left them to applaud lustily the result of the contest.

The judges were divided into two bodies, Dr. George Heckman of Cincinnati, Dr. E. K. Young of Akron, and Gen. John Beatty of Columbus marking on delivery; and Hon. Samuel Clark of Keokuk, Ia., Hon. John Holliday of Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. John Bayliss of Cincinnati, marking on the composition. The latter three gentlemen were not present at the contest, but, having examined the manuscripts sent their gradings by mail. Each man was ranked according to these markings, from the highest grade down, and his six ranks were added together. The man, the sum of whose ranks were lowest was given the first place, the next lowest the second place and so on. The grades as fixed by the different judges, were as follows:

DELIVERY.

	Heckman.	Young.	Beatty.
Illinois.....	95	90	95
Minnesota.....	93	76	70
Iowa.....	92	91	98
Indiana.....	91	92	85
Wisconsin.....	90	70	75
Kansas.....	87	75	90
Nebraska.....	80	85	70
Ohio.....	85	78	80

COMPOSITION.

	Holliday.	Bayliss.	Clark
Indiana.....	94	97	97½
Minnesota.....	92	95½	100
Wisconsin.....	86	85½	85
Illinois.....	85	96½	96½
Iowa.....	84	94½	89
Ohio.....	81	94½	94
Kansas.....	78	96	90
Nebraska.....	75	94	98

As will be seen, the Indiana man was given the first place three times and the fourth place three times, making the sum of his ranks 15; and that the Illinois man was given the first place once, the second place twice, the third place once, the fourth place once, and fifth place once, making the sum of his ranks 17. The ranks of the others were as follows: Third, C. H. Pomeroy of Iowa State University, with 19; fourth, J. L. Van Fossen, of Hamline University, Minn., with 22; fifth, Alfred Docking, of Kansas State Normal School, with 31; sixth, W. P. Gray, Beloit College, Wis., with 32; seventh, A. G. Greenlee of Wooster University, O., with 37; eighth, A. V. House of Doane college, Neb., with 41.

GRAND AVERAGE BY GRADES.

	Sum.	Rank
Indiana.....	15	1
Illinois.....	17	2
Iowa.....	20	3
Minnesota.....	22	4
Kansas.....	22	5
Wisconsin.....	23	6
Ohio.....	25	7
Nebraska.....	26	8

The following is the grand average by marks, the system used by our University authorities in both declamatory and Junior contests. If this, our own, system had been used Iowa would have been first as the markings show.

	Sum.	Rank.
Iowa.....	281½	1
Illinois.....	258	2
Indiana.....	258½	3
Kansas.....	252	4
Minnesota.....	252½	5
Ohio.....	228½	6
Wisconsin.....	214	7
Nebraska.....	183	8

The grand totals on delivery alone, show that Iowa and Illinois led all competitors by quite a margin; with Iowa reaching the highest marks 281, and Illinois following closely with 280.

Hon. Samuel Clark, of Keokuk, one of the three judges on thought and style in the Inter-State contest, in his report to the Association, has the following to say in regard to Iowa's oration: "I give 'Egoism as a Religion' the second place, rating it at 99 in both thought and composition. It is of a higher originality than the oration on 'The Jury System,' but is defective in thought, in that it says nothing of the Positivists from Compte to Frederic Harrison; and in composition, that while admirable as an essay, some of its sentences are over-long and lack explicitness for an oration to a general audience. But for this, I should have marked it first."

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First prize oration this week.
Sophomore essays are due June 8th.
Commencement is fast drawing near.
The markings on the contest were very close.
Miss Eda Salisbury is visiting with her sister.
The societies had very fair audiences last night.
The first sergeants had charge of the companies yesterday.
"A Royalist's View of Charles I," at Hesperian Hall to-night.
Don't forget Dr. Gilchrist's lecture at Hesperian Hall to-night.
W. O. Payne has not forgotten his friends in the University.
Miss Ida Twinting went to Marengo this morning to spend Sunday.
The bulletin has indicated several Junior meetings during the week.
Several letters have been received from the land of sunshine and flowers.
Miss Linnie Hunter, class '84, made a flying visit to Iowa City last Wednesday.
Read and preserve the prize Inter State oration found on the literary page.
The May Party to be given at Ham's Hall, May 28th, promises to be a grand success.
Rose Ankeny returned yesterday from Des Moines, where she has spent the past week.
Dr. Gilchrist will present a royalist's view of Charles the first at Hesperian Hall to-night.
The Seniors of Kansas University have adopted as a class hat, a low crowned, broad brimmed straw.
Frank Lowden has secured a very lucrative and pleasant position for the coming year at Burlington.
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B. D. Connelly, went home yesterday to attend the marriage of his sister. He will not return for a couple of weeks.

P. K. Holbrook, a Sigma Chi from the State University, is prominent among Iowa visitors to the contest.—*The Lantern*.

The programme for commencement rehearsals made its appearance on the bulletin board during the first of the week.

Prof. David F. Call went to Cedar Rapids Tuesday to attend a missionary convention, and returned on the following day.

The Freshman regret very much that their Best man will not be with them next year. He will enter the Medical Department.

C. S. Magowan, C. E. '84, is in the employ of the Union Pacific R. R., making surveys of depot grounds between Ogden and Cheyenne.

One of our Seniors, became so Witty, while strolling in the woods with one of the fairer sex, that he unconsciously lost his cane, the idol of his life.

D. D. Donnan, formerly a student of the University, now editor of the Clayton County *Journal* spent the early part of the week in the city visiting friends.

Dr. H. H. Smith, graduated from the dental department of the University this spring has located at Malvern, Iowa, where he has secured a very fine patronage.

Leona Call, '80, will deliver the Alumni oration at the commencement of the Cedar Valley Seminary, Osage, having graduated from that school in the class of 1875.

The Freshmen showed their enterprise in arranging a match game of ball between their nine and the High school. The game takes place on the Fair grounds at two o'clock today.

The *musical* given by Miss Jessie Smith, assisted by Misses Wilcox, Hess, Paine, Freeman and Mr. Johnson, at the parlors of the St. James last Monday evening, was enjoyed by many of the students.

On Tuesday Profs. Calvin and McBride were interviewed by a couple of nimrods who had succeeded in bagging three pelicans which they desired to sell. As the museum is already supplied with that avis, they were compelled to seek buyers elsewhere.

A communication from W. S. Bicksler, LL.B., '83, states that he is about to locate at Boone, Iowa, for the practice of his profession. Mr. Bicksler has been at Salem since graduation and has met with very flattering success. He is a young man of excellent attainments and the best wishes of THE VIDETTE go with him to his new home.

The Freshman base ball team, which enters the field with intention of achieving glory at the expense of the upper classes, has the following organization; Orelup, catcher; Farnsworth, pitcher; Heald 1st base; Pickett 2d base; Chas.

Mills 3d base; Dart, short stop; E. V. Mills, left field; E. R. Nichols, center field; McNeil, right field.

Students in Constitutional history have been referred several times to May's Democracy in Europe Vol. II. This valuable book of reference, it has been found, is missing from the Library and has probably become the property of some book pilferer.

The *Hesperian student* has justly entered complaint against several of her cotemporaries for copying without giving due credit. THE VIDETTE of May 2d contained "Four Epitaphs," bearing neither quotation marks nor mark of exchange. The record of the University organ is such that the offense will be pardoned, considering that it occurred by mistake. We are glad to make the correction.

The University Band, Company C and the Farmers' Brigade have exhausted the pleasures and honors of Mobile and for several days have been in New Orleans, where it is said our S. U. I. Band competes successfully with the famous Mexican band. The boys will be back in a few days, bringing credit and honor to the institution they represent. Several of the leading citizens are in favor of tendering them a reception in view of the distinction they have won for the city, University and State. They will, in all probability, return next Tuesday. Every student ought to turn out and welcome the boys and show the proper appreciation for the services of the members of the Band in bringing it to a degree of excellence which is an honor to the University and the pride of the State.

The graduates of the State University of Iowa, residents in Minnesota, held an enthusiastic meeting at the office of Charles B. Elliot and organized a State alumni association. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chas. B. Elliot, '81, President; F. C. Stephens, '84, St. Paul, Vice President; F. E. Pomeroy, '84, Mankato, Second Vice President; Fred Hass Jr., '84, Minneapolis, Treasurer; Robert G. Morrison, '82, Minneapolis, Secretary. The following executive committee was chosen: H. C. Truesdale, '82, chairman; E. M. Johnson, '76, S. B. Howard, '83; F. C. Drew, '83; and C. E. Thayer, '84. The executive committee was instructed to arrange for a banquet at hotel Lafayette some time in July.—*Minneapolis Tribune*.

The following is from the Mobile Daily Register of May 7th: "About 12 o'clock a consolidated band consisting of 96 pieces and composed of the Dubuque Drum Corps, the Light Guard Band of Racine, Wis., the State University Band of Iowa, and the First Regiment Band of Eldorah, all under the direction of Prof. McCosh, appeared before the Battle House and played such music as is seldom heard in this city. The Governor stood on the Battle House gallery surrounded by ladies and members of his

staff. After a succession of tunes by the band, the Governor made a short address expressing his deep appreciation of the honor conferred on him and assuring the visiting musicians of the heartiness with which they are welcomed by the people of Alabama. Again Lieutenant Randolph of the United States army, is in the city from New Orleans, where he is an accredited officer at the Exposition, and with him is a numerous delegation of gentlemen from New Orleans. In consequence of the approbation by the citizens of Mobile of the music of the Iowa University Band which was brought to Mobile by Gen. Bentley, a request was made at headquarters to have the band play in the presence of these gentlemen with a view to requesting its attendance at New Orleans at the competitive drill to take place there and to afford to the citizens of that an opportunity of hearing its magnificent music." Lieutenant Randolph is an intimate friend of Lieutenant Knower, also a member of the same regiment. To him the University Band was properly accredited to the accommodating commander of the University Battalion.

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It is extremely gratifying to Iowa people to hear the favorable reports from different parts of the Union concerning our educational exhibit at the exposition. The Louisville *Courier Journal* after a review of the entire educational exhibit has the following to say of our State.

But Iowa deserves the palm for the most thorough and comprehensive exhibition in this department; here one finds every form and phrase of educational work done in the Hawkeye State. Fully 500 schools are said to have contributed their quota of work viz., slates, maps, drawings and charts of every kind prepared by pupils in the school-room; there are exercises in grammar, history, arithmetic, etc., presented in pamphlet form, with gala-day decorations of bright ribbons upon them. One sees just what is being done in the school-room, and the skill of little fingers in the attempt at original illustration and drawings is gratifying to the eye. The State works upon the principle that any child who can be taught to write can also be trained in art; therefore there is a large and creditable display of drawings by pupils, one of a dog's head being exceptionally good. Every grade of instruction is illustrated step by step, from the "A, B, C's" of the little tots on through the district schools, high schools, and lastly the University.

AND THE SPECIMENS OF COMPOSITION!

Of all sorts, of all sizes and from all ages; those from the primary schools are a most interesting feature of the collection. The pupils select pictures from which to glean ideas, and row upon row of their tiny efforts (each with its accompanying picture) greets the observer. Here is a portion of one written by a little maid of eight years:

"This is the picture of a little girl, and boy, and four kittens, and an old cat. The boy has a jumping jack, and is trying to frighten the little kittens. One of the kittens is on the girl's lap, and three are in a basket. The boy and girl seem to be having a fine time."

This essay bears the cramped, little school girl chirography of its owner, and presents a tidy aspect.

The graded and high schools are represented by volumes of MS. on different subjects—language, mathematics, literature—and by drawings; before graduation, the students are required to prepare a series or review of the four years' course, so that what proficiency has been attained, is here fully exemplified. The school for the blind has a great quantity of fancy work to display; their aptitude in sewing, beadwork, and knitting, to say nothing of the manufacture of brooms, carpets and mattresses, imparts a wonderful bit of coloring to these afflicted lives, which otherwise must of necessity be full of "heart break."

Townsend's Premium Gallery still continues to be headquarters for everything in the photographic line.

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SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

Remember the summer term.

Chas. Martin will take a situation soon.

Ed. Younkin has enrolled for a full course.

The fifth edition of the Trial Lessons is being distributed.

Miss Hutchinson returned from Council Bluffs Thursday evening.

Summer term begins Tuesday, June 23, and continues three months; tuition, \$24.

Ed. Brooks who completed the course a year ago, is now stenographer for the law firm of Cole, McVeigh & Clarke at Des Moines.

The "Summer School of Short-Hand," conducted at the Stenographic Institute, Ann Arbor, Mich., begins June 30; S. A. Moran, instructor.

Mr. F. D. Lindsley, agent for the B., C. R. & N., is taking the correspondence course. The plan is well suited to busy people who cannot attend a class regularly.

The Bureau has been engaged to make the official report for the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which convenes in Arkansas next week.

New correspondence students are: B. J. McCabe, editor of the *Daily Journal*, Ottawa, Ill.; J. C. Adams, Deputy Clerk, Raymond, Miss.; F. D. Lindsley, city, Bert Wright, Greene, Iowa.

Miss Hattie Lewis has been engaged as stenographer for the Homestead Publishing Company, at Des Moines. Since completing her course last fall, she has been assisting a law firm at her home in Bedford.

Miss Nellie Hutchinson, of the school of short-hand, is at Council Bluffs, making the official report of the Pharmaceutical Association now in session there. She has grown to be an expert in the profession and her services are in demand.—*Daily Republican*.

Mr. Julius Ensign Rockwell, stenographer in the Government Patent Office, (until recently connected with the Bureau of Education) has our thanks for several copies of the new and enlarged edition of "Teaching, Practice, and Literature of Short-Hand." This volume contains a vast amount of information, and our students would do well to send for a copy to the Bureau of Education.

There is a growing demand for Short-hand, in connection with the telephone by means of this art, and in no other way message can be received as fast as transmitted. The improvement of the telephone will directly increase the demand for stenographers. When the wires can be operated successfully at "long range," press reports, and much matter that is now sent by mail, will be transmitted in this way. Many indications point to a vastly increased need for the art of rapid writing.

ACADEMY COLUMN.

GUIDO H. STEMPEL, Editor.

Harvey Sutliff spends the latter part of the week at Solon, Iowa.

There is a story extant, to which Murphy is thought to have the key.

Harry Seymour and his sister Hattie came in from Williamsburgh, Wednesday, to visit friends.

P. M. Burrows who is now among in the legion of book-agents, spent a few days of the past week in this city.

Weather permitting, the picnic came off to-day. No doubt, a good time was had, which will be detailed in the our next issue.

Several of the students took in the exhibition of electric light at the warehouse of Rabenau & Co., on Wednesday evening last.

At the last meeting of the Athenian Society, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the model House of Representatives *sine die*.

Isaac W. Bender was chosen usher of the Athenian Society last Friday evening, as by an oversight the office had not been filled at the general election.

Miss Alice Thompson, who was forced, on account of illness a short time ago, to return home, West Branch, Iowa, is again at her studies with new vigor.

The class in Elocution did not demand a regular critical this term, but it was thought advisable to hold one last Wednesday evening, so that the students might make some use of their theories gained in class.

The commencement speakers were appointed Tuesday, including the following members of the Senior class: O. W. Anthony, Edgar E. Baker, I. W. Bender, Brodie B. Davis, Wm. Drew, Clara Hinman, Chas. Mackey, Winnie A. Sawin, Guido H. Stempel and Gertrude Thomas.

Herbert Brown has started a tri-weekly society paper at Ottumwa, Iowa. Herbert is a first-class newspaper man, thorough-going and with a great deal of experience for one so young, and we predict for him "a great success," as he is sure to take care of his "little thing."—The Table Talk.

Emmet C. Gibson is so wrapt up in the study of law, at Erie, Penn., that he seemingly almost forgets his friends of the Academy. A letter was received Monday, in which he spoke of the delights which surrounded him in the study of his chosen profession, and gave a "good account" of himself generally. The best wishes of the Academy go with him in his new field.

A goodly number of people, understanding German, gathered in the hall of the Academy last Saturday night to be entertained by the program prepared by the classes in German. The entertainment opened with a student's song: "Was kommt dort von der Höh?" by Messrs. Davis and Stempel, who, owing to the fact that they had not practiced

with violin accompaniment, did not do as well as might have been wished; still the audience judged leniently and gave the piece its full share of applause. Miss Irene Lewis followed with a declamation, Goethe's much loved song, "Mignon," which was rendered in a manner befitting its sweetness. The oration, "Die Neueren Sprachen," was then delivered by Brodie B. Davis, the subject was handled in the same clear style that marks the author's English productions, and was an eloquent plea for the study of the modern languages. The next was a Bohemian song by Bohumil Shimek which was roundly encored; in answer, Mr. Shimek stepped to the front, struck an attitude and—bowed! Hereupon followed the play of Wilhelmj, in one act, entitled: "Einer Musz Heirathen! The part of Jacob Zorn, an almost fossilized German professor, lost to everything but his books, was rendered in a perfectly natural manner by O. W. Anthony. The character of his brother, Wilhelm Zorn, seemingly as much a foggy as his elder brother, but hiding within a goodly amount of cheek, which waited but for the moment, was satisfactorily interpreted by Guido H. Stempel. The role of their aunt Gertrude, who had made them her only care from infancy, and whose one desire was that one of them, in accordance with their father's dying wish, should marry, fell to Miss Ella D. Graves, who sustained her reputation. Miss Grace O. Partridge gave a pleasing Louise, the niece of Gertrude, who was fixed upon as the "party of the second part" in the fulfillment of the dying man's wish. The play went off smoothly, and was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, as was shown by the frequent laughter that greeted the points made.

COLLEGE ENDOWMENTS.

Editors Vidette-Reporter:—In your last week's issue, in a general item concerning the endowments of Ameaican colleges, after a mention of several comparatively well-endowed schools like Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Brown, this statement follows: "So far as we can ascertain, no other college has an endowment of over \$450,000.

This latter statement is, I think, incorrect. At least two other institutions now occur to mind, each having over half a million of endowment; viz., my own Alma Mater, Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y., whose invested funds aggregate about \$550,000, and Colby University, Maine, which has recently come into possession of a legacy from the estate of the late Gardner Colby, of Boston, which swells its funds to about the same sum as Madison's. Should not Boston University also appear in the list referred to? What about DePauw?

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THE CONFLICT OF LABOR AND CAPITAL.

A. J. Beveridge, Du Pauw University Indiana, taking first honors at Inter-State Contest.

Most conflicts result from reactions. The French Revolution was a reaction against the oppression of caste, with Rousseau to lead it. Skepticism is a reaction against conservative creed, an Ingersoll leading it. Socialism is the reaction of labor against capital, Henry George leading it.

Such extremes can never solve a problem. Upon the passionless heights between, whence unprejudiced reason may sweep the whole field of thought, is ever found the comprehensive truth. The French Revolution resulted in the rejection of extremes—the union of individual liberty and social restraint. Eventually science and dogma must reject extremes—faith and reason must unite. The solution of the labor problem must be the abandonment of extremes—the union of labor and capital.

This conflict is filling the universal mind, dictating political platforms, anon bursting into riots and strikes like the complaining murmurs of a coming storm. But eight years since, it kindled the flames at Pittsburg, and sent terror to every city in our land; it inspired the late riots in Hocking Valley and South Bend, and, waxing fiercer and fiercer, running bullets unseen, mustering forces invisible, it will, if unchecked, one day rouse us with drum-beat and bugle-call.

Increasing population brings it each day nearer. Already we have 1,000,000 unemployed men; already 2,000,000 laborers secretly organized; already fifty newspapers spreading sedition and excess!—and our population is doubling every twenty-five years!

Great cities cradle this conflict. With a Chicago, a New York, a San Francisco, a score of cities like Paris, what must we expect? With a hundred equal to Marseilles, what? When the fortunes of Vanderbilts, ill-gotten, ill-kept, are filling the masses with bitterness, what? Ah! was Macaulay dreaming when he told of our coming Huns and Vandals? Was Wendell Phillips a madman when he said that the problem of the rich and poor would yet try our souls as slavery never tried them? A problem, this, to which we must address ourselves, now, ere extremists throw labor and capital into armed conflict.

Already, these extremists are moving. Already in behalf of toiling poverty, have such intellects as Rousseau, Lasalle and George, proclaimed war against our social system. They represent ideas, and they must be heard; for an idea, glowing with the immortality of some man's convictions, cannot be silenced but by convincing argument.

These extremists demand the overthrow of our social system. They ask: "Why this vice and wretchedness among the poor? Why have they not equal happiness with the rich? Because society is unjust—conditions unequal. Because one man owns a thousand acres while his neighbor is famishing." Their remedy is, "Right the injustice; make property common, as air is common, and sunlight and starlight; make conditions

equal, as nature made them equal. With poverty swept away the cause of theft and murder and misery will be gone."

But their argument rests on false premises. Vice, sloth, and attendant wretchedness prevail, not because of poverty; poverty prevails because of them. It is the old, old problem of human nature and its frailty, and human nature they disregard.

Is their remedy just? What gives property its value? Some man's toil; some man's thought. Yonder marsh is worthless; drain it and it teems with richness. Is it right when one man gave it value, for all to enjoy it equally? Manifestly not. Equality of condition is neither right nor natural. Great capacity deserves more than mean capacity. An Edison deserves more than his engineer. The parable of the talents flashes back the vision of justice, and upon justice is society founded; and though the rains descend and the floods come and the winds blow and beat upon it, it shall not fall, for it is founded upon a rock.

Their remedy is as impossible as it is unjust. Could you make property common, condition equal? Who should dwell upon the shores of the Hudson? Who amid Arizona's sagebrush? Who should choose? Who decide? Would there be no favoritism, no fraud, no dissatisfaction? Ah, look just beyond this frost-work of Socialism and there flashes the bayonets and the swords, rough-ground, of anarchy—ay, grim and blackened warriors stand to their smoking guns! Equality of condition is impossible until sunlit mountain and laughing valley are level plains, climate uniform, and all men equals in body and in brain. Indeed, men are like nature; here a crag, and yonder a dell; there a Jungfrau with beetling cliffs and crown of snow; yonder a generous plain; anon a dismal swamp where pestilence broods.

Equalize conditions and every motive to effort dies. No sweat of brow, no sweat of brain, never a glorious deed nor work of genius, if improved condition does not reward it. Better the whirlwind of enterprise than the dreamless sleep of such equality. Voiceless yet would be the golden harp of Shakespeare, silent the song of Milton, still the fairy fingers of Mozart, unfilled, unfilled with westward winds Columbus' sails, unreared our temples of learning, and wrapped in the shadows of a dream undreamt this mighty civilization, but for the magic touch of private enterprise.

No, not equality of condition, equality of privilege is the principle of justice! Equal privileges to build fortunes if one can, to lead armies if one can; to be an Humboldt if one can. This principle it was that gave us liberty; that handed the instant lightnings down to Lincoln; that stormed these heights at Lookout—equality of privilege—and the tattered battle flags, torn by the shells at Yorktown, at Shiloh, at Gettysburg; the monuments of those who fell upon the furrowed fields where our heroes fought for the rights of men, call upon us to preserve that principle forever!

God grant that the day may never

dawn, when socialism attempts to execute its theory; for the sun of that day will set red amid the roar of cannon, and upon the ruins of our Republic, some Cæsar may build his throne.

Is our society, then sufficient to solve this problem? Yes! in the name of popular education; in the name of temperance reform; in the name of Him of Nazareth, it is indeed sufficient!

But if society is equal to the question, why the conflict? The solution means the removal of the cause. What, then, is the cause of the conflict? Not society's injustice? No! It results because right relations are distorted; because demagogues have cut the chords of confidence binding labor and capital together. Mutual distrust is the moving spirit. Labor and capital forget what each owes the other. Capital forgets that labor creates its wealth; that labor is human with sacred rights; forgets that "rank is but the guinea's stamp, the man's the gold for a' that;" forgets this, and fixes wages, not where they should be, but as low as labor can live upon. Labor forgets that capital alone can give it employment; and that capital like all force, must be massed to accomplish great ends, that scattered it would be powerless as the shorn Samson; forgets that labor receives 95 per cent and capital but 5 per cent of all the value industry creates, and that capital is the directing force which renders this industry possible; forgets that the true nobility of labor is "brave struggling, not repining;" that every force to-day is lifting labor up. Let the toiler pause and think! For his sake thrones are falling and the world is yielding to the royalty of thought and toil. For his sake science searches the mystery of force and life, and at the portals of the tomb, almost grasps the mystery of death. Every influence—college or church, statesman's thought or law of matter, whatever to-day is a living force, is shaping in this century the golden age of the workingman; yet, under all, is the hand of capital guiding, moulding, building. Labor and capital must remember these things; labor must remember that capitalists deserve more than working men for the foresight and responsibility that create enterprise; capital must give labor the wages of justice, wages that rise and fall when profits rise and fall; confidence must be restored, and this problem will vanish like frost in a flood of sunshine!

But confidence is impossible, while three classes remain—the ignorant, the criminal and the poor; and if the school cannot overcome the ignorant; the church, the criminal; and both, united to temperance, the indigent—then alas for the future of society!

Thus universal education becomes a social necessity. Ignorant labor cannot reason justly. It is the ready victim of every plausible fallacy. To ignorant labor, capital seems the tyrant whose burdens it has borne through storm and blast with rags and hunger as its only recompense. Well, may capital tremble when political power is in the hands of ignorant poverty. You cannot remove the power; you must destroy the class;

you must enlighten labor. Enlightened labor can think rightly. It knows that capital is the motor of the age. It is ever changing places with capital—the incompetent heir with the able employee. Enlighten labor, and our ignorant class fades away like the memory of a troubled dream.

But whence the criminal and indigent? The victims of capital? Not so! Question statistics, and from the darkest page comes the answer: Our poor spend \$1,000,000,000 every year for intoxicants. Labor, worth \$1,000,000,000 more, is yearly incapacitated by intoxicants. Three-fifths of all poverty, nine-tenths of all crime comes from intoxicants. Here is the efficient cause of poverty, vice, and distrust. This is more than sentiment—it is danger! The \$2,000,000,000 yearly taken from labor must be saved—an economy which, almost alone will eliminate the criminal and indigent classes.

But of itself it cannot solve this problem. The great need of our business civilization is, conscience. It alone can establish absolute confidence between labor and capital. Capital without conscience means tyranny; labor without conscience, anarchy. Out from the shades of Gethsemane, out from the riven tomb, He of the thorn-crowned head is walking down the troubled ages, lifting from bruised and staggering man the burden of his woes—speaking conscience to every soul, and here where Christianity is the basis of society; here where childhood's first lisping learn at mother's knee and from mother's lips the story of that Ineffable One, we know that conscience may be a universal fact. Back of Christian faith lies conscience; back of conscience, confidence. The church must come to the rescue of our conscience, shipwrecked as it well nigh is in the tempest of this century's struggle for gain. Capital must be humanized; labor must be Christianized. Christian labor is the sublimest force in history. It awoke to the morning cry of Paul Revere and rallied on the green at Lexington; out from the yearning arms of home, it marched into the flame of battle, and sent God's thunderbolts smoking against our national sin—marched forth, not for itself, but for the slave; and to Christian labor our hope must be anchored in this conflict of to-day. But faithless labor!—let that procession which yesterday marched through Chicago declaring robbery just; let the barricades of Paris—let these show the fury of labor without conscience, without God. Then let the song of Bethlehem's morning stars peal on, peal on, till its melody touches every troubled spirit; touches them in the vaults of greed, in the homes of the lowly, in the camps of sin—touches and soothes and wins. Let the bugles of conscience sound the truce of God through the whole world forever!

When the barriers to mutual trust have been leveled—and they will be—when we have a sober, an intelligent and a Christian people—and we will have them—the sounds of this conflict will die away as the distant thunders of a stormy night recede and die before the

breaking of a summer's dawn. With confidence established right-relations will result, labor and capital will join hands, and this problem will be solved.

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Noscitur a sociis.

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Our Alumni notes did not materialize this week.

The annual announcement of the Law department will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Joel P. Bishop, the celebrated legal author has already attained the ripe old age of three score and ten. Our legal lore will no doubt be enriched for many years to come by his prolific pen.

During the past week Prof. McClain has given the Senior class a series, of very interesting lectures, introductory to the study of Constitutional Law. The origin and development of this branch of the law, were considered legally and historically with the force and originality which usually characterize the lectures given by our instructor. The fundamental principles of the English Constitution, the powers of the House of Commons and House of Lords were briefly but ably discussed. A correct understanding of the English government is absolutely necessary before the student can intelligently study our form of government. In this series of lectures it was shown that our Constitution was not an invention, but a selection of the usages, customs and maxims of the English government, and a reduction of such principles as were applicable to our condition, into our present Constitution.

There are a few members in the class who invariably ask a number of questions at every recitation. As a rule they are questions which a person of ordinary intelligence, with the aid of a dictionary or text book, could look up in a short time. In a vast majority of cases the questioner has already answered the question satisfactory to himself, but his stock of information is in such a state of effervescence that he must speak or he will become "top heavy." Assuming that there are fifty members in the class and that each member should, as certain members do, ask on an average of three questions at each recitation, we would have one hundred and fifty questions propounded at each sitting of the class. To answer this number of interrogatories would consume fully twice the amount of time allowed for the recitation. This is not only a great imposition on the instructors but also on the class. A pertinent question which is asked for information and which would benefit the class is proper, but when otherwise we think it an inexcusable appropriation of time which rightfully belongs to others.

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