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Phil. Lezvis, a Freshman, Wins Premier Honors in Men's Oratorical Contest




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NORMAL; DEFEATS POLISH

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SEMINARY.
The Alma College basket ball team pulled a big surprise in securing an
State Normal to battle to the limit in
the first of the two encounters gave
the Teachers the stiffest fray thatany Mich. outfit has given them this
year. Only three points separated
loser and winner in the Friday con-
test, the Teachers winning 31 to 28
Phis and Philos
Are EntertainedSix contestants were entered, and all
delivered orations of a high order.
Mr. Lewis in "The Peril of Individ-
ualism" strove to show that there is
nothing to be gained by individualhothing to be gained by individual
action. He ceited various evideness ofUnited tse tes, when mobs are aliow-
ed to take the power of hav int their
Thenegroes in the South, negro enfran-
chisement not being executed as itshould, the action of the Ku Klux
Klan in taking power into their ownhands shows a lack of respect for the
constitution and indicates a laxity of
interest on the part of the people. Itis not for the individual to formulate A game of football was playedhis own codes and laws, but he must
respect and obey gang of ringers quite swept the Dickrespect and obey the rights of the
many. The oration was a thoughtfuldelivered by Mr. Lewis. The greater
credit is due him as he was the onlyfreshman entered in the contest, winmen. Sidney D. Foster explained verySidney D. Foster explained" very
effectively "The Law's Delay." His
theme was the menace of mob rule tothe government of the nation, and heconvincingly showed the persecution
of the negro in the South by the mobrule. The nation is failing in its task
when it allows the mob to become thejudge and jurywith a forceful delivery, which im-mediately pu
his audience.Kenneth D. Fry had a smooth, poldramatic episodes. It was very log-ically developed, and was delivered
with expressive feeling. "The KlanMenace" told of the first forming ofthe original Ku Klux Klan, howhad come into being to check the ne
gro in his first wild orgy of freedom.men into the organization, the orig-
inal purpose of the Klan became perverted, and its depredations wereWallace R. Kemp had a masse
theme in "The Ethics of Force." He
stated it signifed love of country an
that
devotion to its interests. There aredevotion to its interests. There are
many reasons to love ones country,
mach
gave the winning side the benefit of
Helen Scott, with the new coiffure
that has caused so much comment re-cently, was quite the belle of the
evening. Wilson asked her if she beevening. Wison asked her if she be-
lieved in transmigration of the soul
She said that she did and that sheused to be a little fuzzy lamb.
The old game of "buzz" was play-
ed. It was a revelation to find that
Harry Williams knew his multiplica-
tion tables. Waggoner told a mon-
strous story which he claimed was
true. Even Wilson could not do bet
ter.
Some brilliant person turned the
her watch should be taken as the on-
ly authority. When home-going timedrew near, a bounteous luncheon wa
served by Mrs. Sullivan. Wilson hadhis hands full, as he took it upon him
self to feed three hungry girls.
Esther Boyce was to have







## Blue and White

Is Next Opponent
It is becoming a difficult matter to
hat are being forced in the AlmCollege basket ball schedule, but in-legians will have just one fray and
that on the local floor the tail end ofThe fray is to be the second Mich-
igan Intercollegiate game of the sea-son for the Maroon and Cream andif the collegians hope to be in the
running for the championship they
kind, at least until such a time as
Michigan State Normal and Kalama
stopped.
Hillsdale will bring to Alma an ag
gregation with two old stars, an
developing rapidly and who are giv-gation, which is certain to give the
Hillsdale has not recovered from the
shock of the worst football defeat ofast fall $36-7$ from Alma, and it is
certain that the Blue and White clanwill make every effort to force theMaroon and Cream to atone for that
defeat. This promises to lend an ad-defeat. This promises to lend an ad-
ditional interest to the fray and in-sures that it will be a hard foughtcontest from start to finish and thatregardless of what the score may be
at any stage of the game, it will findat any stage of the game, it will find
both teams working at top speed.both teams working at top speed.
The Almaites will be in the bestThe Almaites will be in the best
shape this week end that they haveshape in so far this season and natur-ally the local fans have every reason
ato feel that the Campbellites will
emerge with the long end of thethat Crittenden, the veteran Alma
guard, may be able to be back into
the fray this coming week, which willthe fray this coming week, which will
insure a stronger defense than Alma"Foolish Wives" coming to The

Virginia Tremaine Wins Women's Contest With Miss Porter Close Second

SEVEN ENTRANTS in SPIRITED CONTEST; ESTHER OLDT PLACES THIRD

Miss Virginia Tremaine, with the
oration, "The Nation of the Child," won the Women's Oratorical Contest last Thursday evening from a field of right to represent Alma College at
the coming State Oratorical Contest the coming State Oratorical Contest.
Miss Winifred Porter was a very close second with an oration of "Op-
portunity." Miss Esther Oldt took

## With Dean Mitchell presiding as

 vening was a delightful parody the "The Old Oaken Bucket" entitled the "Dishrag Blues." This was sungwith much passion and flourish by the famous Swipes Quartette. The winning oration, "The Nation
of the Child" by Miss Tremaine, was very good in as much as it much discussed question of child labor. Miss Tremaine made a
plea for the child, urging that we make America the "Nation of the Child." Miss Tremaine believes that child who is made to work is robbed of his childhood. Faith in the future nation means faith in our children Child labor means disease, exploita tion and broken faith. The nation or the parents who make their contro slaves of factories. Maimed minds and stunted bodies result after a gen-
aration of industry held up by children. In concluding, Miss Tremain pointed out that the city and its im vironments for the child, and that the rue environment may be found in the brooks, fields, and forests. The child
must play and therefore needs lots Miss Porter's oration, "Opportun ity," was made impressive by a good Miss Porter began by saying that in Greece there was an old statue label ed "Opportunity." The statue is de scribed as having a bald head, but hairy fore-head. If a man fails to grasp the hair when he should, his
hand will only slide over the bald part and Opportunity will be gone. A man must never sit back and let opportun-
ity come to him, but rather he should go after it. Opportunity is always present as long as hope and life ex-
ists. Where there is a will there is a way. Not all the high positions given by opportunity have been tak-
en; lowliness is ambition's ladder. He who would be visited by opportunity should go about with his hands, eyes, Miss Esther. Oldt's oration. "Sing-
and heart open
Ming in the Rain," which won third place, was one of great optimism. Her oration was something of the theme that every cloud has a silver
lining. She said that we very frequently find blessing in what we thot
was evil, and that hearts closed to sorrow can never know perfect happiness. It is much better for a man
to have risen to success thru woes of sorrow than it is for him to have
been brought up as the pampered been brought up as the pampered
darling of fortune. Success means do put to rout the black moods. We should "sing in the rain, sing in the sun, sing from the mountain tops, Miss Wilda Martin talked on "The Invisible Force." She pointed out that Faith and Trust were the two that friendship should be the binding tie of all nations. Today it is every-
one for himself, which is contrary to friendship. She said that if we look
upon each other as brothers, and if upon each other as brothers, and if
nations, look upon each other as Miss Ruth Wysong's oration, "The Silent Drama" was interesting as it dealt with the much discussed moving picture problem of the present time,
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fect our future is for us to decide in
 silent drama has become a messenger
to all the earth. 1t is for us to choose
it its message. The value of the mov-
ing picture to the missionaries in the ing picture to the missionaries in the
foreign fields is incalculable. We can foreign fieds geancalculable. we can
harness this great power to our wills if we wish.
The idea
The idea for the subject of Miss
Dorothy Bradley's Dorothy Bratley's oration, "The League of Youth ${ }^{\text {" was e evidently tak- }}$
en from Sir James M. Barrie's reen from sir James M. Barries re
nowned address, "Courage," in which he said that the youth of all nations are more alike than the youth and
age of the same nation. Miss Bradage of the same nation. Miss Brad-
ley explained that a league of youth was a great essential to a nation. She said that the league of youth was
created to express youth, that it first was a secret society, then a fraternity, and now it is the basis of all col-
lege life. Youth bears the good or bad of the past and the push of the future. "The Menace of Mohammedanism" by Miss Marjoric Dunton showed a great deal of research work on the part of the speaker. Miss Dunton is sure that there is a great menace in
Islam it is a younr relicion only Islam. It is a young religion only
6in years old, and already is a great rival of Christianity. In the British Empire alone, there are today, 100,
000,000
Mohammedans.
In conclusion, Miss Dunton pointed out that Bolshevism and Mohammedanism are in such positions as to be casily
united, and when the union comes about, unless something is done Christianity will surely meet its death.
On the whole the orations were very yood, considering the experience
of the orators and the great deal of of the orators and the great deal of
time that an oration requires before time that an oration requires before
it begins to look like an oration. A selection rendered by the Men's Glee Club served to relieve the tension of the ceering.
The judges of the contest were
Professors West Randel Professors West, Randels, and Beau-
sang. Miss Lanier, and Mr Ral sang, Miss Lanier, and Mr. Ral
Van Hoesen of the High School.
lyceum number is
warmly applauded
(Continued from page one) As the last number on the first or musical portion of the program her omen's glee club sang two
parts of the Venetian Suite by Ethelbert Nevin. They were well sung in
deed but we have a conviction not at all personal that the Venetian Suite is chamber music, not vocal. There
seems to be an almost regrettable tendency because of the rich melodic colors and the luxuriant harmonic context of Nevin's music to set it to
words and we cannot but wonder what opinion the author of those beautiful melodies would have expressed. That the audience appre ciated the effort was expressed by the demand for another.
After a short intermission the sec-
ond part of the program followed ond part of the program Comedy, in-
"The Dear Departed," A Comed Thed it was and thoroughly presented. The cast was well-chosen, each member doing splendid work. To say
that one of the cast was be to neglect five others who were be to neglect we others who wer
just as ence was heard to remark that Lee Sharrar certainly missed his calling Taken in any one part or as a whole the program was a marke success and we can only hope that
these to follow will compare with it these to follow will compare with
in excellence. At least we have fine impression and that counts for a lot in this modern why mes mathe theories and it is wist chempanal



 ball game date for $\$ 2 \psi_{k} * * W$. somewhat indefinite at the present | time. The Teachers are to open the |
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until the structure is more nearly ready for use, the Normal date cannot be given. We anticipate, however, that the Teachers will get a warm reception.
Wally-"I can't eat a bit." Pratt-
horse."

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Maybe it'll be the gate,
Who can tell?
Blissful eve she spent with me, Eating cake and drinking tea She could pull the clever crack, And this maiden set me back Little gold.
When I left her at her gate There I asked her for a date, Gee, my heart was running wild. "You ask Bill," she said, and smiled.
Subtle pain. Subtle pain.
"Bill?" I asked, in accents chill, "Who in Heavens name is Bill?"
"Don't you know?" I heard her say. "Willie is my fiance." Ain't it-ain't
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Dutch. "Hey don't shoot, the gun isn't loaded."
Shiek: "Can't help it, the hird won't "." Prof. Ditto-- (discussing heat and friction)-"Mr. Brackenbury, if you rub your hands violently together, what happens?"
Brackey-"All
"Ma," said a youngster, "there's a man in the kit:hen hugging and
kissing the hired girl," When his kissing the hired girl." When his
mother started for the kitchen, he shouted: "April fool! it's only pa." The first ten commandments are
She wandered into the music store. I'd like to see some music that isn't jazzy. Something that isn't written ${ }^{\mathrm{n}}$ The rag-time. salesman looked over his selectior, and in a conversational tone suggested: "Are You From Heav-
en?" Louis.", she answered, "'m from St Board Questions Answered: Research work carried on by the com-
mitte on New Things of The Acro mitte on New Things is definitely
polis Medical Society is substantiating the theory that a broken neck is a sure cure for catarrh.

ALPHA THETA
The Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order by the President Fromilda Young. After the roll
call there was a second critic's report. The program of the evening was devoted to the orations. Virginia Tremaine spoke forcefully on "The Nation and the Child," Marjorie Dunton clearly showed the "Menace
of Mohammedanism". Dorothy Bradley pictured "The League of Youth." The judges, Dean Montgomery, Miss Lanier and Professor Sharrar gave first place to Virginia Tremaine and second to Dorothy Bradley. The or-
ations gave evidence of much thought ations gave evidence of much thought
and preparation and were a decided credit to the society.
A writeup in the Free Press from Albion Sunday gave the coaches All M. I. A. A. selections, and mentioned
that Harper of Albion was chosen by all coaches for the honor football team. Then our Albion friend, who evidently wanted it as much Albion as possible in the article, forgot to say that Johnston and. Stewart of
Alma were also unanimously selectAlma were also unanimously select-
ed for the first team. We won't over this however, as the Michigan football world, generally, knows who is who.

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