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EGAN WINS ORATORICAL
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The Annual Oratorical Contest of the University of Iowa was held at the Opera House last evening. The usual audience listened to the six speakers who appeared on the contest, the first prize striving for being the honor of representing the University in the National Oratorical League Contest at Oberlin next month and a purse of $50. The judges on delivery, three in number, were Hon. Victor Dolliver, Regent Shirley Gilliland, and Professor J. A. Rabbie, of the Law department. The judges on thought and composition, to the number of five, were Hon. J. P. Dolliver, Professor Dana C. Johnson, of Highland Park, Miss Florence Mitchell, teacher of English, Cor nell College, Mr. Frank Noble, teacher of English, Iowa College, and Rev. John A. Earle, of Waterloo.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Presiding Officer Mr. Weldy, of the Oratorial Association, stepped upon the platform and introduced Rev. C. S. Brown, who pronounced the invocation.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. M. 0. Curtis, who spoke upon the subject, "A Champion of Commercial Freedom," bringing out the idea that the mission of America is to become the champion of commercial freedom, the mighty conservator of peace and civilization. Mr. Curtis' oration was especially fine in thought and composition, and it merited better treatment than it received from two of the judges, whose guesses were wider of the mark than usual in oratorial contests. This oratory was forcible, but somewhat lacking in smoothness.

"A New Watchword" was the modern subject treated by Mr. C. C. Converse. Corporations are becoming too flourish ing, the watchword of America's future should be co-operation and justice. Mr. Converse is a Sophomore, and gives promise of ultimately becoming one of our best orators.

The presiding officer next announced Mr. Kingland, in an oration, "James G. Baine." Mr. Kingland's delivery was sharp, earnest, and engaging. Viewed from a literary standpoint, the oration was cast in the regular biographical mold, and presented no striking points. During an interruption, Master Gay Ogles, assisted by Miss Helen Carter, an accom panist, pleased the audience with a well rendered selection on the violin.

"The Man of the Wilderness" was the topic with which the soul of Mr. Irby T. Hawk overflowed. This oration received second place from all three judges on delivery. Barring a slight articulatory difficulty with which the gentleman seemed to be laboring, Mr. Hawk's appearance and presentation is deserving of the highest praise. The oration, which flowed closely the Biblical narrative, was rich in imagery, sometimes approaching to the dangerous point exhibited by Miss Corwell's celebrated paraphrase of Pilate washing his hands.

"Samuel Adams" was the inspiring title of Mr. Percival Hunt's oration. A high ideal, perseverance, and sagacity were carried through with effect, but not without stiltedness.

WM. W. LOOMIS
William W. Loomis, of Champaign, Illinois, received his early education at the public schools of that place. Graduating from the High School in '93, he entered and entered the University in '95. Having a deep interest in literary and forensic work, he soon joined Irving Institute, and has since represented Iowa in six inter-collegiate contests. In his Freshman year Mr. Loomis took part in the home Oratorical Contest, and entered the Freshman Irving-Zeta oratorical Conflict. He participated in the Sophomore and Junior debates, leading and winning the latter last year, and won second honors in the Inter-collegiate Conflict. In the Fall of '95, he successfully led the Wisconsin Preliminary debate.

In his Junior year, Mr. Loomis was President of his class, and in the Fall term of the last year, he was President of Irving Institute. During the past season he was President and Manager of the Lectures Board Association.

In the Fall of '95 Mr. Loomis was elected to the Executive Board of the Vedette-Reporter and a year later became Editor-in-Chief of that paper. Last year he was Literary Editor of the Pawley's 95. Mr. Loomis has taken a prominent part in the Military Department, and is now Captain of Co. D. of the University Corps of Cadets.

were the qualities of his horn. With the deft touch of the Osma Kinyamu, Mr. Hunt's style well merited the mark which he received from the judges, being tied for first in thought and composition. Convincing and direct, smooth and gliding in delivery, Mr. Hunt held well the attention of the audience.

"Crowwalk," the martial spirit of Eng land, was handled by Mr. John McReynolds, of the Junior class. Mr. Geo. W. Egan, in glowing words of feeling and eloquence. Mr. Egan's appearance was unusually fine throughout the latter part of the evening, and it be noted that it was his Freshman year.

The following article is written by Mr. Geo. W. Egan, of the Junior class, and is a prominent member of the Military Department, and is now Captain of Co. D. of the University Corps of Cadets.

IOWA VS. WISCONSIN.
DEBATE AT MILWAUKEE TO-MORROW EVENING.
PICTURES OF THE DEBATES.

The first annual debate between the Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa will be held in Milwaukee, Friday evening, March 31. The contest will be held in Davidson's Theater, and the contest director will be ex-Governor Geo. W. Peck. The alumni of Wisconsin University, test, and will represent the Badger state in the N. O. L.

There has been some difficulty in obtaining judges who would serve, but at last a jury has been secured. Mayor Gray of Minneapolis, Professor Pence, Dean of the Minnesota Law Faculty, and Frank Barry, of Milwaukee, have consented to serve.

Standings in Tactics.
Major Schaeffer has posted notices giving the relative standing of the students in his winter term classes in Junior and Senior Tactics. Twenty-one students in Sophomore class, and forty-one in Junior Tactics, are recorded as entitled to a Relative Standing. We give in order the holders of the first fifteen places in the Sophomore study, and of the first twenty places in the Junior list:

L. J. DICKINSON
Jorgen G., Shakopee, Minn., October 27, 1875, in Derby, Lucas county, Iowa. His four years in the University and four years in the Military College have produced in Mr. Dickinson a farmer's boy. At an early age his parents moved to the Concordia and Milton schools of the county, which Mr. Dickinson attended.

In the Fall of '95 he entered the preparatory department of Cornell College, Mr. Vermon, Iowa, classed freshman in the Fall of '93; and remained there until the end of his Junior year. While at Cornell Mr. Dickinson took an active interest in literary work, and represented his literary society in two inter-society debates.

In the Fall of '97 he entered the Law department of the University of Iowa, and by dint of hard work during this year, he made up his Collegiate work, and received the degree of B. S. from Cornell College in June. Mr. Dickinson will graduate from the University at the end of this school year. He is a member of Irving Institute, which he represented on the preliminary to the Wisconsin debate, and of Phi Delta Phi, Law fraternity. Mr. Dickinson's record as a student is among the best to be found on the books of his professors.


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