WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

A UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY IN THE COLLEGE AND LAW DEPARTMENTS.

This year, for the first time in its history, the University of Iowa will observe formally Washington's birthday. A holiday has been declared in both the college and law departments, and all the students of the University have been invited to attend the exercises to be held in the Opera House, which will be as follows:

PROGRAM.

Presiding Office: Acting-President A. N. CASWELL.

"Freedom's Flag" [Group Chant].

"Washington's Day and Our Day." Address: Col. Charles A. Clark. "Washington's Day and Our Day." "America." Audience, Chorus Leading. These exercises will be held at 3 o'clock in the forenoon.

THE PAUPER.

"Who is Responsible for the Pauper?" By Professor D. P. MATHISON'S SUBJECT.

In the struggle for existence the strong win, while the weak fail; poverty does not increase in a victorious form. Poverty, however, is not pauperism, for while poverty is honest and independent, the pauper is a defeated form.

When this sad state of the highest order of man's condition is placed him in this condition? One would fail an answer in the land question, but while great wealth and extreme poverty are found together, poverty does not increase in a victorious form.

The temperance man finds in intransigent the great cause, but as a matter of fact, there is at least two-thirds of the paupers to which we can neither direct nor indirectly attribute insensibility as the cause. Others have thought that the increase in population was greater than the increase in production, hence some must starve, but we have passed the time when it was thought that nature is not sufficient to supply the needs of all.

In countries where the conditions are favorable, pauperism flourishes. When the English knights fed their flocks daily at their gates, paupers were plenty.

All paupers may be divided into three classes. First, the honest, self-respected man or woman who by unfortunate circumstances have been forced into their condition. Second, those of the first class who have drifted to such a depth and have become so steeped in pauperism that they cannot be helped. Third, the indolent, vicious pauper who has become one.

The only way to deal with the second and third classes is to place them in almshouses, for they must not be left free to prey upon society. The first class we may help. They come from the common walks of life, and may indirectly hold us responsible for their condition. The placed on something cheap attracts the eye; we want something cheap. These cheap articles represent cheap labor, and by their use we agree that the sweat-labors of the goods made at these sweat-houses may continue. "All honor to the 'White Lint';" a class of merchants who agree not to handle any of the goods made at these sweat-houses. The beautiful boy to adorn the pretty girl's hat. Demand makes wickedness. Thus we are making paupers daily, and must therefore lose, even though it were upheld by the weak. The public must be educated to see the necessity for education. To this end we have the other members tasting and prayer, the money given to them; they must do the work. We may help them to the advantage of school. Men who are willing to aid may give or work. Give them an honest living, but not do without altruism and an investigation. Make honest, honest, indolent, lazy, dependent, wretched.

The program Friday evening was opened with a well-tendered declamation by Jacky, the bird, entitled "An African Chief." The descriptive paper by J. T. EDGENCE was full of beautiful world pictures of the scenery of the Rocky Mountains. It was beautifully delivered by the audience.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved that labor unions in the United States are an evil to the laboring classes."

The question was affirmed by L. Hanlon and M. C. WINTER, and denied by G. W. HOUSTON and W. P. HANSON.

The debate was well carried on in a forcible manner, and each speaker did credit to himself and the society.

This was Mr. HANNES's initial appearance, and he proved himself a valuable member. The old members showed great improvement.

The motion on "The Daily Newspaper," by Mr. Baker, was well received by the audience.

The program was closed with two excellent compassionate speeches, Mr. E. J. LOUSTIG on "The Yennial of Society Work," and Mr. E. E. BILOUGE on "The Present Situation in the Phillipines."

NOTICE.

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All students desiring a copy of the occasional number of the Cornelian, or the "Cornelian," which the R. A. Cook a W. L. Loomans. Price is 25c a copy.

Notice.

All members of Co. I. and other classes, who have not already received, are requested to be present at the public meeting, to be held in the city hall at 7:30 Thursday evening. R. E. BOXLEY.

How to Judge a Debate.

A contributed article in the Ariel, on the topic, "How to Judge a Debate," will interest our readers.

In athletic contests the referee is limited by very precise rules so that the opportunity for unfairness is reduced to a minimum. In debate everything is left to the judgment (I almost said to the prejudice) of the judges. This is not right. I believe that the decision of a debate, while not subject to such rigid restrictions as the determination of a point in field ball, may to a certain extent be determined by rules which would prove a great aid to the rendering of a just decision.

When the debate of last Saturday, for example, I asked a Senior of excellent judgment which side he would vote for. "The affirmative," he answered, "because I did not think that the affirmative has proved its point." I now believe that the affirmative must prove its point to the satisfaction of the judges, as to the affirmative is that the most precarious rule that could be followed in awarding a decision. The affirmative must prove its point to the satisfaction of the judges, the affirmative must argue the case so that the judge stands on the question. For example: Suppose the question under opportunity to argue that the affirmative is not the better way to vote for "the affirmative," be answered, "because I did not think that the affirmative has proved its point." I now believe that the affirmative must prove its point to the satisfaction of the judges, as to the affirmative is that the most precarious rule that could be followed in awarding a decision.

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JUDGING A Debate.

We are printing from the Ariel (U. of Minn.), a number of articles upon the proper manner of judging a debate. We believe that the lack of a uniform basis for marking has caused many unsatisfactory decisions in our contests, and we give space to these articles, hoping that the Debating League may realize the necessity of adopting some uniform system to be used in the future.

Newspaper Cut.

The Hawkeyes are out—and at the time advertised. The managers may be congratulated upon the promptness with which they have gotten out the book. Superintendent Redick, of the Job Department of the Republican Office, is largely responsible for this very early delivery, and he is certainly justified in phrasing himself upon the neatness and dispatch in printing the Annual, showing, as it does, that it is not necessary to take job work, no matter how complicated, out of town. Although many of the students feel that the Hawkeyes ’00 is not what they were led to expect, yet they all appreciate the promptness of its delivery.

Peninsulite.

We have often before deprecated the lateness of the hour at which almost all popular entertainments begin in Iowa City. Eight o’clock the usual advertised hour, is certainly as late an hour as students could approve. Yet when from fifteen to twenty-five minutes is consumed in examining the fringes of the stage-curtain before that essential to a well-conducted theatre design to rise, the result is frequently singing in the street.

The same may be said of the dilatoriness of literary societies in beginning their programs, advertised to commence at half-past seven o’clock. The time of the student is valuable and the average type can find plenty of opportunities for the bestowal of his leisure hours more to his liking than occupying a reserved seat during the prolonged intervals often thrust upon him.

One of the pleasant features of the course of entertainments given by Dr. Gilchrist was that the programs commenced promptly at the hour advertised. We hope that entertainments in the future will emulate the example.

Fraternity Outlook.

The number of orations handed in this year is probably larger than ever before, and this is indeed encouraging. The interest taken in oratorical work has been slight, and the college papers have in vain excited the students to write. It is naturally discouraging when the students know that any special training in delivery must be gotten at their own expense. At every other school in the Northern Oratorical League there is a chair of oratory, and in many institutions credits are offered to those who get on the preliminary. No wonder that S. U. I. students are not anxious to enter a contest that is so expensive, and with such odds to men in the N. O. L.

We are very glad to see that a large number of orations have been submitted, for there is no reason why we may not obtain a high mark on thought and composition. The big contest is to be held in Oberlin this year, and this means that three men will get a trip to Ohio—a goal well worth striving for.

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Geo. W. Egan today tendered his resignation as Athletic Editor of the Quill.

In the local caualtional contest at the State Normal, first and second honors were won by Miss Benzie and Pope respectively.

The trial of Andrews vs. Magnus, that has been attracting so much attention for several days, has resulted in a verdict in favor of the Professor.

On Friday, two games of basket ball will be played in Chase Hall, on the Normal High School vs. Iowa, and Medics vs. Law as admission free.

Judge W. H. Wlient, the father of Miss Lovell Wante, ex-C. V. Wite, died at his home, on Des Moines street, in this city, Saturday night, and was buried this afternoon.

Lester H. Jackson, C. W., who is now teaching at Clinton, la., was summoned here as a witness for the Professor Andrews X ray case. He left for home last night.

Chancellor Madeleine leaves for Des Moines, this evening, on business, on which he will deliver a Washington lecture address at Drake University. It is always with pleasure that the students of S. U. see the members of the Faculty honored in this way.

Professor Machado located at the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, on the subject: "The Bankruptcy of Material Science," is to be re- treated that it was not announced in the College paper, so that some of the students would have missed it.

The basket ball game between S. U. and Cedar Rapids, advertised, to be played from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, has been declared off. The game will take place Feb. 10 at Cedar Rapids. The S. U. team are practicing every day, and are getting in good shape for the game.

Professor Lovin and Messrs. Ames, Dubrey, Eble, Eames, Carpenter, and J. O. Johnson returned Monday from Dunlap, where they represented the Y. M. C. A. at the Convention held in the Standard Auditorium. Professor Lovin presided on College Day, last Saturday, and read a paper on "The Study of Modern Science" before the conference on Saturday evening.

It is encouraging to see so many taking advantage of the opening of the library from 9 until 9 in the evening. These extra hours are but an extension of the present time, but the students, by showing their appreciation of this favor, will furnish proof that their plea for more library hours has well intended, and thus what is now an experiment will become a permanent feature.

The Superior Court of S. U. met Saturday evening in Prof. Long's room. The case of John Doe vs. James Wilson was heard. Judge Carlton was on the bench. John Doe brought action for specific performance of a contract. Defense was drunkenness at the time the contract was entered into. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. Motion to set the verdict aside was made. The attorneys for the plaintiff were Messrs. Weed and Crazy; for the defendant, Messrs. Wethers and Taylor. Bloom and Mayer are making great reductions in prices on winter suits and overcoats.

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