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ORATORICAL CONTEST

HUNT FIRST, MARTIN SECOND, BROWN THIRD

The annual university oratorical contest to choose a representative for the Northern Oratorical League contest in May occurred at the opera house Tuesday night. The audience was slightly smaller than is usual at these contests, the general tone of the contest below that of previous years and the markings of the judges were more erratic than ever before. The judges on thought and composition were President Beardshear of Ames, Mr Victor E. Bender, of Council Bluffs, Rev G L Cady of Iowa City, Rev Green of Cedar Rapids, and Professor Miller of Nebraska University. The judges on delivery were Judge Deemer, '79, of Red Oak, Chancellor McClain, '70, of Iowa City, and Rev W. B. Craig, '72, of Des Moines.

The program was begun by a song by the university glee club, which was appreciated and encored.

Mr Henry Albert, of Reinbeck, was the first speaker. His subject was "Bismarck." He said of his hero: "It was reserved for Bismarck to accomplish the unification of the Fatherland; it was through him that the German people were to realize their most sacred longing—a longing for freedom and unity; it was his policy of 'blood and iron' and his diplomatic skill that were to reconcile the discordant elements and enable Germany to take her proper place as a nation." Mr Albert's oration was clear, thoughtful and well written. He had a fine voice and excellent gestures. He reserved his climax for the last, ended excellently and left an excellent impression with the audience. He deserved a better mark in delivery than he received.

Mr Percival Hunt, of Cedar Falls, spoke next. In the printed copies, his oration was entitled Samuel Adams. He said that "Every age is full of prophecy but the interpreters are few." There sometimes come moments to men when they feel the responsibility of determining a nation's future.

"Happy is that people who can claim such men, and thrice happy ought we to be, for much of what we are today we owe to the worth of one to whom was borne a century and a half ago the task of choosing for the greater part his nation's future. The call was the summons of a divine occasion. The man who answered to that call was Samuel Adams, one of those men whom God had singled out to work through, that He might preserve America to the world, and through America, freedom."

Mr Hunt then clearly showed the life and work of Samuel Adams. He closed with a eulogy of him as the Man with an Idea of his age.

"Count our American among the few great ones, for to him belongs the honor of preparing for the American Revolution. He found personal liberty an ideal, he made it real. He found national justice an aspiration, he made it actual. He rolled back the waves of dream and theory, and made for truth the firm ground of practical experience. And if our republic will become what it ought; if democracy shall mean the rule of all, not of a few; if liberty and integrity

shall remain our own; America can choose for her citizens no better model than the sturdy New Englander—Samuel Adams."

Mr Hunt's thought and composition were excellent. His oration was smooth and engaging. It had a definite beginning, middle, and end. It was written in excellent style and contained no hackneyed thought.

Mr E. K. Brown, of Solon, followed Mr Hunt. His subject, The Champion of the Constitution, has been the favorite of many orators, but Mr. Brown's treatment of it was original and delightful. His concluding paragraphs say in part: "Webster has wrought for the ages. He undertook a mighty task and left it complete. He responded to the demands of the times and filled them. He found the constitution weak, wavering, almost nullified; he infused into it the spirit of true nationality. He saw on one hand the splendor of a nation's life and destiny; on the other the 'broken and dishonored fragments of a once glorious union.' Then striding to the halls of congress he crushed the embattled hosts of state rights, and over the dead cause of nullification held up to God and man the banner of a grander freedom, exultated, exonerated, vindicated.

"I still live," murmured the dying statesman. He did still live; he lives to-day. * * * When future ages shall gaze back o'er the course of humanity's triumphs, when the deeds of the truly great shall be brought to remembrance, then will he be heralded as one who stood for a mighty truth and maintained it. Then will posterity exclaim with exultation that Daniel Webster still lives in universal gratitude; still lives an abiding monument of wisdom, courage, patriotism, to which the children of men may point in admiring wonder from generation to generation, till Time is lost beneath the horizon of Eternity."

His delivery was the best of all the six orators. His voice had the clearest tone, greatest range, and finest modulation. He was the truest orator that appeared upon the platform.

The university glee club then appeared to sing a selection. Mr E. A. Ede of Earlville, spoke upon Ulysses S. Grant. His oration contained some very good thought and was well handled. He grouped the "warrior heroes of the past" in the last paragraph of the oration on the left and on the right, with all attention "riveted upon one majestic character. He it is who restored the sacred birthright of freedom. He it is who uplifted a slave's despair into highest hope. He it is who gave enduring peace and nationality. He is the immortal Grant."

Mr Otto Brackett's oration was entitled, No Man's Land. "Love of Liberty," he said, "is not transitory; it is everlasting." He found an example of this in the struggle of the simple Afghans in "the No Man's Land" of Central Asia in resisting the British Rule. He pictured the country of Afghanistan, the people, and the advance and retreat of the ill-fated Black Arrow Expedition of 1842. Mr Brackett's composition was excellent and his delivery held the audience throughout.

Mr W. G. Martin, of Grand Junction, concluded the orations with Lincoln in the Nation's Crisis. "Every nation has its critical periods in which national destiny is determined by immediate decisions," ran his first sentence. Lincoln was

the man who came in the nation's crisis. He traced his services especially as the author of the emancipation proclamation. In conclusion, he said that the differences of the "four years of famine, siege and flame" are now forgotten, the states are reconciled. "And now, 'imposing' in the iron strength of her political power, refulgent in the lustrous splendor of her civilization, America towers aloft, a mighty, a magnificent structure, a monument worthy of her great emancipator.—Abraham Lincoln."

Mr Martin's appearance showed a natural talent for oratory to which had been added a careful preparation.

THE DECISION

After a period of consultation made necessary by the intricate methods of computation now in vogue from the employment of sets of judges of irregular size, the president of the oratorical association announced the decision. Mr Hunt received first place, entitling him to represent the University of Iowa at Madison, Wisconsin, in contest with leading universities of the west, also to a prize of fifty dollars, which it is to be hoped the oratorical association will pay soon. Mr Martin received second place, which sends him to the meeting of the Northern Oratorical League as chairman of the Iowa delegation. Mr Brown received third place and will go to Madison as a delegate.

THOUGHT AND COMPOSITION

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	Total
Bismarck	6	2	6	3	4	21
The New England Puritan	1	1	1	1	2	6
The Champion of the Constitution	2	6	3	3	8	22
Ulysses S. Grant	5	8	8	2	6	29
No Man's Land	3	5	5	8	7	26
Lincoln in the Nation's Crisis	3	4	2	7	3	19

The markings contained in the first row are those of Rev Green. Professor Miller sent in the second row, Mr Bender the third, and Rev Cady the fourth. President Beardshear is responsible for the fifth row of markings.

DELIVERY

	(1)	(2)	(3)	Total
Bismarck	6	4	4	14
The New England Puritan	1	1	1	3
The Champion of the Constitution	3	2	6	11
Ulysses S. Grant	4	5	5	14
No Man's Land	2	5	2	9
Lincoln in the Nation's Crisis	5	2	3	10

Chancellor McClain made the first row of markings, Rev Craig the second, and Judge Deemer the third.

TOTALS

The New England Puritan, (Hunt), 3.6 and 3—6.6, giving first place. Lincoln in the Nation's Crisis (Martin), 11.4 and 10—21.4, giving second place. The Champion of the Constitution (Brown), 13.2 and 11—24.2, giving third place. No Man's Land (Brackett), 15.6 and 9—24.6. Bismarck (Albert), 12.6 and 14—26.6. Ulysses S. Grant (Ede), 17.4 and 14—31.4.

THE PLACE MEN

Mr Percival Hunt who received first honors, was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 1876. He was graduated from the Cedar Falls High School in 1894, and

CAPTAIN ELY HERE

WILL SPEAK TO THE CLASS IN SOPHOMORE TACTICS THIS AFTERNOON

Captain H. E. Ely, U. S. A., a former university student, and a graduate of West Point, is in the city for a few days before leaving for New York on his return to the Philippines. Captain Ely has won additional bars on his shoulder straps for distinguished bravery in action since he was instructor in military tactics at the university in 1897-8. He is stopping at Mrs Rogers' on Market street, with his wife and son.

Captain Ely will speak to Major Fred S. Holsteen's class in sophomore tactics this afternoon. He will be glad to have any persons interested attend the class and will be glad to answer any questions on commercial or military affairs in the Philippines.

The class in sophomore tactics meets in the north-west lecture room in the central building.

Light From Des Moines

The Des Moines News of Tuesday contained schedules of games purporting to be those which Iowa will play the coming spring and fall in base ball, track athletics, and football. It is postively stated by the athletic authorities in Iowa City that the schedules prepared by Manager McCutchen have not yet been approved by the board of control and that they are not binding or official until they are so passed upon. The date of the Michigan game is particularly doubtful. At the same time, the schedule finally presented by Mr McCutchen will probably be adopted by the board with little change.

If the schedules were given out by Manager McCutchen, the dates announced are doubtless the ones upon which the games will be played. Here they are:

- Baseball—
 April 26—Bradley institute at Peoria.
 April 27—Knox at Iowa City.
 May 1—Kansas at Iowa City.
 May 5—Upper Iowa at Fayette.
 May 8—Bradley institute at Peoria.
 May 9—Illinois at Champaign.
 May 10—Northwestern at Evanston.
 May 16—Minnesota at Iowa City.
 May 18—Simpson at Indianola.
 May 19—Ames (League game) at Ames.
 May 28—Upper Iowa at Iowa City.
 May 30—Grinnell (League game) at Iowa City.

June 5—Alumni at Iowa City.
 Besides the foregoing there will probably be games with Upper Iowa, Luther and Wisconsin about May 3 and 5; also return game at Grinnell, two games with Cedar Falls and Iowa City, and Nebraska.

- Football—
 November 7—University of Illinois at Iowa City.
 November 10—Michigan at Ann Arbor.
 November 29—A Thanksgiving game will be played with Northwestern University at Iowa City.
 There will probably be games with the Universities of Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ames, Grinnell and Simpson.

- FIELD MEET DATES.
 April 28—Home field meet.
 May 5—Northwestern, Iowa City.
 May 12—Grinnell dual at Grinnell.
 May 19—Minnesota, Iowa City.
 May 25—State meet, Des Moines.
 June 2—Western Intercollegiate, at Chicago.
 June 8—South Dakota, at Sioux City.

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The Chair of Oratory

Each succeeding oratorical contest at this university serves to make more apparent the great need for a chair of oratory. Each time an Iowa orator speaks on the Northern Oratorical stage, the decisions of the judges show that the university suffers from the lack of a competent forensic instructor. We want a broad teaching of oratory at Iowa. We need a man who will train his classes in thought and composition as well as in delivery. We need a man who will do for Iowa what Frankenberger, Trueblood, and Cumnock have done for their universities.

Not only do we call for this instruction for orators, but for debaters as well. Iowa's debating interests have developed greatly of late. Some experienced professor of oratory is needed to help the debaters as Frankenberger assists Wisconsin's representatives and contestants in debates.

Considering that this is the dead of winter, when most athletics devotees and enthusiasts are hibernating, we hope that there is no harm in stating that an excellent record in debating is a very nice thing to hang up in the varsity trophy halls by the side of athletic honors. We know that oratorical and debating contests do not excite the degree of enthusiasm accorded that some of the other forms of university activity. But we regard this as unfortunate. We would like to see the student interests in every direction broadened, strengthened, and encouraged in every way possible.

We desire to call the attention of the regents and the university authorities to the fact that this year the matter is urgent. The oratorical association now belongs to the Northern Oratorical League, an association of excellent standing. The Iowa orators feel that aid by the university has long been too long withheld.

It has long been needed to enable the university to maintain its standing and dignity in the league. It has been prayed for by past generations of student who have grown into gray haired alumni without the university's hearkening unto their supplications. The league contest will occur at Iowa City next year. Iowa should welcome this event with the installation of a chair of oratory. The new university can profitably hump itself toward obtaining this "longed for of the ages". We hope and believe that the new Iowa will improve on the old in this respect. It has already accomplished much. It will acquit itself well if it be able to announce, by next September, courses in forensic work under the instruction of a competent member of its faculty.

Last week Flanagan, the world's champion hammer-thrower, threw the 16 pound hammer 164 feet, 6 inches, making a new world's record.—The Northwestern.

Oratorical Contest

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entered the Iowa state normal school the following September. He was graduated with the degree of didactics in 1897. He taught for one year in the Eagle Grove high school. In 1898 he entered the classical course of the junior class of the University of Iowa. He was in the oratorical contest last year, receiving second place. His victory upon this occasion is the reward of constant training and endeavor. Mr Hunt is a member of the Zetagathian society.

Worley George Martin the recipient of second honors was born on a farm near Dana, Iowa. He began his education in the country schools. In 1893 he entered the high school of Grand Rapids, from which he was graduated two years later. He then entered the academy of Parsons college, Fairfield, Iowa. In 1896 he began the classical course of Parsons college from which he was graduated last year. He won the junior oratorical contest at Parsons last year. Mr Martin entered the University of Iowa last September as a senior. He is a member of the Philomathean society.

Edward Keech Brown was born at Solon, Iowa, in 1879. He attended the Iowa City Academy, winning the oratorical contest of the Academy in 1898. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he volunteered in Company I, 50th Iowa. He served until being mustered out. He entered the Philosophical course of the University of Iowa in September 1899. Mr Brown intends to take the University law course after graduating from the collegiate department. He is a member of the Zetagathian society and will represent that society as orator in the freshman contest this spring.

Pharmacy Items

Miss Cooper entertained the seniors Saturday evening.

Murray, '01 has been quite sick with the mumps.

Mr H. Wilde of South Amana visited Miller, '00 Saturday.

The Juniors are nearly through with their preparations in the Pharmacy laboratory.

Professor Shimek will give his second lecture with illustrated stereopticon views in microscopical botany Thursday evening.

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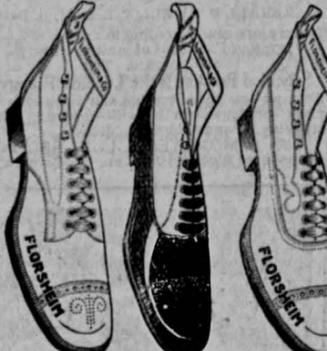
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FACT AND RUMOR

Elgin, L. '00 is sick with the mumps.

Mrs Judge Deemer of Red Oak is visit-
ing the university.

F. P. Henderson, L. '01 received a
visit from his mother Tuesday.

President MacLean was out today,
after a few days of indisposition.

Phi Delta Theta will give a party at
the old Beta halls, Friday night.

The senior class will hold a sociable at
the society halls next Wednesday even-
ing.

G. W. Egan has resigned as presiding
officer of St. Patrick's literary society in
this city, a position to which he was
twice unanimously elected.

Hon J. H. McConlogue, of Mason City,
a graduate of the law department, enter-
tained ten of the Mason City men in the
university at the St. James Monday
noon.

The appropriation of \$2,000 for the
state historical society has been recom-
mended by the appropriation committees
of both houses of the general assembly,
the result of Professor B. F. Shambaugh's
excellent showing of the needs of the
society.

The Iowa debaters have chosen the
negative of the question submitted them
by the Wisconsin debaters, Would it be
politic for the United States to take di-
rect action to the effect a substantial in-
crease in our merchant marine? The de-
bate will occur in Iowa City in May.
The Iowa debaters are Geo. H. Fletcher,
M. J. McCarthy and M. M. Moulton

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The Phi Delta Phi fraternity gave a banquet at the St. James last evening in honor of Judge and Mrs Deemer and Chancellor and Mrs McClain.

The last number of the university lecture course will be given this evening by J. B. DeMotte, on the subject, The Harg of the Senses. The secretary of the course announces that promptness is desired from the audience. The house will be darkened and late comers will cause inconvenience.

The Judges on the Minnesota debate at the opera house Saturday evening are Judge Wade, Rev Cady, and Professor Johnson of Mt. Vernon. Speers, Frank, and Ferson debate for the Zetagathians, Switzer, Pinkham and Chamberlain for the Irvings. The question is that all deputies arising between organized labor and capitol should be settled by compulsory arbitration. The Irvings affirm and the Zetagathians deny.

Medical Notes

Dr Harriman was called out of town Saturday and could not meet his classes.

Garrison, '03 is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Dr Dean gave to the juniors last Saturday their last lecture on nervous physiology.

The seniors are putting in good time preparing for the state board.

Lowry '01 is slowly recovering from a two weeks sickness.

Dr Whiteis has entertained a fair sized cold for several days.

The committee appointed from each class for the purpose of formulating the basis of a medical literary society met Wednesday evening and began work.

Fitzpatrick, '01 has been trying to be sick for some time and came nearly succeeding Tuesday, when he was forced to leave a lecture.

The seniors have held several class meetings lately but the best of feeling has not always prevailed.

Dr Basore, '98 is in town with a patient for surgical clinic.

Middleton, '01, thought to amuse one of his friends by putting on the boxing gloves with him—as a result "Mids" nose is badly skinned and his lips show the result of forced contact with his teeth.

Miss Brown will give a fancy dancing party, complimentary to the parents and friends of the children and also to those persons interested in dancing on next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Smith's armory. There will be 20 numbers on the program including many unique and fancy dances such as skirt dance, highland fling, Japanese dance and cake walk.

Dental Department

Dr Palmer of Newton is here lecturing on porcelain work to the junior and senior classes.

Dr Baumer of Newton is here with Dr Palmer.

Faber '01 has returned to the city after visiting at his home last week.

The senior class will take its final examination in Pathology March 21 at 9 o'clock.

Myers '02 is sick with the mumps.

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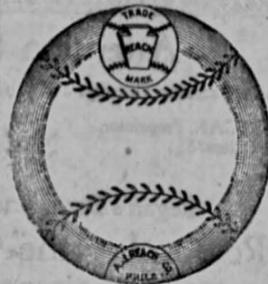
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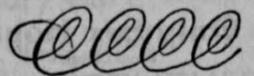
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