THE CONTEST.


The Eighteenth Annual Oratorical Contest of the State University of Iowa was held in the Opera House last evening, with the above result. It cannot be said of S. U. I., as it can of many other institutions, that her oratory is declining, or that the interest and enthusiasm in that direction are growing less. The truth is that the contest last night was one of the best held here in Iowa.

Albert T. Rutledge, ’94, delivered the first oration, with "The Power of Mind" for his subject. Mr. Rutledge's delivery was a pleasant surprise—to me, at least. He was easy and natural on the stage, and had his voice in good control. His delivery, however, lacked force. Only twice did he attempt to arouse himself to earnestness in delivery. These attempts were short, and on that account too noticeable to produce the desired effect upon his audience. His oration was well written, but I failed to notice any thought which could be called either new or original.

Levi H. Fuller, L.’92, who took second place, and who was generally considered as a strong man for high honors, proved to his hearers that his orations were short, and that on account too noticeable to produce the desired effect upon his audience. His oration was well written, but I failed to notice any thought which could be called either new or original.

W. W. Kaye, ’93, on "Advantages of Inequality," took third place. He started out with too much vigor and strength, which, had they been rightly distributed, would have added to his delivery the force and conviction which they took from him. Beginning with his first sentence, he spoke in so loud a tone that his voice soon became monotonous, and his over-earnestness had the wrong effect. He was hardly at home on the platform. He moved around and jerked his head and body too much. I do not think he deserved third place.

Fred A. Stowe, ’92, spoke on "The Last Philosophy," and although he has improved his delivery since his last year's attempt, he still insists upon mouthing his words, and in being un-natural; least of any of the speakers, did he carry conviction. Oratory is not bombast, nor deep voice, nor wise counsel, nor grave looks. It is primarily an earnest and convincing talk, simple talk.

The winning oration upon "The New Morality," was next given by George Beardsley, '93. In thought, the oration was without a rival among the six. In composition, Beardsley fully sustained the reputation he has always had in the University, as one of its most able writers. In delivery, nothing more natural could be imagined. It was Beardsley, without change or affectation. His talk came as a personal conversation; its tone was not always quiet and subdued, but where the thought demanded, it was earnest and convincing. The gestures, unpollished, rude and nervous, as they were, meant more when they were used, than the whole force of parts of some of the orations.

W. T. Chantland, ’92, spoke next on "The Statesman." In spite of the fact that he forgot his oration in one place, and was miserably prompted, I think he should have been given third place. His marks do not do him justice. His oration was written in his usual good style, but did not admit of a great amount of original thought—less, by far, than he developed last year. His delivery was inclined to be too forcible.

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Mr. R. C. Morse, the referee on delivery, gave the following marks: Beardsley 95, Fuller 90, Chantland 65, Rutledge 80, Stowe 77, Kaye 75, which gives the orators the rank indicated by their positions in the above schedule.

RUSH C. BUTLER, '93.

IOWA INTER-COLLEGIAINS.

The State Oratorical Contest Field—State Athletic Meeting—Inter-Collegiate Base Ball League—Formed—Inter-Press Association Meets

in Oratory, Drake First, Coe Second and Cornell Third.

This has been a busy week among the college students of Iowa.

The long expected event, the State Oratorical Contest of 1892 has passed into history and Drake University, of Des Moines, carried off the coveted place of honor, through the efforts of Mr. L. W. Morgan, subject, "Alexander Hamilton," Coe College, of Cedar Rapids, represented by Mr. J. W. Bickford, whose subject was "The Dethronement of Nerves," took second place, and Mr. T. F. M. Huntington, of Cornell College, took third place with an oration on "Individualism in Government."

The delegates, politicians and visitors began to arrive in Cedar Rapids Wednesday morning and in the evening a reception and banquet was tendered those from abroad, by the students of Coe College.

Thursday was a busy day. The Grand Hotel had been selected as the headquarters of the officers of the State Association, hence it became the political magnet of the collegians. In two and threes and larger groups the interested and confiding delegates and candidates counseled closely together in the same old way as they do, familiar to everyone who has been fortunate enough to attend a gathering of this kind.

The business meeting of the Oratorical Association was held at 10 o'clock in Green's Opera House. The opening of the afternoon session President Kirkpatrick announced that the executive committee had decided that the admitted orator from U. I. U. should not appear on the program because his oration contained 2,000 words, or forty in excess of the constitutional limit. The Ames orator was put on the program in place of the U. I. U. man. Grinnell modestly requested that her orator who, it was claimed, had

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There is one lesson to be learned from the contest last night. A lesson which the future orators of S. U. I. will do well to remember. It is this: An oration, to succeed, must be practical. It must concern itself with the present. The people are interested in the social, religious and political movements of to-day. The wonders of the past have been sung by the poet, set forth by the artist, and portrayed by the artist. The past. We live in the present, in the age of practical ideas. The orator must make his audience believe that he means what he says. The orator is he who has something to say and then says it. Let the soul be filled with ideas born of honest convictions, let sincerity, earnestness and practicality brand every word and mark every expression and you have true oratory.

F. N.

Engineering Society.

The Engineering Society will be addressed next Tuesday evening by Prof. Jameson on the subject of "Railway Signals and Safety Appliances." The address will be illustrated by models and drawings, showing the different methods and devices in use.

Senior Class Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Senior class in room 2, Central building, Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p. m. The matter of class pictures will be considered and every member of the class is urgently requested to be present.

Katharine Barker, President.

Resolutions of Condolence.

The resolutions of condolence passed by the Class of ’94, regarding the death of the late Archer S. Hershire, are, in full, as published Thursday, one of the resolutions was omitted by mistake:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father, in His Infinite wisdom and His knowledge of what is best for all His creatures, to remove our classmate and dear friend, Archer S. Hershire, from our midst to that better land, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Collegiate Class of ‘94, S. U. I., do extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the S. U. I. Quilt and the Vidette-Reporter, and that a copy be sent to the parents.


Phi Psi Party.

The Phi Pals gave a most enjoyable dancing party at their halls Thursday evening. The party was given in honor of Chas. Vollmer, M. ’92, who sails for Vienna immediately after graduation to take a post graduate medical course of two years.

The following ladies were present:

Misses Getchell of Des Moines, Alford, Louise Alford, Dewey, Cox, Copeland, Ashley, Griffith, Maidie Griffith, Easton and Gleason.

Notice.

Students interested in the Ornithological Club are requested to meet in the botanical lecture room on Monday evening, Feb. 29th, at 7 o'clock. Meeting called to effect an organization and to assign work. Frank Russell.

At a meeting of the Oratorical Association held after societies last evening A. S. Hamilton, ’94, was elected treasurer, vice W. W. Kaye resigned.

Prof. Jameson was in Freeport, Ills., Tuesday, bidding on a sewer system, to be constructed at that place this summer.

Mr. Jno. W. Akers, ex-Sept. Public Instruction, has been in the city this week, remaining over from the Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Mr. C. M. Keefer, an alumnus of Upper Iowa University, and a delegate from Des Moines to the Y. M. C. A. Convention, spent a day this week looking through the University.

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best thrown out on a technically, be allowed to appear on the program and be marked by the judges, but that he be not considered as a contestant. This request was promptly denied.

Perdew, of Wesleyan University, was elected president of the State Association; McCoy, of Iowa College, vice president; McKeen, of Monmouth, secretary, and Grinnell as place of next meeting. No other business of importance was transacted.

At 7:45 a train of five coaches came in, bearing the Cornell students who, in the words of one of their number, prominent in State matters, "were going to take the place of S. U. I. in being the prominent delegation." And they accomplished as much that evening. There were about four hundred Cornell students there, and the combined efforts of all other delegations were insufficient to drown out the Cornell contest song or yell.

The contest was poor. The audience was disappointed. Without prejudice, it may truly be said that the contest was not up to the standard of Iowa's former contests. This opinion has been expressed by many from delegations whose orators appeared on the program. There were but two men who manifested by their delivery an interest and earnestness in what they were saying. These were the men who took the two first places. Excepting these two, the delivery was from moderate to unbearable and repulsive. The decision of the judges was as satisfactory as usual.

THE ATHLETIC MEETING.

President Fuller succeeded in gathering together delegates from each college and university represented in the State Athletic Association, and although no formal association business was transacted, it was ascertained that a unanimous sentiment favored changing the place of holding the Field Meet from Marshalltown to Des Moines. Each local association is requested to send to the Executive Committee, which will meet early in March, a formal vote favoring the proposed change.

THE BASE-BALL LEAGUE.

After considerable work an Inter-Collegiate Base Ball League, of four clubs, was formed. The clubs are to be Iowa Agricultural College, Drake, Iowa College and S. U. I. Cornell is out of it for the reason that its faculty is too strict with the teams, and that the expenses of the Cornell team would be more than that of any other on account of being farther away. The Cornell Faculty compels its teams to leave not before Friday night, to return not later than Saturday night, and will give them no time from school duties.

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Remember the second lecture on "World-Making", will be given by Professor Calvin, at Close Hall, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

A. G. Smith, '91, who is teaching at Agency, is visiting friends in the city.

Col. P. L. Sever made a short visit to the University on Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Shrader entertained the Senior Medics at their home Tuesday evening.

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"Two Old Croonies."
The popular and successful musical farce comedy bearing the above title is announced for Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Opera House. The reputation of this production is established among theater-goers, and will undoubtedly attract a large audience. It has been much improved for this season, and is winning increased praises wherever it appears. It is presented by a company of stars, conspicuous among which are Miss Ada Deaves, and the "Two Old Croonies," Al Wilson and E. J. Heffernan. The three sisters Don, give some of the most attractive dancing ever put before the American public. All the remainder of the company are artists and leaders in their line.

Mardi Gras!

For the Mardi Gras Festival to be held in New Orleans, March 1st, 1892, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway will make a very low rate for the round trip from stations on its line. Tickets on sale Febuary 22d to 28th inclusive, good to return until March 22d, 1892. For information regarding rates of fare, time of trains, etc., apply to any ticket agent of this Company, or J. E. Hannigan, Gen. Tkt. and Pass. Agt., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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