The second annual debate between Iowa and Wisconsin held at the opera house in Iowa City last night resulted in a conclusive victory for Iowa. The debate was upon the question: Would it be politic for the United States to take direct action to effect a substantial increase in its merchant marine? It was argued for Wisconsin by Messrs. M. J. Cleary of Blanchardville, Wisconsin, W. F. Adams of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and H. W. Adams, of Black Hawk, Wisconsin. It was denuded for Iowa by Messrs. G. H. Fletcher, of Waverly, Iowa; J. W. McCarthy, of Struble, Iowa, and J. M. Moore, of Iowa City, Iowa. The judges were Professor Jesse Macy of Iowa College, Grinnell, Hon. J. H. Milliman, of Des Moines, and Rev. Fr. de Ron, Ciaren, Wisconsin. The present orator of the evening was Professor I. A. Loos, Rev. George L. Culp pronounced the invocation, which opened the debate, at 8:45.

The appearance of the debaters upon the stage was marked by the giving of the gavel to the floor. At this point, the students, led by the Hawkeye cheer, Professor Loos announced that the first two speakers on each side would be given 20 minutes each, the third speaker on the affirmative 22 minutes, the negative 23 minutes, and the affirmative would then have five minutes rebuttal. While Professor Loos was announcing this, two dapper little men had been engaged in crossing the stage and when J. M. Cleary stepped out to open the debate a little back ground of clapping and a fruitless diversion to the audience and listeners to the judges. In his first speech last night he laid out his plan for increasing the MARiner: remove the Iowa property from foreign vessels to vessels of foreign owners and changing to Americo- American registry which would mean the ownership of the American vessels and an additional five per cent bounty to the American builder. The affirmative contended in support of this that American shipping could not compete with foreign shipping at present because of the great cost of subsidies, the greater cost of construction and the lesser capital of operation; that a merchant marine is as necessary as a national defense in war and essential in peace for the trade and commercial goods that the merchant marine is in great benefit to the country. The negative contended that the affirmative would fail to make its case. The United States would get no protection in the United States, that American commerce could be carried before in foreign bottom because of lesser cost in time of peace and of safety in time of war, that these advantages of the foreign countries outweighed the fact that the subsidy scheme had not cause of the increases in carrying power, that it would cost Connecticut annually according to authorities quoted by the affirmative to obtain the worthlessness satisfaction of carrying our own ships, that the necessity of procuring merchant marine in time of war the necessity, that the subsidy would be precarious and taken advantages by of shipbuilders, and that natural conditions will in a short time bring about a merchant marine without direct action by the United States, this shown by the construction of vessels at the present time being greater than ever before.

Mr. Cleary made an excellent speech opening the debate. Mr. Fletcher, following, out-pointed him in argument and replied in it. Mr. W. F. Adams had a finely written speech which he delivered with effect. The delivery was somewhat spoiled by the prancing of one of his colleagues who sat on the platform with his hands in his pockets. Mr. McCarthy made one of the best speeches of the evening. Effective and impressive in delivery, cogent in argument, and ready with reply, he completely carried the hearts of the audience. Mr. W. H. Adams was a little hit the warmest. Much of his speech was by in keeping to his large pile of books under his shirt when needed for refer- ence. And much of the strength of his argument was thrown away by his nervousness, lack of control of voice, and mannerisms, and general carry.

He found fault with the negative because it had only given general facts. Mr. Mellon in the best speech heard in Iowa City for some time, gave Mr. Adams the facts he had sought for three hours. Mr. Adams' own authorities. Mr. Mellon had excellent control of himself, and delivered an unexcelled argument in an unexcelled manner. He fully answered the affirmative every point and piled up point after point for the negative until its position was inexpertly wrong. Mr. Adams' four minutes rebuttal was an argument with a windmill delivery and a delivery of an argument, for big ships for use in war and for the acceptance and the defense of the United States. The negative ships which had been prodded in his third speech. His speech was given a roasting when the last double tap of the president's gavel announced that the argument for the second Wisconsin-Iowa debate was all up.

Iowa's victory was hailed with great cheers and intense satisfaction by the students. An Iowa won the debate last year, houses are now sure between two of the parts of debate in the west. After the debate, the speakers, the judges, and many prominent Iowa debaters and alumni went down to a banquet at the St. James.

The people of the Bethel A. H. E. church of this city will have a grand celebration and entertainment at St. Brenden's Hall on May 12th at 8 p. m. Many drills and song will be given and the attraction of the evening is a debate between Rev. R. D. Wilson of Rock Island, Illinois, and the reviewer. Professor Wilson will deliver his speech and Professor Miller, the Unchallenged Champion of Iowa on the colored forensic arena, takes the floor to challenge the indulgence, which will be charged for the benefit of the church.

By the way, President's office is not later than Monday morning. May 14.

Mr. Cleary, in his closing speech, attributed the result to the excellence of his colleague, and the failure of the other side to deliver its case with force.

Mr. Cleary noted the ability of Mr. Adams to argue the affirmative from the point of view of the negative, and was pleased with the delivery of Mr. McCarthy. Mr. Adams' ability to prepare for the debate was excellent, and gave Mr. Adams a splendid chance to show his ability.

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The one thing connected with college athletics which attempt nothing of the sort. The right kind of a feeling about the conduct of athletics is in order, reward to a college, many times over. Happily indeed are the colleges that have it.

Senior Speakers

The Ames Student contains an article on senior speakers. It is of interest. It is quite true that, no hard and fast line can be drawn in the question of selection and few persons would want to say that absolutely no student not a four-year man should be a senior speaker. The rule should be course have some exceptions where a student who has been in the class less than four years would represent the class better than four-year men. This may occur. But when the records on file in the office of a university show that eighty-three and one third per cent of those who are chosen as commencement speakers have not been members of the class for more than two years, the sentiment that these students should, or, rather, be chosen as commencement speakers becomes quite strong. The student who has spent the entire four years of college life in demanding that his college be loyal to his alma mater, and there may seem to be a wide bit of selfishness in demanding that class honors be given to students who have spent the entire course in the same college. Yet there is a fairness in it that appeals to every student who is loyal to his college. The man who spends four years at a single college has a more representative man than the one who comes in with the task of adapting the college spirit into a household already loyal to his first love. But it is hard to draw arbitrary lines especially when the alums may be a man of much ability.

Iowa City students demand the limit the senior speakers to those of the college who have taken the four-year course. It is the same difficult problem that concerns every man who wants to do honor to whom honor is due. No college standard is so superior that it can disdain work from other colleges and there may seem to be a wide bit of selfishness in demanding that class honors be given to students who have spent the entire course in the same college. Yet there is a fairness in it that appeals to every student who is loyal to his college. The man who spends four years at a single college has a more representative man than the one who comes in with the task of adapting the college spirit into a household already loyal to his first love. But it is hard to draw arbitrary lines especially when the alums may be a man of much ability.

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