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VICTORY FOR IRVINGS

NORTH HALL SOPHOMORES WIN UNANIMOUSLY IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE TRUST QUESTION

The annual sophomore debate was held in South Hall Tuesday evening, May 8. The resolution discussed was, That in practice and as an economic principle, combinations, both of capital and labor, in manufacturing and industrial enterprises and interests (sometimes denominated in political parlance as trusts) have been, are, and tend to be detrimental to our public welfare and to a majority of the people of the United States in behalf of the Zetagathian society. This was affirmed by Messrs Thomas Casady, Guy S. Calkins, and Merritt Brackett; Messrs Ray C. Mead, F. H. Randall, and A. H. Storck upheld the negative. The judges were Blanchard, L.'01, and Professors H. S. Richards and L. D. Weld. Mr R. D. Ogden, the president of the debating union, presided.

Mr Thomas Casady of Des Moines made an excellent speech in opening the debate. He showed that the evils of combinations of competing interests to stifle legislation were great, so great that 27 states had passed laws against trusts. The amount of capital upon which dividends are to be paid is greater than under competition; in order to compete with a trust, a counter-trust must be formed, hence trusts charge enormous prices before a competitor appears which is large enough to take the great risks of conflict; the trust does not improve the product, while competition will. Mr Casady showed conclusively the benefits of the competitive system.

Mr Ray C. Mead of Wall Lake delivered a fine speech in opening the case for the negative. The affirmative, he said, must uphold the resolution in practice and economic theory. Trusts and corporations are the same in principle; the negative defends the economic principle upon which they are based. The laws of trade will never tolerate a permanent monopoly. Trusts have failed because they have not recognized that lowering of prices discourages competition and raising prices encourages competition. The trust and the corporation stand for the improvement of the past 50 years in manufactures and business generally. The trust is the essence of concentration; quarrel with concentration and you quarrel with civilization.

Mr Guy S. Calkins of Iowa City followed up the argument begun by Mr Casady in a pleasing and convincing manner. The trust is a monopoly and takes from the consumer higher prices than competition—this point he proved conclusively by the history of the Sugar Trust, the Tin Plate Trust and the Steel and Wire Trust.

Mr F. H. Randall of Denison related a number of sudden rises in prices from the fifties to the present time which, he intimated, were due to the law of supply and demand. He demanded that the negative be shown the dividing line between trusts and corporations. Trusts, he pled, may be abused but they are not therefore wrong. The evils are incidental and will be removed in time. He talked some more about underlying and

and economic principle and insisted that the affirmative must either be right or wrong. Mr Randall made a most creditable appearance.

Mr Merritt Brackett of Iowa City closed the constructive part of the debate with a better speech than had yet been delivered. The affirmative, he stated, opposed the form of the trust. He showed the difference between the corporation and the trust. In order to save the wastes of competition monopoly is necessary, and the ability to monopolize is ability to raise prices unnecessarily—from this has grown the evils of the trust. Competition results in over-production and consequent lower prices—monopoly prevents this. Monopoly saves the waste of competition but the saving goes to the privileged members of the trust.

Mr A. H. Storck of DeSoto, took one-third of his allotted 15 minutes to inform the judges that the affirmative had not attacked the negatives position on economic theory nor its contention that there is no difference between a trust and a corporation. The judges did not relax their stern features even at this All-Coon allusion. The balance of his time he talked about labor unions which he said were involved in the question to a very great degree. Mr Storck delivered one of the strongest speeches of the negative.

Mr F. H. Randall occupied five minutes in closing for the negative. Mr Brackett's closing for the affirmative was the best speech of the evening. The whole contention of the affirmative he stated to be that trusts and labor unions all seek to control prices; the price of labor and product fixed by competition is better than the price of labor fixed by monopoly. His summing up and rebuttal were most conclusive and won the unanimous decision of the judges.

If a criticism might be ventured on the debate, it would be that it was too sophomoric. The affirmative and negative did not debate the same question. They got together only on one or two unimportant places. In one of these the negative asserted that it had a book up its sleeve that showed that the Standard Oil Company or the John W. Gates concern been formed six years earlier than stated by the affirmative. The negative appeared to take considerable satisfaction out of this, for they repeated it twice. The negative talked a great deal about economic theory but failed to make this part of their talk clear and as the affirmative did not straighten it out for them the audience was allowed to depart in ignorance. The time devoted to labor unions was wasted as the affirmative discussed trusts. The negative proved several times with considerable ingenuity that the affirmative were either right or wrong. This device is a new and commendable feature for a university debate and it is probable that in the future no well-regulated debate will be without it. The entire debate hinged upon what would be considered the question under discussion. The negative endeavored to discuss the entire question as printed on the program but failed to bring the affirmative to this. Under these circumstances, the rebuttal speech of the negative should have endeavored to establish clearly that the negative and not the affirmative was discussing the question. This it failed to do and consequently the negative accepted the imputation of the

affirmative that the Zetagathians were not debating the question. The affirmative considered that it was discussing the trust question, proved its contentions clearly, out-pointed the negative in delivery, and received the decision of the judges who looked relieved when the debate was over.

Nebraska Tournament Off

There will be no tennis tournament this spring between Iowa and Nebraska at Lincoln. Since last year, when the Nebraska team was brought here, the Lincoln tournament has been looked forward to by the local enthusiasts with much interest, but, evidently for financial reasons, Nebraska is unable to give the return meet.

Manager Walsh, after suggesting to the Nebraska management methods of meeting the expenses, was compelled to give up the tournament. However he is now endeavoring to arrange matters that a tennis team may accompany the Wisconsin team when they come here to play next week.

Mr Walsh in speaking of the matter said, "It is very likely that a Badger team can be brought down, and the resulting tournament would be of much more interest to lovers of tennis than would a trial with Nebraska."

Grinnell the Mecca

The annual dual meet between Grinnell and the University of Iowa will occur at the fair grounds at Grinnell next Saturday afternoon. A rate of one fare for the round trip, provisional upon the securing of guarantees for 100 tickets, has been promised by the Rock Island and a large number of students and friends will, it is hoped, accompany the Varsity track team to Grinnell. The meet is quite important as the winner of this meet will in all probability win the state meet at Des Moines May 25.

Iowa's entries in the meet are announced as follows by C. A. Brown, the captain of the Varsity track team:

Mile run—Brown, Brackett, Boardman, Fitzgerald. Half mile run, the same as for mile run.

440 yard dash—Brown, Anderson, Hughes, Fitzgerald. 100 yard dash—Edson, Morton, Anderson, Hughes. 120 yard hurdles—Hecht, Dye, Call, Howell. 220 yard hurdles—Howell, Dye, Hecht, Edson. 220 yard dash—Howell, Dye, Edson, Anderson. Relay race—Weiland, Howell, Dye, Anderson, Edson, Morton, Hughes. Bicycle races—Benchbaugh, Choate, Downing, Allin. High jump—Kettlewell, Cogswell, Siegfriedt, Hanley. Broad jump—Weiland, Mead, Kettlewell, Williams. Pole vault—Weiland, Kettlewell, Brackett, Hecht. Throwing the Discus—Hull, Warner, Siegfriedt, Mead. Throwing the hammer—Warner, Brockway, Weiland, Siegfriedt. Putting the shot—Burrier, Brockway, Warner, Weiland. Hop, step and jump—C. Williams, Edson, Siegfriedt, Rule.

Entries for the 1900 prize handicap tournament should be handed to the manager at once.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the executive committee of the board of regents will be held on Wednesday, May 16. All business to be presented to the committee should be in the President's office not later than Monday morning, May 14. May 8, 1900. G. E. MACLEAN.

COMING EVENTS

May 10—Base ball, Iowa vs. Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

May 11—Wisconsin-Iowa debate at the opera house, Iowa City.

May 12—Iowa-Grinnell Dual Field Meet at Grinnell.

May 12—Base ball, State Normal College at Iowa City.

May 15—Base ball, Iowa vs. University of Minnesota at Athletic Park.

May 18—Iowa vs. Ames (league game) at Ames.

May 19—Minnesota Day. Tennis tournament in the morning at tennis courts, Iowa vs. Minnesota. Track and Field Meet in the afternoon, Iowa vs. Minnesota at Athletic Park.

May 19—Base ball, Iowa vs. Simpson college at Indianola.

June 1—Anniversary of Literary Societies, 8 P. M.

June 3—Baccalaureate Address by President George E. MacLean, 4 P. M.

June 4—Class Day Exercises. Dental Commencement, address by Governor Leslie M. Shaw, 10 A. M. Battalion Drill, Dress Parade, and Review by Governor Shaw, 4 P. M. Class Play 8 P. M.

June 5—Alumni Day. Alumni Meeting, 2 P. M. Alumni Dinner, 6 P. M. Reunions of classes of '75, '85, '90 and '95.

June 6—Law Commencement. Address by Mr Harry B. Hutchins, Dean of the Law Department of the University of Michigan, 10 A. M.

June 6—Senior Hop, Smiths Armory.

June 7—Collegiate Commencement, 10 A. M.

The Iowa State Press in a recent issue refers to a more flagrant instance than usual of the Iowa City Republican's habit of incorporating the VIDETTE-REPORTER'S news and write-ups in its own columns without giving credit for the same. The Press says: "The VIDETTE-REPORTER of Saturday issues a mild protest against the daily across the street. It seems that the special telegraphic report of the Wisconsin base ball game was clipped from the VIDETTE-REPORTER by that paper and used without giving credit." The Press printed the VIDETTE-REPORTER'S special dispatch on the same day as the Republican. The Press honorably gave credit to the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

Miss Marguerite Hess, '03 is pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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The Wisconsin Debate

The Wisconsin debate which occurs at the opera house tomorrow evening is one of the most important events of the university year. Iowa hopes to win the debate and every student will want to be present to encourage the university's representatives. Tomorrow night's meeting will be the second annual debate between Wisconsin and Iowa. The debate occurred at Milwaukee last year and the excellent treatment which the university's representatives received there is remembered with pleasure by Iowa. This year Wisconsin comes to our territory to debate us and we are placed somewhat upon our honor to give them a fair and appreciative treatment. The good points of both sides should be liberally applauded and the Wisconsin debaters should be treated with the every attention and consideration which is due them as the representatives of a great university competing with us in debate. This is what should obtain in a contest between the picked debaters of two state universities to determine which is the better. The debate is one that results, we believe, in benefit to both universities. It is such an excellent event for both that we would like to see the present two-year agreement extended for another term of years, providing of course, that this be desired by the debating leagues of both universities.

University Athletics

Occasionally we wonder how many persons at this university realize what real good athletic events like Northwestern Day subsolve. We think that a large and increasing number of persons have views upon this subject which are not felt by those who measure everything by the tally on the score book—who, in

the day of victory regard all connected with athletics as demigods and, in the night of defeat, think them arch-fiends. That there is something in the view that a field meet is a good thing only if the Varsity piles up the most points we will not deny. William Bayard Craig, '72, has advocated the benefits of athletic advertising too learnedly for us to dispute him. But still we feel that the correct way to look at the entire matter of college athletics is that it does not matter much what the result of the contests, so they be clean, and pure, and characterized by earnest endeavor and friendly feeling to all. The competition of the best trained representatives of two universities is a healthful and inspiring sight. The joy in a pure athletic contest, the satisfaction of sport for sport's sake are feelings that mere victory or defeat cannot change. More than this, to behold the representatives of one's own university fighting gamely for supremacy against the best that the selection and training of another university can produce cannot fail to help a student as a member of his own university. It will give him the college thrill if he is ever to feel it.

No, the desire to win is all right and victory is a pleasant accompaniment to any contest, but there are things more important than victory. The Varsity can bear up under defeat if it be an honest college team much easier than it could stand victory if a defeated partisan were able to point to men on it and say, "These are professionals." It would be much better never to play at all than to have spectators decide the game by offensive yelling and crowding upon the diamond as The Minnesota Daily describes as occurring at Minneapolis. We do not want to win unless we have the best men. We do want to have the best men and every student should do his best to encourage our athletes to be the best. Don't reserve your plaudits entirely for college annuals nor your praises for brags to the home folks at Christmas time. Give them to the athletes now. And above all be cheerful. We can not win always and we are pretty sure to win occasionally. If patience and charity and encouragement and support are given them, the teams will do their best. And that best, perhaps, will be a little better than we ever expected.



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FACT AND RUMOR

C. F. Green, '03 was initiated into Ivy Lane last night.

The telegraphic reports from the dual meet at Grinnell will be read at Athletic Park during the Normal game Saturday afternoon and at no other place in the city.

The last clause of the editorial in Tuesday's VIDETTE-REPORTER should have read: "and athletics in the university would gain." An error omitted the last line of type from the forms.

Professor C. B. Wilson's little son Arlo is suffering from an attack of scarlet fever. Through prudent foresight in taking up quarters elsewhere the professor has been able to continue his class work.

A novel event is promised for the end of the Northwestern-Beloit meet on Sheppard field next Saturday says the Chicago Tribune. The sororities of Northwestern have each picked out their favorite sprinter to compete for them in a hundred yard dash. The sorority winning will receive a banner and the girls promise the boy who carries their color over the tape first whatever he wishes. Those who will compete and the sorority they represent are: George MacDonald, Kappa Alpha Theta, A. J. Elliott, Gamma Phi Beta; E. R. Perry, Alpha Phi; H. S. Baker, Delta Gamma; L. Stahl, Kappa Kappa Gamma; F. R. Scheiner, Pi Beta Phi; Rollin Sturgeon, Woman's club. It will be a handicap race and Dr Hollister will give out the marks.

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The Senior Hop

The Senior Hop given at Smith's Armory Wednesday evening, June 6, will be the enjoyable affair that the last parties of the senior classes always are. The committee has engaged Kromer's Orchestra of Des Moines, the best orchestra in the state, to give the music and everything points to a more successful party than ever before. The members of the committee are Messrs E. H. Mitchell, G. H. Harkness, J. R. Howard, P. J. Klinckler, J. E. Remley, and S. S. Stockwell.

The Base Ball Team

At Bradley Tuesday the game was played on another wet field after a heavy thundestorm. Struble caught three innings when his finger was injured and Yates went in. Moss played the right garden, Powell at third and Davis at second—rest of line-up of both teams same as in first game with Bradley. The score was 10 to 2 in favor of Iowa. Lowry umpired the Bradley game. In the Knox and Bradley games Iowa's playing was above reproach.
Illinois won the game at Champaign yesterday by superior batting ability and pitching of very high grade. The large score—17 to 0—was due to a series of errors and wild throwing in the eighth inning, aided by DeVelde's third home run of the game which brought in three runs. Tyndall of Chicago was the best umpire the team has had this year. Lowry struck out 2 men, McCullum struck out 3 in the first two innings, and Lundgren fanned 7 during the rest of the game. Williams of Iowa had fourteen chances and 5 errors, these being made in the last part of the game. Iowa made 12 errors in all and Illinois 3. Hits, Iowa 6, Illinois 17. At bat, Iowa 34, Illinois 44.
Illinois—3 0 4 0 0 1 1 8 *—17

A waltz—Two Step party will be given at the armory this evening under the direction of P. T. Vaughn and W. D. Hinchon, committee.

Major A. L. Rule, L. '00 left last night for Des Moines where he will act as a delegate from Cerro Gordo county to the republican state convention.

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