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## PRELIMINARY DEBATE.

### IRVINGS WIN - UNANIMOUS DECISION OF JUDGES.

In sentences following one another in logical sequence, excelling in rhetoric, rich in illustration, in argument, mingling facts and figures with astonishing dexterity, the six debaters in the Zetaghathian-Irving contest, Tuesday evening, entertained three "honorable judges," and the "ladies and gentlemen," with the results of their several months' research and preparation on the excellences and the evils of the system of railroad pools.

The question, "Resolved, that pooling among the railroads of the United States should be allowed, under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission," could scarcely be thought one, preparation for discussing which would be a light task; and yet when compared with preliminary debates of years now past, the one of Tuesday evening averaged well up in the list. Each speaker in his turn held the undivided attention of his audience from the first round of applause greeting his name, to the last round expressing satisfaction and admiration for his efforts.

President McReynolds, of the Debating League, after a few opening remarks explaining the status of the negotiations for an intercollegiate debate, stating that the men chosen as a result of this preliminary would represent the League in the first one arranged for, introduced Rev. E. N. Barrett, who pronounced the invocation.

Following this came Mr. Julius Goettsch in a clarionet solo.

Mr. J. O. Johnson, in opening the debate, had been assigned to a difficult task, but no one who heard him can doubt that the subject was well-introduced, although he hardly sustained the reputation following him from the State Normal School. Mr. Johnson's enunciation was good, his delivery perhaps a trifle slow, but he made a good opening speech, introducing the subject, and laying it open to the audience.

Mr. H. Claude Horack, following for the negative, ably presented the leading evils of a system of pools. This gentleman, an able debater, and perhaps one of the most versatile men in the forensic societies, has a delivery ever graceful and wonderfully free and easy. His presentation betrays not only careful thought, but an extraordinary attention to the impression created by the slightest motion or gesture.

Mr. M. E. Weldy, the next speaker for the affirmative, opened with a brief summary of the arguments presented by his colleague. He then sketched the history of railroad pooling, and introduced charts showing certain rate fluctuations. He closed with a rebuttal of some of the negative arguments. Mr. Weldy is a clear and logical thinker, and a strong speaker. He displays his facts well, and tightly clinches his arguments. His speech will compare favorably with any other speaker on either side.

Mr. Wm. W. Loomis, the second speaker for the negative, began with

a sarcastic rebuttal of the arguments of his opponents. He then proceeded to build a wall of constructive argument, illustrated by charts, which the affirmative speakers following failed to overcome,—closing with a summary of all the arguments of the negative.

Mr. M. L. Ferson, for the affirmative, followed in an exceptionally strong speech. Sketching the history of the formation of some of the great modern trusts, he attacked many of the arguments of the opposition in vital places. In delivery this gentleman excels, and his arguments, which are ably set forth, are all to the point.

Probably one of the strongest speeches was that of L. J. Dickinson, third speaker for the negative. He is especially strong in rebuttal, and his delivery carries the impression of a great reserve force. Clear and forceful, he securely clinches his arguments.

Mr. Loomis closed for the negative in able rebuttal of the affirmative arguments.

Mr. W. Ldy, closing for the affirmative, followed his rebuttal by introducing some new charts, upholding the previous arguments. After another clarionet solo by Mr. Goettsch, the decision of the judges, Dr. L. W. Andrews, Rev. Chas. S. Brown, and Dr. G. T. W. Patrick, was announced, —unanimous for the negative.

The victorious Irvings, rushing to the stage, seized their victors, and mid shouts of wildest joy, bore them in triumph to the Little Bon Ton restaurant. Here the festivities of the occasion were enlivened by responses to toasts by Geo. W. Egan, Fred S. Berry, W. C. Barclay, F. C. McCutchen, H. B. Noland, and James E. Pinkham. Then the men who won the debate followed in short speeches, after which the jubilee adjourned itself.

## DR. KNIPE ENDORSED.

TRACK TAAM UNANIMOUSLY REQUESTS DR. KNIPE AS TRAINER.

At the meeting of the track team, yesterday, a resolution was unanimously adopted, requesting that Dr. Knipe be secured as trainer for the '99 team.

## Junior Class Meeting.

The Junior class held a meeting at Close Hall, Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected: Vice-President, B. J. Lambert; Secretary, Margaret L. Hurst; Treasurer, W. L. Hoffman; Sgt.-at-Arms, Geo. W. Egan.

The class decided to give a class social in the near future, and to hold the annual Junior Promenade, the date to be decided later.

A motion to adopt the resolutions of the Engineering Society on the subject of naming the new Collegiate building, was carried.

It was decided that the members of the class should have their photographs for the Annual taken the coming week.

## Baconian.

To-morrow evening will be devoted to voluntary reports by both members and associates.

## New Books.

Among the recent accessions to the General Library are the following:

Transactions of the Iowa State Medical Society, 1898.

Indiana Reports, 33 vols.

Congressional Record, 2d Session 55th Congress, 4 vols.

Taine's History of English Literature, 2 sets.

Aesthetics by E. Veron.

Forty Volumes on Art, of which we mention the most important:

History of Ancient Art, John Winckelman, 2 vols.

History of Art, Wilhelm Lubke, 2 vols.

Japan, its Architecture, Art, and Art Manufacturers, Dresser.

Annals of the Artists of Spain, Stirling-Maxwell, 4 vols.

Christian Art in Middle Ages, Didron, 2 vols.

English Caricaturists and Graphic Humorists of the 19th Century, Graham Everett.

History of Indian and Eastern Architecture, Jas. Ferguson.

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Brick and Marble in Middle Ages, Stuet.

House Architecture, Stevenson, 2 vols.

Handbook of Flemish and of Italian Painting, 2 sets.

History of Painting, Waltmann and Waermann.

Dictionary of Music and Musicians, Sir Geo. Grove, 5 vols.

Logic, B. Bosquet, 2 vols.

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Set of Contemporary Review, 1866-96, 70 volumes.

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Agricultural Reports of Iowa, 25 vols.

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Principles of Geology, Lyell.

British Drama, 2 vols.

History of Oregon, Hines.

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## Growth of Foot Ball.

The following clipping is from the College Athlete: It is indicative of the great growth of interest in the game since it was inaugurated in this country: "A careful estimate made in 1897, at the close of the foot ball season, returned 2,200 elevens playing the game in this country. In other words, there are between 25,000 and 30,000 players of the game in the United States. This total, unexpectedly large, gives rise to a number of speculations. It is a proof of the universal

interest in a noble game. It shows that foot ball is not confined to college and school circles, but is becoming a game of the people. And it is an unanswerable argument for those to refute, who are continually decrying the gridiron as a scene of physical injuries."

## Hesperian.

Hesperia will give the interesting play "Anita's Trial," in South Hall, Saturday evening. Everyone come. Admission only 10 cts. The cast of characters is:

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A victim of the camera.  
Mary Hyde .....Clara Stewart  
Helen Joy.....Margaret Safley  
Our Athletes.

## Medical Department.

Many of the students were enabled, by the short vacation, to spend Thanksgiving day at their own homes.

Mrs. Heilman, mother of E. S. Heilman, '01, spent Thanksgiving day with him.

As the other departments had no sessions on Friday, the "man of the furnace" evidently forgot that Medics were not so favored, and as a result they were compelled to shiver through recitations until it became almost unbearable.

Middleton, '01, is on the sick list.

The main topic of conversation now is the Medical foot ball team for '99. As has already been announced, a mass meeting was held and committees were appointed to canvass the classes regarding funds. In two days and a half nearly \$160 were raised—a pretty good start for the equipping of a team that is to carry the "Old Gold" standard of the University, and especially of the Medical department, in triumph against such teams as Rush Medical, Physicians and Surgeons, Northwestern, and others.

## Basket Ball.

Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium the second of the series of basket ball games to be played by the class teams under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. basket ball league, which consists of teams from each class of each department of the University. Saturday evening's game will be between a Law department team and Scrubs. The following will be the line-up:

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**Ladies' Professional League.**

The ladies of the professional departments have organized a club, to become better acquainted, and make their life in the University more pleasant by this bond of friendship. Officers have been elected and the society is now an assured success. This organization marks a step in the development of the professional departments, and the ladies are to be commended for this new move, as we welcome every indication of advancement in the University.

**Hillis.**

There are probably few lecturers before the people who have made greater "hits" than Rev. Hillis, of Chicago. In a few years he has made vast strides on the road to fame, and his reputation as a thinker is spreading throughout the country. His lecture will be upon the subject: "John Ruskin's Message to the 19th Century." The lecture is scholarly and instructive, yet illumined by frequent flashes of wit. All who heard Rev. Hillis two years ago, in his Baccalaureate sermon, will avail themselves of the opportunity to listen again to the eloquent speaker.

**The Debate.**

The season of athletics has closed for this fall, and the contests for the next few months will be of a forensic nature. While the sturdy athletes are enjoying a respite from their training, the men engaged in literary work are striving to win laurels for the University in debate and oration.

The first debate of the year was held on Tuesday evening, and the presentation of such a question evidenced many weeks of preparation. It is seldom that the contestants choose such a deep question, and it was difficult to set it clearly before the audience in the short time allowed. As the aver-

age person knows little of railroad pools, the discussion was hardly as interesting as usual, yet the enthusiasm displayed by those present was an inspiration to the speaker.

Taking into account the nature of the question, the debate was probably on an average with preliminaries of the past, and undoubtedly three men can be selected from the speakers that will ably represent the University against another school.

The crowd was of fair size, but all too small for such an occasion. There is no doubt that the success of S. U. I. in her debates have carried her name as far as have the achievements of the athletic teams. While the clash of argument is not so exciting as the smashes of our sturdy foot ball players, yet the support given the debaters is discouraging. Everyone is looked down upon if he takes no interest in athletics and absents himself from all the games, and this is right, but it seems strange that no more attention is given to debates by either students or Faculty. Tuesday evening there were but three or four members of the Faculty present—aside from the judges. Taking into account the work the debaters do for the University, this lack of interest is unfortunate indeed, and is discouraging to the contestants.

We clip the following from the Wisconsin Cardinal's editorial on the Badger Board, which corresponds to our Junior Annual: "The Badger of recent years has grown almost cumbersome in the amount of readable matter which to the average student appears as little more than a compilation of facts and figures extraneous to real college life and spirit. The original intention of the founders of this custom was to keep the Annual a strictly student publication, revealing the mysteries of inner 'Varsity life, but to-day in its distorted form it has come to be a second catalogue, in scope as well as for advertising purposes. The '99 Board inaugurated a series of storiottes from the pens of juvenile authors, but their maiden efforts did not seem to fill the aching void of good jokes, gingery roasts and, above all, the preponderance of clever art work which alone can put life into the book."

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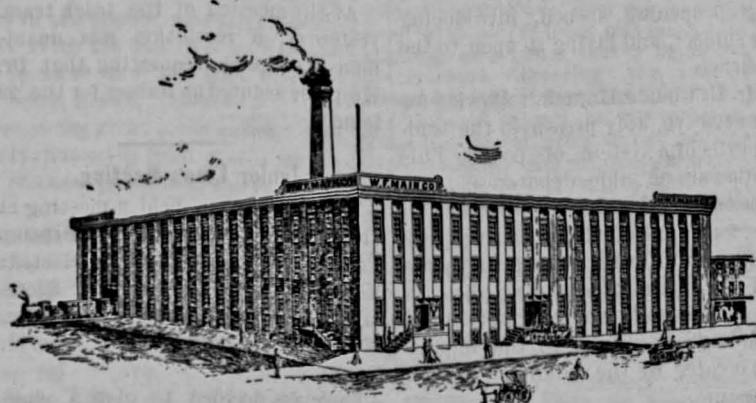
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Hillis at the Opera House to-morrow night.

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Igenfritz, C. '01, will not be in school the remainder of the year.

Tickets for the Hillis lecture at the Opera House to-morrow evening are only 50 cents.

Miss Abby Boals, who has been visiting friends in the city, leaves at noon to-day, for Cedar Rapids.

The Freshmen have recently adopted a constitution and have made the officers previously elected permanent.

The Irving and Zetaganthian programs have been postponed this week, to give all a chance to enjoy the lecture by Rev. Hillis.

Miss Ethel Seeds left for her home at Manchester, to-day, not to return this year on account of the serious illness of her mother.

The Kappa Gammars "swarmed" Tuesday evening, on account of a case of scarlet fever at their chapter house on North Clinton street.

Professor W. C. Wilcox will lecture in Williamsburg Friday evening. He will appear before the history club of that town, and his theme will be "The French Revolution."

The remains of Roy Stover, a graduate of S. U. I., Sergeant Major of the 1st South Dakota Volunteers, arrived at Marengo Wednesday. The funeral was held at the residence of his father, M. W. Stover, Thursday, Dec. 1, at 11 a. m.

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A chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has lately been established in Nebraska University.

Coach O'Dea, of Wisconsin, has gone to Harvard to assist in coaching the Crimson's crew.

Mr. S. S. Stockwell left at noon today for his home in Waverly, called thither by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father.

The Daily Californian addresses an article to "Catalogue Graduates." We always said that something new would yet come out of the West.

J. J. Crossley, A. B. '91, A. M. '97, recently delivered an address on "Plutocratic Element in the Towns," before the Yale Political Science Club.

The property now owned by fraternities at Cornell is valued at \$445,000; at Williams, \$350,000; Amherst, \$200,000; Wesleyan, \$125,000; Harvard, \$125,000.

T. W. Kemmerer, C. '99, M. '01, late of the hospital corps of the 50th Iowa, is in the city looking up the prospects for picking up his Sophomore Medical work this year.

The Bloomington Student announces that the regular debate will not occur this year between I. U. and U. I. Probably the principles are troubled over some "I. O. U's."

Gymnasium work of two hours a week has been required of all Freshmen of the University of Michigan. No credit will be given for the work, but is it necessary for graduation.

John A. Hull, C. '95, L. '96, a popular student of S. U. I., formerly captain of Co. A, I. N. G., but now judge advocate in the army, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, has been ordered to the Philippines, having been transferred from the 4th to the 8th corps. He is to sail from San Francisco about Dec. 15th.

"It is an outrageous slander," says Max Mayer, speaking of the vicious attacks upon Coach Knipe, made by the Omaha Press. "The animus of the vituperation is to be found in the fact that Dr. Knipe refused to permit the reporters (one of whom was formerly Nebraska's coach) to misuse their reportorial privileges on the gridiron, and act as coaches for Nebraska."

On next Sunday Miss Jane Addams, of the famous Hull House, in Chicago, will be in Iowa City and will hold services in the Unitarian Church. Her subject for the morning will be "Social Theories of Count Tolstoi." In the evening the lecture will be upon "English and American Social Settlements." It is with pleasure that we make this announcement, for nearly every student will be glad of an opportunity to hear Miss Addams upon these topics, speaking as she does not upon theories alone, but upon her long experience in this line of work. Nor is this the only treat that the Unitarian church has provided, for on Sunday evening, December 11, Dr. B. F. Shambaugh will lecture on "Socialism," and the week following, Dec. 18, Mr. H. E. Kelley will speak upon "The Province of Citizenship."

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