

The Preliminary Debates.

The first of the preliminary debates to decide the sixteen for the final contest to determine who shall represent the University in the Kansas, Missouri and Colorado debates was held in the University chapel Friday evening. The lower part of the chapel was nearly filled. The following was the question: Resolved, that President Jackson was justified in his attitude toward the bank of the United States. Affirmative, Berge, Pearson, Moyer. Negative, Deal, Sloan, McNaughton.

All of the nine judges were present but only three marked.

The speech of Mr. Berge was forceful. Mr. Deal was both effective and logical. The speech of Mr. McNaughton was clear and strong.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Divisions two, three and four debated in Palladian Union and Delian halls, respectively, Saturday evening. Each hall contained a fair sized audience. Division two debated the following question: Resolved, that the United States should annex Hawaii as a territory. Affirmative, Taylor, Kemp, Hager and Goodwill. Negative, Denison, Griffith and Tellisen.

The judges were Profs. Caldwell and Ward and Judge Reese.

Mr. Taylor gave a speech which was noticeable for its force and clearness. Mr. Denison made his usual effective speech—eloquent as well as logical. Mr. Hager had his subject matter well in hand, his delivery was beyond criticism.

The third division discussed the question: Resolved, That municipalities should own and control their natural monopolies. Affirmative, Pope, Meier, Maguire and Tucker. Negative, Spencer, Waterman and Perry.

The judges were Profs. Hill, Sherman and Lucky.

Messrs. Spencer and Waterman made careful, analytic speeches on the negative. Mr. Maguire made a forcible speech but spent too much time in preliminaries and generalities. Mr. Meier clearly failed to do himself justice. He did not have his subject matter well in hand, his delivery was unnatural and he lacked the usual force. On the whole this de-

bate is considered one of the strongest of the first preliminaries.

The fourth division discussed the question: Resolved, that the income tax measure passed by the second session of the Fifty-third congress was just and equitable. Affirmative, Halderson, Sackett, Warner and Lee. Negative, Frazier, Payne, Wessel and Miss Stull.

The judges were Profs. Ansley and Wilson and Dr. Hinman.

Mr. Sackett had a systematically arranged speech, his delivery was effective. Mr. Payne was forcible in delivery but the arrangement of his speech could have been more connected and systematic. Miss Stull was thoroughly at home with her subject, she had a pleasing delivery.

MONDAY EVENING.

The fifth division debated in Delian hall. The question discussed was: Resolved, that the radical is of greater importance to society than the conservative. Affirmative, Oury, Hawxby. Negative, Edgerton, Eidem and O'Connell.

Oury made a forcible speech but showed a lack of preparation. Hawxby made a strong argument. Edgerton and Eidem made logical speeches. O'Connell was forcible but his argument lacked coherence.

The sixth division spoke in Palladian hall. The question discussed was: resolved, that a permanent national board should be established for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between employer and employes. Affirmative, Cake, Matson. Negative, Burleigh and Burch.

Cake was fluent but lacked strength and coherence in argument. Matson made a telling speech. Burleigh was not at his best. Burch was logical but his manner was unimpressive.

The seventh division spoke in Union hall. This division discussed the following question resolved, that the United States would be justified in extending belligerent rights to Cuba. Affirmative, Bollenbach, Jones and Dassenbrock. Negative, Kinton, Ewart, Kindler and Baker.

Bollenbach and Ewart made logical speeches. Kindler was at his best. He spoke fluently yet with exceeding force. The mighty Baker