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UNANIMOUS FOR WISCONSIN.

BADGERS WIN DESERVEDLY IN HOTLY CONTESTED DEBATE AT MILWAUKEE. SIDE OF THE QUESTION AGAINST IOWA.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 31st. (Special to the VIDETTE-REPORTER.) Wisconsin won unanimously over Iowa in the intercollegiate debate this evening. The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that Pooling among the Railroads of the United States should be allowed, under the Control of the Interstate Commerce Commission." Iowa affirmed this question, Wisconsin denying.

M. E. Weldy, in opening the debate for Iowa, said that the pool now proposed, under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is entirely different from the combinations which accrued the United States prior to the passage of this act. The proposed pooling will be formed under government supervision, its rates can be revised by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and debates and discriminations will be rendered impossible.

J. D. Shaw, Wisconsin's first speaker, held that a return to the old pooling system, would result in all of its former evils, freight charges would be subject to violent fluctuations, and the rebate evil would be worse than it is now. We have tried pooling in this country, and it has failed; a return to it would be retrogression.

Wm. W. Loomis, continuing for Iowa, rebutted the argument of the negative that pooling would tend to kill competition. He showed that it would greatly stimulate competition, and reduce the likelihood of unjust charges to the minimum.

A. R. Denu, Wisconsin's second speaker, produced charts showing the violent fluctuations of freight rates under the old pooling law, which was productive causes of business inactivity and disaster.

Evan A. Evans closed the discussion for Wisconsin in a masterly style. He devoted almost his entire time to summing up and clinching the arguments of his side.

L. J. Dickinson, closing Iowa's side of the debate, devoted a portion of his time to rebuttal, with good effect.

Ex-Governor Peck presided over the debate. Mayor Gray of Minneapolis, Professor Pattee of the Minnesota Law School, and Frank Barry of Milwaukee, acting as judges, voted unanimously for the negative.

The tactics of the two sides were almost identical. No surprises were sprung by either side. Wisconsin devoted her time to massing her constructive argument, piling up point after point with telling effect, and ignoring Iowa's outline with hardihood.

The Wisconsin debaters were all strong men. Evans, the leader of Wisconsin, was especially fine. They won deservedly.

Evans said before the debate that "the Wisconsin men ought to win easily with their side of the question."

Davidson's theatre, where the contest was held, was filled to overflowing with crowds of Wisconsin alumni, friends, and a delegation of students from Madi-

son. Mr. Franz C. Eschweiler, a leading attorney, and Alexander C. Eschweiler, a contractor, both S. U. I., boys of the early 80's, called to see us and turned out in the evening to "root" for us. They constituted the "Iowa" crowd. We have all been well treated and have no complaint on that score.

JUNIOR DEBATE.

IRVINGS WIN IN A CLOSE CONTEST.

The Junior Inter-Society debate, between the Zetagathian and Irving Societies, on the question: "Resolved, that under existing conditions the abolition by all nations of their armies and navies, other than those required for the maintenance of their domestic policies, is desirable and expedient," resulted in a victory for the Irvings by the decision of the judges two to one. The question was affirmed for the Zetagathian society by A. P. Speers, E. E. Rall and G. H. Fletcher, and denied for Irving Institute by Austin Cass, M. M. Moulton, and J. E. Remley. The arguments were closed by M. M. Moulton and E. E. Rall.

The affirmative endeavored to prove that the present large armaments are unnecessary, and are detrimental to peace, happiness, and the general welfare, by drawing a large number of workers from the laboring class, the burden of the laborers is greatly increased, that life in the army is bad on account of its moral influence; that diseases are contracted in armies which are incurable and highly contagious. Large armaments are death to liberty. They are a constant menace to freedom. Disarmament would not change the relative strength of nations. That it would lessen taxation and thus relieve the common people of a great burden. Large armaments are not necessary to commerce, because America has a large commerce without large armaments. They advocated an international court to settle disputes. War is a vestige of barbarism, and as the custom of settling disputes between individuals by force has been superseded by settlement by law, so should disputes between nations be especially settled.

The negative endeavored to prove that since men are still covetous, greedy, and desirous of power, armies are necessary; that efficiency of law is due to force. Courts can settle disputes between individuals, but armies must settle them when between nations. Large armaments preserve the peace of Europe to-day. As armaments have increased wars have decreased. Armies are not abnormal developments, but are necessary, and the natural results of natural unchangeable causes which lie at the foundation of human nature. Armies are necessary because a large part of the world is still uncivilized. Disarmament would change the relative strength of nations. It is impossible. Large armaments make possible the construction of railroads and canals, thus opening new fields of commerce. Since arbitration has not settled the questions that now exist, it will not in the future, and armies would again rise as a natural result of unchangeable causes.

Moulton for the Irvings, and Fletcher for the Zets, rebutted with good effect in their speeches.

The judges were T. E. Savage, Dr. G. T. W. Patrick, and Professor Samuel Hayes.

LETTER FROM ANKENEY.

DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONS AND SCENES IN THE SUNNY SOUTH.

The editor of the VIDETTE-REPORTER is glad to receive the following letter from Walter S. Ankeney, ex-C. '99, who, through his work as editor-in-chief of the '99 Hawkeye, and also as managing editor of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, and his many other genial qualities, is well and favorably known here.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

ANCONA, FLA., March 24, '99.

Yours of recent date reached me last Saturday, and I was indeed glad to hear from you. I have thought of you every time the VIDETTE-REPORTER has shown its familiar face, and wondered how the world went with you.

This is a great country of ours, irrespective of the recent acquisitions. On the same days that my classmates in S. U. I. were shivering through the snow-drifts, or falling up the icy Central steps, I was in swimming in the salt waters of St. Lucie Sound, or in the surf of old Atlantic himself. The last time I was in the latter place a little white shark, about eight feet long, wanted to play too, and had to be literally kicked out of the way.

The St. Lucie Sound—within fifty feet of whose bank my present home stands—is commonly included in the better-known term "Indian River." This last-name water, with a dozen other bodies more or less connected, forms a great chain of salt-water bays, sounds, and bayous, styled, for the most part, lakes, creeks, and rivers, which are separated from the ocean by a succession of long, narrow islands, mostly uninhabited. Parallel with these systems of interspersed islands and waterways, and a short distance back from the latter runs a long strip of country most aptly termed "flatwoods," interspersed with low lakes called savannahs. Between the savannahs and the coast lies a long, narrow strip, called "the ridge," differing in soil and vegetation from the land to the westward. Along this ridge runs the railway, and here live the people.

Thus, conditions of life on the east coast of Florida are entirely unique. For miles in succession everyone has salt-water in front of his place and fresh-water behind, with a railroad through the middle. In a sense, we all live in the country, as fruit-growing is the one industry, and our labors are all out of doors. In another sense, we apparently live in the suburbs, as there are neighboring houses on the same street—i. e., the Sound—every few hundred yards, and by walking, as you would say, "a couple of blocks," we can take a train "to the city," or anywhere else. And then living largely on canned goods, and getting mail twice a day, would be generally regarded, I presume, as elements of life in the heart of a city.

Indeed everything is utterly different from everywhere else. Sail-boats and express-trains compete with each other over parallel courses not two miles apart. A schooner heaves-to at one's dock every so often, and on going aboard one finds a mimic department-store—not "on wheels" exactly, but at least under sail.

Through one's back-yard pass Mr.

Flagler's hotel trains, on which representatives of the wealth of all Yankee-dom must ride to reach the magnificent resorts at Palm Beach and Miami. Private trains are not rare, and private cars are quite common, and many of the guests are persons whom one has heard of before—though not exactly celebrities. Mr. Van Camp, whose name is indissolubly linked with baked-beans-prepared-with-tomato-sauce, has been visiting down here this winter, as has Mr. Snyder, whose tomato catsup sells without the baked beans. In bathing at Palm Beach, some days since, I saw Mr. Douglas, whose face is as well-known as his three-dollar shoes, and Mr. Adams, whose "Tutti-Frutti" is known wherever the school-house has penetrated, was there at the same time. Mr. Lorillard, whose "Climax Plug" delights chewers of maturer years; has spent several weeks along this coast in his house-boat.

But there are others whose fame is quite different. Joe Jefferson is one of the indefatigable fishermen of the Poinciana pier. He, with Lieut-General Scofield, Judge Day, and Sir Somebody Carter, Governor of the Bahamas, formed quite a distinguished fishing-party several weeks since. I met Judge Day first in a narrow path in the jungle—or "hammock" as it is called here—and would have taken off my hat to him, but his thin and emaciated face and figure made him look like anything else than the pictures I had seen of the ex-secretary. Besides, I wasn't prepared for his very light and quite reddish hair. Wm. K. Vanderbilt and party recently went north on a special, and Senator Quay is biding his time at his place a few miles above us—St. Lucie. But we "natives" are not enemies, for, as I intimated above, they must pass through our back yards.

I hate to close without telling some yarns about wild-cats and rattlers, but I fear this letter is already too long. With kindest regards to yourself and all S. U. I., I remain, Sincerely your friend,
WALTER S. ANKENEY.

The Board of Regents adjourned without closing the contract for the new Collegiate building or selecting a president for the University. The contract will probably be let by the Executive Committee next Monday, which date is the last day allowed for consideration of the three lowest bids. The choosing of the president will be deferred till the June session of the Board. The University has been running along nicely under the administration of the Acting-President, and the Board wisely decided to take all the time needed for such an important choice.

Attention Co. I!

Members of Co. I will report for drill at Smith's Armory next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., instead of Mondays, as previously announced.

By order of JOHN R. GARDNER.

Notice.

To the students and friends of athletics. Professor Veblen has very kindly consented to give his great lecture on "Finger Prints," for the benefit of the Athletic Union. The date is Monday evening, April 10. GEO. W. EGAN.

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Probably a Filipino.

We desire to commend to the Christian mercies of the 'oi Hawkeye Board the young heathen who declared lately on his registration card that his church preference was "Peryspterbiam."

We desire to correct three errors which occurred in the account of the oratorical contest in our last issue. Mr. Percival Hunt was "marked" for first place in thought and composition, instead of being "tied" for the same. The sum of Mr. Hawk's marks in delivery should have read "6" instead of "5," and Mr. Kingland's mark in thought and composition should be "44" instead of "34." The mistakes were due to typographical errors, which are always so difficult to avoid.

Tennis.

In a late issue we noted that the Tennis Association had resolved to petition for admission into the Athletic Union. Several considerations would seem to render this desirable, among which the most prominent are that the Athletic Union would be better able to develop tennis as it should be developed at S. U. I., and the Union possesses the power to grant the "T's" to deserving athletes, which are found as well on the tennis courts as on the diamond and the cinder path.

It is doubtful whether the amalgamation of the Tennis Association would materially increase the membership of the Union. Some students are members of both Associations. Whether sufficient interest and enthusiasm to justify the admission of the Tennis Association, would result from the union, is of course a question for the determination of the members of the Athletic Union.

The Tennis Association has indeed not met with the success, in a financial way, that has been the good fortune of the Athletic Union, its flourishing little

debt amounting to only \$30. But the fact that the Tennis Association cannot bring its share of incumbrance, dower-like, to the altar, will be easily forgiven it by the Athletic Union.

The Tennis Association has been successful in its contests with other schools, and looks forward to a pleasant string of victories this year. It holds, at present, we believe, the championship of Dual League in both singles and doubles.

Whether the Tennis Association be joined with the Athletic Union or no, the tennis players in the University intend to make a strong showing this year, in membership, games, and, if possible, championships. A campaign for memberships will be soon commenced.

Every tennis player in the University, and every person who would like to be one, will be invited to join the organization having charge of the tennis courts and interests. The best of accommodations will be provided for all members. The three courts now belonging to the Association will be fixed up for the best of playing. In order to provide for the increased number of players that have lately appeared, some new grounds south of the present Athletic Park are being considered as a desirable site for new courts. At least four spacious turf courts will be constructed here. New nets will be provided for the courts.

All of these improvements will necessitate considerable interest, and a large number of new members. We hope that all tennis players in the University will lend their efforts towards the efforts that will be made to advance the colors of Old Gold to the championship in tennis.

Seniors Notice.

Important meeting of the class of '99 at Professor Loos' room, Monday, April 3, at 4 p. m. All committees will report. Every Senior should attend.

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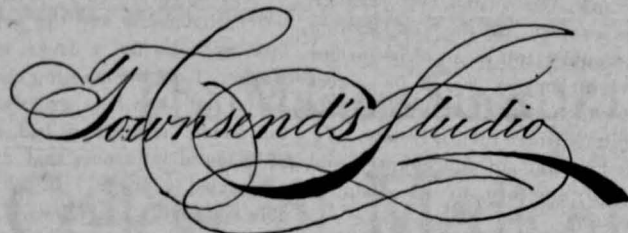
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Professor Macbride lectured at Wav-
erly last night.

McCabe, H. Med. '99, will practice in
Spirit Lake, Ia.

Simonton, '00, will not be in school
during the spring term.

Kinney, '02, is attending classes after
a three weeks' absence.

Calkins, H. Med., '99, and Marble, H.
Med. '99, will both locate in Nebraska.

The Phi Deltas and their co-ed friends
danced merrily to the music of violin
and harp last evening.

The Sigma Nus gave a very enjoy-
able informal party in their fraternity
halls Thursday evening.

The Zetagateians have elected L. T.
Tuttle as their representative for the
Freshman declamatory contest.

Professor G. T. W. Patrick's name ap-
pears as the author of an article in the
New York World on "The Sensory
Nerves."

The new and improved version of
Weaver's Minstrels will be given at the
Opera House, Friday evening, April
7th.

All students are invited to the Easter
services in the Congregational Church
Sunday morning, and to the Easter con-
cert in the evening.

The Hesperians have issued neat "At
Home" cards to the members of the
various literary societies and of the Col-
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The Phi Psi halls were a scene of gayety and mirth last evening, the occasion being one of the many enjoyable parties which the fraternity has given from time to time.

The new officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the year beginning April 1, 1899, will be installed at the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at Close Hall at 4 o'clock. Mr. J. J. Louis, the retiring President, and Mr. Morton E. Weldy, President-elect, will make brief addresses.

Major Schaeffer excused the battalion from drill yesterday afternoon. The members of the battery, however, with an eagerness for self-improvement which will certainly be rewarded some happy day, improved the flying moments with some saber exercises that seemed interesting to the spectators.

A letter of recent date from Montevideo, makes mention of an Iowa girl who is well known in this city, having attended the University here. It says "the daughter of Consul General Swalm assisted in the reception given by the president, John L. Cuesteo. The president it is said has a great fancy for the young lady, and considers himself her godfather. At the reception he had her sing the national air of Uruguay, and several plantation songs, in her own darky style.—Republican.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Homeopathic Alumni Association was held in the Homeopathic building, March 28th, at 2 p. m. The meeting was largely in the nature of a memorial to the late Dr. W. H. Dickinson. In the evening an elegant banquet was given at the Kirkwood. Dr. A. S. Hansen, the President of the Alumni Association, acted as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by President Carrier, Professor J. G. Gilchrist, Dr. Jennie Coldren, Professor F. J. Newberry, Professor George Royal, Rev. Chas. S. Brown, and Dr. H. E. Carver.

The Ames Student is eating garlic and onions this year, carrying out a policy of home consumption, which is doubtless much approved by local authorities at the State Agricultural College. A report of a debate at a joint session of some literary societies of the institution, states that "some of the debaters adopted the Cedar Falls debating method, and carried manuscript. But on the whole, the question was ably supported." Considering the fact that Ames has been beaten in about every debate with the State Normal School, this slam seems uncalled for and out of place.

A letter has been received from G. W. Lawrence, C. '95, L. '96, law partner of C. S. Aldrich, also of the same class, now captain of Co. H, 49th Reg., Iowa Vol. Inf., stationed at Havana. The letter is regarding the condition of Capt. Aldrich, who is in the hospital with the fever. It says: "Last night I received a letter from the chaplain of his regiment, and also from the first lieutenant of his company, stating that Aldrich is now out of danger from his attack of fever, and that it will be only a question of a few days till he will be with his company again."

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