A SOUTHERN BATTLE VICTORY.

(Special Correspondence.)

North Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening, the attractiveness of the annual Sophomore Debate between the two rival societies. Owing to the absence of both President and Vice-President of the Debating League, J. B. Failey acted as presiding judge.

The question for discussion was "Resolved, that U. S. Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people." The Zeta's were represented by Messrs. Springs, Ogden and Hieb; the Eta's by Messrs. Switzer, Moon and Chamberlain; they were denied entry into North Hall.

A Virtue and Martin died out by Messrs. Kelley and Bailey, and J. E. Springer opened for the affirmative, that the motion was false. His motion and delivery were impressive, and he laid down firmly and distinctly the foundation upon which he built his arguments. The road he followed was interesting and convincing. The establishment of the Senate has not been for the benefit of the debate but for the good of the whole.

The affirmative was seconded by Messrs. Switzer, Ogden and Hieb, and they were well prepared and knew how to carry their point.

Miss Duvall gave a very enjoyable piano solo while the decision of the judges, Professor Marcroft, Judge Wade and Mr. Merrill, was being collected.

Signs No Sunset.

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 Decatur. The meeting was held in a solemn but agreeable frame of mind, with dancing in their ball after wards.

Both the banquet and the dancing halls were decorated with hanging in the color scheme—black, white and gold. The tables beneath the rose, by an elaborate draping or fraternity color—black, white and gold. The tables were covered with a most beautiful canvas and gold. The tables were arranged in shape of a horse shoe, and decorated with beautiful flowers. A line of birch, white and blue lights, together with the harmonious draping of fraternity fringes, gave the hall a most beautiful appearance. In fact the unfailing host, Mr. Lombard, spared no pains to make the evening one of utmost pleasure and comfort to his guests. Four of the alumni members from outside the city were present—Jones, Palme­ter, Keeler, and Kiser, W. Miss Hol­way, of the Athletic team, and Miss Van Winkle, were among the guests.

Mr. Don Kiser, W. O. Austin, acted as toast master, the last of the toast being as follows:

Fraternity Standard

Dr. W. L. Bering, Of the Class of 1898.

Dr. W. L. Bering, looking back at his college days in Hei­na, Germany, the place of the first fully realized, the argument of gerrymandering against the present system, and forth­with the system of representation of the states. The tokens 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 reference to foreign countries; the fact that a constative union attended is susceptible of inaccuracies many times, and it is of the utmost importance to guard the territory of the Senate and the claim of the Senate to the power to determine the question of the motion. The Senate, under Mr. Moulton speaks directly to his audience, and is convinc­ingly effective in his expression.

Perhaps the best individual speech of the evening was next, made by W. S. St. George. Mr. St. George, as en­tirely a debater. He introduces his facts in such a manner that their application is earned, thus giving the very critical faculty of forming apparently adverse arguments to his own advantage. In addition to the mingling of local and national affairs was tried to be carried on.

The debate was a meeting of the Sophomores at Closed Hall at 230 p. m. Monday, Feb. 21. Business of importance to the Sophomores was trans­acted and the order of business was presented in its full force.

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PROF. MCBRIDE'S LECTURE.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A TREE.

His Subject.

On Thursday evening of this week occurred the fifth number of the Public Library Lecture Course. A good attendance 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 benefits, needs and conditions of the library, and then the decision of Professor Marcroft, 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 subject to storms which reach the roots of the forests. What shall be the doing of Wisconsin, Michigan and California, or what will become of the Des Moines, the Cedar and the Iowa, if this destruction is continued? The tree is the outcome of the "Struggle for Existence." They are the successful lofty plants of the ages; they keep a complete record of time. "After 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 forming cells, to a mature plant containing seed, leaf and root, were beautifully illustrated.

Among other figures reflected up on the canvas were sections of wood and bark; how the cellular structure, sections of various kinds of wood, showing lines of growth; there are interesting from the fact that they show, by the relative thickness of the annual ring, the good and bad years of the tree. Species of hard maple, true wood, water bark, bass wood, cotton wood, willow, spruce, 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 repro­duced showing the cell structure of woody tissues. 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 221 feet high. The date palms of Egypt, which are interesting from a historical standpoint regarding the reign of the Pharaohs, and in much as they fur­nish the "dates." The last view pre­sented was one from our own country, the beautiful mountain ash with which the Yellowwood takes its origin.

No tree lives a natural death. Their chief enemy is the wind. Trees live to a remarkable old age. In southern France an oak 30 feet in diameter is the oldest. The same dimensions of its top is 100 feet. Within the base is cut a room 15 feet, with a ceiling 10 feet high. This room contains a table around which twelve persons can sit at one time. It is estimated that the age of the tree is at least two thousand years. A certain cy­
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 of 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 papers." There are no new 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 measure facilities that the librarians have 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.

G. W. Clark, '95, is spending a few days at home. Dickerson, '96, will spend Sunday with friends in Cornell. T. Graham, of last year's class, is in the city visiting friends. E. J. Shawin, '96, is back to school after a couple of days' absence. The Senior class will enjoy, in the next three weeks, a vacation of its work, a thing this term is so well noted for.

Dr. J. Don Kiser, G. W., now engaged in reading law in Oklahoma, is in the city, He expects to enter the Law department in the spring term.

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

 Beware of Ointments for Eczema that Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the beauty of the face. There are many "cure" nostrums upon the market, none of them worth the vessel, and each one is worse than the last. Many of these have a name which are doubtless used in the treatment of disease. For the cure of eczema there is nothing better than a little vegetable oil,每天应用, and the results will be permanent and lasting.

Library Papers.

One thing that is missed by nearly all the students who frequent the Library is the lack of the daily and county papers. Of course we have several Iowa daily and 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 to us that it would be one of the duties of any library to furnish such a paper. Many of the students cannot afford to

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