

The Local Contest.

SIX ORATORS—A LIVELY CONTEST ASSURED.

The local oratorical contest will take place in the university chapel Friday evening, March 5. That it is to be one of the hardest fought contests in the history of the university is now a settled fact.

Six orators have entered the contest. They are all earnestly and effectively preparing for the decisive event. Among the contestants is one who has been in the Iowa state contest. Two acquitted themselves creditably in society contests. The other three have more than a local reputation for their forensic ability.

The contestants are Miss Ester V. Smoyer, Messrs G. E. Hager, J. D. Dennison, R. C. Roper, C. O. Brown and A. L. Deal. The judges on manuscript are Prof. H. K. Wolfe, Dr. Johnson and Will Owen Jones; on delivery, Hon. W. J. Bryan, Judge A. W. Field and Senator Wm. Dearing.

Basket Ball.

The return game of basket ball between the Y. M. C. A. and the university team was played in the armory Tuesday evening. The result was a score of 23 to 14 in favor of the University teams. The officials were: referee, E. E. Swearinger; umpires, Dr. John White and E. E. Clemmens; time-keeper, F. F. Hill. Although the score ran high, the game was one of the hottest that has been played in the armory.

At the end of the first half the score stood 9 to 6 in favor of the visitors but during the second half our boys took a brace and some excellent work was done. Stebbins threw four goals from field during the second half and Morrison won applause by his interference and passing. Green and Placek also did some fine work. Dogny, Lewis and A. Bentley carried off the honors for the Y. M. C. A.

Just before time was called, Burks was substituted for Dennison, whose eye collided with Trompen's finger. The players were: Y. M. C. A., Hill, Trompen, A. Bentley, Ed. Bentley, Stilson, Dogny and Lewis; University, Gutleben, Placek, Green, Dennison, Warfield, Morrison and Stebbins.

Palladian New Members' Program.

Palladian hall was more than comfortably filled last Friday evening. It was all caused by the deep mysteries surrounding that annual circus—the new members' program.

The first scene was a representation of Hades, without the fire and brimstone, where all of the historical men and women worth mentioning, related their experiences while on earth. Hermes, Plato, Socrates, Elizabeth, Cleopatra, Caesar, Diogenes, Columbus, Sitting Bull, Virgil, Wolsey and Henry VIII were all there. Could Caesar or Virgil have heard the eloquence of these modern Romans, they would certainly have revised the Latin language.

Each part was well carried out according to the customs of the time and with an occasional "hit" the whole was made still more pleasing.

The second scene was a succession of "happy strokes" such as "Grover's Pastime," "The Frat's Reward," "Speaker Gaffin and Foot ball" and "Domestic Quarrels." They were all original and plainly showed the new members' ability as future playwrights. The three tableaux, The Dance of the Muses, The Dance of the Flowers and The Dressing of the Bride were exceptionally good. The young ladies were beautifully dressed and the poses were in perfect harmony. The music was excellent. The solos by Miss Slade were especially good. Mr. Davis, Misses Henry, Reed, Lewis and Morton favored the audience with pleasing selections.

Victor Rosewater Will Talk.

Dr. Victor Rosewater will address the Political Economy club next Tuesday evening. The lecture will be given in the university chapel. The subject of the address is "Difficulties of City Charter Making."

All Junior Annual matter should be in by March 15. Edward Everett Hale will be our commencement orator.

A number of Palladians formed a sleighing party Thursday night.

R. M. Cushman has been appointed assistant in the organic chemistry laboratory.

Miss Edna Curtiss is taking a course in shorthand at the Lincoln Business College.

C. J. Allen has been called to his home at Dawson on account of the serious illness of his father.

The business managers of the Junior Annual say that all space in the Annual *must* be paid for by the first of March.

The enthusiasm of a month ago, in regard to the Junior Annual of the class of '99, seems to be somewhat lagging.

Prof. Caldwell's class in history is studying the constitutionality of slavery and the causes that led to the Civil war.

The Chancellor gave an interesting talk to the Electrical Engineers last evening. He is now an honorary member of that society.

C. M. Barr has started a reading circle in Litchfield. It is a noticeable fact that University students lead the educational movements in their respective towns.

The committee having in charge the college settlement employment bureau, request that students wanting "soft washing" done consult with the members of this committee.

Monday night a party of Unions took the snow by the forelock and enjoyed a sleigh ride. After riding for a couple of hours and making the night hideous with Union and university yells, they repaired to the home of Miss Chappell and partook of refreshments.