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INDIVIDUALISM.

LECTURE BY THE CHICAGO JOURNALIST, MR. VICTOR YARROS.

Mr. Victor Yarros, editorial writer on the Chicago Evening Post, gave a highly instructive lecture on "Individualism" at the Unitarian church, Sunday evening. His talk was in large measure a defense of individualism, which, he said, has not been generally understood.

Opposed to the school of individualists are the socialists. Socialism is a proposition which seeks to displace private ownership of tools and instruments of production. Individualism stands in the popular mind for a free-for-all, laissez faire system. This is true, but is not all of individualism. Individualists do not defend the present system. The speaker then defined and discussed the present system politically and economically.

Politically, democracy has triumphed. Socialists do not quarrel with complete democracy, such as is afforded by the introduction of the initiative and referendum system into government. Individualism does not believe in this complete democracy.

Government by democracy is the rule of the majority; when individual consent is obtained, there is no democracy. Government does not depend upon the consent of the governed. That is an old phase, and even its first users meant by it the consent of the people, i. e., the majority. The test of truth and justice, of any mental question, is not established by the majority.

Individualism believes that there should be unanimity of consent to all laws. That there should be no laws enacted without this.

The speaker then took much time in proving that economically considered, the condition of industry is better today than ever before.

Modern individualists have several beliefs that were elaborately defended by the speaker, viz: improvement of labor lies in the abolition of labor monopoly, international free trade, free transfer of lands, and the money question. On this latter topic of interest the speaker showed much to his own satisfaction that both national parties were wrong.

Mr. Yarros showed himself to be the man of erudition, learning, and deep conviction that had been expected from his reputation. He was, perhaps, too much given to apology of his system to completely accord with a University audience that went to his lecture sympathizing already with his subject.

Irving.

The following program was rendered at Irving last Friday evening:

Guitar Duet
..... Messrs. Brock and Foster
Declamation..... J. W. Hospers
"How Tom Sawyer Got His Fence Whitewashed."

Debate—"Resolves, that trusts are not for the best interests of the people."

Affirmed by Messrs. Swisher and

Mosnat: denied by Messrs. Cox and Cole.

Speech W. W. Loomis
"Prison Reforms."

Declamation..... M. J. McCarthy
"Death Doomed."

Piano Solo..... Mr. Noggle
Siegfried's Love Song—Wagner.

The declamation by Mr. Hospers was especially well rendered. His gestures were good and his conception of the piece clearly defined.

The debate which was decided in favor of the negative, was on the whole quite well prepared.

The speech by Mr. Loomis, in which he spoke of the prison reform at Elmira, was one of universal interest, and Mr. Loomis presented his thoughts in a very interesting manner.

The declamation by Mr. McCarthy was very well given.

Mr. Noggle closed the program with a beautiful piano solo.

Minstrel Program.

Following is the program of the entertainment to be given by the S. U. I. Minstrels at the Opera House, Monday evening, February 13:

PART I.

1. Grand Opening Chorus.

2. Coon Song..... A. C. Weaver
"I'll make dat black girl mine."

3. Vocal Solo.....
.... Frank Suepple and Quartette
"My Creole One."

4. Vocal Solo..... Geo. Dostal
"Whisper and I Shall Hear."

5. Ballad..... Geo. Suepple
"A Memory Picture."

6. Banjo Solo..... Lou Kenyon

7. Coon Song..... E. Hull
"When I Marry Miss Dinah Lee."

8. Bone Solo..... F. Tullis

9. A Coon Creation..... A. C. Weaver
Vocal Solo..... T. Wheelock
"Paint me a Picture of the Old Fireside."

(Illustrated by calcium light.)

Views of Cuba with calcium light..... E. Hull

PART II.

Athletic Exhibition—Messrs. Hoskins, Call, Coffee, Brock and Foster.

Vocal Solo..... L. D. Carpenter
Trilby in Coontown... ? ? ? ? ?

Coon Song..... Miss Dinah Black
"I want a Real Coon."

Nigger Rag—Messrs. Hull, Denny, Pringle and Denn.

Vocal Solo..... T. Wheelock
"Forgotten."

Indian Club Exhibition... G. A. Pringle
Whistling Solo..... A. C. Weaver
"Bouquet Waltzes."

GRAND FINALE.

Cake Walk and Virginia Reel.
Mr. Weaver..... Miss Maudy Bandy
Mr. Hull..... Miss Ambolena Snow

Mr. Jackson..... Miss Lilly White
Mr. Tullis..... Miss Lucinda Johnson

The audience will determine to whom the prize cake goes.

Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

In your issue of the 4th inst. you say that "artists from Paris" have no claim to the title of "professor." As I am the only "artist from Paris" in the city, I wish to say that the National Art Schools of Europe issue diplomas to those who are qualified to teach art. Personally, I hold testimonials from the leading schools of elocution and art in Paris and London and all "educated people" address me as "professor."

W. H. WATSON.

JUNIOR PROM.

ANNUAL PARTY AT THE ARMORY
FRIDAY EVENING.

Next Friday is the date set for the Annual Promenade given by the Junior class. No expense has been spent to make this a grand success, and present indications point to an unusually large attendance. The Armory will be decorated with streamers and floats and Peterson's orchestra, of Davenport, will furnish music. This orchestra is one of the finest in this section of the state and is always a favorite with the dancers.

The Junior Prom. has come to be a part of the unwritten curriculum of our University life, and is looked upon as one of the most enjoyable social functions of the year. It is needless to urge society goers to attend—the announcement of time and place is enough to ensure a large attendance. May the event this year prove even more successful than in years past.

BACONIAN.

"THE USES OF BACTERIA" AN INTERESTING TOPIC.

"The Uses of Bacteria" was the topic discussed in a paper by Dr. W. L. Bierring, at Baconian, last Friday evening.

Bacteria, said the speaker, are usually considered so harmful to the human species, that it may be profitable to consider some of the good uses of bacteria.

Bacteria are of two kinds, parasitic and saprophytic. The fermentation of yeast in bread, in wine, vinegar, and beer is caused by the presence of bacteria. Dairy butter and cheese are formed by bacteria obtaining a certain supremacy. There are about 212 kinds of bacteria found in milk, some helpful to the butter-maker, some the pest of the milkman.

Since the ripening of milk and cream is the product of bacterial process, the organisms producing the aroma in butter are bacteria. Prof. Conn has succeeded in separating bacteria, called by him Bacillus 41, which have the property of causing a good aroma in butter. It has been introduced into over 200 creameries, and has invariably produced good results.

Bacteria are absolutely necessary to the cheese maker. Ripening is the result of bacterial action. This ripening is of two kinds, normal and abnormal. The cheese, we know, is mostly produced by abnormal action of bacteria. The different types of cheese are probably due to different bacteria.

The speaker exhibited some 15 different varieties of cheeses in illustration of this. Those investigating decided that the bacteria at the Amana colony considerably excels in strength all other varieties.

Bacteriology has done much for the butter maker in enabling him to produce a better and more certain product. The time will come when the butter-maker and the cheese-maker will be enabled to produce just the kind of product he wishes.

Another debt which we owe to bacteria is in the source of our supply of nitrogen. Our welfare depends upon the products of the soil. One of the most necessary, at the same time most necessary components of the soil is nitrogen. The great source of nitrogen is nitrogenous organic action. This is transferred into nitrogen through two stages, ammonization and nitrification. Ammonization is present everywhere on the upper surface of the soil, and is due to bacteric action. Nitrification was demonstrated in 1878 to be due to bacteric action.

All life on the surface of the earth would cease were it not for nitrogen. Nitrogen causes growth of vegetation. Vegetation supports animal life and also fixes in the earth the atmospheric action.

Bacteria are the potent factors in the putrefaction of animal life. It has been demonstrated that putrefaction is useful to the world in many ways. It gets rid of the debris of the world, which else would destroy life.

The mouth teems with bacteria, over 1000 different kinds having been discovered. Yet so do the saprophytic bacteria oppose the parasitic that the pulling of a tooth, the cutting away of a gum, causes no injury to the person.

Thus in the production of bread, wine, vinegar, beer, butter, and cheese, in the provision of nitrogen, in ridding the world of its debris, in the opposition of the saprophyte to the parasite in the mouth, are bacteria useful to man.

MINNESOTA PRELIMINARY.

SECOND INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE OF
THE YEAR.

The debate between the Zetagathians and the Irvings, preliminary to the Minnesota debate, will occur at St. Brendan's Hall, corner of Court and Linn streets, on Saturday, February 11th. The debate is held at St. Brendan's as the Opera House cannot be secured for any possible date within two weeks or more.

The question for debate will be: "Resolved, that further territorial extension of the United States is desirable."

This question will be affirmed for Irving Institute by W. C. Barclay, A. J. Burt, and M. V. Boddy.

It will be denied on the part of the Zetagathian Society by J. F. Ogden, M. O. Lorenz, and R. D. Ogden.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, the All-wise Father has seen fit to call to his eternal home the brother of our esteemed classmate, A. R. Schoenic, and

Whereas, we, members of the Freshman Medical class, desire to express our sympathy to our brother classmate in this, his hour of sorrow.

Be it resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends, and hope that in this affliction and sorrow they may find consolation and comfort in Him who does not inflict in wrath, but in love.

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Those Efficient Officers.

Several times this year the city police, by uncalled-for interference with student affair, have demonstrated to the world what unreasoning objects mortals "clothed with a little brief authority" will make of themselves. Not only this year have they done so, but every year. The habit is fixed. Whenever the students have had a pleasant little tussle or an interesting rush, some minion from the City Hall appeared upon the scene post-haste, with the intention, which he immediately proceeds to execute, of clubbing over the head as many STUDENTS as possible. Since the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the city officers have exercised those detective powers for which they are justly famous, and of which they have lately given a fine sample, in venting their spleen upon the students of Iowa City.

At Smith's armory, last Tuesday evening, occurred a "sparring exhibition," so called, one of those genial and gentle ten-round contests, in which the knock-out comes with the same seeming regularity as in those "prize-fights" which of course are only pulled off in the wild regions of Nevada and Mexico. We do not object to this athletic contest at all. We suppose its occurrence was perfectly legitimate, else, of course, the officers would have prohibited it. Yet if two men are allowed, at an advertised event, to maul and punish one another to the best of their mutual ability, and for the sake of the gate-money, we cannot see just why a few students cannot have an entirely friendly and impromptu tussle over the possession of a hall or of a dummy.

We may be wrong in thinking in this way. It may be that our disappointment in not hearing last Wednes-

day morning that ten or a dozen at least of the spectators at the Armory performance had not been clubbed over the head or whacked upon the ears by a murderous red cherry cane, has soured us. But in any event we can but hope that the necessity to which we have been put of comparing the performance at the Armory with the good-natured affairs of students, will not too outrageously shock the officers of the City Hall.

Philomathian

The program was opened Friday evening with a declamation by H. A. Angus. The subject was "Jake's Story." The German dialect of the piece was admirably rendered.

Jay Smith then gave an interesting paper on the "News of the Week."

The debate was on the question of adopting the state dispensary system in Iowa.

The question was affirmed by A. L. Thorburn and J. F. Kirby, and denied by T. E. Martin and C. W. Soesbe.

All the speakers made fairly good speeches, although the question was not one which would call forth much enthusiasm.

"The Meeting at Wendletown" was the title of a well rendered declamation by Otto Brackett.

The program closed with two extemporaneous speeches, one by Mr. Louis, on the "Trial of Gen Egan," and one by Mr. Mueller on "Expansion." Both speakers did well and the program as a whole was up to the usual standard.

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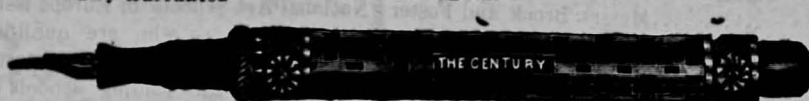
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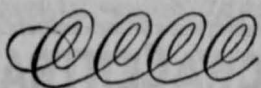
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Professor Loos did not meet his
sociology class yesterday.

Randall, C. '02, is in school again
after a brief but severe illness.

Will the Quill please inform its
readers if Heading is on the map?

Found—At Close Hall, Saturday, a
stick pin. Call at Y. M. C. A. office.

C. J. McCord, C. '01, after a severe
struggle with the grip, is again in
school.

The note-writers in the Law depart-
ment have been honorably discharged
from charges.

Switzer, C. '00, has returned from
Brighton, where he attended the wed-
ding of a near relative.

Some Junior and Senior Laws have
organized a practice court, meeting on
alternate Saturday evenings.

It is rumored that the Cherry Sisters
entertainment will be repeated for the
benefit of the Athletic Association.

J. J. Sharpe, C. '98, has given up the
practice of law in Des Moines, and is
now teaching school in Lead, S. Dak.

James Switzer, Knox '01, visited
relatives and friends last week. He is
a veteran of the Porto Rico campaign.

E. A. Smith, L. '99, was called to
Omaha, this noon, by a telegram an-
nouncing the serious illness of his
mother.

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Zetagathian.

The following meritorious program was rendered by the Zetagathian Society last Friday evening:

- Declamation Frank Wells
"Nothin to Say."
- Speech C. L. Coy
"The Typical American."
- Debate - "Resolved, that Labor Unions are not beneficial to the laboring classes."
- Affirmative - C. C. McCaffrey and Saunders.
- Negative - D. W. Rich, M. Mahaffy.
- Oration B. J. Lambert
"A Martyr to Liberty."

The debate was won by the affirmative. Mr. Saunders was easy and deliberate, while Mr. Mahaffy was remarkably rich in illustrations. The negatively went down bravely. Mr. Mahaffy showed thorough preparation, and skilfully handled his material, while Mr. Rich tactfully increased in spirit toward the close.

The remainder of the program was of high merit. The speech by Mr. Cow showed great promise, while the oration by Mr. Lambert was one of the best ever heard in South Hall.

Forum.

Last Friday night the Forum had a display of their talent in the line of music, the first part thereof being a duet by Messrs. Thompson and Tallman, on "Breathe Soft and Low."

After this, the question of extension of the Law course in the S. U. I. was handled for and against by Messrs. McGee and Holly.

Mr. Thompson followed with a lively speech on the subject of a senator, giving many of the duties and responsibilities, as well as the honors which are attached thereto. Mr. Thompson has a good reserve from which to draw, hence it is useless to say his speech was well received.

That the executive of the United States should have more power, was the question for debate. It was affirmed by Messrs. Anderson and Sargent; denied by Messrs. Patterson and Tallman.

In the debate the parties showed their ability to handle a subject and skilfully apply logical analogy to the issue.

Mr. Erickson addressed the society upon the "Spoils system and the evils thereof." The subject was well given.

Mr. Thompson gave a solo in a pleasing manner.

Erodelphian.

The following program was rendered by the Erodelphians Saturday evening:

- Music Piano Solo
- Declamation Miss Stober
"The Second Trial."
- Speech Miss Wickersham
"The Study of Folk Lore."

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