

Thought and Composition.	Judge Yaple.	Hon. N. L. Prentiss.	Rev. D. H. Snowden.	Sum of Ranks.
"The Race Problem," WM. H. WISE, Indiana.	94 7	85 12	5	12
"Democracy, The Dominant Idea," R. TUCKER, Ohio.	98 2	95 1	4	7
"The First American," B. H. TIMBERLAKE, Minnesota.	94.5 6	80 5	5	16
"Individualism in Society," M. H. LYON, Iowa.	99 1	76 6	8	15
"Martin Luther," HARRY N. WILSON, Colorado.	95.5 4	73 7	7	18
"Conservatism and Radicalism," GEO. O. FERGUSON, Nebraska.				
"Liberty," W. B. MILLARD, Wisconsin.	98 2	70 8	6	16
"The Puritan and Cavalier," S. W. NAYLOR, Kansas.	95 5	83 3	1	9
"Our English Language," A. C. DOUGLAS, Illinois.	96 3	81 4	2	9

Delivery.	Prof. C. F. Hannus.	T. M. Marquette.	Prof. F. V. Raftler.	Total sum of ranks, (including that of the other table)
"The Race Problem," WM. H. WISE, Indiana.	85 4	88 4	98 1	21
"Democracy, The Dominant Idea," R. TUCKER, Ohio.	75 6	90 3	93 3	19
"The First American," B. H. TIMBERLAKE, Minnesota.	80 5	86 7	93 3	31
"Individualism in Society," M. H. LYON, Iowa.	95 1	92 1	95 2	19
"Martin Luther," HARRY N. WILSON, Colorado.	65 8	75 8	90 4	38
"Conservatism and Radicalism," GEO. O. FERGUSON, Nebraska.				
"Liberty," W. B. MILLARD, Wisconsin.	70 7	82 6	90 4	33
"The Puritan and Cavalier," S. W. NAYLOR, Kansas.	90 3	91 2	96 1	15
"Our English Language," A. C. DOUGLAS, Illinois.	93 2	87 5	95 2	18

The following are the positions of the various states according to the markings of the judges:

1. Kansas.
2. Illinois.
3. Ohio.
4. Indiana.
5. Iowa.
6. Minnesota.
7. Wisconsin.
8. Colorado.

Accordingly, Mr. Naylor, of Kansas receives the first prize which is \$75, and Mr. Douglass of Illinois the second prize of \$50. The successful gentlemen deserve all the honors that they receive, for they have won fairly in a very close contest.

BEFORE THE CONTEST.

Although a few of the delegates to the contest arrived last week, there was nothing unusual in the appearance of affairs

until Wednesday morning. Several things combined to make excitement at times. The badge committee had the badges ready for distribution and everybody seemed anxious to be decorated with the bright colored ribbons. The fact that Mr. Ferguson had arrived in the city the evening before caused no little excitement among our students and groups of preps might be seen here and there carrying on animated discussions. Not having made up their minds as to the merits of the case the preps adjourned their meetings at the sound of the class bells and decided that it might be better to allow the state executive committee to settle the matter. Meanwhile the excitement increased. The local oratorical association met and transacted some necessary business. During this meeting the various class rooms were almost depopulated and at least one professor showed his appreciation of the difficulties with which the students were struggling by assigning work for Thursday much heavier than usual. As has been remarked, a few of the delegates were on hand early, the first to arrive being those from Indiana. Indiana men are rustlers and usually manage to participate in all the fun. Indiana has the reputation of being a doubtful state. Her sons are great politicians, and it is necessary for success to be on the grounds early. Next in order came the delegates from Ohio. Ohio is a great state. She has a record for furnishing presidents for the United States and judging by the appearance of her representatives to the contest the rising generation in that state will be fully equal to the present. After the Ohio delegation the other delegates dropped in promiscuously. By Wednesday noon one might readily see there was something unusual happening at the Windsor. Political schemes were being discussed, Ohio and Indiana looked suspiciously at each other. Nebraska was unfortunate. It looked blue for us. Meanwhile the state executive committee was listening to Mr. Ferguson's defense. The evidence was all present and the committee deliberated long and well. After supper it was decided that Mr. Ferguson's oration although not strictly original should be allowed to represent the state. Another difficulty for the executive committee to settle was that Nebraska, though entitled to but three votes in the convention, had elected seven delegates. If credentials were given to only three delegates, some of the colleges would be without representation. How to decide without hurting the feelings of anybody was the question. When the executive committee had reached a decision in the Ferguson case a band of about fifty Wesleyan students proceeded to paint the town and to impress people in general that the Wesleyan and Ferguson are all right. Thursday forenoon several of the delegates visited the University buildings and attended chapel exercises. We wish to inform our visitors that although the U. of N. boasts a large military department we hope that they may not infer on account of this fact that U. of N. students are a warlike body. We are a peaceable people and have no love for stirring up strife as many of our exchanges may testify.

Shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon the president called to order, in the University chapel, the seventeenth annual convention of the Inter-state Oratorical association. A motion was immediately carried to the effect that the deliberations of the convention be made with closed doors. Now, we do not propose to make any objections to the will of the majority, but it seems to us that the newspapers should have been allowed to report the proceedings. But we submit to the decision, and although several important matters were discussed by the convention, we will pretend that we were not present. The delegates hoped to finish the business in time to attend the game of base ball played by the clubs from