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ORATORICAL OUTLOOK.

Preliminary Contest to be Held Friday Evening.

The annual oratorical contest to be held on Friday evening, March 10, in the university chapel gives promise of being the best held for years.

Eleven contestants have submitted manuscripts to the judges. Of these, F. E. Edgerton, editor in chief of the *Hesperian* is well known. He won second place in the contest three years ago. Miss Rena Alderman is a trained elocutionist and excellent writer. F. A. Nims and F. W. Bartos gave evidence of their ability in the recent debates. C. C. Crouch is the possessor of a gold medal won in a contest at Fremont. C. F. Horner, a new student, has already made a reputation as a declaimer and impersonator, showing long familiarity with the platform. C. W. Jones and R. L. Waterman are as yet unknown. The friends of each have strong faith in their ability. Lee Berry received first rank on manuscript in a recent society contest. H. R. Tucker has won the Paladian society contest for two consecutive years. G. E. Talbot, who does all he undertakes so easily, was one of the most forcible and eloquent speakers in the preliminary debates.

Professors of the university and others who have criticized the manuscripts say that they are excellent; that we can put them against the best. All the speakers are doing hard and energetic work for perfection in delivery.

The importance of the contest is greater than ever before. The university is to entertain the great interstate Oratorical contest this year. It goes without saying, that we must win the State contest to be held soon at Bellevue College. To make a success of the interstate debate, Nebraska must be represented by a university of Nebraska man.

To that end we must work from the beginning. Let every lover of the university bend his efforts toward insuring the success of the local contest. To win the state and secure a high place in the interstate is of more importance than are victories on the gridiron. In the past we have been charged by sister universities with having brawn and not brain. Let us refute the charge. In these contests, the intellectual ability of our student body comes into competition with that of other institutions. If properly supported Nebraska need not fear for her record. Let every student lend his aid.

There has been somewhat of a tendency on the part of fraternities to regard this work as that of the literary societies. This should not be so. The contest is a university institution. On our representative depends our reputation. Moreover, among the orators and delegates to the interstate will be found members of all our fraternities. On the local chapter also, the association must depend for the social functions of that time. To that end, arrangements are already being made by the officers and local fraternity men.

Of the eleven contestants, only the seven receiving highest rank on manuscript will speak. Hence the contest will be entertaining, close, and excellent. The best music talent in the city has been secured for the evening. The association can well promise a most excellent entertainment.

G. A. BENEDICT.

THE FOURTH RECITAL.

The school of music gave its fourth recital of the season in the chapel last Thursday evening. Several students made their first appearance, among whom were Susanne Ashmun of Atchison, Edna King of Osceola and Robert Barkey, the violinist. Each selection was heartily endorsed by the audience. The contralto duet by Misses Getner and Reynolds was of a high class and showed the higher arts taught in our school of music. John Martin sang "The Rose Maiden" in a very fine tenor voice and was well appreciated.

The program as rendered follows: Piano solo—Invention No. 8, two voiced, Bach; Serenade Op. 29, Chamisso; Minuetto Op. 23, Chamisso; Edna King. Soprano solo—"Villanelle," Eva Dellacqua; Mrs. C. S. Hart. Piano solo—Valse Op. 17, Moszkowski; Daisy McClure. Duet for two contraltos—"Night Hymns at Sea," A. Goring Thomas; Eugenia Getner, Grace Reynolds.

Violin Solo—Gondoliera, Hans Sitt; Robert Barkey. Soprano solo—"Leave Me Not," Luigi Denza; Eleanor Raymond. Piano solo—Etude in A major No. 6, Kwast; Rose Clark. Contralto solo—Aria fr. "Israel in Egypt," Haendel, Eugenia Getner. Piano solo—To the Evening Star, Wagner; Liszt; Nellie Cave. Tenor solo—Aria from "The Rose Maiden," F. H. Cowen; John Martin. Piano solo—Preludes, Chopin; B minor, B flat Major, G Major, Susanne Ashmun.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.

Several applications have been received from eastern football men to coach our team the coming year. Among the most promising candidates are Arthur T. Corwin, of Yale, former half-back for that institution; Fred W. Murphy, captain of Brown eleven of '98, and a member of the team for four years. He is strongly recommended by Coach Robinson, formerly of this school. W. B. Black, half-back from Princeton, is another member of the list. W. G. Gouterman, formerly of Harvard, is probably the most promising man. He has been coaching for several seasons, and comes highly recommended especially from Indiana University. Having played both in and behind the line, he is especially adapted to all sides of the work. It is understood that the head coach will be assisted by several former Nebraska players next year. This will greatly strengthen the team.

Correspondence with Michigan for a game brings very favorable replies for a game at Ann Arbor or Detroit during October. One other game will probably be scheduled in Illinois or Indiana if this trip is made. Minnesota has signified a willingness to play us on our own grounds if a date can be agreed upon. There will be little trouble about the guarantee. With games scheduled on the home grounds with Kansas, Missouri, Kansas City, Medias, and Minnesota, there is no reason why we should not only make a record for ourselves, but also put a neat surplus in our treasury.

THE DELIAN CONTEST.

The Delian Literary Society held a very successful oratorical contest in chapel last Friday evening. There were four contestants, C. F. Horner, C. W. Jones, F. E. Edgerton and F. A. Bartos. M. Edgerton was given first place and Mr. Jones second.

The battle of Queenstown was the subject of Horner's oration. He vividly depicted the bravery and devotion of the American soldiers in that battle. His delivery was easy and graceful.

C. W. Jones spoke on "The Home and the Man." He made William Lloyd Garrison his hero and was very forceful in his characterization.

Mirabeau was the subject of F. E. Edgerton's oration. He dwelt on the honors in France prior to the Revolution and showed the part played by Mirabeau. Edgerton was given first place by five judges and second by the sixth.

F. A. Bartos spoke on "Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." He was unfortunate in not having his oration well committed.

The judges on manuscript were Professors Caldwell, Fossler and Ausley; on delivery, Dr. Dayton, Superintendent Saylor and Professor Miller.

ART EXHIBIT CLOSURE.

The Hayden Art exhibit closed Tuesday night. The excellent reputation of the exhibit has been sustained although no picture as famous as "Breaking Home Ties" here last year was on exhibition. The club came out ahead but not so much as they should, owing to the poor patronage extended to the exhibition by the student body. Of more than 2,000 students but eighty-one took advantage of the students' rates and visited the art rooms. This is a poor showing and does not point toward the same concession being granted university students another year.

Miss Parker will have on exhibition of her own work in her studio all this week. The pictures will be for sale. She has already sold a considerable number and to those wanting any we would advise going early in the week.

Mr. Bushnell, city postmaster, lectured before the class on journalism last Tuesday morning on the Spanish-American newspapers. Mr. Bushnell spent several years in various South American cities and observed the newspapers closely. His talk was very interesting and was much enjoyed by the class.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Fiction is Especially Plentiful During February.

AMERICAN HISTORY.

Fertig, J. W.—Secession and reconstruction of Tenn.

Fisher, S. G.—Evolution of the constitution of the U. S.

Niles' Register, 1837-48.—These 18 volumes almost complete our set of this rare and valuable journal.

Richardson, J. D.—Messages and papers of the presidents.—This is the 9th volume of this work and brings it down to Cleveland's second term.

Ropes, J. C.—Story of the Civil war.—The second volume and devoted entirely to the year, 1862. Excellent maps accompany it.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Beowulf.—This is a copy of the unique Cotton manuscript in the British museum accompanied with notes.

Cooke, G. W.—Poets and problems. Harland, Marion—Where ghosts walk. Descriptions of the homes of famous men and women who have lived in many lands. Good pictures.

Hutton, R. H.—Literary essays. Hobson, J. A.—John Ruskin. An exhaustive study of Ruskin's work and place as a social reformer.

Singleton, Esther.—Turrets towers and temples. Pictures and descriptions of many of the famous buildings of the world.

FICTION.

Bellamy, Edward.—The blindman's world. The last volume printed by the author of Looking Backward. Short stories characterized by unusual imagination and realistic portrayal of its consequences. W. D. Howells writes a critical foreword.

Deland, Margaret.—Old Chester tales. Short stories of common, every day heart experiences in a quiet old town of the Pennsylvania of 40 years ago. Humor is delightful and the style remarkable pure.

Dunton, Theodore Watts.—Aylwin. One of the most striking novels of the year. A leading critical journal calls it a "Study in Hysteria." Author is leading literary critic on the London Athenaeum and has had this book in manuscript nearly twenty years. Many prominent English literary figures in its pages under thin disguises.

Grinnell, G. B.—Story of the Indian. A popular account of the religious, social and political life of the American Indian. The book is one of the excellent "Stories of the West" series.

Harris, Joel C.—Tales of the home folks. More delightful stories of the south by the author of Uncle Remus.

Hewlett, Maurice.—The forest lovers. This novel won the prize of \$250 offered by the London academy for one of the 3 best books of the year. It is a fairy tale for grown folks, of love in a land that is "east of the sun and west of the moon." The meaning of the book will be as different as individuals.

Remarkable for its archaic and elevated literary style and for its wide-ranging vocabulary.

Thompson, Maurice.—Stories of the Cherokee Hills. Seven stories illustrating the simple, primitive life of the people of northern Georgia.

EDUCATION.

Chicago School Commission.—Report. President Harper of the Chicago University was chairman of the committee making this notable report containing recommendations for the reorganization of Chicago's public schools.

Leonard, D. L.—Story of Oberlin College.

State Aid to Higher Education.—A series of notable addresses given at John Hopkins, dealing chiefly with the growth and work of the state universities of the middle west.

POLITICAL SCIENCE.

Bolles, A. S.—Industrial History of the United States.

Jones, J. S.—Trusts, Pools and Corners. Contains a strong chapter on railroad pools.

Lloyd, H. D.—Wealth Against Commonwealth. A discussion of the evil effects of pools and trusts.

Smith, G. A.—The free trade movement in England.

ENGINEERING.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Transactions for 1898.

Martin & Wetzel—Electric motor and its applications. National Electric Light association—Proceedings 1898.

Reagan, H. C.—Locomotive mechanism and engineering.

Shillette, F. W.—Handbook of Corliss steam engines.

Storms, W. H.—Mine timbering. Swoope, C. W.—Lessons in practical electricity.

Wilson, H. S.—Practical tool maker and designer.

PHILOSOPHY.

Leibniz—Monadology.

Mach, Ernst.—Analysis of the sensations.

McLennan, S. F.—Impersonal judgment.

Seth, Andrew—Man's place in the cosmos.

REFERENCE BOOKS.

Dietrich, F.—Bibliographie der deutschen Zeitschriften Literatur, 1897-98.

Jordell, D.—Repertoire bibliographique des principales revues Françaises, 1898.

These two books by author and subject the matter in several hundred leading French and German literary and scientific journals.

International Cyclopaedia—15 vols., 1898. This is the latest and one of the best of American encyclopedias. A leading feature is its good maps and charts.

Graduate courses—1898. This is the latest handbook outlining the graduate work offered by a dozen of our leading universities.

Ryland, F.—Chronological outlines of English literature. An excellent handbook of bare facts regarding authors and their works.

GEOLOGY.

Brush, G. J.—Manual of mineralogy.

Dana, E. S.—Text book of mineralogy.

Kemp, J. E.—Geology of the Lake Placid region.

ALUMNI.

Harvard University claims as members of her instructing force two graduates of the University of Nebraska. These two are examples of what industry and scholarship may do for any one. The older one is George W. Botsford, who took his B. A. in 1884. He was a graduate student of Johns Hopkins University from '84, '86 and was instructor in DeLand University, Florida during the year '87, '88, '87 to '90 Botsford was professor of Greek in Kalamazoo College, Michigan. He obtained his M. A. here in '89, and '90 went to Cornell as graduate student and instructor, obtaining his doctorate in '91. From '91 to '93, he was instructor in Worcester academy, Massachusetts, and in the latter year he became professor of Greek in Bethany college. From this position Botsford was called to be instructor in his tory at Harvard in 1895, where he is at present. He was one of two members elected to Phi Beta Kappa from his class.

The other one is Homer J. Edmiston, who took a B. A. in 1892, then went to Cornell as instructor in Latin, and took his doctorate there in '95. He remained at Cornell till the fall of '97, when he went to Princeton as instructor in Latin. Last fall Edmiston was called to Harvard as adjunct professor of Latin.

Edmiston is a Phi Delta Theta and was one of his class elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1892,3 he was a first lieutenant and adjutant of the battalion. He was one of the most military adjutants the battalion ever had. Ye editor, drilling at that time as a private, remembered that the adjutant once read, "The companies will drill upon the campus till six thirty, when the battalion will be formed for dress parade," and that he did not even see the point when the cadets smiled.

PERSHING DRILL POSTPONED.

The open drill of the Pershing Rifles announced for Thursday evening did not occur as it was thought advisable to wait until the cross belts and white leggings were ready to be worn. The regular drill took place, however, and was gone through with in a very good manner considering the limited space to which the company was compelled to confine itself. A number of interested spectators were in the gallery.

CENTURY MAGAZINE PRIZES.

A change has been made in the provisions governing competition for the three literary prizes offered by the Century Magazine. The competition is open to those college graduates who received the degree of A. B. in the years '97 or '98, or to those undergraduates who expect to receive the degree with the classes of '99 or 1900. The prizes are \$250 each, one offered for a poem of not less than fifty lines, one for an essay of not less than four thousand words, and one for a story of not fewer than four thousand nor more than eight thousand words.

JUNIOR RESOLUTIONS

Passed Against Seniors at a Late Meeting.

Whereas, There has been discovered about the domains of the university, to the detriment of the health and welfare of the whole community of Lincoln, even to its remote suburbs, a very obnoxious public nuisance, which is apt to germinate contagious diseases and violent uprisings of over ambitious seniors; and

Whereas, It has always been the stable policy of the present respected Junior class to use all possible and honorable means for the advancement of civilization of society and the welfare of humanity; therefore,

Be it resolved, by the honorable class of 1900, in mass assembled, fully realizing the true and sacred principles and ideals of the great brotherhood of man, that it is the true sentiment of this class that the things called "senior canes," otherwise known as shin, key clubs, are nothing more than public nuisances, sapping the very vital life of society by their degenerating influences, and, be it further,

Resolved, By the class of 1900, that these public nuisances, so called senior canes, are and of right ought to be free and independent of all seniors, and for carrying out of this humane and civilizing reformation;

Be it resolved still further that it is the sense of this class that a bounty of ten cents should be and hereby is offered by the class for exterminating and abating each and every said public nuisance taking the shape of a senior cane.

Provided, that no cane shall be forcibly seized, or extorted from the owner, thus incurring possible danger to the physical welfare of the seniors.

MONEY-MAKING POWER OF A SENIOR CANE.

It was left by its owner as a temptation to the Juniors and their agents. The native virtue of the Juniors gave way. The cane was buried in the upper regions of the Burr block. On the third day thereafter, it was resurrected by the owner, who, however, left no angel sitting on the stone to inform the wily Juniors thereof.

Last Saturday the Junior came trust, firmly believing that the cane was secure in their stronghold, put up two dollars and fifty cents to prove that Mr. Warner could not produce his cane. Mr. Warner used the money to entertain his numerous friends at a candy festival last Sunday. The thirty couples present report an enjoyable time, and have ever since been busy praising the generosity of the Juniors. It is to be feared, though, that the Juniors find experience an expensive teacher.

LATIN COLLOQUIUM.

The second meeting of the Latin Colloquium was held Tuesday evening. Professor Barber presided and the meeting was opened by a presentation by L. W. King of several articles from the *Classical Review*. This was followed by a discussion of the mebus of Vergil taken from the English Journal of Philology and presented by Mr. Jeffords. Mr. Mans then read an article from the American Journal of Archaeology on the excavations in Palestrina and Sardinia. Prof. Barber then resumed his discussion of Benet's grammar begun at the last meeting and the remaining time was taken up by Dr. Johnson on the Colloquium Fratrum Arvalium.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased the Allwise God to call from this earth, the brother of our fellow Delian, J. F. Boomer, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Delian society of the University of Nebraska extend to him and to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Boomer, one to each of the university papers and also that a copy be placed upon the Delian Society records.

Signed: E. RUTH PYRTLE, E. F. WARNER, CHAS. W. JONES.

"I have just been thinking of this cane-bottom chair."

"What is to think about that chair?"

"I have just been wondering what fellow took the trouble to find all of them holes and put straws around them."