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COCKE AWARDED FIRST PRIZE

INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE WAS
PULLED OFF LAST SATUR-
DAY NIGHT.

Barnett, Dibull, Moore, Luton and
Winn Get Places on the Debating
Teams Against Colorado
and Tulane.

The annual Inter-Society contest for the Gregory and Batts prize in debate and for choosing the inter-collegiate debaters, took place in the Auditorium last Saturday night before the largest audience that has ever filled the auditorium on a similar occasion. Among those present were a large number of the city people, and a majority of the members of the Legislature.

The Varsity Glee Club opened the program with a well rendered song. This was the first public appearance of the Glee Club this year, and it showed itself far ahead of any of its predecessors. The song was greatly enjoyed and so captured the audience that the boys had to come out again. The second song was even more enjoyed, and the applause even more sustained.

The question for debate was: Resolved, That government in the United States should create commissions with power of compulsory arbitration of disputes between employers and organized labor.

This is the first, last, and only public debate to take place in Austin this year, since it happens that both of the inter-collegiate debates will be held in the enemies' territory.

R. H. Helmer, president of the Oratorical Association, introduced as presiding officer of the evening Hon. Pat M. Neff, one of the Varsity's most distinguished alumni and now Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Neff was greeted with enthusiastic applause, and in expressing his appreciation of the honor in a few well chosen words, presented, as the first speaker on the affirmative, Joseph B. Dibrell, Jr., of Seguin.

Mr. Dibrell set forth the evils of strikes. He cited the fact that voluntary arbitration had failed, both in England and in Pennsylvania, and showed how ruinous and inefficient had been the methods of settling strikes there. In view of this loss and suffering occasioned by industrial struggles, and of the failure of other preventives, compulsory arbitration, he maintained, to be absolutely imperative. Mr. Dibrell was at his best, his voice being strong and full, his presence and gestures commanding, and his argument logical and powerful. He more than sustained his reputation as one of the strongest debaters the Varsity has ever produced.

The first speaker on the negative was Benjamin Harrison Powell. He acknowledged the evils of strikes, but maintained that compulsory arbitration is not a proper remedy, because it involves governmental interference with private rights, thereby discouraging enterprise and industry and because there are other more effective remedies, such as voluntary arbitration and public opinion. Mr. Powell gave a clear and logical array of facts in support of his proposition, but

was somewhat handicapped by his delivery.

The second speaker on the affirmative was William Samuel Moore, another veteran of former triumphs. Mr. Moore argued that compulsory arbitration of labor disputes is a proper and legitimate function of government; because no other agency is sufficiently strong. He held also that the economic activity of the government in other fields, such as Railroad Commissions and Public Sanitation Committees, showed that it may and can discharge this function. The government should assume this obligation because the tendency on the part of labor and capital will result in the fixing of rates by a selfish monopoly, on one side or the other, and tend to crush the spirit of initiative. Mr. Moore showed marked improvement over last year. He was in excellent voice and his general delivery was very effective.

William Alexander Cocke combated his predecessor's propositions. He denied compulsory arbitration to be a proper function of government, stating that it would mean the unjust, arbitrary and impossible fixing of wages and profits. Going further, Mr. Cocke maintained that in any event compulsory arbitration by the government is undesirable, it would even more fully develop the evils of monopoly, and approach a tyrannical socialism. Over-government, he said, is as bad as under-government. Man should not become the slave of human law, but should be its exponent. Mr. Cocke's line of argument was clear, logical and pointed. He displayed a splendid command of illustration and metaphor, and brought it in with telling effect. His appearance on the floor was easy, and his general delivery intensely earnest.

The third speaker on the affirmative was Ivan Johnson Curtsinger, who undertook to show that the plan proposed was practical. In support of this proposition he elucidated in detail the workings of such a system, and cited many examples. His argument showed thorough investigation and careful thought. It was well arranged, and had not Mr. Curtsinger's delivery and voice militated against him, would easily have won him a place.

Clyde Fleetwood Winn was the next defender of the negative. He emphatically denied that compulsory arbitration is practical. Neither side could be compelled to come into such accounts, nor could his decrees be enforced without a violation of private rights, which would be a cause for civil action for damages. Mr. Winn's argument was among the very best, but his delivery was the only thing that prevented him from getting one of the first four places.

Alva Peirl Barnett followed for the affirmative. It was his job to defend one of the most vulnerable points on his side, but he did it in a masterful way. Governmental attempts in this direction, he said, show that compulsory arbitration will be successful in the United States, and dwelt particularly on the example of New Zealand. Mr. Barnett's diction was clear, concrete and forcible, his argument very convincing, his voice deep and

RECOMMENDS AMPLE FUNDS

GOV. SAYERS FAVORS LIBERAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR
UNIVERSITY.

States in His Message that Permanent
Improvements Should be
Wisely Planned for
the Future.

The following extract from Governor Sayer's message submitted to the Legislature on Friday last contains his recommendations on the University:

"The student body at this institution in 1898-1899 numbered 800, and in 1901-1902, 1378—a gain of 57%. This large and continuing growth, year by year, raises a very serious question. Under present conditions, it is with exceeding difficulty that such an attendance can be accommodated with the instruction that should be given.

"Additional grounds, buildings and equipment are necessary in order to relieve the embarrassment which can not be prolonged without detriment to the institution. Though none will record themselves as favoring a policy of inactivity or retrogression—either of which would be fatal—yet, unfortunately, there are those who hesitate to adopt the only feasible plan, in the circumstances of the present, by which the situation can be relieved, and the University continued on its course of progress and development. No practical method can be devised to raise the necessary funds, if the Legislature shall not appropriate annually more than heretofore for maintenance. I, therefore, recommend a sufficient appropriation for that purpose, during each of the next two fiscal years to enable the Board of Regents to inaugurate and maintain through the revenue arising from the permanent fund, a gradual and uninterrupted enlargement in improvements and property, responsive to the needs of the University and that authority, if necessary, be granted to the Board to use, within its discretion, the revenue accruing from the permanent fund. If this be done, its future progress will undoubtedly be greater than in the past, with corresponding benefit to the people. It has shown itself worthy the most favorable consideration by the State, its record gives certain promise of a usefulness unsurpassed in the history of kindred institutions, elsewhere. By the act of March 28, 1901, the University was authorized to make a mineral survey of the

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PERNICIOUS REPORTS.

The following from the *Houston Post* of the 14th inst. comes in the nature of a surprise to University people: The *Post* purports to quote one of the crestfallen supporters of Mr. Schluter in the recent hotly-contested speakership race, in which the gentleman accounts for the election of Mr. Neff as follows:

"The election of Mr. Neff was the result of a combination by the university boys, the prohibitionists and the anti-corporation crowd—the latter being an unknown quantity so far as numerical strength goes. This combination upon its face would not appear bad, but the trouble lies in those who took advantage of it."

The Texan on behalf of the University wishes to enter a denial in toto of the foregoing representations, and to state that students absolutely took no part in the election, and if such a combination of the "prohibitionists, students and the anti-corporation crowd" actually existed, no one connected in any way with the institution knew anything about it. On the contrary, the students, if their influence was anything above nil, took no part in the election, were divided in the race, and it is a matter of fact that among them there were many student supporters of the gallant and honorable gentleman from Marion. They have recognized all the way through that both candidates were warm friends of the University, and that while Mr. Neff was a graduate of the University, still it would not be prudent and would not pay them to take a part in the race. Those who control student sentiment would like for it to be officially announced over the State that it is not the purpose of the University of Texas to mix up in State politics, the recognizing that such course of conduct would be detrimental to the interests of their *alma mater* in the end.

There is one thing, however, that they do not disclaim and do not attempt to prevent, and that is the tendency of college men to rally around an alumnus, and this is not a spirit necessarily to be deprecated. While discrediting any pretensions to the effect that the 'Varsity is a political incubator to hatch out a machine to gobble up state offices, and into which it is at any time possible to degenerate, still they do not hesitate to greet with enthusiasm any triumph of the sons she has sent out. She would not be a university if she did not, and this is one of the distinct inducements that the University of Texas holds

out to the ambitious young men over the State to take advantage of its facilities, and in thus encouraging her sons to aspire to offices within the Nation and State she has the satisfaction of knowing that she is doing the very best thing for them. To this fact universities in America owe their existence—for thinking men admit that those most competent to control and direct the actions of their fellows are those most intimately acquainted with the histories, and governments, and institutions—in many instances to be gleaned only from literature—of past peoples, and the chances of men knowing these are ten to one in favor of college men: not to insinuate for a moment, however, that none but college men can know them. The University men are therefore justified in taking an interest in the election of her sons to offices within the Nation and the State, but they did not take a hand in the speakership fight.

The Texan also wishes to deny that there was any intention to indicate student sentiment when a college yell greeted the announcement of the election of Mr. Neff to the speakership. It was merely an expression of joy on the part of a number of admirers that greeted the triumphs of one who had been reared within their same household.

HEARD IN THE CORRIDORS

"Is that rosy-checked young lady a student?"

"No, only a co-ed."—Exchange.

"Wish I were a rainbow."

"Why, old man?"

"'Cause then I could support myself without making both ends meet."—Exchange.

The man with an ax to grind: He is the curse of modern civilization.

Who all wants a chairmanship? Don't all speak at once.

The glee club looked right cute on the stage Saturday night.

Politics were red hot last week, and evidently some people are wiser by this writing.

The University alumni seem to be it down in the legislature. Did you hear Connaly's speech?

Some wag wrote on the blackboard last week: "The Seven's up wins."

Was not that a debate to be proud of?

Notice to co-eds: Mr. Jack Hubbard has had a dozen pictures of himself made in his cap and gown. Come early and avoid the rush.

From some of these politicians, good Lord deliver us.

We would like to throw some bouquets at the co-eds, but what would it buy us?

Of that ancient lyric, "After the Ball," do you have some recollections?

They say on the night of Miss Rowe's reception Frank Lanham left the hotel early to meet a 'Varsity girl who had wired him that she would arrive in Austin that night. Lanham closely watched every train until about 3:30 a. m., and growing sleepy went into the waiting room and dozed off. The train from Texarkana came in and the Texarkana girl with it, but

Lanham was in dreamland and didn't wake up until late breakfast time.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we are laying low for the man who put that pan of water over our door when we were at the show last Friday night. We are not such a strenuous advocate of physical culture that we care to take cold shower baths at 11:30 p. m., nor when we do take a bath are we accustomed to wear our very "gladdest clothes," which we had on that night. It behooves the aforesaid person to keep his onerous presence out of our sanctum, as we would surely forget our dignity and wipe up the floor with him.

Signed.

A Texan Man.

WILL APPEAR TUESDAY.

Miss Zelig de Lussan will Sing in the Auditorium Tuesday Night.

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As announced last week, another of the University's great musical events is to occur soon—the concert of Miss Zelig de Lussan in the Auditorium next Tuesday night, January 27th.

The press of the nation is showering praise on Miss de Lussan in her tour she is now making. Although she has appeared in State and other great concerts abroad for years, this is the first time she ever has been persuaded to desert grand opera and go on a concert tour in her own native land. She calls all Americans "my people," and herself a loyal and enthusiastic American, notwithstanding the fact that some of her most brilliant artistic and social triumphs have been made in England and Europe.

During the season of 1889-90 she was so often commanded to appear and sing before Queen Victoria that she was given, and still retains, the soubriquet of "The Queen's Own."

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In addition to her brilliantly beautiful mezzo-soprano voice, which lends itself as readily to dramatic as to coloration music. Miss de Lussan has beauty of face and figure, grace and has notable personal attractions, dignity, and irresistible magnetic charm.

Her magnificent gowns have attracted attention and admiration wherever she has gone. The New York Journal, in commenting on her concert, remarks: "Before the magnificence of here blue gown the starry heavens must pale and fade." All seats will be reserved for this concert and student's admission will be very low, only fifty cents; general admission one dollar.

Tickets on sale at University drug store and Goggan's music store.

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Illinois, too, has a William Jennings Bryan prize. The subject for this year's competition is "State and Federal Control of Corporations."

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muddy before?

J. S. Cochran of Temple has ma-
triculated in the University.

"Mike," the candy man, has come
back, and will resume his business
at the old stand.

The "University Box" was full
to overflowing at the "Little Duch-
ess" last Friday night.

You'll have to hurry with that
Cactus material. The annual is
coming out early this year.

How many times last week were
you asked, "Who are you going to
vote for?"

Geo. E. Simpson of Weatherford,
ex-'04, was in Austin last week
to attend the Inaugural festivities.

George Fant of Weatherford, a
student here in '00-'01, and a mem-
ber of the '01 baseball, was in the
corridors last week.

W. S. Pope, LL. B. '02, of the
law firm of Pope & Randolph of
Madisonville, was in Austin yester-
day to take in the inaugural ball.

Hon. T. T. Connally, who made
the speech nominating Pat M. Neff
for speaker of the House, was a
prominent Varsity student 1896-'98.

Hal C. Dunbar, of Palestine, a
student in the Engineering Depart-

The Matinee Musical Club of
Austin invites the Faculty and
students of the University to a vi-
olin recital next Thursday evening at
8 o'clock at the University Audi-
torium. It is hoped that all stud-
ents will avail themselves of this
very courteous invitation.

Dr. Schoch announces that there
will be a joint concert given by the
Varsity and Besserers bands dur-
ing the early part of March. Both
bands will unite, making an organ-
ization of forty to sixty musicians.
The second part of the program
will be by an orchestra of the
same proportion as the band.

The standing high jump contest
for college championship, of 1903,
held in the Gym. last Saturday af-
ternoon was won by McLean (Law
'04) of Sherman, height 4 feet 5
inches; second, R. A. Mills ('06)
of Throckmorton, height 4 feet 2
inches; third, Sol. Gordon ('04) of
Beaumont, height 4 feet 1 inch.

Pat M. Neff, who has been elect-
ed speaker of the Texas House of
Representatives, is an old Varsity
man. He graduated from the law
school in 1897, having previously
taken an M. A. at Baylor. Mr.
Neff should fill his position with
credit to himself and to his Alma
Mater, since he has all the benefit
of his experience as a member of
both the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-
seventh Legislatures.

The Junior Academic Class met
last week and elected officers for
both the winter and spring terms.

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ment last year, was in the corridors
last week shaking hands with his
friends.

The band will be under the
direction of Dr. Baxter, and the
orchestra under Mr. Besserer. The
whole concert will be compliment-
ary.

M. B. Rutherford of San Anto-
nio, who matriculated as a special
student in the University, is now a
member of the Junior class, and
will take his degree in 1904.

Bulletin No. 5 of the University
of Texas Mineral Survey, entitled
"Minerals and Mineral Locations
of Texas," by Dr. F. W. Simonds,
has just been issued.

R. Jerry Randolph, LL. B. '01,
quizmaster in law and manager of
the base ball team last year, now
representing his district in the
House, is a member of the finance
committee.

Guy Borden, '06, went to San
Antonio, his home, last week, on a
visit for a few days. It is pre-
sumed that he had such a good time
Christmas that he went back for
another week of bliss.

Dr. Wm. B. Phillips of the Uni-
versity Mineral Survey returned
last Saturday from a trip to Ari-
zona. He visited copper mines while
there and brought back with him
many valuable specimens.

C. M. Abney, Junior Law, and
last year a student in the Uni-
versity of Virginia, was initiated into
the Sigma Nu fraternity last Satur-
day night. After the initiation a
swell banquet was enjoyed at the
Opera House Cafe.

The following were those chosen
to serve the winter term: Presi-
dent, J. L. Sinclair; Vice-President,
Miss Grace Prather; Secretary,
Miss Kate B. Jenkins; Treasurer,
Geo. Baskett; Sergeant-at-arms,
H. A. Stanley. For the spring term
the following were elected: Presi-
dent, F. E. Lumpkin, Vice-Presi-
dent, Miss Alma Proctor; Secre-
tary, Miss Culley; Treasurer, W.
F. Buckley; Sergeant-at-arms, C.
W. Mitchell. The class decided to
take three pages in the *Cactus*.

The following are some of the
men who will enter the coming
wrestling contest in February:
Light weight, Holland, Laleier,
Cook, Rainey and Baer of last
year's contest; also Weyerman,
Hicks, Wall, Henshaw, Randell,
Klein, from the Freshman class,
and Dofflemeyer, Usner and Bark-
ley from the Junior Laws. In the
middle weight, N. C. Walker, last
year's champion, Pantermuehl, Bro-
die, Odam, Campbell, Callaway,
Stocking, Pietsch, Parker, O. M.
Smith of the Freshmen, and Willis,
M. McLean and Warren, of the
Junior Laws. W. W. Vann, last
year's heavy weight champion, will
defend his title against Marshall,
Ross, Parrish, Wood, P. Smith, E.
C. McLean, Watson, Harrison,
Dabney and Adams. The most in-
teresting contest in the history of
this branch of sport in the Univer-
sity is promised.

The first cross-country run of Hare
and Hound Club was held last Sat-
urday afternoon. Mr. C. L. B.
Shuddemagen laid the trail, follow-
ed by a pack of twelve "hounds"
under Capt. Geo. Willis. The "hare"

was given two minutes' start and
his time for the run was 13 minutes
6 seconds. The first "hound" in
was J. D. Grant ('06). His time
after deducting the two minutes' start
given the hare, was 12 minutes
53 seconds, showing that besides
the difficulty of following the trail
he had made up 13 seconds on the
hare. B. C. Lallier was second;
time, 12:58, making up 8 seconds,
and George Willis was third, time,
13:32. All men finished in good
condition and the run was greatly
enjoyed both by the participants and
a large crowd of spectators, who
gathered to watch the finish. These
runs will be held every Saturday
afternoon after the weekly contest
in the Gym.

THE DECEMBER MAGAZINE.

A Review of the Matter it Contains.
Continued Improvement is
Discernible.

The *University of Texas Literary
Magazine* for December, 1902,
speaks well for the management.
It appeared promptly and in good
form. There are indications that
the business department is acting
with energy and good judgment.
Commendable, too, is the variety of
contributions in this issue.

There is still a tendency, and a
healthy one, maybe, amongst our
writers to deal with the old, famil-
iar theme of Love; to speak of the
ways of maids with men, or to
dwell upon the beauties of nature.
This, of course, is not to be won-
dered at in a college paper, very few
issues of college literary journals
are guiltless of amorous tales or
rapturous commentaries on things
of the woods or the sandy shore.
But it is suggested that we break
away from these old time practices,
and in our short tales follow Poe
and Hawthorne, and in our lyrical
efforts leave sometimes the sweet-
heart songs of Burns or Byron for
the stranger themes of Whitman,
Henley and even of Ben King, if
you please.

J. L. Sinclair discards a senti-
mental subject in his poem, *The
Homeward Way*, and writes as a
philosopher. The thought is clearly
expressed in good verse, and shows
maturity of judgment. The writer,
however, is too pessimistic for his
time of life, and always has in his
productions a gloomy sameness of
tone, unlike the brightness and var-
iety of the great Scotch lyricist.

Twilight, by Miss Greer, is a po-
em of some imagination, and one
that will bear second reading and
careful study. It is not disting-
uished, however, by freshness of
expression, and is a little out of
measure in a line or two, but is
gracefully and daintily written, and
in keeping with the scene de-
scribed.

There is vigor and originality
in Leonard Doughty's poem, *Win-
ter*, the imaginative element being
especially strong. Lines such as
"White as the bitter lip of hate" and
"The haggard fangs of Winter
freeze

Like gleaming teeth through the
ragged left

Of the lip of scorn."
suggests the picturesque expres-
sion of Henley. But it is not clear
what is meant by

"The silence prays
In sleep below."

The poem is clouded in thought,
and the picture presented does not
stand out so distinctly as does a
winter scene like Emerson's *Snow
Storm*.

An objectionable feature of the
present issue of the magazine is
the signing of several contributions
with only the initials of the author,
or with some undecipherable pseu-
donym, a practice that should not
be tolerated by the board of editors.
H. D. W. has contributed a poem

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entitled, *Since We Have Met*, which is very good as to form, is clear, dignified and starts well, but ends in an anti-climax.

The second poem by Mr. Dougherty, *Remember, Beloved*, is clearer than the first; good in expression, the metre musical; the words well chosen; simple Anglo-Saxon; the emotion is sustained to the end; the idea expressed is a good one, and the imaginative conception fine.

The writer of the short story, *A College Christmas*, has so marked a style that she must immediately be recognized. The story is told in a lively, interesting way, unconventional in discarding time-honored scenes and well-worn phrases, not dealing with a heroine inside a castle moat, not telling of a hero on some battle field, but relating how two poverty-stricken college men spent Christmas away from home, and how they prepared their dinner on the Feast of the Nativity, a dinner whose center of attraction was a providential turkey, and whose desert was the fortunate visit of a rich uncle. Except for a few inartistic sentences, the story by Miss Helen Raley is well told. Her parody, "with heartfelt apologies to Moore," is also good as parodies go, and is just as useful as can be for its purpose.

"A College Christmas" will show that good stories can be made out of possibilities suggested by local situations, by features of Texas life, by incidents of Texas history. As much of the charm of a tale depends on the manner of the telling as upon the plot and character. There is no need to strain after something tremendous, out of the usual, or far away in some romantic corner of the globe. The ambitious among us can attain success if they will tell about their own State, make local color sketches, and sing of their homes, their neighbors and acquaintances. The great writers, many of them, are those who have seen the nobility and beauty of their own world around them. Dickens writing of the streets of London, Scott of the mountain folk in the lake districts of Scotland, and many of our own great masters of the commonplace can be taken as models.

In "The Folly of Private Malone," by Addison Clark, Jr., we have a story of Western Texas in the days before the railroads had opened up the country, when Indians were plentiful, and the picturesque cowboy was not yet extinct. There is action, plenty of it, and unity, but there is an air of improbability in the doings of the leading characters from first to last, and a suggestion of the dime-novel and Sun Flower Sam of Shasta, where the hero dashes up a steep embankment in the face of several Winchesters and, single-handed, puts to flight a whole band of Indians after his having been shot twelve times. The action of the hero's friends in carrying his dead body to the ballroom is not told in a manner to convince us of the likelihood of such a deed.

"The Last Important Clinic of the Year," by H. H. D., is the interesting description of an operation performed before a class of medical students. It gives a good idea of the methods of conducting an operation, and suggests that the writer must be familiar with such scenes. The story calls to mind some of the poems in Henley's "Hospital Verse." The rhetoric of the writer is good, the thought clear, the style easy, and the movement smoothly forward. With an unusual subject the writer has done well.

"The Autobiography of a Soul," is a study of one line of thought in Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus," by Miss Alice P. Hubbard. This contribution shows careful study of the

book itself and of criticisms by famous men, and is altogether very interesting. It is objected that there are too many long quotations and not enough of the author's own opinions of Carlyle's famous book, but in the nature of the essay this could hardly be avoided. In the short spurts between extracts from Carlyle, the critic writes with enthusiastic sympathy, clearly and forcibly, and with a show of sound reading and deep thinking.

"Silhouettes," by "An Ex-University Girl," is a series of sketches concerning undesirable male acquaintances, sufficient in variety to include, no doubt, many a self-conscious, introspective mortal who reads The Magazine. It has some touches of humor, and good character descriptions.

"The criticism of Booth Tarkington's latest output, 'The Two Vanrevels,' by Miss Edith Clagett, is very interesting and in good form, except that there is too much space given to a mere recounting of the tale, a tendency which is common among us, and which should be guarded against. More of these criticisms of current and standard literature would be welcomed by The Magazine.

"The Corridor Student," an essay by J. Simms French, is a very good description of some local customs. There are only a few crude expressions disagreeable to the discerning critic; as, in the finishing paragraph there is a lack of unity and balance, and in a few places details of sentence arrangement that are bad. The humorous points are well taken, and the pictures of University life faithful copies of the originals.

Taken as a whole, the contributions are better in form than in matter. There is not sufficient originality, imagination, and emotion of high rank; but the grammar, the style, the rhetoric, show the effect of systematic endeavor and co-operation on the part of the editors and the classes in composition. The short stories should have more regard for variety, and yet have also a touch of fantasy and of the unusual. The poems are less open to criticism. The contributions are more serious efforts than those of former times, and deserve more and more the attention of the University public.

Richard Morgan, Jr.

COCKE AWARDED FIRST PRIZE

(Continued from page 1.) strong, his gestures graceful and emphatic, his appearance on the stage tall and commanding, and on the whole his delivery was the best of the evening.

Jesse Perkins Luton closed the debate for the negative. He argued against the propositions laid down by his predecessors, and maintained that the experiences of other attempts do not justify the belief that the plan would be a success in the United States. The New Zealand experiment, he claimed, could not be taken as a criterion because it has been in operation only a short time, and because of the vast difference of economic conditions in this country and New Zealand. Mr. Luton handled statistics in an interesting manner. He spoke directly to his audience.

Then followed the rejoinders, the order of speakers being reversed. Each man had only three minutes, and so the tilts were necessarily crisp and spicy. This was the warmest part of the debate. In general the rejoinders were better than the opening arguments. Cocke, Barrett, Luton and Powell strengthened their chances greatly.

Hon. Pat M. Neff then congratulated the debaters on their splendid efforts, and declared that never be-

fore in Congressional hall or elsewhere, had a question been more intelligently discussed. He recalled the fact that only five years ago he himself had stood upon that same platform in a similar contest, and though he lost, it was a sweet consolation to him that the Hon. Morris Sheppard, who defeated him, is now the second youngest member in the National Congress. On behalf of the literary societies and of all the students of the University, Mr. Neff extended sincerest thanks to Messrs. Gregory and Batts, whose generosity had afforded a substantial inspiration for those who devoted their time to this contest.

While the judges were in consultation Miss Mayme Jackson rendered a delightful solo. Her sweet, rich and flexible voice took the audience by storm. She was compelled to respond with an encore.

After a long wait, during which time the audience was kept in good humor by songs and yells, the judges, Hon. A. P. Wooldridge, Hon. C. K. Bell and Judge R. L. Penn, at last made their appearance. Hon. A. P. Wooldridge announced the decision. The question was given to the negative, William Alexander Cocke was awarded the Gregory & Batts prize, Cocke, Barrett, Dibrell and Moore were chosen to represent Varsity in the inter-collegiate debates and Luton and Wynn were declared alternates for the same. The announcements were greeted with tumultuous applause.

Thus ended what is undoubtedly the best contest of its kind that has ever been held in the University. So close and uncertain was the struggle that in the minds of the audience at least three men were prominently mentioned for first place, and for the remaining five places, the six men finally chosen were arranged in almost possible order by competent listeners. Every one of the arguments was really strong, and exhibited an exhaustive knowledge of the subject; the chief difference between the speakers was in delivery but even from that point of view, the University has never had so much fine material at the same time. Tulane and Colorado had better buckle on their armor.

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(Continued from page 1.) public lands, and under it much valuable work was done, though the appropriation of \$10,000 per annum was altogether too small for the purpose. In view of the fact that this policy has been attended with good results, it is believed that the survey should be extended to all lands without exception, and that in consequence a larger appropriation should be made—especially as the United States geological survey will co-operate, expending a like amount of money. There should also be further legislation as to the classification and sale of the mineral lands. The importance of this movement can not be overestimated, and it is recommended that the matter be most carefully considered, so that their survey, classification and sale may be under the sanction of law and by the most advisable method.

"In this connection I have to inform the Legislature that the director of the United States geological survey advises that its employees have been frequently embarrassed in the prosecution of their field surveys by individuals refusing to permit them entering upon their property. With the view of obviating this difficulty and to secure a complete and accurate survey as early as may be practicable, he asks for legislation making it lawful for the persons so employed to enter upon the lands within the State—such legislation, however, not to be con-

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