

importuned to go to the institute held at Gibbon. Mr. Woods is a rising young botanist, and deserves to get on in the world, for he has been digging away at this vocation, early and late for several years.—*Holdrege Nugget*.

Paul Hibbard, '92, writes from Belair, La., that politics is red hot there over the lottery business. "The democratic party, comprising almost every respectable white man, has split and put an anti-lottery and lottery ticket in the field. The republican party, ruled by unscrupulous carpet baggers and largely made up of negroes, is also divided on the question. Almost all the negroes, with the low whites, favor the lottery. Here where I am the people and strongly authority. They that share shall be no lottery even if the amendment carries. They even talk of violence if necessary to keep out the lottery. The main strong hold of the lottery is in the city of New Orleans."

#### The Lecture on Archaeology.

Dr. Hussey's lecture on the life and surroundings of the Homeric age will not be given, as announced, on the 16th, but will be postponed one week later so as not to fall on the same day as the Haydon Art Club's meeting. In several of our universities archaeology has been established on the curriculum for some time, and our own should not be allowed to be behind them. Those of us who attend Professor Barber's lectures are well aware how interesting Roman antiquities may be made, and surely the remains of Greece are in no wise less important. If there is any race that has expressed itself in form with as eminent success as in literature, that one is certainly the Hellenic.

Mr. Clason has been busy for some time in photographing pictures and mounting slides for these lectures; and it is to be hoped that they will interest not only classical students but all others in whatever course they may be. The first lecture will treat of Homer and the earliest traces of civilization on Greek ground. The second will illustrate the later life of the Greeks as it appears in their quaint and interesting vase paintings.

#### The Local Contest.

Our local oratorical contest was held on the evening of the 6th. In spite of the stormy weather the chapel was well filled. The first number on the programme was a song by the Delian quartette, entitled, "I's G'wine to leave Old Dixie." The quartette responded to an encore when they rendered "Bingo," in a very pleasing manner. Next came an oration, "The Need of Radicalism," by Mr. Rufus Bentley. Mr. Bentley surprised everybody. He was little known among the students, consequently no one knew what to expect. He undoubtedly has a better delivery than anyone else in school. Mr. Bentley has much reason to feel proud of his first appearance in the oratorical arena of the university. Mr. Lehmer then rendered a whistling solo entitled, "Una Voca Poca Fa." As usual, Mr. Lehmer responded to an encore. Mr. Quaintance was the second orator. His oration was entitled, "Trial by Jury." Mr. Quaintance made a strong plea against our present jury system. He showed the extravagance, inefficiency, and the injustice of such a system. His delivery was earnest and natural. The next orator, Mr. C. D. Chandler, spoke on "Charles Darwin." He said that Charles Darwin, unlike most great scientists, had lived to see his greatness recognized. He showed how Darwin had originated his different theories and how they had entirely extinguished the previous ones. Mr. Chandler's oration was too eulogistic and full of detail to be an ideal one. His delivery was forcible and his enunciation clear. Mrs. Menzendorf then favored the audience with a piano solo; after which Mr. Skiles delivered his oration, "A Factor of Peace." Mr. Skiles had a very animated,

forcible delivery, which elicited much applause. He advocated the doing away with war and the establishment of an international court all disputes. He said that in former times when men were less civilized war was a necessity, but that it incurred needless slaughter and expense. While waiting for the decision of the judges, Professor George W. Hill gave a reading, "Peter Mulrooney's Troubles." After he had responded to an encore, Mr. Charles Alexander rendered a tenor solo, "The Gate of Heaven," with violin obligato by Professor Menzendorf. The judges awarded first place to Mr. Skiles and second place to Mr. Bentley. The judges on manuscript were Professor H. W. Caldwell, Hon. S. L. Geisthardt, and Professor L. A. Sherman; on delivery, Chancellor James H. Canfield, Hon. J. R. Webster, and Rev. E. H. Curtis. Their markings were as follows:

#### MANUSCRIPT.

	Cald'ell.	Geist'ar't.	Sher'an.	Total.
Need of Radicalism	Grade 72	88	70 3/4	230 3/4
	Rank 4	3	4	11
Trial by Jury	Grade 70	82	88	240
	Rank 3	4	1	8
Charles Darwin	Grade 83	80	72 1/2	244 1/2
	Rank 1	2	3	6
A Factor of Peace	Grade 80	90	82 1/2	252 1/2
	Rank 2	1	2	5

#### DELIVERY.

	Cald'ell.	Geist'ar't.	Sher'an.	Total.
Need of Radicalism	Grade 95	95	93	283
	Rank 1	1	1	3
Trial by Jury	Grade 87	85	92	264
	Rank 4	2	2	8
Charles Darwin	Grade 88	83	90	261
	Rank 3	2	4	10
A Factor of Peace	Grade 90	83	91	264
	Rank 2	3	3	8
Grand Totals.	Skiles, 516 1/2, 13;	Chandler, 505 1/2, 16;	Quaintance, 513, 16;	Bentley, 513 1/4.

#### STRAY PICK-UPS.

Mr. Lehmer's brother is spending a few days in Lincoln.

Professor Bates was unable to attend his class on account of sickness.

Dr. C. E. Spahr, 1215 O Street, eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist.

Call at Francis Brothers' chop house. Open day and night. 1324 O street.

If you want to make Barkley real mad, ask him what happened on the eve of the Palladian contest.

Mr. Hadley left for Chicago on the 9th. His cousin was burned by a recent fire and his uncle was badly injured.

Carl Marlay says he will never again take tickets at a lecture unless the lecturer is introduced to him beforehand.

The botanical department has received two large herbarium specimens from the national herbarium at Washington.

On the evening of the 10th Miss Josephine Lottridge entertained a few of her friends. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Gardener Jensen, an old and faithful servant of this institution, has resigned. His place is now filled by Mr. J. H. Hadkinson.

When shall we three meet again—DePue, McDonald, Pound? When the frat and barb are one. When the wooly pully's done.

A good many university students attended the local oratorical contest held at the Wesleyan university on the evening of the 5th. The great and only C. E. Winters will again represent that institution in the state contest.