

Olive Latta is going to be the interlocutor and she has entered into the performance with heart and soul, as indeed have all young ladies of the "troupe."

PROGRAMME.

Opening Overture

Song: "I Want a Real Coon," Miss Beauty Black
 Song: "Ma Honey Lu," Miss Yellow Peach Yaw.
 Song: "No Coons Allowed," Miss Cinderilla White.
 Song: "Happy Birds," Miss Patti Brown.
 Song: "Mammy's Little Pumpkin Colored
 Coon," Miss Ambolina Snow.
 Song, Lillian Mussale.
 Song: "My Gal's a Red Headed Coon,"
 Miss Pauline Bawl.

Finale: Topical Song—
 Misses Black and White.

SECOND PART.

Song, "Little Cotton Dolly," with banjo
 accompaniment," Rosina Yolk, Dina Snowball,
 Venus Green, Lucy Chicken, Stella Fox.
 Fancy Dance, Miss Harris
 Banjo Quartette: Ura Peach, Topsy Jackson,
 Cleo Merode, May Uno.
 Song: "Golden Poppies,"
 Kate Vanderpool, Miss Treat.
 Dance, Miss Bella Bohnes Marcia Mallow
 " Kinky Kurk Daisy Cutter
 " Lilly White Violet Pansy
 Instrumental Selections: The Cherry Sisters.

Denison The Victor.

J. D. Denison won the laurels of the Tenth Annual Oratorical contest of the University last Friday evening, with O. W. Meier a close second. The markings of Dr. Long of York were not received until after the contest, and it was found on examination of those received that a tie in rank existed between Mr. Denison and Mr. Meier. This caused intense interest among the supporters of the two rivals until Dr. Long's grades were received giving Mr. Denison first place.

President Hager called the meeting to order with appropriate remarks of introduction and announced the first part of the program, a mandolin solo by C. C. Young, accompanied by Vern Hedge.

Mr. J. D. Denison was the first speaker on the program. He spoke on "The Evolution of Government" and traced carefully its growth from the first crude and barbarous forms to the ideal, which he placed as a happy mean between absolutism and anarchy. There is no doubt that Mr. Denison has a very strong and forceful manuscript. The oration abounds in strong periodic climaxes and smooth sentences. Every sentence is a condensation of a paragraph of thought. Mr. Denison is strong in manuscript and stronger in delivery. He has a voice that is clear and vibrant, and what is still better, he has complete control of it. His stage presence is easy and graceful. A vocal solo by Miss Hollistee and two songs by the Telyn Quartette called forth spirited applause.

O. W. Meier followed with an oration on "The Principles Fought for by Our Forefathers." Mr.

Meier's manuscript is of a different style from the manuscript of the first speaker. Its style is more convincing, and less persuasive. His choice of words and arrangement of sentences showed tact and ability. Mr. Meier's oration has a purpose in view and sticks to that purpose. The only criticism, perhaps, is that it deals too much with details. Mr. Meier's delivery is that of a debater enthused with the truth of his position. He is earnest, self-conscious of his purpose to convince. His questions carry with them force and earnestness, though they are lacking in grace. He impresses an audience as being one who cares more for what he says than how he says it. He has an excellent voice, strong and clear, and one that can be easily heard.

After another selection of music Henry Tucker followed with his oration, "The Coming Statesman." Mr. Tucker is decidedly optimistic in his views of the future turn in affairs state-craft. He prophesies fewer campaign managers, more leaders and statesmen. Mr. Tucker is exceedingly original in the treatment of his subject but he lacks force and persuasiveness in his delivery. He was by several years the youngest contestant.

There is no use trying to conceal the fact. The smallness of the audience showed a decided lack of interest in oratory. The contest was a credit to the university but the lack of interest is appalling.

Chancellor MacLean gave a reception to the Laws, Wednesday evening.

Capt. Chas. True has recovered from his long illness and will soon resume command of Co. A.

'Count' Linquist attended the Phi Delta Theta banquet Saturday night.

Jim Fechet Sigma Chi leaves next week for Ft. Robinson.

The annual alumni banquet of the Phi Delta Theta was held at their fraternity home last Saturday evening.

The HESPERIAN management received a welcome note from C. N. Hines '95, deputy register of deeds of Gage Co., this week.

Owing to the sickness of R. S. Baker and J. A. Maguire the final debates have been postponed one week. The debates will take place on the evenings of March 25th and 26th. The questions and order of speakers will be as announced in the HESPERIAN of last week. At a meeting of the association this week it was decided to charge ten cents admission to each debate.

The members of Co. B. were entertained last Tuesday night at the Beta Theta Pi rooms. The old organization of the company was continued with the same colors and yells. After light refreshments had been served, the men talked over the future prospects of Co. B and listened to many words of encouragement from the officers. The company then marched to the Alpha Tau Omega rooms and practised their "old yell" on the members of Co. B who were having a "blow out" there.