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Graham-Lee Wins

The second annual debate between the Graham-Lee and Washington Literary Societies was held in Chapel on Thanksgiving night in which Graham-Lee was again successful. The attendance, as usual, was not large, though much interest seemed to be manifested by those present. Music was furnished by the V. M. I. orchestra, and the two most pleasing arts—music and oratory—united to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Grey Moore of Indian Territory, who in a few words welcomed the audience on behalf of the literary societies, mentioning the importance of literary work and depicting the future greatness of the speakers of both societies. The secretary, Mr. Wisman, then read the question: Resolved, That the Interstate Commerce Commission should be given power to fix railway rates. The affirmative was upheld by the Washington society, whose speakers were Messrs. McDonald, Semple and Stephenson; while Graham-Lee defended the negative with Messrs. Pilkington, Flannagan and Larrick.

THE DEBATE AS A WHOLE

The debate as a whole showed a distinct improvement over former affairs. So far as actual debating was concerned the power of thinking quickly and meeting the points brought forward by an opponent, the affirmative team was stronger than the negative. Pilkington was the only member of the latter team who debated in the true sense of the word. Flannagan and Larrick made strong speeches for their side, and contributed largely to its success, but their speeches were evidently written out beforehand and so far as they were concerned the affair might as well be an oratorical as a debating contest. As regards debating ability first honors should probably go to Semple with Pilkington a close second, and Stephenson third. It is difficult to judge of the relative merits in this regard however, for MacDonald and Pilkington led off and were not in the thick of the fight as were the

other men. Pilkington, however, demonstrated his capacity in his rebuttal, which was excellent. Larrick and Flannagan paid no attention to their opponents except incidentally as the arguments in their speeches clashed with those presented by the affirmative.

The negative won by clearly presenting and developing its position step by step. When the debate was over it had left a distinct impression with the audience. Pilkington contributed largely to this result by developing the arguments in his opening speech and clinching it in his rebuttal. Flannagan and Larrick in a clear cut and vigorous fashion carried out the line of reasoning announced by him and their constructive work was first class. On the hand, the affirmative team, as already stated, were superior in real debating ability, but their constructive argument loose and disjointed. It failed to make for a common end and the audience were confused as to their real position. The team was more destructive than constructive, when, as a matter of fact it should have been both. They displayed in short a lack of co-operation and a failure to get together in their constructive work.

OUTLINE OF SPEECHES

Mr. D. S. McDonald of W. Va., opened the debate. He stated the problem, and showed how attempts had been made by different states and how they had failed to regulate railroad rates. He then took up the Interstate Commerce Law of 1887, and the Commission. He showed how it was originally intended to allow the Commission to fix rates, but that the Supreme court had decided against, so that now the commission was inefficient. The way to make this commission efficient would be to give them explicit power, that they might act as well as talk. This move he said would not be socialistic or radical, but a much needed reform. Mr. McDonald's delivery was good, his appearance striking, making a fine impression upon the audience, in a clear and forcible opening of the debate.

The first speaker on the negative was Mr. C. R. Pilkington of Ky., who brought forward the argument that delegating this power to the Commission would be unconstitutional. He stated that it was not the original intention to give such power to the Commission that rate-

making is a legislative, not an administrative power and could not be delegated to the Commission, and he cited Supreme Court reports to substantiate this. He disproved Sec. Moody's opinion as to the Constitutionality of the move, and spoke of the violation of property rights that would also be involved. Mr. Pilkington was clear a logical and made the best impression of any of the speakers.

Mr. W. F. Semple of Indian Territory was the next speaker, and he tried to disprove the constitutional argument by citing Knox, Moody and the Supreme Court, but he did not go enough into detail. His constructive work was good, but disjointed. He was by far the best debater, speaking from notes, and making an excellent impression.

He was followed by Mr. J. W. Flannagan, of Virginia, who endeavored to show that giving the commission power to fix railway rates was really necessary, as there was not much dissatisfaction and few complaints, the rates being lower in this than any other country. He also criticized the commission as inefficient and dishonest, saying that it would be impossible to get men qualified to adjust rates, as the problem was too great.

The third speaker on the affirmative was Mr. R. B. Stephenson of Virginia, who devoted the greater part of his speech to refutation of Mr. Flannagan. He brought forward many constructive arguments, but didn't fit them in well with his preceding colleagues, the same fault of Mr. Semple's. He did not elaborate sufficiently at certain points, and his speech suffered in consequence. But Mr. Stephenson is an excellent debater and made a good impression, speaking entirely from notes.

Mr. J. H. Larrick was the final speaker of the negative. He tried to prove that the task of fixing rates was beyond the powers of the commission, as they were very inefficient, and that such a move would lead to governmental ownership, a very undesirable state. Mr. Larrick had pretty much the same arguments of his preceding colleague, but he delivered his speech well and made a very good impression.

Altogether the debate was a very creditable one and the societies are to be congratulated on their speakers.

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Catch the Little Foxes

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon was addressed by Rev. T. B. Southall, of the Presbyterian church. "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." The speaker observed that this passage contains a parable of life. While the playful "little foxes" may be attractive and often desirable to the inexperienced, yet the inspired writer rightly warns us against them. The conventionalities of society, and other forces, hedge us in fairly well against the grosser forms of vice, but we must catch the little foxes which creep in unawares.

Temper is insidious and needs constant guarding. Slothfulness is a sleek, pretty little fox, very attractive to students. It is dangerous though, for, even its shabby work allows you to get through college, the world will demand a constant "show down" of you. The tongue is mightier than the pen and sword combined, but without constant care you may turn its force in the wrong direction. Sunday study is a violation of the fourth commandment and is not to be excused with a cry of "ox in the ditch." Manishness is prominent among the little foxes. It is one of the greatest curses which a man can press down on his brow and should never be confused with manliness.

The Wash. Society

Saturday night, the Society was called to order by vice-president Nix. After roll-call and reading of minutes of the previous meeting, the regular program began. The two orators were given by Messrs. Larrick, McCutchen and Cather. Our impromptu speakers were Messrs. Moore and Peters. The next in order was the debate, on the question resolved: That the right of suffrage should be extended to women. Messrs. Miller and Wisman argued for the affirmative, Messrs. Hudson and Whiting, for the negative. The debate being thrown open to the house, much interest was shown as usual. Volunteers were Messrs. McMurrin, Baker, Page and Gassman. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the negative. New members were Messrs. Pope and Offut. The reports of critic and censor were given and the society adjourned. Let all members be present Saturday night, to take part in the election of officers.

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A good many subscription cards made payable at various times between Oct. 1st and Dec. 1st have not been paid. Please see that these are settled at once and don't allow them to run over Christmas. This means YOU if your subscription is due and not paid.

In our last issue there appeared an article relating to the honor system in which it was pointed out that the spirit of the system demands that there be no "cibbing" in class; that the system does not refer to examinations only. The article was addressed to the student body. Now we would to say a word to the faculty about this same matter. While it is doubtless true that the honor system demands that the faculty do not spy the actions of the students, yet it is equally as true that they should do all in their power to remove any temptation to cheat. Each professor has his own system of marking based upon the manner in which he expects the student to do the assigned work. Some professors allow the student to use the text-books in class and mark him accordingly. Others do not and would consider that the student was cheating should he get any help from his books. Its a difference in their systems of instruction and marking. But how is a student—a freshman especially—to know this? If he goes to one class and uses his text book he naturally expects to use it in all other classes. To obviate this difficulty each professor should state to his class just what amount of assistance from textbooks or other sources he expects them to get.

If the University paid for a first-class job when it had the dormitory plastered it certainly "got done." The plastering in the dormitory is abominable. Great pieces

of it have fallen off the walls and ceilings in many of the rooms, thereby causing the occupants much annoyance as well as disfiguring the appearance of bath rooms. If there is any way whereby the University can make the contractor who did the job correct his bad work it certainly ought to be done.

It is a common report in College that Dr. Denny is now endeavoring to raise the necessary funds to give us a new gymnasium and a Y. M. C. A. building. Our president has certainly chosen the wisest direct on in which to exert his energies, if this be true, for Washington and Lee needs nothing so badly as she does a new and up-to-date gymnasium. The present one is entirely too small and the accommodations in it are miserable. Here's wishing Dr. Denny good luck.

Washington and Lee University reports the largest registration of men in the history of the institution—over 400 men students being enrolled. Dr. Denny, the president of the University, was at the time of his election a few years ago the youngest college president in the country, and owing to his youth doubt was felt as to the wisdom of the choice but the flourishing condition of the institution during his regime has amply dispelled any fears on that score.—College Topics

K. A'S Entertain.

Friday night, the 24th, the Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity entertained in honor of their girls in the chapter rooms in the McCrum building. An informal supper was served and the occasion was a most happy one and enjoyed by all present. Dr. and Mrs. Latne and Prof. and Mrs. Long chaperoned. Among other were: Misses Haskins, Mary Barelay, Elizabeth Barelay, Tucker, Effinger, Doyle and Brockenbrough, and Messrs. Steves, Pyles, Shields, Caperton, Gwathney, Beitel, J., Moreland, Cooper, Campbell, May and Wickham, and Captains Johnson, LaPrade and Bagland, of the V. M. I.

ORAL DEBATES

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1905

Question: Resolved, That William Randolph Hearst's appearance as a strong factor in New York politics was due to the growth of the municipal ownership idea.

SPEAKERS

Affirmative. Negative.

Schwabe Hynson
Sanders Godwin

Briefs for this debate should be handed to the instructor not later than Monday, Dec. 11, 1905.

The Wash elects officers tonight.

Scrubs vs. Harrisonburg.

Captain Hubbard and his battle-scarred heroes returned from Harrisonburg Friday morning. They report a very pleasant trip and are loud in their praise of the treatment received while guests of the town. In regard to the game they are not so enthusiastic. It must have been, from all accounts, one of the hardest contests on the gridiron this year, judging from the mutilated countenances of some of the men and the verbal account given by Dulaney. One of the Harrisonburg luminaries says "it was the hardest game ever played in the Valley of Virginia," and perhaps it was. Our team not only had to fight the whole team opposing them, but also had to scamp a crowd of about 50 "toughs" who were hilariously drunk.

The Harrisonburg team could not score and the bystanders wouldn't let the "scrubs" get nearer than 15 yards to their opponents' goal line; so there was no score.

The halves were 20 and 15 minutes. Bagley, Quisenberry, Hood and Hubbard played best ball for the scrubs. When it came to pugilistic honors they all acquitted themselves with honor, it being a case of "root hog or die." That the scrubs made an impression we have no doubt will be vouchered for by some of those who opposed them.

NOTICE!

The Ring-tum Phi for the Rest of the Year \$1.00.

Maybe you didn't feel like signing up at the first of the year, being new at the University and not knowing what THE RING-TUM PHI means, a great many said they would consider the matter and sign up later. "Later" has now come and here's your chance to get the paper for the rest of the year without any loss. Sign up and quit reading your room mate's paper or borrowing the one across the hall—you feel better.

Collegian

The Southern Collegian is out. It is a good issue. The cover is one of the prettiest we have ever seen, being the W. & L. coat of arms. The number will be received next week.

"Barly" White is able to be out again.

The preliminary debate for the college debating team will take place tonight before the joint session of the societies.

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Personals

Colonel Ross was in Richmond this week.

R. W. Withers is back in town for a few days.

C. F. Spencer of Staunton, is spending his Thanksgiving at home.

B. M. Manly attended the V. M. L-V. P. I. gone in Richmond.

Miss Guendolen Howe is home from Randolph-Macon for a few days.

Mr. M. P. Burks, Jr., B. L. '05, who is practicing in Christiansburg, came home for Thanksgiving.

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Miss Fanny Patton of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. John H. Hartman.

Miss May Ross is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Veitch, near Louisville.

Mrs. William A. Anderson left Saturday morning for Richmond where she will spend the winter with Atorney-General Anderson.

Mr. C. S. McNulty, B. L. '04, arrived here from Roanoke last evening to be the guest of friends for a few days.

If you don't see and hear Pruitt and Dulaney between the plays next Thursday night, you'll miss the greatest aggregation of fun outside of Barlow & Fields' minstrel.

Mrs. M. W. Pratt, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Nettie Pratt, is in Washington, D. C., this week to attend the marriage of her son, Rev. Harry W. Pratt.

Tuesday's Lynchburg News: Dr. and Mrs. John H. Latane of Washington and Lee university, will arrive in the city tomorrow and will attend the meeting of the Educational Commission. While in the city they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. N. Randolph on College hill.

Colonel and Mrs. Edward W. Nichols and County Superintendent of Schools Effinger went down to Lynchburg yesterday morning to attend the convention of the Co-operative Educational association of Virginia, which assembled in the First Baptist church at Lynchburg yesterday afternoon.

W. & L. Dramatic Club to Play

An entertainment of great interest is promised Lexingtonians next Thursday evening, Dec. 7th, in the University gymnasium, when the Washington & Lee Dramatic club will give a rendition of two mirth-making comedies. The one is "My Lord in Livery" and the other "Ici on Parle Francais." They are both one act comedies. The performance is under the direction of Miss Annie R. White, and young ladies of the community and students of Washington & Lee make up the casts.

Admission, 35 cents. Reserved seats, 50 cents. Seats on sale at McCrum's after Saturday.

WASHINGTON AND LEE BEAT GEORGE WASHINGTON ELEVEN

Washington and Lee University defeated George Washington University at football Thursday at Van Ness Park by a score of 17 to 0.

For the first few minutes of the game the teams seemed evenly matched, but George Washington soon showed its inability to cope with the Virginia team, and, after a brilliant 55-yard run by Anderson, Washington and Lee soon forced Moomaw over the George Washington goal line. Anderson kicked goal. After fifteen minutes more of hard line bucking, Moomaw was again forced over the George Washington goal, and Anderson failed to kick goal, leaving the score 11 to 0 at the end of the first half.

In the second half Anderson managed to score one touchdown and kicked goal. Washington and Lee tried hard to score again without success. Moomaw attempted a goal from the field, which failed, and the Virginia men seemed too badly winded to make headway against the George Washington defense, although it was weak.

The features of the game were Moomaw's line bucking, Anderson's long run and several pretty plays by Bagly.

The RING-TUM PHI had two reporters at the game but both have failed to report. If necessary we will send another after them and try to get a fuller account for next week.

The line-up:

W & L	Position	Geo. Wash
Alderson	right end	Berryman
Raukin	left tackle	Gibson
		Boorman
Whit	left guard	Somers
Miller	cent r	Smith
Dow	right guard	Vierra
Withers	right tackle	Morris
Osburn	right end	Whiting
Janison		
Rasin	quarterback	Steenerson
Anderson	right halfback	Stevenson
Pipes		
Bagly	left halfback	Beard
Moomaw	fullback	Field

Washington & Lee, 17; George Washington, 0. Touchdowns—Moomaw, 2; Anderson. Goals from touchdown—Anderson, 2. Umpire—Mr. Maxwell of Swarthmore. Referee—Mr. Gass of Lehigh. Head linesman—Mr. Sutton of George Washington. Timers—Messrs. Bielaski and Whiting. Attendance 300. Time of halves—25 minutes.

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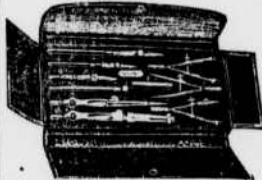
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Nebraska University has two negroes on her football team.

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Two Jap students are instructors in a course of Jiu-jitsu that is carried on at Leland Stanford.

Pennsylvania is contemplating awarding a "P" to all who make the University Debating Teams.

Some days ago the manager of the Kentucky State College team tried to jump a contract he had with the University of West Virginia. The West Virginia manager was too smart for the Kentuckians, however, for he managed to secure their baggage, carried it to Morgantown, and forced Kentucky to play the game. West Virginia won by a large score.

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