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## IRVING WINS.

### NORTH HALL VICTORIOUS IN THE FRESHMAN CONTEST.

Last evening occurred the fifth annual contest between the Freshmen of Irving Institute and the Zetagathian Society. Both societies were most ably represented, and from start to finish it was as pretty an exhibition of wits, talent and training as one could wish to see; and while Irving Institute carried off the laurel, the Zetagathian Society must needs be proud of each of her representatives.

Notwithstanding the sultry evening a large audience was present, and from the opening oration by Mr. Downing to the closing by Mr. Drake, the interest was intense; being heightened by the fact that each society having been twice victorious in debate during the year, the results of this contest must turn the balance. This closes the inter-society forensic contests with the balance somewhat in favor of Irving Institute, a reversal of the previous year.

In the orations Irving Institute was represented by Mr. F. S. Merriau, who spoke on "True National Greatness," the Zetagathian Society being represented by Ralph Downing, who delivered an oration entitled "Alexander Hamilton." The decision was awarded to Mr. Merriau, both in thought and composition and in delivery.

The debate was a typical S. U. I. discussion, and argument clashed against argument in a sturdy manner. The question: "Resolved, that no immigrant shall be admitted to the U. S. who cannot read and write the Constitution of the U. S., either in the English or some other language," was affirmed for Irving Institute by Messrs. M. V. Boddy and H. B. Noland, and denied for the Zetagathians by Messrs. W. C. Frank and R. A. Cook, the closing speeches being given by Messrs. Boddy and Frank. The decision was two to one for the affirmative.

The debate was followed by Mr. P. Gad Kitterman, who declaimed "How the Old Horse Won the Bet." Mr. Drake followed with "Sam's Letter." Both declamations were most excellently rendered. Mr. Kitterman receiving the decision, the contest was awarded to Irving, as she won the oration and debate.

The S. U. I. forensic societies may well feel proud of their Freshmen, and if the Freshman is father of the Senior, some time is likely to elapse ere the Old Gold of Iowa shall be trailed in the dust by the debaters of rival institutions.

The judges of the various events were: Oration—Thought and Composition: Professors Calvin, Macbride and Smith; delivery: Professor Loos Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Walter M. Davis. Debate—Professors Calvin, Macbride and McConnell. Declamation Mrs. E. H. Potter, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Bierring.

The University of Wisconsin has accepted the invitation of Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania to enter the boat races in June.

## Erodelphian.

The last program of the year, given by the departing Seniors, may be truthfully called the best. The audience was unusually large and attentive. Those who took part represented the best and most experienced ability of the society, and the selections of music were exceptionally numerous and choice; altogether much enhancing the success of the entertainment. The program is given below:

Vocal Solo ..... Gertrude Becker  
Recitation ..... Gail Sweeney  
a. "Annabel Lee."  
b. "Seein' Things at Night."  
Piano Solo ..... Ida Felkner  
Speech ..... Ruth Paxon  
"What Next."  
Bones Solo ..... Clem Ashley  
Original Story ..... Daisy Hatch  
Vocal Solo ..... Anna Close  
Farce—"Six Cups of Chocolate."  
Cast of Characters.  
The German Girl ..... Mary Lytle  
The New England Girl .....  
..... Minerva Lowman  
The French Girl ..... Lena McCurdy  
The Southern Girl ..... May Gabriel  
The Boston Girl ..... Daisy Hatch  
The New York Girl ..... Jessie Hastings  
Piano Duet .. Lulu Graff, Erza Owen  
Mandolin and Guitar Duet .....  
..... Messrs. Jayne and Kelly

After the program the Senior girls entertained the undergraduate Erodelphians informally.

## Rates to Des Moines.

The rate to Des Moines to the State Meet will be one fare (\$3.63) for round trip. Tickets good until the next day. If one hundred people go a special train will be furnished. As yet we have not obtained the number sufficient. All persons who desire to go, and not having handed in their names, should do so before Thursday noon. We were unable to get the tickets extended longer than Saturday. Respectfully, GEO. W. EGAN.

## We Defeat Luther College.

The game at Decorah, yesterday, resulted in a score of five to one in favor of S. U. I. Hart pitched for our team and struck out seventeen of the Norwegian collegiates. This is the best pitching record ever made by a member of a S. U. I. ball team, and we doubt if there is another pitcher in the State that can equal it. A full account of the game will be given in our next issue.

## Scandinavian in English.

Professor Albert E. Egge, formerly instructor in English at S. U. I., and now Professor of English in the Agricultural College and School of Science, Pullman, Washington, has sent us a copy of a paper, entitled "The Scandinavian Element in English." It is a very well written production, reflecting great credit upon the ability of the writer. It brings out very clearly the close relation between the English and Scandinavian language, and more especially the influence of the latter upon the former.

Professor Egge read his production before the State Philological Society of Washington, and also before the Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America.

## THE FAYETTE GAME.

### LOWRY STRIKES OUT TEN OF THE U. I. U. PLAYERS.

Last Friday our boys found a man in the box at Fayette with speed somewhat the same as the proverbial arrow. Pitcher Shoch struck out every man on our team except Murphy, but Lowry reciprocated by drawing ten fans from their ranks. The pitchers were aided in the fact that it was a cloudy day, and the diamond was surrounded by woods.

Hurst first went into the box for us. He was not feeling well, and failed to get the proper twirl on the sphere. He retired after three minutes' play, during which time three scores were made. Lowry went in to finish out the inning, and fanned out the home team in one, two, three order. During the remainder of the game only six hits were made by the U. I. U.'s. McNeil played first base, and Good enough was placed in left field.

O'Connor played a good game behind the bat, but did not come up to his usual standard in his work with the stick.

Our boys were treated nicely by the home team and by the rooters.

Rathbun umpired the game to the satisfaction of every one.

## Cornellian Explains.

Saturday's Cornellian attempts to explain the write-up of the ball game that has caused so much comment. We herewith print a copy of their excuse and quasi-apology for a few of the more radical statements. The indignation of the S. U. I. student body was great until it was learned that the author of the article was one Chubbuck. That explains it! We all know Chubbuck's reputation! Since it has become known that he was the writer of the article, all indignation and criticism has turned to sympathy and pity for the editor of the Cornellian because he could get no one else who would be willing to represent his journal and report the game.

"The report of the S. U. I. ball game that appeared in our last issue has caused much severe criticism, even in our own school. This is due almost entirely to the style of the article, and not to the subject matter. To do justice to the Athletic Association we wish to state that the article was not authorized by the Association, neither was it written by a member of the Association, nor even of the school. We regret the manner in which it was written, and repudiate the statement that 'gentlemen are sadly lacking at the University.' The copy was brought into the office at the last minute, and hence failed to pass under the critical examination of the editor. Under ordinary circumstances, if it had been allowed to go into the paper at all, it would have done so only after almost fatal mutilation. After due consideration we wish to state that criticism on the management of the S. U. I. game cannot be too strong. There was no evidence of any attempt to keep the crowd back and the ground clear, so that our players would have

a fair show to do themselves justice. We hold that S. U. I. management is utterly inexcusable for such neglect. Only two criticisms come to our mind which cannot be traced directly to the management. First, in the attempts of the second baseman to block every runner and second, the most exceedingly abusive and insulting language that was used throughout the game, and especially to our battery by some of the players and crowd. In conclusion, we wish to remark that had the management been what it should, there would have been little occasion for criticism. While we think there ought to be very severe criticism, it ought to be made in more dignified language."

Just as we go to press we received a letter from J. T. Fackler, the editor and manager of the Cornellian, containing a lengthy apology for the recent article in his paper, and requesting us to announce that it was written by "A. B. Chubbuck, assisted by two or three of the players." The publication of the article was unfortunate, but we are glad to know that it was not with "malice aforethought" on the part of the editor, and that friendly relations may once more be established between the schools and the college papers.

## Commencement Program.

Thursday, June 2.—8 p. m., Declamatory Contest by young ladies of the Freshman class.

Friday, June 3.—8 p. m., Anniversary Exercises of the Literary Societies.

Sunday, June 5.—4 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon by the Reverend Frank W. Gunsaulus, D.D., President of Armour Institute.

Monday, June 6. Class Day.—8 a. m., Class Breakfast. 1:30 p. m., Class Exercises on the campus. 4 p. m., Review of the battalion by the Governor of the State, and Dress Parade. 8 p. m., Class Play at the Opera House.

Tuesday, June 7. Alumni Day.—10:30 a. m., Phi Beta Kappa oration by Harry Pratt Judson, A. M., LL.D., Dean of the Faculties of Art, Literature and Science, of the University of Chicago. 3 p. m., Alumni Business Meeting. 6 p. m., Alumni Dinner.

Wednesday, June 8.—10 a. m., Commencement exercises of the Law Department. Address by the Honorable David J. Brewer, LL. D., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. 4-7 p. m., President's reception. 9 p. m., Reception of the graduating class at the armory.

Thursday, June 9.—10 a. m., Commencement Exercises of the Collegiate Department.

## No Game at Minneapolis.

The game to be played with U. of M. last Saturday was declared off on account of rain. Both teams were ready to play, and had their usual practice before the rain. The Minnesota team showed fair fielding, ability, and with Kennedy, from Chicago University, in the box, might have bothered our boys some, but the practice convinced our team that the Minnesotas were not equal to the Iowas.

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### Cornell's Reply.

With all the grace compatible with the facts of the case, Cornell explains the recent article in the "official organ." We are glad that it was not intentional on the part of the editor, and that they have repudiated the worst statements. There has always been a healthy, friendly rivalry between the two schools, and we hated to see it impaired by such a disgraceful piece of journalism (?) We hope the editor was sincere in his apology, but even if the article did come in late, and even if they were rushed for time, it could hardly be a legitimate excuse for such a tirade.

We do not blame the visitors for complaining against our management in not having provided ropes, players' benches, etc. Such lack of attention cannot be excused, but as for blocking the second baseman, it is but a clever device for explaining the neat and surprising manner in which O'Connor returned the ball. In regard to "THE MOST EXCEEDINGLY ABUSIVE AND INSULTING LANGUAGE" that was used, it appears to us that the reason why S. U. I. could be blamed more than Cornell was because we had more men.

From past observation we are led to believe that the students from the two schools are made of the same kind of clay, and act about the same under similar circumstances. We hope that in the future the games will be free from such disgraceful "scraps" and continual "kicking," and further, that our worthy contemporary will not be so contaminated by the belligerent spirit as to waste its valuable space upon the literary offerings of the renowned Chubbuck.

### Forensic Contests.

Last night the last forensic contest between the two rival societies took place in the Zetagathian Hall. The Freshmen girls hold a declamatory contest, the extemporaneous debate will soon take place, and then all will be over for this year.

The questions for the preliminary debates for next year have been submitted, the contestants will soon choose sides, and then the arena will be deserted, save when the prospective debaters attempt to interest some empty seats with their eloquence.

Our Debating League is endeavoring to make final arrangements for another debate for next year. It is in communication with the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin. These schools have heard of our record, and are slow to act, yet we hope everything can be arranged satisfactorily.

We would enjoy meeting Wisconsin, but she wishes to wait until next fall before coming to any definite agreement, so it seems best to take some college where we can be certain of a debate. We spent the entire year dickering with the people from the Badger State, and then failed to have a contest. The fault was not entirely theirs, but the mere fact that we spent several months in unsuccessful negotiations, forces us to make final arrangements with some other school.

Chicago was discrete enough to back down and debate no more with the Hawkeyes. Minnesota has bowed to our debaters four times out of five contests. We are proud of our record, and anxious to meet other Universities in debate.

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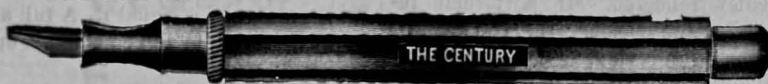
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Kappas initiated Anna Barrett last  
night.  
The Polygon picnic will be held to-  
morrow.  
Delbert Peet, '99, is now at his home  
at Anamosa.  
The High School field meet will oc-  
cur Saturday.  
The Zets and Heps held their annu-  
al picnic to-day.  
Kappa's picnicked at the Edgewater  
boathouse Saturday.  
Edith Cushing spent Saturday and  
Sunday in Davenport.  
Miss Hughes' Virgil class had an  
extra recitation yesterday.  
The Psychology classes had their  
final examination yesterday morning.  
The Academy Commencement will  
occur Wednesday, June 1, at 8 o'clock  
p. m.  
J. L. Kinmonth, C. '95, editor of the  
Asbury Park (N. J.) Shore Press, is in  
the city.  
A farewell social for the students  
will be held in the Presbyterian church  
to-morrow evening.  
Dorothy Wickersham's brother Will,  
who has been visiting her, has return-  
ed to Penn College.  
The alumni banquet will be made  
one of unusual interest this year by a  
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made to have a gathering of the clas-  
ses of '73, '83 and '94.

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There will be no regular inspection of the University battalion this year except the one on Governor's day.

The Irvings have invited the Erodolphians to attend their last business meeting next Friday evening.

The Dual Meet has been given up, as the Iowa College Faculty would not allow a half holiday yesterday for it.

Lieutenant Ely is home from Sioux Falls, S. D., where he has been mustering soldiers into Grigsby's "cowboy regiment."

H. H. Shepard, C. '97, who is successfully conducting an abstract business at Mason City, is visiting friends at the University.

Professor Macbride gave an interesting talk on "Nature Study" before the teachers of Iowa City at their meeting in the High School last Saturday.

Iowa College won the State tennis championship at Grinnell, Saturday, defeating Penn in the final matches transferred from Iowa City on account of the unfavorable weather.

The Nebraskan says: "The condition of affairs in Omaha seems to warrant the officials in refusing the necessary guarantee for a Trans-Mississippi Meet. This is greatly to be regretted."

A recent number of Leslie's Weekly contained a picture of Colonel Miles and officers of his regiment, the First U. S. Infantry, among which appears the face of Lieutenant C. B. Vogdes, our former commandant.

The railway secretary of the Alumni Association has secured reduced rates to the alumni meeting week after next. These reduced rates are one and one-third fare, and are good over all the railroads in the state. The time limit is from June 1 to 14.

The Philomathians have elected the following officers for next term: President, E. E. Blythe; Vice-President, J. T. Edson; Secretary, Otto Brackett; Corresponding Secretary, E. J. Louis; Treasurer; C. H. Anthony; Historian, J. A. Pesenbeck; Sergeant-at-Arms, E. E. Burrier; Assistant, C. W. Soesby.

The question submitted by the Zetaganian Society for next year's preliminary debate is: "Resolved, that the cities of the United States should own and operate their own street railways." Irving Institute has submitted the question. "Resolved, that pooling among the railroads of the United States should be permitted, under the control of the Inter-State Commerce Commission."

The Daily Republican remarks: "Four talented young ladies of Iowa City—Misses Maude St. John, May Hartley and Winifred and Beulah MacFarland—have received from Washington appointments as assistant microscopists in the bureau of animal industry in the agricultural department. They will each receive \$600 per annum and will be assigned positions as follows: At Marshalltown, Miss St. John; at Cedar Rapids, Miss Hartley; at Ottumwa, the Misses MacFarland. Their duties will consist of examinations through microscope sidework, of meats to be dressed or packed, and the conservation of health will be the fruits of their labors. They will leave for their respective posts when the University commencement is over."

An Apache Indian has entered the Freshman class at Harvard.

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