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O., Third—Iowa Makes a Great

Impression on the Audience

—A Good Contest—A

Large Audience.

At about 8:30 President Culver announced the first number of the Program, an overture by the university orchestra. This was followed by with an invocation by Rev. C. B. Newman. Dr. C. E. Bessey, acting chancellor of the University of Nebraska, with a few remarks welcomed the visitors to Lincoln, the "city of colleges." After the rendition of "The Miller's Wooing," by the university double quartet, the contest began with Mr. W. H. Wise, of the DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind. We have heard much of the oratory of DePauw and naturally expected much from her representative. We were not disappointed. Mr. Wise spoke on "The Race Problem." The subject is an old one but it was handled in such a manner that the speaker held the attention of the audience throughout. The race problem is a living issue in our national politics and it would be well for our country if there were more orators to plead for the rights of the negro. Although some of Mr. Wise's gestures were a trifle awkward one forgot all such minor defects on account of the earnestness of his manner.

When the audience had ceased to applaud, Mr. Robert Tucker, of Butchel College, Akron, Ohio, appeared upon the stage. Ohio carried away first honors last year and naturally the expectations of the audience were high. Mr. Tucker's oration was "Democracy, the Dominant Idea." The gestures were very profuse, and had they not been so natural and so forcible this excess would have detracted from the merits of