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## Northern Oratorical League.

The annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League, in which picked orators from the great universities of the West are to participate, will take place at Madison, Wisconsin, May 4. While this mundane sphere has been caused to tremble under the irresistible rush of the "foot-ball elevens," and the very air is kept in unstable equilibrium by the whizzing balls sent by the "base-ball nines," and even detailed reports of college debates have filled not only the college papers, but claimed a very prominent place in the city dailies, the college orator has been quietly and persistently improving the silent hours in studying man and his works, to comprehend the world, and to give expression to his thoughts in his oration. Is college oratory productive of good results? Does it claim the attention of the best minds? Is it as popular as it used to be? These questions can be answered variously; but it cannot be denied that college oratory, carried on as practically as it is to-day, is productive of better results, is more in harmony with the purpose of a college education, and requires far more genuine ability than many of the "fads" that seem to supplant it in our colleges to-day.

The Northern Oratorical League was organized in 1890, by the State Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Northwestern University, Oberlin College; and our University in 1891. In '93 University of Chicago was admitted, and their representative appears for the first time this year. This annual contest will undoubtedly be the most important inter-collegiate event in the West, and it is watched with interest. B. G. Mattson, of Oberlin, is President of the League, W. W. Wedemeyer, of Ann Arbor, is Vice-President, and J. F. Roberts, of Evanston, is Secretary. The orators who are to represent their respective institutions are as follows:

Frank Prather Sadler will represent the University of Michigan. He was born in Springville, Ill., June 10, '72, being the youngest of a family of seven children. When Frank was two years of age his father removed to a large farm near Grove City, Ill., where he was for many years extensively engaged in stock raising. Young Sadler's early education was obtained at a village school, and won for three consecutive years the prize given by competitive examination among the pupils of the county. From here he attended the Northern Indiana Normal, at Valparaiso, where he gave special attention to elocution, under Professor Bogarte. In the Fall of '91 he entered Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and took part in the annual declamatory contest between the Freshmen and Sophomores the first year. He has distinguished himself in public speaking, and has continued his study of elocution. Attracted by Michigan's great University, he entered in '92, as a member of the class of '96.

Bernard G. Mattson will represent Oberlin College. He was born in Chester Co., Pa., Jan. 22, '66. The family removed to Minnesota in '81. After completing the common schools

young Mattson attended the State Normal School, at St. Cloud, Minn., for two winter terms. His college career was now interrupted for three years, during which time he was engaged in business in Minneapolis. Love for reading, and a general interest in education, awakened by private study, soon turned him towards college again, and in '89 he entered Oberlin Academy. Completing the course in a year, he entered Oberlin College in '90. He was president of his class during the first year, and won first honors in his class as orator, in the second year. In his junior year he delivered a Greek oration at the junior exhibition. He is especially interested in historical and philosophical studies. Has been president of the Y. M. C. A. for two years; he is also editor of the *Oberlin Review*. In addition to his present honor, his class elected him as Spade Orator for Class Day exercises.

John Mark Ericson will be the representative of Northwestern University. He was born at Ridgefield, Conn., and received his early education in the common schools of that place. Subsequently he prepared himself for the profession of architect, being employed as architectural draughtsman in Beatrice, Neb., from '86 to '89. He then entered the Northwestern Academy, and took high rank as speaker among his class, being elected as one of the graduating orators. Since '90 he has been attending the Northwestern College of Liberal Arts, and has devoted himself largely to literary work, though giving due attention to social and athletic interests. He represented his class as one of the speakers at the Congdon declamatory contests. He has given special attention to the subjects of literature and philosophy, and is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Elisha Moore Lake is the orator from Chicago University. He was born in Pennsylvania, and spent most of his youth in his native state. Upon graduating from the high school at Canton, Pa., where he was honored as valedictorian, he spent a year in teaching a district school. Subsequently he entered Bucknell Academy, Lewisburgh, Pa. Here he won the first prize in the senior class oratorical contest. After entering the University of Chicago he immediately gained distinction by winning second honors in the Prohibition Oratorical Contest held there.

George Cutler Fracker will be Iowa's representative. Born within a few blocks of the University, Mr. Fracker has from his childhood days breathed the refining air of University culture. He spent his younger days on a farm near by, but still in sight of the institution he is now called to honor. His father was a Bostonian, and his mother came from Tennessee. Mr. Fracker ranks high among his fellow students. He has ever been an active worker in the Zetagathian Literary Society, and also honored with the presidency. He was one of the editors of the Junior Annual of '93. He has been an influential member of the Polygon, the only club in the University which has for its sole aim origi-

nal work in a literary line. He won third honors in the oratorical contest of last year. His specialties are English and Philosophy.

Alonzo R. Smith, of the University of Wisconsin, is said to be a vigorous thinker and an able speaker.

## Zet-Irving Freshman Contest.

On next Tuesday evening will be held the second annual contest between the Freshmen of the Irving and the Zetagathian literary societies. Last year, it will be remembered, the contest was in the form of a joint debate; this year, however, the contestants will present a regular program as given by the societies each Friday evening. The parts of the program will then consist of two orations, two declamations, and a debate, each society furnishing one orator, one declaimer, and two debaters.

The Irving representatives in the contest are as follows: Orator, Steven Coldren; declaimer, G. M. Johnson; debaters, W. N. Smith and J. R. Sheehan.

The representatives of the Zetagathian society are: Orator, H. W. Hansen; declaimer, Harry Souther; debaters, E. G. Moon and H. L. Watts.

The question for the debate is, "Resolved: That municipal ownership and operation of street railways and lighting works is preferable to private ownership and operation in cities of the United States of 25,000 or more inhabitants, it being conceded that a change of ownership can be made legally." The Irvings will support the affirmative of this question, and the Zetagathians the negative.

The participants in this contest have been hard at work upon their parts for the past two months, and they will undoubtedly present one of the best literary contests that has been held this year. No admission fee will be charged and a large audience should turn out to greet the contestants.

## College Professors Meet.

Representatives from several different colleges of the State held a session at Grinnell, last Friday afternoon, to consider the question of a closer union of the colleges with the State Teachers' Association. The representatives were: Professor Currier, State University; Professor Macy, Iowa College; Professor Freer, Cornell; Professor Stanton, Iowa Agricultural; Professor Michener, Penn; Professor Harkness, Parsons, and Professor Brooks, Tabor. They decided on Professor Loos, of the State University, as statistician of the committee, to prepare a list of questions for the different colleges, with a view to making the classification directed by the college section of the State Teachers' Association. The committee was the guest of Iowa College, being entertained at the home of Professor Macy.

## I. C.'s Field Meet.

Iowa College's annual Home Field Day will be held on next Saturday, both in the forenoon and the afternoon. Besides the regular State program they will contest the following events:

Class team bicycle race (one mile),

1/4 mile bicycle race, 5 mile bicycle race, relay race, and consolation race. Besides the regular medals their Athletic Union will give elegant gold medals to those contestants who succeed in lowering a State record.

## Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

In Tuesday's issue of the VIDETTE a fellow who describes himself as a "Constant Reader" shows that his tender feelings are deeply wounded by the alleged "reprehensible behavior" of the Laws.

A few mornings ago quite a large number of S. U. I. girls came over to the steps of the Central building, just to show the gentlemen of the legal profession that they could not be outdone when it comes to a genuine democratic simplicity. They seated themselves upon the steps, basked in the warm April sunshine, and chatted merrily in the fulness of their girlish glee. They said it was "right-jolly" and even the "horrid Laws" thought likewise. For the time being it was a mutual benefit association with which Coxey's good roads association wasn't in it.

But somehow or other the conference displeased your dyspeptic but "Constant Reader." In his communication he thinks it necessary to state that the ladies were well behaved and made no demonstration aside from good natural jeering as the Laws marched up the Central walk and passed into the building." There was no cigarette-smoking or gum-chewing."

So they behaved well and didn't smoke cigarettes! It will be a great relief if your correspondent can spare a few moments from his onerous duties as a "Constant Reader" in order to more fully investigate as to whether our fair visitors carry with them corn-cob pipes, euchre decks, and divers flasks of whiskey.

He further intimates that our sisters descended to the level of the Laws in an effort to raise those sinners. Had your "Constant Reader" dropped his ponderous tone long enough to climb up to the place where the raising power was being carried on he would have known better than to write the nonsense referred to.

The Laws are not angels. Neither are the male Collegiates. Among the Laws are a few whose thoughtlessness has grown to rank proportions. Ditto Collegiates. You will find them in every walk of life. The Laws don't smoke all of the cigarettes sold to students. They are not the only ones who loaf on the Central steps. The Laws are not all Chesterfields; and when the Collegiates think that they have a corner on good manners and decency their conceit overcomes their better judgment.

This thing of blaming everything onto the Laws is not only tiresome but it is unjust. It does no harm here, when everyone knows better; but as long as the college papers have an outside circulation this species of misrepresentation ought to be "choked off."

LAW.

L. B. Elliott, ex-'92, was in the city yesterday.

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We present in this issue sketches of the various orators who will participate in the contest at Madison, tomorrow night. We had intended to present the portraits of the six orators to our patrons in this issue but were unable to do so, owing to our inability to get any reply from Madison. We will have a full telegraphic report of the contest in Saturday's issue.

The action of the faculty in refusing to recognize any person as a *bona fide* student, when the object of his scheduling was known to be that he might participate in athletics, is to be most highly commended. Let us have pure athletics or none. Since college athletics exist solely for the benefit of the students it is a mistaken idea to endeavor to get outsiders to participate. It stops us from developing material from among the students and lowers the standard generally. We would recommend that no student who has not been regularly scheduled for full work for at least three terms, and whose class record during that time has not been satisfactory, be allowed to compete in any inter-collegiate contest. The eastern colleges have adopted a vigorous code of rules to govern athletics and we can see no reason why somewhat similar rules should not be adopted here.

There is still some dissatisfaction among the students with the actions of the base-ball team. Complaint is made that they do not train properly. Now if we are to have a base-ball team that is to represent the University, we have a right to insist upon their following those rules which will put them in the best possible condition to play ball. That they have not submitted to the ordinary rules as to diet and regular hours, is well-known. We do not criticize them because they did not win. A well directed, honest effort is as worthy of praise when it

results in defeat as when it results in victory, and the students of the University recognize that fact. But they will not continue to support any team, both financially and otherwise, if in return that team does not show its appreciation by hard, conscientious work and faithful training. We regret being compelled to thus publicly call attention to the fact, and hope that it will not be necessary to mention it again.

**Notice.**

All Seniors must order their albums and sit for their photographs at Coover's, by Saturday.

**COMMITTEE.**

**The May Morning Breakfast.**

The "May Morning Breakfast," will be served at Close Hall, Saturday morning, from 7 to 9:30 a. m. The following is the menu:

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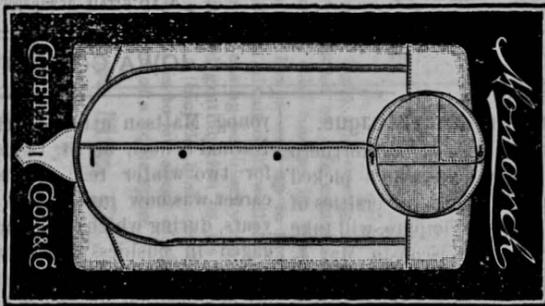
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Miss Alice Hobart, of Clinton, is  
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The Kappa's, yesterday, came out  
in their dark and light blue ribbons,  
by reason of its being their 24th anni-  
versary.

Judge H. E. Deemer, L. '79, of Red  
Oak, Iowa, was recently appointed to  
the new Supreme Court Judgeship by  
Governor Jackson.

W. J. Kyle, L. '95, left last night  
for the east to accept a position with  
a New York firm for the summer. He  
will rejoin his class next September.

The University Catalogue for 1893-  
'94, which we reported ready for dis-  
tribution, have been returned to the  
bindery to be properly bound. They  
will probably be ready for distribu-  
tion in a few days.

Mr. T. H. McEnroe, L. '94, has  
just fallen heir to a large fortune,  
which was amassed by an uncle  
who has just died in the East Indies.  
The estate is valued at \$15,000,000 and  
Mr. McEnroe is one of the six heirs  
among whom it will be divided.

**Tennis Tournament.**

The S. U. I. Tennis Tournament  
will be held Saturday, on the Associa-  
tion courts north of the University  
The singles will be contested in the  
morning and the doubles in the after-  
noon. Werts and Coover will give a  
dozen photos each to the winners of  
the doubles, and a handsome gold  
medal will be presented by the Asso-  
ciation to the winner of the singles.  
Several have already entered for these  
events, and we hope to send good rep-  
resentatives to Grinnell to the State  
Tournament which will be held the  
19th of this month.

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**The Grinnell Game.**

We have been trying faithfully to get a write up of the Grinnell game of last Saturday, but have failed. We give the score, which will tell all that is of interest to S. U. I.

IOWA COLLEGE.		A	B	BH	P	O	A	E	R
Eldridge,	3b	4	1	0	0	1	0		
Darby,	1b	5	0	8	0	0	2		
Heald,	ss	5	2	0	3	1	3		
Somers,	p	5	4	2	6	1	4		
King,	c	5	2	8	1	1	1		
Lyon,	cf	5	0	4	0	0	0		
Stevens,	rf	5	1	0	0	1	1		
Raley,	lf	2	1	1	0	0	1		
Sargent,	2b	4	2	4	2	1	0		
Totals,		40	13	27	12	6	12		

S. U. I.		A	B	BH	P	O	A	E	R
Hopkins,	ss	4	1	1	4	2	0		
Lyons,	c	3	1	9	3	2	1		
Lindsay,	cf	4	0	1	0	0	0		
Zmunt,	p	4	0	0	1	1	0		
Hurst,	rf	3	0	1	7	1	0		
Tuttle,	2b	4	0	5	1	2	0		
Chambers,	1b	4	0	5	0	2	2		
Hull,	lf	4	1	0	0	0	0		
Reno,	3b	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals,		34	3	22	16	10	3		

\*Two out for interference.

**State Fair.**

The Iowa State Fair for 1894, will be held August 31, to September 7. The grounds have been permanently located at Des Moines, and contain 266 acres. Delightful groves and water in abundance are near by for camping purposes. There is quick transit from the city by the double track Rock Island Ry., and street car line. The race track is one of the finest in the west and will attract the fastest horses in the country. The entire exhibit this year, together with the special attractions, promises to excel all past efforts which Iowa has put forth. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, P. L. Fowler.



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