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U. of I.--W. A. C. DEBATE

Last Saturday evening at the U. of I. we had our first forensic contest of the year. The spirit of W. A. C. enthusiasm ran high at this opportunity of evening scores with our old rival across the line, and a special train carried a host of loyal students, headed by Prof. Barry and Dr. Egge of the faculty, over to Idaho to support our team—and support it right royally they did. Again and again cheers and our college yells re-echoed through the auditorium as Robinson or Berry or Kreager brought forth their talking arguments.

We had confidence in our team, and as the debate proceeded this grew and became a great pride. So when Kreager had finished our case, and then Idaho had made her rebuttal, our hearts swelled with the exultation of victory. Then came the decision of the judges—unanimous in favor of Idaho! But we were not disheartened. Our confidence remained, and our pride. W. A. C. enthusiam rose above defeat. To us our boys were victors, and though once more our rivals had scored against us, the returning train bore as merry a crowd as if victory had crowned our banners.

For the third time now we have met Idaho in debate, and for the second time the decision has been against us. We have no complaint to make. We were treated royally, and the Idaho team met us squarely upon the issue of the question. However, we cannot but express the hope that, in the future, some means may be found whereby the judges in these contests between the two institutions may be selected with more expediency and with more care.

The question debated was: "Resolved; That laws be passed compelling the management of any business undertaking that secures control of an industry to sell its products at reasonable rates and without discrimination. Provided, that the negative shall make no reference whatever to the tariff."

Idaho, represented by Guy V. Holman, Charles Montandon, and Victor E. Price, upheld the affirmative, while Sam Robinson, Howard B. Berry and Frank O. Kreager supported the negative for W.

A. C. The judges were Hon. Leon O. Whitsell, of Wardner; Hon. B. S. Crow, of Nez Perce, and Professor Herbert T. Coleman, of Spokane.

The contest was sharp and exciting from the beginning. It was a struggle between two teams each thoroughly conversant with the question. The arguments advanced on each side showed ability and resource. Two speakers, however, one on each side, stood out preeminently in ability and strength, V. E. Price of Idaho, and our own Frank Kreager. They lifted the debate above the plane of the ordinary inter-collegiate contest, and their earnestness and pointed manner of presenting argument held the breathless attention of the audience, and drew frequent cheers from their partisans.

Throughout, however, the debate was of a high order. Shortly after eight

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The Declamation Contest.

The twelfth annual Declamation Contest took place last Friday night before an audience which comfortably filled the chapel. The different classes which had representatives had blocks of seats and encouraged their favorites and enlivened the occasion by spirited yells and hearty cheers. Mr. Jesse Akin and Miss Naomi Smith received the support of the Freshmen, Miss Maude Putnam rallied the Sophomore forces in her behalf, while the Juniors were making the audience understand that their four men were Messrs. Haskell, Todd, Manchester and Porak. The chapel had been effectively decorated—the auditorium in crimson and gray, and the stage in the different class colors. Banks of green on each side of the stage added to the effect. From the opening orchestra number to the end, the entire program was performed without a hitch. The music was splendid, the orchestra was heard to wonderful advantage both in the concert while the audience was assembling and the waltz during the program. Mrs. Strong and Professor Kimbrough both responded to encores.

The contest was a close one and the audience waited many minutes before the decision was announced. Mr. Todd won the first prize of ten dollars, his declamation being an oratorical one, Wendell Phillips' "*America.*" Mr. Todd has a good voice and delivers this style of oration well. Mr. Akin was a close second, giving a good rendering of a difficult piece, "*The Wild Olive Wreath.*" The other performers all did well.

The judges who acted on this occasion were Supt. Mattoon, of Garfield; Rev. Francis Wyatt, of the Congregational church, Pullman, and Captain E. E. Kimmel.

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