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SHANNAHAN WINS

IOWA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE N. O. L. NEXT MAY

Contest a Close one—Erin's Day and Erin Wins—Orations good in Thought and Diction

St. Patrick's Day, green programs, and a true son of Erin, these are the fates, that last night beat the Anglo-Saxon, and the American, however the margin was close, and the fight a good one.

E. J. Shannahan, of Holbrook, won first with his oration on O'Connell. This entitles him to the fifty dollar prize, and the honor of representing Iowa at the N. O. L., which meets at Minneapolis next May. While his delivery was faulty in many ways, yet he has great possibilities and his thought was good. Then too his subject was popular. Like his hero he appealed to men.

Second place and the chairmanship of the Iowa delegation was won by H. G. Walker of Adair. Gettysburg was his theme, and while his style is that of the debater rather than the orator, yet his description of the battle was so clear cut, so vivid that it appealed to all.

Third place and the honor of being delegate was won by H. E. Hadley of Badger. From a literary standpoint this was undoubtedly the finest oration delivered in the contest.

The judges, on thought and composition were, Prouty, Deemer and Moore; on delivery, Remley, Ball and Marsh. Their markings, indicated by initial, are,

	P	D	M	R	B	M	Total
Shannahan	1	1	6	1	3	3	15
Walker	1	7	2	4	1	1	16
Hadley	8	2	4	2	2	4	22
Hill	1	4	8	5	5	2	25
Albert	4	8	3	3	4	5	27
Miller	5	5	1	6	6	6	29

Of the other orations, which did not win mention, Mr. Hill, under a veiling title, tried to make a hero of Pestalozzi. The subject was not very popular, and although well handled, it failed to get the approval of the judges or the audience.

In "The Spirit of the Crowd," Mr. Albert discussed forcibly and well one of our great social evils. He convinced the mind, but he did not stir the heart.

Mr. Miller in "The Federal Constitution of 1787," showed little originality of thought and poorly presented it.

In every oration the great fault was not lack of scholarship or diction, but lack in delivery; and a failure to appeal to emotions, and to stir the hearts as a true orator must.

R. G. Tobin L. '04 has taken the position of city editor on the Citizen.

C. A. Williams, M. A. '01, who came from Cornell with an attack of typhoid is recovering.

Life Insurance

Mr. E. A. Jackson, editor of the New York Life Insurance Independent, gave two lectures on the theory of life insurance in the auditorium at 4.30 Monday and Tuesday. He introduced his lecture with a brief review of the history of life insurance. The advancement of which, he claimed, is directly proportional to the advancement of civilization. The United States leads and have over eight million dollars of outstanding policies. England, Germany, France and Russia then follow in their order.

Life insurance, he said depended upon a most noble motive. It meant the sacrifice of the present individual to aid posterity.

TEACHERS IMMATURE

Bolton Scores Immaturity and Lack of Preparation of Majority of Teachers

Professor F. E. Bolton, head of university department of education, says that teachers are too immature and to deficient in preparation for their work. This he holds true of many teachers in "one great state," supposed to be Iowa.

"In the high schools of one great state" says Prof. Bolton, "in every fourth school there is one teacher who has never had any education or training beyond that furnished in the school in which she teaches. Only a small per cent of all the rest have a full college or normal course.

"In the grades of the city and the rural schools of that state 50 per cent of the teachers have had little more than a rural school training.

"The scholarship represented by the third class certificate is no higher than that required for admission to the lowest class of a good high school. That is, an average boy or girl of 13 or 14 years is master of as much scholastic knowledge as 8,000 of the 19,000 teachers in that state.

"The second grade certificate does not represent a good high school education. Most of the teachers are still in their teens.

"Think of it, 250,000 children 'enjoying these advantages' of our public school system!

"Nearly one-fourth of the whole number of teachers had never taught a day, and as many more had taught less than a year.

Why, we do not allow a person to vote or become weed commissioners, or country postmasters until 21; but we allow the intellectual and moral welfare of more than five million budding, developing souls in our land to be entrusted to the care and guidance of youths scarcely more mature than the children themselves, and often more unstable and vacillating in their adolescent stage."

C. H. Fenn, secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, will speak at Close Hall Sunday at 4:00 p. m.

DEFENSE RESTS CASE

EXPERTS TESTIFY ON EFFECT OF POISON

Outline of Argument of Defense.—Venom from Rapier Produced Dumbness of Mind

A third ground of defense was brought out by Hamlet's attorneys in the trial of Hamlet and in the University of Iowa Junior law court today. It is that the venom with which Laertes' rapier was poisoned operated depressingly upon the nerve centers and prevented Hamlet from exercising what mind he may have had to distinguish right from wrong.

Dr. F. J. Becker, an expert witness, a member of the faculty of the homeopathic college of the University of Iowa and of experience with insane persons gained in European hospitals and the care of county insane in Iowa, testified that venom, or poison as it is commonly known, universally acts upon the nerve centers, causing a depression and ultimate unconsciousness. The contention of the defense in argument will be that the time from Laertes' first scratch to the end of the bout, after interruptions to urge Hamlet to drink from the poisoned cup, the swooning of the Queen and Laertes story of the poisoned rapiers, was sufficient to act upon Hamlet's nerve centers so as to make dumb what little ability to distinguish between right and wrong he may have had.

This defense will be like the one of self-defense and defense of his mother, auxiliary to the main defense of insanity. The defense has had five witnesses, non-experts, who after giving their experiences with Hamlet's melancholy and flighty disposition have testified to his insanity. In addition to this, it strengthened its case by two experts of reputation and experience, Drs. A. J. Burge of the faculty of the college of medicine, and F. J. Becker of the faculty of the college of homeopathic medicine. Both experts have studied cases of insanity for several years in European hospitals and have had the superintendence of insane in Iowa counties.

These experts agreed in declaring that Hamlet was suffering from delusional melancholia at the time he killed King Claudius and that he was irresponsible for his actions. The disease of insanity was first manifested, they testified, in the growing melancholia which came on after his father's death. This increased by excitement until Hamlet believed that he saw the ghost of his father. This was the final evidence of insanity required to convince the experts that Hamlet was not of sound mind. The insanity could not abate, they testified, while the exciting cause was present, that is the belief in his father's vision and the wickedness of his uncle.

The state began its rebuttal testimony after the defense rest-

ed on the conclusion of the examination of its experts. The state showed its intention to fall back upon Hamlet's acting that he was insane by the form of its questions to witness Emmons, who reviewed his acquaintance with Hamlet and testified that Hamlet had several times assumed insanity and acted as if he was mad.

Judge Deemer overruled the objections of the defense to Emmons' testimony as to acting, a matter which the defense contended was for the jury to determine.

Phi Beta Kappa Address

President Mac Lean announced at assembly this morning that the Phi Beta Kappa address at commencement would be delivered by President Cyrus Northrup, L. L. D. of the University of Minnesota.

TROPHIES TO BE HOUSED

'02 Trophy Case May Be Used in Library

There is a plan on foot to make practical use of the trophy case, which the class of '02 presented as a class memorial and which has stood idle and empty in the corridor of the hall of liberal arts. The case will be removed to the library where it will be locked up during the night.

The trouble with its present position is that its contents would always be ready prey to any vandal who wishes to acquire possession of any of the valuable silver trophies. The case not only cannot be locked, but is so constructed as to permit the glass to be moved with the help of a button hook or similar tool.

In the library they would be during the day, in perfect security, as no one connected with the University would think of molesting them, while in the night time the barred doors of the room would exclude any prying vandal.

Rev. Courtney H. Fenn secretary of the Student Volunteer movement will spend Saturday and Sunday March 21 and 22 in Iowa City. Rev. Fenn has been a missionary in north China for several years and was in Peking during the siege at the time of the Boxer uprising. He will speak to men on Saturday night at 7 o'clock, at Close Hall and on Sunday at 4 p. m. will address a union meeting.

Chas. Putnam Ph. Ex. '03 and wife of Hull, Ia. are the proud parents of a little boy.

The address at assembly this morning was delivered by Prof. C. S. Chase, on "The Ministry of Healing."

Prof. J. T. Brown left this morning on a tour of high school inspection to be gone all week. He will address the Teachers' association of Palo Alto county, Friday night.

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Calendar for the Week.

March 21—Indoor Field Meet, Armory.

March 21—Meeting IOWAN Board, northwest room Old Capital 1:00 p. m.

Several members of the faculty were at the contest last night.

The prospects for Fourth of July orations next summer seem good.

St. Patrick's Day and the green programs were enough to give the victory.

The discussion now is, will Iowa get her usual place at the N. O. L.? No matter what place we may get, Iowa has confidence in the fighting qualities and quantities of her representative.

Ones subject must be popular to win, "Men rather than rhetoric must be studied." This is the true test of oratory. The failure of one of the best orations last night was due to a lack of following this principle. A subject of which the world knows not, and cares less is difficult to make entertaining.

We sincerely hope that before another contest, there may be evolved a system of judging which will prevent the writing of

prize essays to be pondered over by judges in the seclusion of the study. This is not oratory. Some of the finest thought failed because of the mechanical impossibility of delivering such complex sentence structure.

Indoor Meet

The winter indoor training of the track team which has been carried on in Smith's armory for the past two months will close with an Indoor Athletic meet on Saturday evening, March 21, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. About eighty-five men have taken more or less advantage of the armory privileges, and of these sixty-one men have entered in the various events of the indoor meet. There will be nine events in all, two of which are to be team relay races, one between the freshmen and sophomores, the other between the liberal arts college and the professional colleges. Great interest is centered in the 25-yard dash, in which thirty-eight men have entered, and a close contest is promised in the final heat. Although no records may be broken at this time, the advantage of preliminary indoor training will no doubt be so manifested when the men begin the outdoor work, that the winter work and the indoor meets will be made a permanent feature.

As the proceeds of the meet will be used to start the track team in the spring work, everyone interested in that branch of athletics should be present and help the boys out. Admission has been placed at the normal sum of 25cts and a full attendance is assured.

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After that there will be seats at 75 cents, selections being made from what is left in the 75 cent seats. No more than six tickets will be sold to one person.

"Peck's Bad Boy," entirely rewritten and rearranged, will appear at the opera house, next Saturday. While it is styled "an encyclopedia of laughter with a telescopic plot," it has however, a plot which revolves around the troubles of the German grocerman and is overflowing with the most intense and clean humor, which is so uproariously funny in its situations.

Regarding Hi Henry's entire new minstrels, the New York City "Telegram" says: "The entire program was of special merit. The first part the finest ever seen." This star organization will appear at the opera house on next Monday, March 23. They carry eight comedians, twelve singers, twenty-five orchestral musicians, fourteen brilliant vaudeville feature and character dancers. Their olio consists of the marvelous song bird imitator, J. A. Probst; cornet solos by Hi Henry, and the wonderful athletic and acrobatic feats by the Renzeatta Troupe of Acrobats, the great character artists Corri-gan and Dove, the great European sensation, the marvelous exhibition of physical culture, by the Lotey Brothers.

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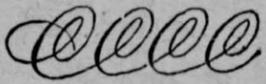
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The United States Civil Service Commission asks for the names of graduates who may desire to become candidates for positions in the civil service. The manual of examinations may be seen at the president's office.

All students intending to teach next year, and who desire the assistance of the university through the board of recommendations of teachers, are requested to meet Professor Bolton on Wednesday, March 18, at 3:30 p. m., room 219.

Local

Prof. Shimek lectured at Grinnell last night.

C. D. Walrod L. '05 is being visited by Mrs. Walrod,

Senior Pharmachutes have their final exam in materia medica today.

Frances Gardner, L. A. '03, has been called to Avoca by illness in her home.

Miss Edna Boerner entertains Die Germania tonight at her home on North Dubuque.

The reported debate between Drake and the Hammond-Forum forces has been denied by the laws.

J. W. Rich who has been seriously ill at the university hospital with appendicitis is on the road to recovery.

The Baconian club will meet on Friday evening at 7:30. The paper will be read by Prof. Smith on "Some Elementary Methods and Results in Statistical Anthropology."

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