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ORATORY AT BOONVILLE

M. S. U. Again Has a Good Chance to Carry off the Highest Honors.

The annual state intercollegiate contest will be held at Boonville, next Friday evening, Mar. 7th; and on account of the excellent railroad facilities with the college towns, there promises to be a larger number of students represented than in any previous contest.

Six Missouri colleges, Missouri University, Tarkio, Central, Westminster, William Jewell, and Park colleges have chosen representatives and each speaker will have a throng of students eager to show their college spirit. There are the lowest kind of excursion rates from each of the colleges and in most of the schools a holiday is given, so that the students can catch up in their sleep.

THE ORATORS AND THEIR ORATIONS.

M. S. U.—Raymond G. Barnett: "A Force in the World."

CENTRAL COLLEGE—B. P. Taylor: "Orators and Oratory."

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE—David M. Proctor: "Modern Egoism."

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE—John W. Lewis: "Veni, Vidi, Vici."

PARK COLLEGE—Walter C. Purviance: "The Motor Power of the Century."

TARKIO COLLEGE—William O. Chisholm: "The Enduring Republic."

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Copies of the orations are now in the hands of the judges on composition. The thought of the oration counts equally with the delivery.

This year, M. S. U. has much ground for expecting Mr. Raymond Barnett, her representative, to carry off the first prize. This is Mr. Barnett's first year here, but he had won many contests at the Central High School, Kansas City, Mo., a school where oratory and declaiming occupies a very high place. This school has won two firsts and one second place in the last three years at the great declamation contest given at the University of Chicago. Mr. Barnett won five contests in oratory and declamation, and was the class orator in a graduating class of 250. He is a graduate of Dillenbeck's Kansas City School of Oratory, one of the best schools of its kind in the country.

Mr. Barnett's oration, "A Force in the World," is, according to the English Department here, one of the best that a Missouri representative has had in years.

Every M. S. U. student should take advantage of the low rate (probably \$1.00) and go to Boonville with the crowd. The Missouri dele-

gation at Jefferson City last year was very large and everyone was well pleased. You will be pleased when you go to the contest this year, for M. S. U. has an able representative.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

J. W. Lentz, '05, has left school and has gone to Oklahoma, where he will reside in the future.

Mrs. F. H. Sears and son, Richard, will leave shortly for California to spend several months there.

C. A. Looney, a former freshman academic, is now a business manager of the Muskogee Times, a daily newspaper of Muskogee, Ind. Ty.

The recent issue of the University *Bulletin* is devoted to a discussion of the growth in eleven years (1890-1901). It shows that the growth both in number of students and in requisites for a bachelor's degree has been phenomenal.

J. K. Homer, an instructor in English in the University (1872-1773) and now Public Librarian at Minneapolis, has just finished "Condensed History of the Mississippi Valley." Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are the publishers.

Dr. Bert Munday, '09, is now House Surgeon for the New York Polyclinic Hospital. In a letter to Dr. C. M. Jackson he states that he will remain there until September and probably all next year as he has an excellent position.

Dr. A. W. McAlester was in Washington, D. C., last week as a delegate from the State of Missouri to see about the establishment of a National Board of Health. Friday he received a telegram calling him home on account of the serious illness of his father.

Dr. F. C. Hicks, formerly professor of Economics here, but holding a similar position in the University of Cincinnati now, will deliver an address in St. Louis, March 6. From there he will proceed to California and the Pacific coast, where he will lecture in the largest cities.

Dr. F. H. Sears will lecture before the Greenwood club of Kansas City, March 7, upon the subject, "Recent Astronomical Progress." On the following morning he will address the teachers of that city on the "University of Paris and Allied Educational Institutions." Dr. Pope was to have lectured at this time but was prevented from doing so and Dr. Sears takes his place.

There's one place in Columbia to buy shoes, and that place is Miller's.

NOT PROUD OF CO-EDS.

From the New York Journal.

A great fear has clutched the hearts of the students of Columbia that the university is rapidly undergoing a process of Barnardization.

For a long time the trousers-wearing students have watched the encroachments upon their sacred privileges of the bright young women of Barnard college, the woman's annex to Columbia, with a feeling of uneasiness that has gradually grown into alarm.

Until now they have borne their grievances in silence. And only that they feel that the last ditch between separate schools and a co-educational system has been reached do they raise their voices in protest.

Dr. Savage, director of the gymnasium, has posted an order allowing Barnard girls the use of the bathing pool on Wednesday nights, and the young men see in this a staggering blow at their college traditions. The Columbia Spectator sounded the alarm on Tuesday in an editorial broadside. Yesterday the senior class held an indignation meeting and adopted resolutions protesting against the admission of women to the swimming pool or any other part of the gymnasium during the college year.

Subjoined are the views of the editors of the two college papers upon the question at issue:

The feminine view, by Miss Alsberg of the Barnard Bulletin:

"Fudge! I don't think the girls are especially anxious to make use of their bathing pool. I haven't heard any comment one way or the other from them. Probably about twenty girls will take advantage of the privilege.

"It is news to me that we have made ourselves so objectionable to the gentlemen of Columbia. They perhaps haven't yet learned that the library, which they object to our using, is public and open to everybody, including Barnard girls. I shall have to admit also that we occasionally make use of the campus and even walk on the avenues going to and from the college grounds.

"So far as turning Columbia into a co-educational institution is concerned, nobody wants that. It is one of the things we are looking forward to that Barnard shall be separated entirely from Columbia. It is expected that that will be accomplished by 1904, and then we shall have our own set of professors and be under no obligations to the gentlemen of Columbia for their kindly toleration of us.

"Moreover, this use of the bathing pool will be only temporary. Our own gymnasium and pool will be finished in about a year, and then we shall be able to relieve the boys of the menace to their college spirit."

The masculine view, by John G. Hopkins, editor of the Columbia Spectator: