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A SOUTH HALL VICTORY.

ZETS WIN THE SOPHOMORE DEBATE UNANIMOUSLY.

North Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening, the attraction being the annual Sophomore debate between the two rival societies. Owing to the absence of both President and Vice-President of the Debating League, J. R. Frailey acted as presiding officer.

The question for discussion was: "Resolved, that U. S. Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people." The Zets were represented by Messrs Springer, Ogden and Secrest, affirming; while Messrs Switzer, Moulton and Chamberlain denied for Irving Institute.

After a guitar and mandolin duet by Messrs. Kelley and Jayne, J. E. Springer opened for the affirmative. His voice and delivery were impressive, and he laid down firmly and solidly the foundation upon which he and his colleagues rested their case. Beginning at the establishment of the Senate he traced its growth and the change in the attitude of the people toward it, making references to particular cases of their disapproval, and of failures of the Senate to fulfill the mission for which it was originally designed.

Leslie Switzer opened for the negative, arguing strongly for the conservative power of the Senate, and urging the very potent fact that if popular election is to be instituted, there can be no limit drawn as regards its application. Mr. Switzer, although hampered by a cold, presented clearly and forcibly the salient points of the negative.

Mr. Ogden, in continuing for the affirmative, went more into detail regarding the election of senators, claiming the caucus as the place of their creation. He also introduced the argument of gerrymandering against the present system, and further than this that bribery and deadlocks were objects of constant terror. Mr. Ogden is full of enthusiasm, and holds the attention of his audience completely.

Mr. Moulton vigorously attacked the arguments of his opponents, and supplemented his rebuttal by references to foreign countries; by the fact that a constitution once amended is susceptible of innumerable amendments, and that the majority of the voters as yet were content with the old system. Mr. Moulton speaks directly to his audience, and is convincing in his manner of expression.

Perhaps the best individual speech of the evening was next made by W. S. Secrest. Mr. Secrest is an excellent debater. He introduces his facts in such a manner that their application is easily seen, and has furthermore the very enviable faculty of turning apparently adverse arguments to his own side. In addition to rebuttal, the mingling of local and national affairs was here introduced. It occurs to us that this is one of the vital points on this question, and it was presented in its full force.

Mr. Chamberlain, in a clear cut speech, showing careful reasoning and

preparation, followed for the negative. Again arguments clashed wildly, and again the decision seemed to be a matter of mere chance. Mr. Chamberlain laid special stress upon fact that the proposed system would not only not dispense evils at present rife, but also introduce new ones. The closing speeches by Messrs. Moulton and Ogden were good, to the point, and full of life.

The debate as a whole cannot be commended too highly. Both sides were well prepared and knew how to demonstrate it.

Miss Dezellem gave a very enjoyable piano solo, while the decision of the judges, Professor Macbride, Judge Wade and Mr. Merritt, was being collected.

Sigma Nu Banquet.

An annual event in University social life took place last evening in the St. James Hotel. For the fourth time the Sigs celebrated the anniversary of their chapter's coming from beneath the rose, by an elaborate banquet, with dancing in their hall afterwards.

Both the banquet and the dancing halls were decorated with bunting in the fraternity colors—black, white and gold. The tables at the St. James were arranged in shape of a horse shoe, and decorated with beautiful flowers. The gleam of the red, white and blue lights, together with the harmonious draping of fraternity colors, gave the hall a most beautiful appearance. In fact the amiable host, Mr. Lumbard, spared no pains to make the occasion one of utmost pleasure and comfort to his guests. Four of the alumni members from outside the city were present—Jones, '95, Palmetter, Keeler, and Kiser, '97. Miss Holway, of Decorah, and Miss Van Metre, '97, were among the guests.

Mr. Don Kiser, '97, of Ottumwa, acted as toast-master, the lists of toasts being as follows:

Fraternity Standard.....
.....Dr. W. L. Bierring
Looking Backward..Roy A. Palmeter
Babydays in Hellas.....George Allin
Unser Deutcher Verein.....
.....Dr. L. W. Dean
The Ladies.....T. W. Klingenberg

One of the speakers being called out of the city, Mr. W. S. Ankeney was called upon for a few extempore words.

After the table was cleared, a flashlight photograph was taken by Mr. Wertz, and the company adjourned to the fraternity hall to dance until the "wee small hours."

Notice.

All Knights of Pythias in the University are cordially invited to participate with Corinty Lodge No. 24 in celebrating their anniversary on next Tuesday evening, at Castle Hall, Crescent Block.
By C. C.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Sophomores at Close Hall at 3:30 p. m. Monday, Feb. 21. Business of importance to be transacted.

LESLIE E. SWITZER, Pres.

PROF. MCBRIDE'S LECTURE.

"THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A TREE," HIS SUBJECT.

On Thursday evening of this week occurred the first number of the Public Library Lecture Course. A good sized audience greeted the lecturer, and if the entire course is to be judged by the opening number, it will be a great success and a source of much benefit to the city library.

Hon. Geo. W. Ball in a few words stated the benefit, needs and conditions of the library, and then introduced Professor Macbride, who spoke upon the subject "The Life and Death of a Tree." In his lecture the speaker showed that trees were interesting for many reasons. The desert regions of Asia, Europe and America are object lessons which teach the results of destroying the forests. What shall be the destiny of Wisconsin, Michigan and California, or what will become of the Des Moines, the Cedar or the Iowa, if this destruction is to continue? The tree is the outcome of the "Struggle for Existence." They are the successful lofty plants of all the ages; they keep a complete record of time. The individual tree has its origin in the fertilized ovule which develops into a seed containing the embryo plant. All the steps, from the flower, which produces the fertilizing cells, to a mature plant containing stem, leaf and root, were beautifully illustrated.

Among other figures reflected upon the canvas were sections of wood and bark showing cell structure, sections of various kinds of wood showing lines of growth; these are interesting from the fact that they show, by the relative thickness of the annual ring, the good and bad years of the tree. Sections of hard maple, iron wood, water birch, bass wood, cotton wood, willow, cypress, white pine, and many other species were figured, showing the most beautiful structures, and as the speaker said, "patterns imitated but never rivaled." In addition to this, tangential, longitudinal, and transverse microscopic sections were represented showing the cell structure of woody tissue. Other views pictured trees as they stand in the parks of New Orleans and of Philadelphia, in the Garden of the Gods, and in the great forests of California. The "Mother of the Forest," standing 323½ feet high. The date palms of Egypt, which are interesting from a historical standpoint regarding the reign of the Pharaohs, in as much as they furnish the "dates." The last view presented was one from our own country, showing the beautiful mountainous region from which the Yellowstone takes its origin.

No tree dies a natural death. Their chief enemy is the wind. Trees live to a remarkable old age. In southern France is an old oak 30 feet in diameter at the base. The same dimension of its top is 109 feet. Within the base is cut a room 9x12, with a ceiling 9 feet high. This room contains a table around which twelve persons can eat at one time. It is estimated that the age of the tree is at least two thousand years. A certain cy-

press in southern Mexico requires a rope 122 feet long to girdle its base. If it grew a line a year, it must be nearly five thousand years old. The oldest tree is supposed to be the dragon tree of Fenerife, Africa. It bears no annual rings, so its age cannot be accurately determined. It is 56 feet in diameter, and is said to have been just as large in 1420.

It is doubtful if the views with which Professor Macbride illustrated his lecture can be duplicated anywhere in the state. In every respect the lecture was fine, and no one who heard it will doubt the truth of the words of Mr. Ball when he said these lectures would be as profitable as any lectures given in Iowa City this year.

Nominations.

We the undersigned members of the Athletic Union of the University of Iowa, place in nomination J. W. McKee, for the office of Treasurer of said Union for the next succeeding year.
A. J. MCGUIRE, and 14 others.

We the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby present the nomination of Geo. W. Egan, C. '00, for President of the Athletic Union for the coming year.
J. R. FRAILEY, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, nominate E. F. Consigny, C. 1900, for Secretary of the Athletic Union for the school year 1898-9.
G. E. HILSINGER, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, nominate Robert Bannister, C. 1901, for the office of Vice-President of the Athletic Union for the year of 1898-9.
F. A. O'CONNOR, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union of S. U. I., hereby place in nomination A. H. Sargent for the office of Manager of the Track team for the succeeding year.
FREDERIC LARRABEE, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union of S. U. I., hereby place in nomination L. J. Roach for the office of Manager of the Base Ball team for the succeeding year.
G. E. HILSINGER, and 14 others.

The following members of the Athletic Union present the name of Fred S. Holsten for Secretary of the Athletic Union for 1898-9.
A. W. HAMANN, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union of the S. U. I., hereby place the name of O. H. Mitchell before the Union as a candidate for the office of Base Ball Manager for 1899.
M. G. MEISTER, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby nominate Miss Minnie Balle for the office of Vice-President of the Athletic Union for year 1898-9.
GEO. H. FLETCHER, and 14 others.

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The Glee and Mandolin Clubs Concert.

Next Monday evening the final concert of our Glee and Mandolin Clubs will occur. The program to be rendered has already been published in this paper, and that it will be ably rendered, goes without saying.

That the Clubs are capable of presenting a rare and enjoyable program, was amply demonstrated in their initial appearance here last term. Since then, they have made a successful and triumphal tour of the state, and as a consequence have gained in experience and excellence, so that they are now able to present an appearance probably never before equalled by a musical organization in S. U. I.

In addition to this, since their return, the clubs have been making special preparation for this final concert, and their efforts and labor should at least be rewarded with a packed house next Monday. The Glee and Mandolin Clubs of 1897-98 have done much to add to the reputation and fame of Iowa University, and now in return deserve, and will undoubtedly receive, the unanimous support of the student body at the coming concert.

Library Papers.

One thing that is missed by nearly all the students who frequent the library is the rack with the daily and county papers. Of course we have several Iowa dailies and also quite a number of the weekly issues, but the Chicago paper is wanting. There was hardly a minute last year when the Chicago daily was not in use, and it seems that it is one of the duties of a library to furnish such a paper. Many of the students cannot afford to

take a daily, and yet wish to keep in touch with the world at large, and naturally expect the library to furnish them with the privileges. Again, very few of the county papers are on file. It seems as if many if not all the publishers would be glad to furnish their papers to the State University after its severe loss, and surely all the students would be glad of an opportunity to read the "home paper." There are now no racks, and it is only after sorting over a pile of back numbers that a person finds what he wants. The racks are not expensive, and while we realize the meagre facilities that the librarian has to work with, it seems that a few dollars spent on newspapers and racks would not be amiss—surely it would be highly appreciated by the students.

Law Department.

C. W. Clark, '98, is spending a few days at home.

Dickinson, '99, will spend Sunday with friends in Cornell.

T. Graham, of last year's class, is in the city visiting friends.

E. J. Skewis, '98, is back to school after a couple of days' absence.

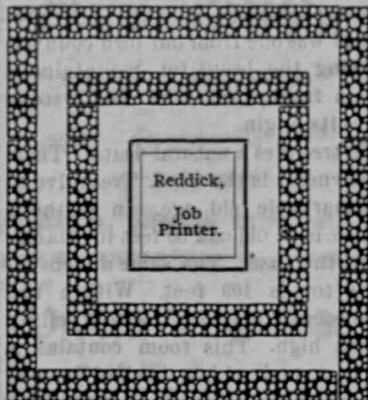
The Senior class will enjoy, in the next three weeks, a variation of its work, a thing this term is so well noted for.

J. Don Kiser, C. '97, now engaged in reading law in Ottumwa, is in the city. He expects to enter the Law department in the spring term.

Professor Rohbach closed his lectures, temporarily, on Corporations, and Chief Justice Deemer will commence a two weeks' lecture on "Trial Practice." After this series, Judge Kinne will follow with a week's lectures on "Taxation." The judges will in the meanwhile lecture to the Juniors, the former upon "Guaranty and Surety," and the latter on "Domestic Relations."

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FACT AND RUMOR.

Grand concert Monday night.
Rolla Brown, ex-'97, was in the city on Friday.
Gaines, M. '99, is reported as being confined to his room by illness.
Mary E. Barrett, left Thursday for a visit with her sister, Grace, at Evanston, Ill.
Professor Reeves, of the English department, was initiated into Tabard Thursday evening.
President and Mrs. Schaeffer gave a reception to numerous friends last Wednesday evening.
The S. U. I. delegation to Marshalltown left yesterday morning. They will return on Monday.
The base ball men are at work in the gymnasium almost every day, getting in trim for spring work.
The Teachers' Institute, of New York City, contains a portrait of Dean Currier in its February number.
The Junior class of the High School will present the play "Found in a Four Wheeler," in the near future.
J. B. Newman submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the hospital, Thursday, and is reported as doing finely.
Dr. Leora Johnson left, Wednesday, for Chicago, whence, after transacting business, she will go to Washington, D. C., to represent the Iowa City chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their national congress.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

The O. H. N. O's, an organization of the young ladies of the Senior class, will entertain '98 next Tuesday evening.

The Junior committee on the annual promenade met Thursday evening, and decided on April 29th as the date for that event.

Professor Shimek left for Chicago, Thursday night, where he will seek material for the University herbarium, at the Field Columbian Museum.

G. W. Lawrence, C. '95, L. '96, is a candidate for the nomination of county attorney of Marshall county, subject to the action of the Republican primaries of that county.

Lee Stover, a graduate of S. U. I., has been appointed register of the land office at Waterton, S. D., having served as county attorney there. He will receive a salary of \$3,500.

The two Iowa boys known to have been on board the Maine when it was blown up were Assistant Engineer Merritt, whose home is in Red Oak, a graduate from Annapolis, and John McManus, of Davenport.

Miss Hughes tendered a reception to her Latin students last Thursday evening. A large number responded to the cordial invitation. The time was spent in unalloyed pleasure. Dainty refreshments were served.

Co. I gave its annual military ball at Smith's armory last Thursday evening. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and army blankets. Military guests in attendance were Col. J. G. Gilchrist, Major Kramer, and Lieutenant H. E. Ely, of the University Battalion.

Professor Hugo Toll, late of the New England Conservatory of Music, at Boston, and a soloist with Thomas' orchestra, of Chicago, will render a solo at the coming Glee and Mandolin Clubs concert, Monday night. The management and audience are to be congratulated upon this acquisition, as Prof. Toll is a violinist of national reputation.

M. F. Clements has been tendered a lucrative position as drafter, in the government post office department, Washington, D. C., and leaves to-night to enter upon his new duties, while the whole 'Varsity, and '98, especially, congratulate him on his good fortune, we, at the same time, regret to lose a student and gentleman of Mr. Clements' worth and ability.

R. G. Anderson, C. '98, who had entered as a contestant in the coming oratorical contest, has been debarred by reason of the Northern Oratorical League constitution, prohibiting contestants to participate who have received an academic degree. As our own constitution is interpreted by the N. O. L. constitution, and as Mr. Anderson already holds a degree from Upper Iowa University, he was consequently declared ineligible for the home preliminary.

The last number of Vol. II of Professor Shambaugh's "Documentary Material," relative to Iowa history, has just been received from the press. This latest number illustrates the development of local government in Michigan territory from 1805 to 1816, by a compilation of the several statutes of that period pertaining to this phase of our political growth. As is characteristic of all the preceding numbers of this publication, the present one is noteworthy for its careful and exact editorial work and its consequent historical value.

Nominations.

(Continued from first page.)

We, the undersigned members of Athletic Union, hereby present the name of Edgar A. Yule for Manager of the track team for the coming year 1898-'99.

WILL B. CHASE, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination M. L. Eby for the office of Secretary of the Athletic Union.

A. J. BURT, and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination F. C. Neal for the office of Manager of the track team for the succeeding year.

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