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Wins from Tennessee in First Joint Debate

On last Saturday night, just a few hours before Senator Carmack of Tennessee, on the floor of the United States senate talked the Ship Subsidy Bill to death, the representatives of Washington & Lee met in debate at the University chapel the representatives of the University of Tennessee, and by the power of their logic defeated the same bill by a .two-thirds majority.

The platform, under the artistic supervision of Miss Annie White, was beautifully and tastefully decorated with various and variegated penants.

The presiding officer, Mr. D. S. MacDonald, of West Virginia, after a short and appropriate address expressive of our pleasure in being permitted to meet in forensic debate representatives from a state that has given to the country three illustrious presidents and that eloquent Southern senator, Edward W. Carmack, read the question for debate.

After the reading of the ques tion, which was: Resolved, That Southern representatives in Congress from the Coastwise States should be urged to vote for the Ship Subsidy bill now pending therein, the first speaker on the affirmative, Mr. James Howell Richmond of Tennessee, was introduced. He showed the present deplorable condition of our merchant marine, and stated the remedy for this was to follow the example of European nations and subsidize our steamship lines. He then received the tariff question in its relation to ship building, claiming that this argument was puerile and false, and that before the war, during the fluctuations of the tariff our merchant marine was in just as flourishing a condition during the periods when we had a high tariff as it was when low tariff was in force. He then stated that high tariff had come to stay, whether under Republican or Democratic rule, as history shows, and that if shipbuilding cannot be aided by reduction of tariff, the only sensible thing to do is to build up our merchant are not true to their country. He marine by the only practicable claimed that argument frequently method,—subsidies. He then

passed on to the stagnation of our commerce, which he claimed must result from a war between the countries that furnish the bottoms in which our commerce is carried. Said a foreign country will not develop our commerce as fast as would a merchant marine carrying the American flags, and referred to the great advantage to be derived in time of war from the fact that the subsidized ships may be used as training ships and the sailors drafted into the navy. Mr.Richmond, as he stated, treated the subject in a general manner, showing its benefits to the nation at large, leaving his colleague the task of showing that Southern representatives should vote fer this particular bill.

Mr. N. D. Smithson of Washington and Lee, was then introduced as the first speaker on the negative. Mr. Smithson conceded that the purpose of this bill was protection, but added that like every other form of protection the people paid the cost. He said that ships come into use in response to demands of increased trade, and that trade does not spring into existence in obedience to subsidies. That granting we do build up merchant marine by subsidies and keep this money at home, immense amounts of capital must be withdrawn from profitable lines of trade in which it is now engaged, and invested in the unprofitable one of shipbuilding. But he claimed that the real cause of our standing in the carrying trade lies, not in the increased cost of shipbuilding, for they can be built here as cheaply as elsewhere, but in the cost of carrying out of our ports. Taking up the subvention of mail lines he stated that the logical way to handle this matter was to let these contracts to highest bidder. In reference to converting subsidized vessels, in time of war he claimed the difference is so vast that these merchant vessels would be practically for war and seamen may be obtained by paying them better wages and making their condition in the service more desirable. He declared that the subsidy to the seaman provided for in this bill is an insult to American sailors, being in the nature of a tip and based on the assumption that American seamen

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GYMNASIUM TOURNEY

The annual tourney of the W. & L. gymnasium team, held on the night of March 7, was undoubtedly the best exhibition of such work ever seen at Lexington. The gymnasium was well filled, and the excellence of the program and music furnished by the Mandolin Club of the University made the entertainment most enjoyable. Captain G. E. Pile, the physical director of the V. M. I., was judge, and Dr. Jas. Lewis Howe of W. & L., delivered the prizes. The members of the team were: F. M. McCutchan, captain; E. C. Hoge, manager; D. P. Boyer, R. B. Pruit, A. R. Larrick, S. M. Ghiselin. J. W. Eggleston, W. R. Cooper, H. N. Clendenning, J. H. Larrick, E. R. Taylor, R. B. Lloyd, W. C. Vance.

On the mats, the work of Mc-Cutchan and Pruit was of the first class, the medal going to Pruit. On the horizontal bar, McCutchan, Clendenning and Qhiselan did exceedingly well, the prize going to Clendenning. In the work on the parallel bars, McCuthan, J. H. Larrick, Clendenning, Ghiselin and Pruit deserve more than ordinary notice, Larrick carrying off the medal. The performance on the rings was one of the most spectacular of the program. Here McCutchan, Taylor, Ghiselin starred, the prize going to Taylor. On the German horse, the work of Clendenning, Ghiselin and Larrick, J. H., was the best, Ghiselin winning the gling. medal.

The all-round work of Meand Pruit brought forth much Capt. McCutchan was especially good in his performances on all of the pieces of apparatus, not only were his combinations difficult but his form was fine. He was awarded the all-round prize, a hanksome silver cup. Clendenning's work on the Horse was perhaps the best single exaibition of the program. Having won this medal before, he was debarred, receiving the prize for good work on the Horizontal, his work on the Parallel Bars was also excellent. Ghiselin did good allround work, attracting special attention on the Horse, Rings, Parallel Bars. Pruit had hard combinations on the mats, his form and execution being good, scription.

This may be stated as true of his work on the parallel bars and rings.

The wrestling match between the Larrick brothers was good, each doing especially good work on the defense, in bridging and holds. The contest was declared a draw, there being no pin fall as agreed upon before the contest; hence the prize, an eight-foot pennant, was shared jointly.

The slack wire-walking Lloyd was the most difficult performance of the evening, the performer, giving a fine exhibition of amateur work in juggling, balancing, etc. For his work he was awarded a sweater.

Dawkins did well with the Indiah clubs, getting his "stunts". down well, and running them together smoothly and rapidly.

The pyramids by the team were carried through without a hitch and brought forth well-deserved applause.

In delivering the prizes, Dr. Howe spoke encouraging words of the special usefulness of gym work, being enjoyed by the many as contrasted with football and baseball. He stated it as agreed upon that no man be awarded more than one prize. The prizes awarded were: For the all-around athlete, a silver cup; gold medals bearing the University seal for winners on the pieces of apparatus; an eight feet pennant for the wrestling match, and a sweater for slack-wire walking and jug-

Too much cannot be said in praise of the all-around work of Cutchan, Clendenning, Ghiselin the team, all showed up well, and a large share of the praise is due comment and deserves mention. the physical director, Dr. W. Bitzer, only through whose patient training success could have been realized.

> Yesterday returns were received from Oxford University, England, which state that George Wesley Cahoon, of the Graduate Department; Arthur Powell Gray, '06, this year a teacher at the Episcopal High school, Alexandria, Va., and Noble Doak Smithson, of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., successfull passed the mental examinations in the contest for the Cecil Rhodes Scholarship from Virginia, held here some weeks ago.-Ex.

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unications that may be narried to us, our set e desire to state that we will not be reconsible for sentiment expressed. We also desire to call attention to the fact at unsigned correspondence will not be riblished. Those who do not desire their mes published should add a pen name at their wishes will be compiled with.

Rockbridge County News Print

In last week's issue there was ublished a very short account of ie basket ball team's trip to taunton. The account was critised because of its brevity, and, fore especially, for the manner i which it stated that our team et with defeat in both games.

Upon every occasion that the

asket ball team has left home to lay it has been very difficult, ractically impossible, for the aff to get any information conerning the character and results the games played. It is not ossible for the management to nd a man along to report the imes. But even when persons mnected with the team have en asked to report the games e plea is usually one of incapacy, and recommending some one se as more capable of doing the sk. The result is that no one ports the game, and then in orer to get any account at all some ie on the staff must hunt up a ilf dozen men in order to learn ything whatever connected with e trip. This we offer in justifition of the brevity of last week's port of the trip.

As to the second criticism we ly offer an apology for stating ets in such an emphatic way thout any necessity therefore. was not intended to lay special ess on the fact that we were deited, for we appreciate the efts of the men on the team to aken interest in that game, and ore especially the difficult cirnstances under which the team laboring. It is to be hoped, refore, that the officers of the m will understand the position occupy, for we certainly meant personl affront to any one conted with the team.

MOOT COURT

The first March term of the Moot Circuit Court was held Thursday night as usual. It appeared from the record that rules had been entered against a number of members for various reasons. No excuses being deemed sufficient, all the gentlemen were fined. Probably the only excuse for absence that will be received in Moot Court will be death, supported by affidavits of attending physician and undertaker.

On motion of plaintiff, an award under an arbitration agreement in the case of App vs. Parker was entered as the judgment of

Wakefield's Adm'r v. Standard Oil Co., trespass on the case, was the first case on the docket. Defendant's demurrer to the declaration was withdrawn, and the question of proximate cause was argued before the court on an agreed statement of facts by Mr. Wickham for the plaintiff and Mr. Benson for the defendant. The question was well handled on both sides. The court reserved its decision.

The only other case to come up was Wickham v. Long, ejectment, Willians for plaintiff and Allen for defendant. This case was quickly disposed of, for after proof of title by the plaintiff, the defendant appearing to have no defense, judgment was rendered for plain-

Court adjourned until the secand March term.

D. H. Ralston Addresses the Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association was addressed last Sunday by Mr. David Hopkins Ralston, an honored alumnus of W & L., and now a student at the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. The attendance was better than it has been before this year, and all who heard him carried away something to think about. Mr. Ralston presented in a brief, straightforward manner the "Call to the Christian Ministry." God does not always, said he, call men as he did Paul, by an audible voice, or even by a vision. In fact, he has rarely used such means. It rests with every man to settle that matter with himself and his God, in the secret of his own chamber; and, that, after much prayer and meditation. He must put the matter squarely before himself and search the inmost recesses of his own heart; and then make up his mind as to whether he is called to give God's message to those who have it not.

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Williamsport Baseball Club, pennant winners of the Tri-State League, will practice on the Washington and Lee grounds this season. Will arrive March 25.

The average expenses of the man in the graduating class of Yale are said to have been \$4,146 for the four years, according to the class-book editor. The greatest sum expended by one student in a single year was \$7,550, and the lowest \$100.-Ex.

When we read how, in the days of Tchernycheffsky, the Russian Nihilists "wore green spectacles to correct the even more intolcrable inequality of personal beauty," we are prone to think that the same broth rly sentiment must have prompted some of the peel-topped be-goggled sons of W.

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e Personals e

Mr. Samuel Wampler, who has been confined to his room with la grippe for some time, is convalescing.

The Rooney Boys Costume Concert

The music lovers of Lexington had a unique treat in the "Rooney Boys" concert of Thursday night. Though the program was a heavy one with selections from Bach, Wagner, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Gournod, and others; the voices were well trained, sweet, and altogether equal to the occasion.

The entertainment was most enjoyable both in its demonstration of skill and the uniqueness of the costumes; the little fellows appearing in various roles, the Mexican and Scotch Highlander costumes being the best and

Power, the first soprano, deserve especial mention. Master Walt. demonstrated, his selections being very well rendered and were perhaps the best of the program. Others taking part were: Masters Glen Sherwood, Walter Allen and Ernest Huyck.

During the intermissions Mr. Roney gave some interesting points regarding the selection of "his boys," their travels, life, etc. He also gave an interesting discourse on the dress and customs of the Scotch Highlanders as suggested by the "kilts" of the boys.

As a whole the entertainment better patronage on the part of the students, both as to merit of the event and the fact that the proceeds went to help baseball.

University Assembly

The next meeting of the University Assembly will be held Friday, March 15, at 11 o'clock, and the address will be delivered by Professor John Bell Henneman, M. A., Ph. D. of the University of the South, Sewance, Tenn., editor of the Sewance Review.

Lectures will be suspended from 11 to 12 o'clock. Students will please be in their seats GEO, H. DENNY promptly. President

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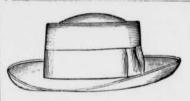
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made that patriotic (?) American ship owners were being forced to tion, and that to vote for the go out of business because of the measure would be opposed to impossibility of competing with every principle advocated by the subsidized ships was refuted by the fact that one of these great lines now mentined in this connection recently, at its own solicitation, renewed for a number of years a contract for carrying mail at points advanced by his oppo-\$280,000 annually.

Mr. E. G. Stooksbury of Tennessee, the second speaker for the affirmative, said that he proposed that, more than his principal to show why Southern representatives should vote for pending debater. measure, and stated that the present bill is the result of the work of a merchant marine commission appointed by congress for purpose of investigating this sub- the contest was very close. After ject. He traced the origin of sub- a few minutes deliberation the sidies of this country to Thomas Jefferson in order to show that it nounced that they had awarded was not originated in the Repub- the decision to W. & L. While lican party. Claimed that the the band played Dixie admiring United States annully reaped a friends rushed up to congratulate large profit from foreign mail service and recommended that this victory they anchieved. be used in subsidies to establish lines from various Southern ports to South American countries, which would enable us to compete in those markets. The speaker claimed that competition between South and South American ports was not so great as between Northern and European and that subvention of lines from Southern ports would therefore have better chance of success than from Northern ports. Referred to great possibilties of South if had proper shipping facilities, and claimed that increase of ship lines would cause increase in railway facilities. He then read from resolutions of various commercial organizations in South favoring this measure.

Mr. J. J. Speight of Washington and Lee, was last speaker on the negative. He spoke of the marvelous industrial and commercial development without subsidies. Claimed the measure was unconstitutional, quoting copiously fromCooley on Taxation to show that this would be taxation of the public for private uses, and that merely incidental benefits to public would not support it as tax for public purposes. He cited statisties showing that the imports of various European centers are in excess of exports, while our exports are far in excesss, though those countries have merchant marine and we have not. Referred to vast increase in manufacture of cotton goods in South in last few years, and increase of business from Southern ports over Northern. Stated was only one ship-building establishment in

South and we would receive but little benefit there. The speaker then referred to the traditional stand of the South on this ques-South

Mr. Smithson, on behalf of the negative, then in a five-minute rebuttal, in a strong and forcible manner, refuted many of the nents.

Mr. Richmond, on behalf of the affirmative, made a rebuttal speech, displayed his ability as a

When the judges retired to render their decision the audience realized that we had met foemen well worthy our steel, and that judges returned and it was anour representatives on the noble

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