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PHILOMATHEANS WIN PRIZE DEBATE

On Government Control of Railroads.

SWART BEST SPEAKER

Honors Divided - Affirmative Takes Debate But Negatives Claim Individual Prize.

The Philomathean Debating Society defeated the Adelphic Society in their annual debate in the college chapel Tuesday evening. Winfield Q. Swart '19, third speaker of the Adelphics, was awarded the individual prize of fifty dollars. The subject debared was: "Resolved, That the United States government should immediately restore the railroads to private control." The Philomatheans upheld the Affirmative and were represented by Jerome Lovenheim '20, James M. Cline '20, and Brenton T. Taylor '19, with McDonald King '21, as alternate. Roland LaGrange '19, Kenneth O. Mott-Smith '21, and Winfield Q. Swart '19, with Edgar W. Snell, '21, as alternate, represented the negative. The judges were: Rev. E. A. Noble, H. F. S. Erben and J. R. Macgarvey, all of this city.

Jerome Lovenheim opened the debate for the affirmative and after a short history of the question and after defining the necessary terms, he proceeded to show government retention of the railroads beyond the original time allotment of twenty-one months was unjust to the railroad corporations, whether the roads were to be re- this year. Besides the interest usually tained for a definite or indefinite period. He further showed that govern- | a certain element of mystery adds to ment control was unjust in practice for the employees were played with as the pawns in a game.

negative, showed that the railroads under private control, even before the as to the form of the tickets and as war, were unsatisfactory, f or statistics show a car shortage and an inability to keep pace with traffic increase. Secondly, the railroads' financial soundness was seriously impaired, and the credit of the roads was ruined. He further showed that many evils were peculiar to private control. Among others, he enumerated the labor questions and poor terminal facilities.

In continuing the affirmative argument, James M. Cline showed that restoration was the only expedient measure, for three reasons (1) government control has thus far been a failure financially; (2) the government has demonstrated its inability to manage the railroads by grossly overrunning its own estimates; and (3) politics and economics will never be a successful combination.

Kenneth Mott-Smith, the second speaker of the negative, next proved that it was necessary to eradicate the (Continued on Page 4.)

********** * 19 FACULTY MEMBERS FAVOR WORLD LEAGUE. *

The following resolution urg- * * ing the necessity of an interna- * * tional organization to enforce * 🏕 peace has been drawn up and sub- 🌣 * scribed to by a large number of * * the faculty:

"We, the undersigned, believe * * that a new international organi- * * zation of the world is an impera- * * tive necessity. The attempt to * * organize the world by giving it a * * common master has fortunately * * failed, but it has brought the * 🏅 world into immeasurable calam- 🏞 🌣 ity. We are convinced that there 🌣 * should be created an agency of in- * * ternational co-operation which * * will bring into action the forces * * of good will and mutual helpful- * * ness in place of the conflict of * * selfish interests and national am- * * bitions.

Signed: B. H. Ripton, James * * H. Stoller, Edward Ellery, Ed- ❖ * ward E. Hale, C. N. Waldron, * ★ Merton C. Stewart, John N. Ved- ★ * der, T. L. Hamlin, Charles V. O. \$ * Terwilliger, Horace G. McKean, * * D. S. Morse, C. F. F. Garis, Stan- * * ley P. Chase, John Ira Bennett, * *John L. March, George D. Kel- * <page-header> logg, Morland King, Walter L. 🛠 * Upson, Howard Opdyke. ***********

Frosh Salaam to Terpsichore & Epicurus Tonight

The Freshman dance slated for this evidenced in a celebration of this kind the attraction.

The men in charge of the gala occasion have shrouded their acts with Roland LaGrange in opening for the | mystery. For instance, no small amount of speculation is manifested to their disposition. Why the committee chooses to be so secretive remains as a point of conjecture for the student body. This committee is made up of Jeffries, chairman, "Mike" Ring, "Bill" Richards, Patrick, and Hugh Campfield, ex-officio. Wilkes' orchestra has been engaged to supply the music so necessary to an event of this nature.

Music hath charms but everyone will admit that the "eats" are essential to anything aspiring to be called a success. The refreshments, therefore, will be served by Joe the "Turrible." Our amiable friend, Yovits, informs us, however, that Joe will be on hand with a young "gat." He goes on to say that he will be a trifle more discreet in the matter of collecting his fees than was the case at the Sopho-

unconfined until twelve.

TEAM ROUTED BY WEST POINT IN FATAL FIFTH

Hard Fight in Store for Both This Afternoon.

MANY VETERANS BACK

On Purple Line-Ups-But Garnet Has Game Bunch of Runners.

The baseball and track men will eave Schenectady this morning for Williams to engage in a double-headed contest with the Berkshire boys this afternoon. The West Point game has served as a goad to the former and also helped them to locate some of the weak spots, but the track men are still in the dark as to what they will be able to do.

The weather for the past week has been so unfavorable that even the try-outs, scheduled for Thursday, had to be postponed until yesterday. Owing to a lack of material in some of the events, many of the older men have been obliged to enter regardless of their fitness in order to permit competition.

On the other hand Williams has a formidable line-up of veterans, at least so the rumor goes. Among them is Kieser, New England intercollegiate champion in the broad jump; Parker, Saturday night bids fair to eclipse miler; Mixer, hurdler; Mills, shot-put; all events of its kind held thus far | Anderson and Wickware, high-jump; Spink, pole vault; and Captain Stuart, distance. Most of the above either won or made good showings in last year's events.

> Pitted against them Union has had the following to choose from: Beekman, Hanley, Holmes, weights; Eberle and Locke, mile; Barrett, Freedman and Snyder, two-miles; Eddy, Rowe, and Holmes, low hurdles; Captain Rapelje, high hurdles; Captain Rapelje, Speer and Beekman, high jump; Davies, pole-vault; Graubart, Captain Rapelje, and Rowe, broad jump; Graubart, Lyman, Potter and Stevens, sprints.

Of the above, Captain Rapelje has never done anything in hurdles before and Davies is likewise a new man at pole vaulting, though both have progress. making rapid been Graubart is fast in the sprints and Eberle shows great speed and endurance in the runs. As far as the weights are concerned, Beekman's past record stands for him. Potter in the 440, and Stevens in the 220 Dancing will begin at eight o'clock have been going well, while Barrett and from then on joy will be unre _ _ and Locke show good form in the wo and one-mile runs, respectively.

Cadets Fill Bases and Score on Timely Homer.

UNION STRENTHENS

But Premature Close of Game Prevents Continuance of Rally. Score, 13-7.

Two scratch hits, an error and a pass, a pass and an error shifted the scenery for a fatal fifth act, when Mc-Carthy came to the plate, met one of Butler's delivery for a home run, and incidentally completed the tragedy. In the two innings that followed the Garnet players made some desperate attempts to stage a come-back, but while on the whole they outhit the West Pointers, the ten runs in the previous inning was too much to be overcome in the short time that remained.

Union started proceedings well by getting two runs in the first inning. The cadet pitcher seemed to have nothing on the ball and indeed had all he could do to get it across the plate. He walked Reynolds, who advanced on Beaver's sacrifice, Hanley flied out, but Wittner stepped around for a three-bagger, scoring Reynolds. Clark singled and Wittner crossed.

But the Garnet did not hold her advance very long, for the opponents evened matters up in their half. With two men out and Lysted on base, Tate drove out a home run. This disconcerted "Hollv" a bit and he walked Honnen who reached second on Bartley's error but was left on base when Bills fanned.

Then came Union's downfall. The cadet pitcher was not so good but he was getting better instead of worse and Union hadn't scored any runs since the first inning. An infield hit, a bunt, and an error on Holleran filled the bases. Honnen walked, bringing in run number three, and they were off. Bills collected another on Lewis' error. Holleran was wavering so Butler took the mound and McCarthy, meeting with one of the first balls pitched circled the bases. Lewis let three balls go through his hands and Wittner and Mallery one apiece when a hit from Lysted brought in three more counters.

When the sixth inning came around it looked as if Union was going to take a cue from the army and beat them at their own game. Wittner and Lewis both singled and Bartley walked, filling the bases when "Ad" Mallery cleaned up with a homer. This finished the West Point twirler for the day and he was retired in favor of Polk. But Union soon found the new man and scored again in the seventh

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Where Do You Stand?

The proposed changes in the Honor System resulting from a joint conference of faculty members and students are shortly to be placed before the student body for its action. This is a matter of pertinent interest to the college and a question which each student should weigh carefully before giving his opinion. These remarks are not intended to sway anybody's action pro or con, but are merely intended to promote a verdict which will be truly indicative of college opinion.

There appears to be three possible decisions to be reached: (1) to confinue under the present unsatisfactory system, (2) to modify it, or, (3) to reject it and return to the proctor sys- And a rule of awful terror from which tem. The present plan of the Honor System has been the cause of more or Like a blood-thirsty scavenger, like a less dissatisfaction on the part of all concerned for the past two years. Its weakness is in part attributable to the With an army of the rank and file of fact that it allows an element of chance, which experience shows some And all of my coffers just packed and students are willing to take. And thus they argue, "If I don't get caught, I've gained my point and lost nothing. If Lam reported, I may confess and nothing very drastic ocurs. Of course, my name will be announced, which means some temporary disgrace. But time will wine out the blot, as time has in the case of others." A system which admits of such contemplations is only courting its own failure. Obviously the framers of the present constitution were sincere in their efforts, supposing that others would be likewise. But they were evidently too liberal.

Having eliminated the first point as inadequate, it remains to either modify or reject. Rejection is simply another way of advocating a return to the proctor system. But this again has its faults. A man often does not feel in honor bound when he has a guard over him. The instructor is in the room, he argues, to make him behave. Therefore, what he gets away with is his. Without discussing the rectitude of such versatile consciences, it is readily apparent that the proctor system is another which courts disaster without getting at the real point, which is rather to insure fairness in examinations than to prevent a violation of ethics. On the other hand, the initiation of such a plan is a keen reflection on the principles of Union College students as well as

being contrary to the high degree of self-government which each considers a time-honored privilege.

The only remaining proposition is namely, to alter the system now in force. At a recent meeting two recommendations were made which seem to strike a blow in the right direction. It was suggested that there be but one penalty, that of permanent suspension, and it was further pointed out that a change in the personnel of the court would be more satisfactory. presidents of the four classes with such others as they might elect, would, it is believed, result in a more impartial representation. Other changes were also proposed such as a modifications of the pledge, but this is minor. The chief questions which the student should answer for himself are these: Does Union College want an honor system? and if so, what alterations in the old system will make it more workable and more efficient?

A recent editorial in THE CONCOR-DIENSIS, lamenting the notable falling off of poets in the college has called forth the following efforts. The space of the paper is so limited this year that the publication of lengthy articles will not be promised. However, any contributions in poetry or prose will be welcomed and will be published if possible. An enlargement of the paper next year is now being contemplated in order that a considerable space may be given for work of this kind.

DREAM OF THE BOLSHEVIK. (With Apologies to Masefield)

Oh, I'm going to be a Bolshevik with ,a light and happy heart

And the love of blood and thunder just aching for a start,

I'll never part,

dreadful Bolshevik.

bums and tramps and scamps, cramped

With rubles and dollars and pence and

Like a blood-thirsty scavenger, like a dreadful Bolshevik.

With a taste for Broadway splendors and for spending my awful loot And a staff of great big huskies and blue-eyed women to boot

And a thoughtful way with mutineers of making them hang in a loop Like a blood-thirsty scavenger, like a dreadful Bolshevik.

With a sash of crimson velvet and a double-bladed sword,

And round my neck a silver whistle secured to a golden cord,

And a thoughtful way with captives of giving them no free board,

Like a blood-thirsty scavenger, like a dreadful Bolshevik.

With a magic wand tucked beneath my arm and the power of all these things,

I would truly become a Bolshevik and dream these dreams of terrible

But it is only a dream of days gone by and we all are safe when we

Like a blood-thirsty scavenger, like a dreadful Bolshevik.

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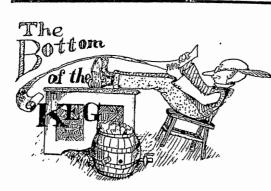
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Things That Never Were.

"So long, Pete, give my regards to the gang. I forgot all about my mission-study class when we fixed up that party."

We saw by a recent exchange that this year's Yale prom was to be liquorless. However we do not think that this is an event for our local abstainers to crow over. The probable reason for tabooing alcohol is merely a precautionary measure. It has been known to happen at functions where Bacchus was king of revels, that many of the guests had to buy their full dress outfits the following day.

CHEM. SOCIETY ELECTS; GREELEY, '20, TO PRESIDE

At the regular meeting of the Chemical Society Tuesday night the following officers for 1919-20 were elected: William Greeley, Jr., '20, president; James C. Van Deusen, '20, vice-president; William E. Mayer, '20, treasurer; Guy Bartlett, '21, secretary. Plans were also concluded relative to holding the annual banquet of the society on May 12.

Previous to the election, Mr. George Eberlein read a paper on "Opportunities for Chemists in the Tropics." The paper was exceptionally good and was delivered before an interested and appreciative audience.

ENGLISH CLUB WILL

The English Club will elect nine new members from the Junior class at the regular meeting Monday night. The club is planning to hold the annual Spring picnic one week from Sunday in Wolf Hollow near Hoffmans.

TEAM ROUTED BY WEST POINT IN FATAL FIFTH

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on two passes and a hit by Clark.

Union outhit the cadets 10-9 and was strengthening rapidly when the game had to be called because of the military requirements. Union's defeat is directly at:r.butable to errors. There was nothing to stop a ball hit in the vicinity of second base. Bartley and Lewis both were excited and lost all confidence in themselves. Neither of the Union pitchers is to blame both being superior to their relative opponents.

"Freddy' Beattie, ex-'20, "Bob" Rainsford, ex-'19, and "Vard" Lyman, ex-'19, who left Union last year to enter West Point greeted the players at the game.

The score:

UNION

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Reynolds, cf	2	1	1	0	0.	(
Beaver, If	3	0	:0	2	0	(
Hanley, 1b	2	1	0	4	0	.(
Wittner, c	3	2	3	4	2	
Clark, rf	4	0	2	1	0	٠(
Lewis ss	4	1	1	0	2	,
Bartley, 2b	3	1	1	5	0	
Mallery, 3b	4	1	2	2	.0	•
Holleran, p						
Butler, p					0	(
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Totals	28	7	10	18	5	(

WEST POINT

		ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	•
	Domminey, 3b	5	0	2	0	1	(
	Wilhyde, 2b	4	2	1	1	4	(
i	Lystad, cf	3	4	3	4	0.	(
	Tate, ss.	3	2	1	1	1	(
	Honnen, rf	1	1	0	0	0	(
i .	Bills, 1b	4	1	0	8	0	(
	Blake, 1f	2	0	1	1	0	(
	Johnson, 1f.	1	1	0:	0	0	(
	McCartley, 1f.						
	Milton, p	3	1	0	0	2	0
	Polk, p	1	.0	1	0	1	(
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	Totals	30 1	3	0*2	20	Q·	C

*Mallery out, hit by batted ball.

West Point __2 0 1 0 10 0 *—13

Union ____2 0 0 0 4 1 0—7

Stolen bases—Wittner, Lewis, Johnson. Sacrifice hits—Beaver, Tate. Two base hits—Lystad. Three-base hits—Wittner. Home runs—McCartley, Tate, Mallery. Hits—Off Holleran, 6 in 4 innings; off Butler, 3 in 2 inings; off Milton, 8 in 5 2-3 innings; off Polk, 1 in 1 1-3 innings. Struck out—By Holleran, 3; by Polk, 2; by Milton, 1. Base on balls—Off Holleran, 4; oc Butler, 1; off Milton, 2; off Polk, 3. Hit by pitched ball—Lystad. Time of game—Two hours. Umpires—Marshal and Cullen.



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(Continued from Page 1.) underlying evil of private control which he said was self-interest. He spoke of the discrimination in favor of large concerns by means of rebates. Then he showed that under private control the railroads adopted a selfish policy of terminal facilities and he proved that competition impairs the output of a public utility. He closed by comparing the railroads to a sick man who needed medical attention. He said that he had now diagnosed the case of the sick man whom the medicine offered by the affirmative would never cure. The third speaker would find a remedy.

In concluding the affirmative's direct argument Brenton T. Taylor said that the return of the railroads to private control was the most practical way of settling the question. He emphasized the fact that the railroads should not be returned to a status of pre-war stagnation but offered the zone system of private control as a remedy. This would establish 10 or 12 great regional corporations controlled by private companies. Directors to the Federal corporations which would pass on rates, etc., would be chosen by these. Above all there would be a federal railroad board appointed by the President. The system would be similar to the Federal Reserve Banking system. This system, he claimed, would both encourage private enterprise and | Kenneth O. Mott-Smith showed that would do away with the lack of uni- if expedient, it was right for the govfication under pre-war private con-

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period to be necessary to adequately satisfy the problem. He showed that private control would mean a return to the unsatisfactory pre-war conditions and furthermore that public control was deserving of a fair test which it could only receive through the medium of the five years extension proposal of Secretary McAdoo. He showed the success of the railroads during the war under federal control. He ended by demanding a fair test for public control on the grounds of justice This test would be met by the extension of public control for five years.

In opening the rebuttal, Roland La-Grange, first speaker of the negative called the zone system, government control in disguise. He said that the government should never do any thing indirectly which it could do directly. He further stated that the zone system would add to labor troubles.

Jerome Lovenheim in opening the affirmative rebuttal disproved the argument that the car shortage was so immense under private control. Then he quo'ed Prof. Ripley of Harvard University to show how much better off the American shipper was than his European cousin. Senators Pointdexter and Kellogg were then quoted to disprove the negative arguments of poor terminal facilities under private control and the opposition of the government to hinder all attempts to eliminate competition.

In continuing the negative rebuttal, ernment to retain the railroads. He then proceeded to raze the affirmative Winfield . Swart terminated the argument of the expediency of private

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Picking up the threads of logic where the first affirmative speaker left off, James M. Cline said that the government prevented strikes by paying more money which was not be permitted under private control. Then he showed the folly of retaining the railroads for five years, quoting Mr. McAdoo, who said that he didn't know what the five year period would prove, but that it would prove something. He concluded by showing that government control would bring politics into the railroad question.

In closing for the negative, Winfield Q. Swart showed that bringing the railroads into politics as was the case during the regime of private control was much worse than bringing politics into the railroad question. He concluded by saying that he negative demanded a fair test, which public control had not yet received.

Brenton T. Taylor in closing the debate said the country was getting more and more disgusted with public control. He said that the zone system would combine the advantages of both systems. He concluded by showing that public control was a trend towards paternalism which is something America does not want.

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