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EGAN WINS ORATORICAL.

EGAN FIRST, HUNT SECOND, HAWK THIRD.

The Annual Oratorical Contest of the University of Iowa was held at the Opera House last evening. The usual audience listened to the six speakers who appeared on the contest, the first prize striven for being the honor of representing the University in the North-



GEO. W. EGAN.

(Winner of first place in the Home Oratorical Contest.)

ern Oratorical League Contest at Oberlin next month and a purse of \$50. The judges on delivery, three in number, were Hon. Victor Dolliver, Regent Shirley Gilliland, and Professor J. A. Rohbach, of the Law department. The judges on thought and composition, to the number of five, were Hon. J. P. Dolliver, Professor Dana C. Johnson, of Highland Park, Miss Florence Mitchell, teacher of English, Cornell College, Mr. Frank Noble, teacher of English, Iowa College, and Rev. John A. Earle, of Waterloo.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Presiding Officer McReynolds, of the Oratorical Association, stepped upon the platform and introduced Rev. C. S. Brown, who pronounced the invocation.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. M. L. Curtis, who spoke upon the subject, "A Champion of Commercial Freedom," bring out the idea that the mission of America is to become the champion of commercial freedom, the mighty conservator of peace and civilization. Mr. Curtis' oration was especially fine in thought and composition, and it merited better treatment than it received from two of the judges, whose guesses flew wider of the mark than is usual in oratorical contests. His delivery was forcible, but somewhat lacking in smoothness.

"A New Watchword" was the modern subject treated by Mr. C. C. Converse. Corporations are becoming too flourishing, the watchword of America's future should be co-operation and justice. Mr. Converse is a Sophomore, and gives promise of ultimately becoming one of our best orators.

The presiding officer next announced Mr. Kingland, in an oration, "James G. Blaine." Mr. Kingland's delivery was simple, earnest, and engaging. Viewed from a literary standpoint, the oration was cast in the regular biographical

mold, and presented no striking points.

During an intermission, Master Guy Ogle, assisted by Miss Helen Carder, accompanist, pleased the audience with a well rendered selection on the violin.

"The Man of the Wilderness" was the topic with which the soul of Mr. Ira T. Hawk overflowed. This oration received second place from all three judges on delivery. Barring a slight articulatory difficulty with which the gentleman seemed to be laboring, Mr. Hawk's appearance and presentation is deserving of the highest praise. The oration, which followed closely the Biblical narrative, was rich in imagery, sometimes approaching to the dangerous point exhibited by Miss Correll's celebrated paraphrase of Pilate washing his hands. "Samuel Adams" was the inspiring title of Mr. Percival Hunt's oration. A high ideal, perseverance, and sagacity



M. E. WELDY.

Morton E. Weldy was born March 18, 1878, at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Soon after his parents removed to New Sharon, Ia. Mr. Weldy's early education was secured in the rural schools. At the age of eleven he entered the New Sharon High School, graduating three years later. The next four years of his life were spent at the State Normal School. Here he was prominent in literary affairs, winning two debates for his society. In military work he was also a leader, as is shown by the fact that the company of which he was captain won first place in the annual competitive drill.

In the Fall of '97, Mr. Weldy entered S. U. I., and soon thereafter joined the Zetaganian Society. He represented this society in the Junior debate last year, and was the leader of the Zetaganian debaters in the preliminaries to the debate with Wisconsin. Mr. Weldy has taken a high place in his classes as a scholar, and was recently chosen as one of the commencement speakers by the Faculty. He is President of the local Y. M. C. A., and is one of the Managing Editors of the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

were the qualities of his hero. With the delicate touch of the Omar Khayyam, Mr. Hunt's style well merited the mark which he received from the judges, he being tied for first in thought and composition. Convincing and direct, smooth and gliding in delivery, Mr. Hunt held well the attention of the audience.

"Cromwell," the martial spirit of England's freedom, received the homage of Mr. Geo. W. Egan, in glowing words of feeling and eloquence. Mr. Egan's appearance was undoubtedly the best of the evening, and it be noted that it re-

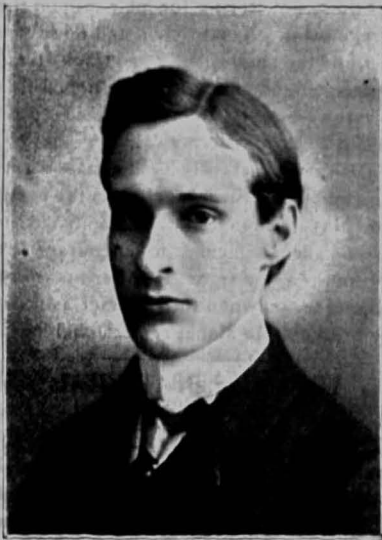
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IOWA VS. WISCONSIN.

DEBATE AT MILWAUKEE TO-MORROW EVENING.

PICTURES OF THE DEBATERS.

The first annual debate between the Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa will be held in Milwaukee, Friday evening, March 31. The contest will be held in Davidson's Theatre, and the presiding officer will be ex-Governor Geo. W. Peck. The alumni of Wisconsin Uni-



WM. W. LOOMIS.

William W. Loomis, of Clermont, Iowa, received his early education in the public schools of that place. Graduating from the High School in '94, the following year he spent with a private instructor, and entered the University in '95. Having a deep interest in literary and forensic work, he soon joined Irving Institute, and has since represented her in six inter-society contests. In his Freshman year Mr. Loomis took part in the home Oratorical Contest, and later won the Freshman Irving-Zetaganian Oratorical Contest. He participated in the Sophomore and Junior debates, leading and winning the latter. Last year he won second honors in the Oratorical Contest. In the Fall of '98 he successfully led the Wisconsin Preliminary debate.

In his Junior year, Mr. Loomis was President of his class, and in the Fall term of the last year he was President of Irving Institute. During the past season he was President and Manager of the Lecture Bureau Association.

In the Fall of '97 Mr. Loomis was elected to the Executive Board of the VIDETTE-REPORTER and a year later became Editor-in-Chief of that paper. Last year he was Literary Editor of the Hawkeye '99. Mr. Loomis has taken a prominent part in the Military Department, and is now Captain of Co. D.

versity have charge of the debate, and are doing everything possible to make it a success. According to the Cardinal, "a number of boxes have already been sold, * * and it is said that it will be made a society event by Milwaukee people generally."

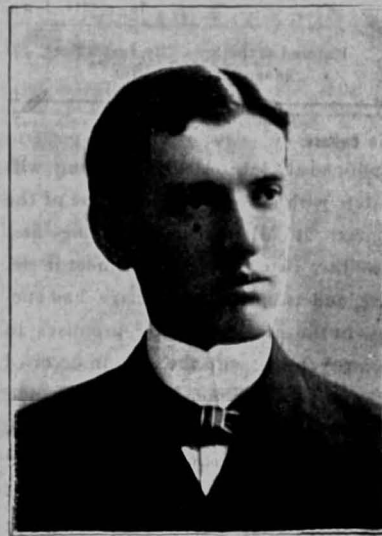
The question for discussion is: "Resolved, that Pooling among the Railroads of the United States should be allowed under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission." Iowa will affirm the proposition, and Wisconsin will deny, through her representatives, J. D. Shaw of the Columbia Law society, A. R. Denu of Hesperia, and E. A. Evans, also formerly an Hesperian. The three men are all experienced debaters, Mr. Evans having won debates from Northwestern and Minnesota. Mr. Denu last week won the Oratorical Con-

test, and will represent the Badger state in the N. O. L.

There has been some difficulty in obtaining judges who would serve, but at last a jury has been secured. Mayor Gray of Minneapolis, Professor Patee, Dean of the Minnesota Law Faculty, and Frank Barry, of Milwaukee, have consented to serve.

Standings in Tactics.

Major Schaeffer has posted notices giving the relative standing of the students in his winter term classes in Sophomore and Junior Tactics. Twenty-one students in Sophomore Tactics, and forty-one in Junior Tactics, are recorded as entitled to a Relative Standing. We give in order the holders of the first fifteen places in the Sophomore study, and of the first twenty notches on the Junior list:



L. J. DICKINSON.

L. J. Dickinson was born October 29, 1873, in Derby, Lucas county, Iowa. His father was a farmer, and the first nineteen years of Mr. Dickinson's life were spent in performing the usual duties of a farmer's boy. At an early age his parents located on a farm near Danbury, Woodbury county, Iowa, which has since been the parental home.

While at home on the farm, Mr. Dickinson found time to attend and graduate from the Danbury High School, after which he taught a year in a country school. In the fall of 1893 he entered the preparatory department of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, classed Freshman in the Fall of '94; and remained there until the end of his Junior year. While at Cornell Mr. Dickinson took an active interest in literary work, and represented his literary society in two inter-society debates.

In the fall of '97 he entered the Law department of the University of Iowa, and by dint of hard work during this year, made up his Collegiate work, and received the degree of B. S. from Cornell College in June, '98. Mr. Dickinson will graduate from the Law department of the University at the end of this school year. He is a member of Irving Institute, which he represented on the preliminary to the Wisconsin debate, and of Phi Delta Phi, Law fraternity. Mr. Dickinson's record as a student is among the best to be found on the books of his professors.

Junior—Switzer, Bannister, Conversé, Soesbe, Harkness, McClain, Allin, Deems, Ferson, Brockway, McDonald, Collins, A. L. Remley, Cass, Whitcomb, Kingland, Kindall, Speers, Jones, G. E. Remley, Cogswell, Whittaker.

Sophomore—Drake, Umberger, Sieg, Jorgenson, Butler, Warren, Clapp, McCord, Burton, Manhard, A. G. Remley, Randall, Kirby, Huntington.

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The Debate.

All who are interested in debating will watch with interest the outcome of the contest at Milwaukee. For the first time the two Universities meet in debate, and as both schools have had success in the past, the battle promises to be a royal one, with the odds in favor of Wisconsin. Our men will be in strange territory, before a prejudiced audience, and will meet men who are older and more experienced. The leader for Wisconsin has successfully debated against Minnesota and Northwestern, while none of Iowa's men have ever participated in an inter-collegiate contest. The subject for discussion is not new to either team. Three years ago Mr Evans defended the same system, and all our representatives have debated the question. The subject is technical to an unusual degree, and our limited library facilities have greatly handicapped the Iowa team.

The real point at issue, however, will be the comparison of the two systems of debate. The victories of S. U. I. in the past have often been due to her system fully as much as to the ability of the debaters. Wisconsin is undoubtedly the strongest school we have ever met, and as she claims to be the champion of the West, our debaters have a hard fight before them. While we cannot expect a victory, we all hope that our record will remain unbroken. We can rest assured that the debaters have worked hard to prepare their debate, and will put forth their utmost effort to convince Wisconsin of the error of her ways. May success crown their labors, and may Old Gold once more float triumphantly in the forensic arena.

Notice.

All those who want the addresses of their paper changed, must report the same to the business manager.

MINNESOTA MEET.

IOWA'S TRACK TEAM WILL COMPETE WITH MINNESOTA'S AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Manager McDonald, of the track team, is completing arrangements with Minnesota for a meet with that University, to be held at Minneapolis, May 13. Not only is it the intention of the athletic departments of both Universities to hold a single meet at the Queen City this spring, but the foundation of a dual league with Minnesota is in progress, which is to hold annual meets, alternating between Minneapolis and Iowa City tracks as the place of holding the meets. The prospect of a fine opportunity of distinguishing both themselves and Old Gold will prove a source of inspiration to those now trying for places upon the track team. A fair field and no favors will be the motto of the track team management, and it is to be hoped that a large team will be developed to pit against our northern rival.

Minnesota recently held a mass meeting and sold over 600 tickets to the event in May, among the students. This would seem sufficient to encourage the Minnesota manager to offer us most liberal terms when the contract is finally presented to Manager McDonald.

EGAN WINS ORATORICAL.

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ceived recognition as such from the judges. To a most engaging personal appearance, Mr. Egan added oratorical spirit and excellent voice modulation that showed him a master of oratory. Mr. Egan received fourth place on the contest last year, and his success this year is largely due to his perseverance and pluck.

The markings in thought and composition, and in delivery, are appended. Owing to the numerical ratio of judges, three-fifths must be taken of the totals in thought and composition, and added to the total in delivery, to obtain the final rank.

THOUGHT AND COMPOSITION.

	Noble	Mitchell	Johnson	Dolliver	Earle	Total
M. L. Curtis	1	10	2	13	1	27
C. C. Converse	4	2	7	3	8	24
Thos. Kingland	5	15	13	7	4	34
Ira T. Hawk	8	1	11	2	3	25
Percival Hunt	2	3	1	4	12	22
Geo. W. Egan	11	6	4	1	2	24

DELIVERY.

	Robbach	Dolliver	Gilliland	Total
M. L. Curtis	3	6	5	14
C. C. Converse	5	4	6	15
Thos. Kingland	6	5	4	16
Ira T. Hawk	2	2	2	5
Percival Hunt	3	3	1	7
Geo. W. Egan	1	1	3	5

FINAL RANK.

Geo. W. Egan, first, mark of 19 2-5; Percival Hunt, second, 20 1-5; Ira T. Hawk, third, with 21 points as a total mark.

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FACT AND RUMOR.
Sophomore Cotillion Friday evening, April 14th
Edson Slemons, C. '02, is ill.
The Phi Psis give a party Friday night.
Phi Delta Theta will give a party Friday evening.
Robinson, C. '99, has entered the University again.
Schenk, C. '99, entertained his father last Tuesday.
Miss Whitmore's mother is visiting her this week.
Miss Esther Ashby is confined to her room by illness.
Ivy Lane met last evening with Miss Helen Moulton.
Miss Koop, C. '02, is enjoying a visit from her mother.
J. G. Fitzpatrick, of Lamoni, visited classes Wednesday.
Sigma Nus will give an informal party this evening.
Miss Jessie Robinson, '99, has returned to the University.
Copeland, '98, of Norway, Ia., attending the oratorical contest.
The Hesperians will entertain the other societies Saturday evening.
Hal Reynolds, L. '00, spent Sunday in Davenport, with George Middleton, M. '01.
Miss Ina Magowan visited classes this forenoon, with Miss Anderson, C. '01.
Miss Maude St. John, C. '98, now a successful teacher at Iowa Falls, Iowa, is visiting in the city, the guest of Miss Helen Clapp, C. '99.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.

J. E. Johnson, L. '00, has left school to travel on the "road."

Edgar Yule, ex-'99, has received his discharge from the army.

The Wisconsin debaters left for Milwaukee this morning at 10 o'clock.

Miss Mamie Wilson spent her vacation with friends in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Fred Harriman, L. '97, was elected City Attorney at the spring election at Hampton, Ia.

The young ladies of the Law department enjoyed a "spread," Thursday evening, before separating for vacation.

Erwin Schenk, C. '99, M. '00, has been appointed to act as assistant in the Homeopathic hospital during the spring term.

Work began on the foundation super-work of the new Collegiate Hall, last Monday. The work is being pushed rapidly to completion by Contractor Stephens.

The friends of Egan, of which the Irvings, victorious through him, constituted the principal element, celebrated the victory at the Bon Ton after the contest last evening.

At the meeting of the Whitney Society, on Monday, March 27, Mr. Farnsworth read a paper on Boileau, and Professor Potter gave a voluntary report on Petronius, the first novelist.

Miss Daisy Hatch, C. '98, sometime "lady member" of the Quill Board, and now a Professor in Graceland College, Lamoni, is visiting at her home in Iowa City during the spring vacation.

Rev. Thos. Green, of Cedar Rapids, who was to have acted as judge on delivery at the oratorical contest, last evening, telegraphed President McReynolds, yesterday afternoon, that he would not be able to be present. Professor Rohbach, of the Law department, acted in his stead.

The letter from John C. Prall, C. '98, now of Leland Stanford Jr. University, published in a recent number of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, has been highly appreciated by our readers. The Nebraskan, too, finds it most interesting, and in the issue of March 20th, reprints the greater part of it for the benefit of its readers at the University of Nebraska.

The Medical Faculty, at their meeting Wednesday morning, chose John R. Gardner to be Interne at the University Hospital, in the place of Dr. Ely, who resigns. They also awarded the position of Interne in the Mercy Hospital at Davenport to Mr. Jesse Leland Van Gorden, who this Spring completed the Junior year in the Medical Department.

Eighteen bids for the construction of the new Collegiate building were opened by the Board of Regents, Tuesday. The bids ranged from \$159,850, made by Warren, Roberts & Co., of Chicago, to \$214,000, the figure asked by W. J. Cook, of Clinton. The Board asked for an extension of time till April 4th to consider the three lowest bids. This was granted by these contractors.

The following new students in the Collegiate Department have thus far registered in the Dean's office: Hugh B. Holmes, Iowa City; C. H. Broman, Boston, Mass.; W. W. Chamberlain, Wyoming; S. H. McCarty, Ireton; Monta Porter, Albia; W. L. Hoffman, Waterloo. Several of these are old students who have returned to complete their course.

Baconian.

Professor Houser will have the topic to-morrow evening. The subject is: "The Data of Modern Neurology."

HOMEOPS AND PHARMACISTS GRADUATE.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE HOMEOPATHIC AND PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS TUESDAY EVENING.

The annual commencement exercises, the twenty-second of the Homeopathic Medical Department, and the eleventh of the Pharmacy Department, were held at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, March 28th. The building was well filled on this occasion. The distribution of seats by the management was particularly satisfactory.

Rev. Chas. S. Brown, of Iowa City, delivered the invocation, after which Acting-President Currier introduced the speaker of the evening, G. T. W. Patrick, Professor of Philosophy in the University of Iowa, who addressed the graduating class upon "The Relation of Psychology to the Therapeutic Sciences." The address was an eminently scholarly and finished production, and proved interesting and instructive to the audience as well as appropriate to the robed candidates before the speaker.

At the conclusion of the address, Registrar Gilchrist, on behalf of the Faculty of the Homeopathic Medical Department, presented the following class of eight members as candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, at the hands of the President:

Edward C. Abbott, Bigelow Blackstone, Fred E. Calkins, Harry E. Carver, Metta E. Davis, Pearl L. Marble, Fordyce McCabe, John J. Metzinger.

After bestowing diplomas upon the candidates, Dr. Gilchrist further requested the President to present the Nurse's Certificate to two young ladies from the Homeopathic School for Nurses, Miss Carrie Estella Smith and Miss Carrie I. Waite. President Currier in so doing, referred briefly and touchingly to the noble calling and services of the trained nurse.

Dean Boerner, for the Pharmacy Faculty, presented the following fifteen candidates, on behalf of his department, who received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy:

G. W. Ashford, W. F. Junger, H. J. Barr, L. K. LeFevre, L. A. Benham, E. C. Mittvalsky, W. L. Conry, F. C. Nicholas, M. J. Dabney, B. M. Schaumoeffel, J. C. Delaney, J. V. Schnier, W. S. Dyhr, W. C. Swan, H. G. Hieber.

Rev. Chas. S. Brown pronounced the benediction upon the assembled graduates, who then walked out of the Opera House, alumni of the University, ready to commence their life-work.

Medical Department.

Mr. Sheldon, father of Sheldon, '01, attended clinics with him.

Dr. L. A. Pence, '98, of Laurel, Ia., was in town on business recently.

Miss Ada Chesebro, of Carroll, Ia., visited Mr. and Miss Beach, '01, over Sunday.

Quite a number of the students will stay another month and do special work in Bacteriology under Dr. Bierring.

Dr. Chas. Wright, '98, who during the past year has been Interne in the Mercy Hospital, at Davenport, is in town, renewing acquaintance with old friends.

Class of '01 presented Dr. Rockwood with various wooden implements, such as chopping bowl, bread board, meat board, faucet, clothes pins, and a big wooden spoon, on the day of his "wood-

en wedding." It was evidently somewhat of a surprise for the Doctor.

The department closed Tuesday morning, for the year, and the students are leaving as soon as possible. They have been worked hard, and feel that they are entitled to a rest—and from the way Medical students are talked about by some of the citizens and students, the town will evidently have a rest; for they say the Medical students make all the noise and create all of the disturbance. Since they say it, it must be so, therefore during the next ten weeks we sincerely hope their shattered nerves will become pacified, and that they will rest in the peace and comfort of their own heavenly ways.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas, it has pleased the all wise Providence to summon the beloved father of our friend and classmate, Max O. Lorenz,

Be it Resolved, that the class of '99 extend to him our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in his bereavement.

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