

upon "The Great American Agitator"—Wendell Phillips. Mr. Ricketts spoke in an unnatural tone, but had many admirers. He would make a good Methodist exhorter.

D. N. Lehmer relieved the audience for a while with a whistling solo. It proved to be such a relief that he had to respond to an encore. F. D. Eager acquitted himself creditably upon "The Inheritance of Wealth." He spoke deliberately and freely. C. R. Welden followed with "A Dark Chapter in American Legislation." Mr. Welden had an easy delivery, and certainly was as good as he was in the Chase and Wheeler contest. T. E. Wing selected "Patriotism and Brotherhood" for the winning oration. His manuscript was excellent, but his delivery was not so good. He had the conversational rather than the oratorical style. Last but not "least" came R. E. Johnson and "The Crowning Democracy." He received first place on delivery, but some discouraging and discrepant marks on manuscript let him out. While the decision of the judges was being computed, Professor G. C. Mensendorf rendered the "Fantasie de Concert Faust," which was highly appreciated. The decision of the judges gave Mr. Wing first. Messrs. Pollard, Welden and Johnson were tied for second place on ranks, but Pollard's grand average was slightly in the lead, giving him second place.

Upon a whole the contest was carried through in splendid condition. Each contestant spoke without stage fright and seemed perfectly at home upon the stage. The gestures used by the orators were well selected and for the most part gracefully executed. They seemed to add force and impression to the speeches.

"Dead falls the cause, if once the hand be mute;
But let that speak, the client gets the suit."

NOTES.

The proceeds above expenses go to the athletic association.

H. C. Peterson: "Some of you fellows won't think so much of oratory after the contest."

The fraternities will for the first time have a representative from the university in a state contest.

The state contest has been changed to March 7th, and will be held in the Lansing theatre.

Many came up with light purses, having read in the Journal that no admission would be charged.

F. W. Dean, Doane's orator and A. Turner, the winner at Wesleyan, heard the contest and picked a winner.

Miss Alice Gadd won the contest at Cotner Friday night. Hence co-education will be represented again at the state contest.

Mr. E. M. Pollard: "There's politics in oratorical contests, as well as elsewhere." Have you spied the politics in the late array?

The hairless foxes as well as those with bushy heads who "don't like contests nohow," will smile the smile of the villain if the state can be again laid on the shelf in the state contest.

The conversational style in delivering orations may be the ideal one, but at present it is ahead of the times. The University should look out for the present, and the future will take care of itself.

On the Chase and Wheeler contest Mr. Welden received first place and Mr. Pollard fourth. On the local, Pollard received second and Welden third. This is an apt illustration of human variation.

The stone, which '92 burdened the campus with, will be offered as a monument for the memory of the martyrs of the oratorical contest. May their persecutors be tortured through eternity if moved by the spirit of prejudice or bribery.

THE NEBRASKAN extends its sympathies to all fellow editors who have had oratorical ambitions recently. Frank A. Lutz, one of the Kansas foot-ball boys who visited Lincoln last fall, and editor of the Kansas Courier, was one of the martyrs on the local contest in the state below us.