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IRVINGS TRIUMPHANT.

THE FINAL FORENSIC CONTEST OF THE YEAR AN EXCITING ONE.

The annual Freshman contest between the Irving and Zetagathian societies was held Tuesday evening in Irving Hall. The program was opened by L. T. Tuttle, who declaimed for the Zets "How the Church was Built at Kehoe's Bar." The speaker was well prepared, and showed true appreciation of his subject.

"The Chariot Race" was then presented in behalf of the Irvings, by Merritt



RECEPTION HALL.

Brackett. His effort was a masterful one in every way, and easily won for him the decision of the judges.

Then came the debate upon the following question, the Irvings affirming:

"Resolved, that of the four principal systems of convict labor now in operation in the United States, viz., those known as the public account, piece price, New York and contract systems, and public account system of unrestricted production of prison made goods, for sale upon the open market, is most in accord with good public policy in prison management."

J. E. Pinkham, in opening for the affirmative, carefully defined the points of issue, the necessity and purpose of prisons, and the limitations of the several systems. Prison employment must be instructive and disciplinary, and to this end must be diversified. The speaker labored under the disadvantage of having several systems to oppose without knowing which one would be advocated by the negative. The speaker was cool, calm, and deliberate, and left a good impression with the audience.

J. W. Morse, in opening the discussion for the negative, began to debate from the very beginning. He showed that the public account system constantly caused idleness among the prisoners, thus destroying all reformatory results. He carefully veiled the system the negative intended to defend, but continually attacked the public account system. It has failed financially, it interferes with free competitive labor, it is unjust in every way. The speaker proved himself a powerful, logical, and convincing speaker—one of the coming debaters of S. U. I.

F. S. Berry, continuing for the affirmative, opened with a vigorous summary of the points previously presented for his side, and then dealt summarily with the New York system showing its utter inadequacy. The piece price system has proven a failure. The contract system causes boycotts, dissen-

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Lake Geneva.

The young men's meeting at Close Hall, last Sunday morning, was given up to consideration of the college conference of the Young Men's Christian Association, which is held annually in June, on the northwest shore of Wisconsin's most beautiful lake, only a few rods from the great Yerkes Observatory. Last year this conference was attended by 325 men from 129 colleges and universities of Canada and the upper Mississippi valley. This year the attendance will be still greater because of the participation of Mr. John R. Mott, Professor W. W. White, and Mr. Robert P. Wilder, three of the most powerful workers among university men in the world.

This year's conference opens Friday, June 16, and closes June 25. The time from eighth to twelve each day is given to the sessions of the conference. The afternoons are spent in various forms of recreation and athletic contests. Swimming, boating, sailing, track and field athletics, tennis and base-ball, are all popular. Iowa always stands high at the annual field meet, as well as in water sports. Each evening, at twilight, a "life work" conference is held



LAKE GENEVA

on the lake front, followed by delegation meetings. Every young man who has attended these Geneva gatherings counts the privilege not only a delightful recreation, but the opening of a new epoch in his Christian life.

Last year Iowa sent four delegates. This year there will be at least six. Several have been nominated, and the election will take place early next week. The young men's meeting next Sunday will be devoted to further consideration of this conference, and work for new students next fall.

Punting Contest.

Contrary to the previous announcement, no charge will be made for admission at the gate to the punting contest, which will occur at Athletic Park, Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

The contest will be made as attractive as at first intended. There will be a large number of entries to the contest itself, and besides this there will be a basket ball game between two picked teams, and Brown and Wilson will run an exhibition mile.

The base ball team and track team will leave Friday at 4:49 over the C., R. I. & P. for Des Moines.

WE LOSE A GAME.

CORNELL DEFEATS OUR TEAM BY A SCORE OF 2 TO 1.

Our collegiate neighbors from Mt. Vernon joined with Lowry's "colts" in a friendly game of base ball at Athletic Park, Tuesday afternoon. The visitors were in high spirits, and although they made several errors, succeeded in showing the spectators a good clever game. Our players put up equally as good a game, and it was only due to the most severe hard luck that we did not score two or three more runs. In the fifth inning, with the bases full, Parsons lined out a pretty single that would have meant two runs, but the ball hit Bird-sall, who was running from first to second, and thereby ended the inning.

Reynolds pitched for S. U. I., and held the Cornellites down to six singles and four bases on balls, and added seven strike-outs to his favor. Cornell's famed "south paw," Fleming, was not able to play, so they substituted their third baseman Williams, who filled the place in the center of the diamond nearly as well as might be expected of his predecessor. He gave us but two bases

Prospects were never brighter for us than in the fifth inning. Sargent and J. D. Lowry each lined out safe hits. Yates flew out, and W. Lowry went to first on an error by the pitcher, and the bases were full. Bird-sall sent a liner to short stop, who threw Sargent out at home plate. Parsons started a pretty liner into right field, which struck Bird-sall, and the side was retired.

Cornell earned a run in the sixth inning by bunching three hits.

Sargent made a safe hit in the seventh and J. D. Lowry followed this up with a two bagger into center field. Sargent tried to score from first, but was caught at home plate.

No more safe hits nor runs were made during the remainder of the game. Our boys tried hard to tie the score in the ninth, but their efforts were unproductive.

Tabulated score:

CORNELL.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Eldred, cf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
Williams, p.....	4	0	0	1	5	1
Miller, ss.....	4	0	0	5	3	1
White, c.....	4	1	1	7	0	0
Armstrong, 1b..	4	0	1	7	0	0
Hester, 3b.....	4	0	2	3	2	1
Williamson, 2b..	3	0	0	0	1	1
Clemans, lf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Chappler, rf....	4	0	0	1	0	2
Total.....	35	2	6	26*	11	6

*Birdsall hit by batted ball.

S. U. I.	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Williams, ss....	5	1	1	3	3	1
Sargent, 2b....	4	0	2	1	1	0
Lowry, J. D. 1b.	5	0	2	11	1	0
Yates, c.....	3	0	0	9	0	0
Lowry, W. 3b..	4	0	0	1	0	2
Birdsall, lf....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Parsons, cf....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Moss, rf.....	4	0	0	0	1	0
Reynolds, p....	4	0	0	2	11	0
Totals.....	37	1	6	27	17	3

Score by innings:
 Cornell.....1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-2
 S. U. I.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1
 Earned runs—Cornell 1.
 Two base hit—J. D. Lowry.



PROF. W. W. WHITE.

Struck out—By Williams, 3; by Reynolds, 7.
 Bases on balls—Off Williams, 2; off Reynolds, 4.
 Stolen bases—Hester, Eldred, Williams (S. U. I.).
 Left on bases—Cornell, 10; S. U. I., 11.
 Passed ball—White.

Collegiate '99 had an interesting business meeting, Tuesday afternoon. Commencement arrangements are rapidly being completed.

The Phi Psis and the Tau Deltas have turned over to Manager Mitchell, for the use of the base ball team, five dollars and eighty cents, the proceeds of their base ball game last week.

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We take pleasure in announcing the election of Miss Minnie M. Balle, C. '00, and of Messrs. J. W. McBurney, G. S. Calkins, Merritt Brackett, and L. M. Butler, all of '02, to be Associate Editors of the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

An Ungenerous Sentiment.

Commenting upon the recent report that Attorney Frank O. Lowden has given \$1,000 to Northwestern University, the Iowa City Republican says: "The emotions of gratitude toward Frank O. Lowden, that surged up in the hearts of S. U. I. adherents a short time since, will be slightly tinged with jealousy upon the perusal of the following." Then follows a statement of the facts recorded above, with additional comment. It is surely a matter of surprise that such sentiment should find its way in the usually well-cared-for columns of the Republican, but such seems to be the case. However, we deem it necessary to state that no such feelings have as yet touched the student body concerning Mr. Lowden's action. We are not envious of the good fortune of another institution, nor do we feel called upon to question the motives or criticize the action of a benefactor of the two universities. We are deeply thankful to Mr. Lowden for the practical interest he has shown in his Alma Mater, and whether he sees fit to enlarge his donations to us in the future, or not, will in no wise affect the present sentiment regarding his action. The same is true of any action Mr. Lowden may take in regard to other institutions.

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sions, etc., hence is also a failure. The public account system so diversifies labor that its effect on free competition is nil. This speaker is likewise a forcible debater and ably upheld his side.

F. H. Randall, the second speaker for the negative, after a summary, showed

the New York system employs every prisoner, and that the demand for its products by state institutions and political divisions must be reasonably constant. The warden can thus devote devote his entire time to the reformation of the criminal, instead of playing the role of a private manufacturer. Mr. Randall presented his arguments with clearness and precision.

The closing speeches by J. W. Morse and J. E. Pinkham were both of great merit, abounding in fierce rebuttal and clinching summaries.

"Bonaparte and Washington" was the subject of a carefully written and well-delivered oration given for the Irvings by G. S. Calkins.

R. J. Kinney, for the Zets, delivered his production upon the theme "Benedict Arnold." Though the last speaker of the evening, he held the attention of audience throughout.

The decision was then rendered—Mr. Brackett winning the declamation, Mr. Calkins the oration.

The judges of the debate, Professors Wilcox and McClain, and Rev. Williams, decided for the affirmative, thus closing the final contest—a victory for North Hall.

Drake Summer School of Latin

It is often a perplexing question to many students in the University as to the methods to be pursued in making up back work. A little back work is often a great hindrance to good, efficient school work, and could this little item be eliminated in the regular course of many students, the benefits resulting would be inestimable. Especially is this true of many of our Latin students, and a few weeks' summer work will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in a regular course. The authorities of Drake University have instituted a summer school in Latin, opening on the 19th of June. This school is devoted exclusively to Latin, and the term is longer than most summer schools. The Faculty is composed of three efficient instructors, and the certificate of the work completed and grades earned are honored by all leading educational institutions.

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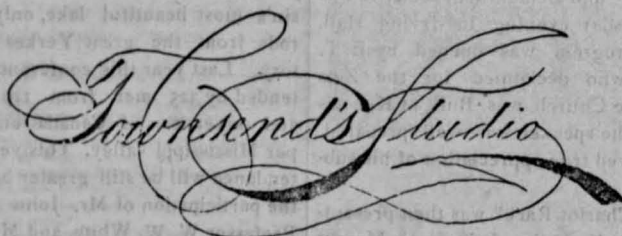


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FACT AND RUMOR.

C. H. Laartz, '02, has left school.

Germania picnics this afternoon.

Cooley, L. 73, visited the Law department Tuesday morning.

C. E. Dakin, of Mason City, is visiting with friends in the city.

Miss Selma Daum, C. '01, will spend Sunday at her home at West Liberty.

C. P. Abbott '99, editor of the Cornelian, is the guest of Messrs. Dickinson and Dilley.

F. C. McCutchen left for Des Moines this morning, to make arrangements for the State Meet.

The Senior Laws will take their last two examinations Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Paul Faust, of Ottumwa, L. '97, visited friends in the city over Sunday. Mr. Faust is connected with the Ottumwa Courier.

T. E. Savage leaves to-morrow for Allamakee county, where he will collect mosses and lichens for the botanical department.

The following named persons will serve as law examiners, appointed by the Supreme Court to examine the Law class on May 31 and June 1 and 2: J W Bollinger, Davenport; C E Cohoon, Emmetsburg; W L Eaton, Osage; F E Gill, Sioux City. S H Kerr, Rolfe; W O Lucas, Winterset; W C McArthur, Burlington; G H Mayne, Council Bluffs; C H Murphy, Davenport; C L Powell, Des Moines; H E StClair, Spirit Lake; C G Saunders, Council Bluffs; H F Schultz, Storm Lake; S G Van Anken, Des Moines; J E Williams, Waterloo.

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The final ball game in the Hellenic league of the University resulted in a victory for the Phi Psis, who defeated the Thetas by the score of 16 to 14. This makes the Phi Psis the Hellenic champions.

Professor Calvin, as one of a party of six, will take a trip to Alaska this summer to explore and develop certain nickel mines in this country of the frozen north. It is said Gov. Shaw is interested in the movement, but probably will not be able to accompany the expedition. The party will start June 10 from Seattle. Thence, amid the perils of waters, snows, and false brethren amid the Esquimaux, but surrounded by all sorts of rugged grandeur, they will try to ascertain the secrets of this little-known region. Professor Calvin, as geologist of the expedition, will doubtless be able to add much to the world's knowledge of the northern possessions of the United States.

Chancellor McClain's Lecture.

Chancellor McClain, in his lecture on "Reforms in Law and Law Reformers," to the Law class yesterday, mentioned as early and most potent reformatory measures the provision of Magna Charta (1215) that the king's court should be held in one place, and the provision of statute of Westminster 2nd (1285), authorizing writs to be framed to meet new cases. The civil law, he thought, had been of significance to the common law system, as furnishing scientific form and phraseology.

The system of equity would have been unnecessary had the common law judges been less wedded to forms. It has performed its functions, and has practically ceased to exist as an independent branch of jurisprudence.

Legislation, which Sir Henry Maine names as the third method of legal reform, furnishes now practically the sole means for improving the laws. The great impetus to systematic reform in this manner was given by Jeremy Bentham, in the latter part of the 18th century. He was a philosopher rather than a lawyer, and hardly appreciated the true spirit of legal evolution, but the movement which he inaugurated has brought about extensive codification, which is the great legal fact of the latter half of the 19th century.

Wisconsin Debate.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER desires to acknowledge receipt of the twenty-ninth annual joint debate of the University of Wisconsin, recently from the press of the Daily Cardinal Pub. Co., of Madison, Wisconsin, and edited and arranged by W. L. Kies. The question discussed was: "Is the present system of private ownership and operation of the street railway lines of the city of Chicago preferable to a system of municipal ownership and operation."

In the debate, which took place December 16th last, the question was affirmed by Messrs. Benjamin Poss, Joseph Loeb and Wm. S. Kies, for Athenian Society, and denied by Messrs. Wm. F. Adams, Warren M. Persons, and Emerson Ela, for Philomathian Society. The 97-page volume comprises all the speeches made on both sides of the question, as well as a complete bibliography of the subject. Mr. Kies has written a brief introduction, and Professor D. B. Frankenburger, of the chair of oratory, has added a preface. The volume is further embellished by a half-tone engraving of the latter gentleman, as well as half-tones of the two teams. It may be obtained by sending 35 cents to the College Bookstore or to the Daily Cardinal Publishing Co., of Madison, Wis.

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