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## A GREAT DEBATE

A Review and Criticism by Prof. McDermott—Decision Close

Minnesota supported the affirmative of the proposition, "Resolved, that the importation of Chinese labor in our insular possessions should be prohibited."

The plan of her debaters was simple and comprehensive. They showed 1st, that exclusion is a settled policy dictated by experience and by our wisest statesmen; that every country has sooner or later closed its doors to the Chinaman because his presence raises two very serious obstacles to higher civilization, viz. the "race problem" and the "industrial problem;"

2d, that the Chinaman is not needed because the Philippine Islands are already three times as densely populated as the United States; that the men are there in sufficient numbers; they are ambitious to rise, willing to work and under American guidance they themselves will ultimately develop the islands; 3rd that if the Chinaman were once admitted he could never be deported because of intermarriage and because capital would never release its hold upon him; that the Chinaman lacks the three great essentials of Western civilization, viz. intelligence, morality, and devotion to country; Hence we could never build a democratic government in the Philippines with Chinamen as a factor.

And finally that the honor of the nation is at stake. We cannot afford to exclude the Chinaman from our own shores and then force him upon a weaker people just to satisfy the demands of the greedy capitalists.

Northwestern argued the negative. Her debaters came very quickly to the heart of the proposition.

They showed 1st, the great natural resources of the Philippine islands, 2d, that these resources had lain undeveloped from the beginning of time; that the natives had had ample opportunity to develop them but lacked both ambition and industry; 3d, that the Chinaman could and would do the work cheaply and well and that he was practically the only source of labor for the tropics.

This ground was covered quickly and thoroughly and supported by a great quantity of expert testimony.

Indeed the massing of authorities upon the vital issue of the debate was the striking characteristic of the Northwestern debaters. It was probably this very thing which won for them the decision of two of the judges but it came dangerously near being a defect. They quoted constantly an sometimes at length.

Although they used authorities skillfully they would use them so extensively that they would have found it difficult to hold any other than a home audience. Frequent quotations are generally tedious and long ones are always so.

As it was this very thing that caught the decision of two judges and lost Northwestern the third. Judge Barnard says the quotation is not debate and further that the good college debater is one who can read widely, assimilate his material, fuse it into a bolt and hurl it. This is mentioned at length to show how radically judges differ upon the same point and how utterly impossible it is to please them all with any one plan of debate or style of presentation.

The team work on both sides was excellent and individually the men all did well. Space forbids detailed mention of their work. Mr. Lundeen was impres-

sive—especially in his rebuttal. Mr. Smith was very clear although not so strong in delivery as some of the other speakers. Mr. Chase was clear, rapid and forceful. One man, a very good judge, picked him as easily the best debater of the six and excellent material for the northern oratorical league.

The work of Robinson was very pointed. He showed admirable skill in fitting all his argument to that of his opponent's. This is a thing of such excellence in debate that I am tempted to dwell on it a moment. It is not sufficient to simply hint at or suggest an argument. It is not sufficient even to run through it from premise to conclusion. The good

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## POST-EXAM. TO-NIGHT

The General Jubilee at the Armory will be a Great Event

Every examination at the University for six years has been followed promptly by an occasion of frolic. Thoughts of exams and marks are banished and the evening is spent in a thoroughly refreshing time. This year the social committees of the Christian associations have been planning for several weeks for the event of this evening and there is no

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doubt that the result of their work will be enjoyed tonight.

Miss Frances Vincent who has gained so great a popularity in the University circles will sing and Miss Denny will be read. Popular songs will be sung by the crowd in true jubilee fashion.

A great many surprises in the way of entertainment will be provided during the evening; attractive plans for refreshments are made and the whole event will be the best ever.

There were 700 people present last year and doubtless as many will be on hand to-night. At the Armory at 8:00.

### Parts Ready for Assignment

While the committee in charge of the senior class play is still maintaining a sphinx-like silence in regard to the play itself yet the fact that a sub-committee has been appointed to assign the parts would indicate that the plans for this important function are rapidly reaching maturity. The following constitute the committee for assignment of parts:

Mr. Ray Knight.  
Miss Laura Robb.  
Miss Alice Dyar.

With matters so far progressed the rest of the work should run as smoothly to a successful performance next May.

## BAND TRIP

Prospects of One Successful Trip and Perhaps Another

The University band will leave Minneapolis Monday morning for the first concert tour. They will swing through the south western part of the state giving five concerts and returning on Saturday morning. The band has been putting in some hard work at practice and is undoubtedly better and stronger than ever before and that means the best student band in the United States and the best amateur band in the state.

Miss Fisher who will accompany them as soloist has been practicing with the band for the past two weeks and will be a valuable aid to the success of the concerts.

Several of the towns which have not been included in the schedule have written to the effect that they would like to hear the Minnesotans and offering guarantees which would cover the expenses of the trip. No more engagements will be filled on the present trip. But it is possible that the band will go out for two or three days later in the year.

The Social Committee of the Scandinavian Literary society are sparing no time or effort to make the social of next Monday evening a most enjoyable affair. Members and friends of the club bear this in mind. Place Y. M. C. A. parlors, Time, Monday evening January 26.

### Medics Win Out

Last Saturday the Medical Basket ball team went to River Falls where they defeated the Normal team 39 to 17. While there they had a royal good time, the young ladies showing them special attention.

The game was exciting from start to finish. The normal boys proved that they knew how to play the game, and, although the outcome was clearly seen from the beginning, every minute of the game was stubbornly fought by the Normals.

## GRINNELL VS. MINNESOTA

Line Up of the Teams—Other Games to be Played

Thursday evening the "U" basket ball team will meet the Grinnell five in the first inter-collegiate contest of the season.

The Grinnell team is composed of old and experienced players and a most interesting game may be expected.

The line-up will be as follows:

Minnesota: Grinnell  
Varco..... forward..... Wilder  
Deering (Capt.) forward..... Fillmore  
Tuck..... center..... Clark  
Kiefer..... guards..... Cole  
Leach..... guard..... Wilson, capt.

Last Friday before a crowd of two hundred people the Grinnell team defeated Pella college by a score of 24 to 6. The score shows the interesting fact that Grinnell guards did most of the basket throwing so Minnesota forwards will probably have their hands full.

The date for the Wisconsin game has been definitely fixed on February 21st.

Friday morning the team leaves for Fargo where three games will be played, Friday evening with Fargo Agricultural Saturday afternoon with Fargo High School, Saturday night with the state agricultural college. The team will return on Sunday.

### Chess Club

Quite an epidemic of chess playing has struck the University this winter. A schedule of games for a free for all tournament is partly laid out and a few knights of the chess board are already pitted against each other. There never has been much organized effort along this line in our university and in that respect we are behind the large schools in this country and especially in Europe where the game has reached a very scientific standard in the schools. We have some good material. One of the academics worsted the champion of the Princeton Chess Club last winter. Some of the players here expect to organize a larger circle and those who are up in the rudiments can get from the chess editor the DAILY a list of opponents to meet during the coming term. The contestants have about one game a week to handle. The standings will be announced regularly in these columns.

By next fall we ought to play Wisconsin. It is the rule in the east to play the day preceding the foot ball match. The maroon and gold should triumph in the game thinking besides the game of brawn.

The Middle Laws, day class, have finished their work in public corporations.

### Law and Politics

The Junior Law Class is already in the throes of a campaign for the position of department representative on the '05 Gopher. J. R. Murrel was one of the first candidates to come out and is backed by many as a winner. He is a member of the Arena and has done work as athletic reporter of the DAILY staff.

Harold W. Braatline one of the leading lights of the class will also run with a good chance of success.

C. L. Gilman of the DAILY staff is another aspirant for the honor.

Don Anderson will represent Minneapolis Academy in the contest and will carry a strong vote.

In addition to these who have openly announced their candidacy at least three good dark horses are doing some quiet work. Judging from the number of aspirants and the past record of the class a hot contest seems a certainty.

The Epworth League of the first Methodist church meets Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Hall over the University Book Store. Students are cordially invited.

Strong men meet in the Armory for practice on pyramid work at 7:30 to-night.

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To-day's issue edited by  
**C. L. Gilman**

The next issue of the DAILY will appear on Tuesday, January 27th.

**Poor Attendance**

It is a common thing for a losing team to be a financial loss to the management but in our basket ball team we find a team which while most successful, is not paying its expenses. For the past three years Minnesota has defeated the teams of the leading colleges and universities of the West and last year won the title of National college champions by defeating the five from Yale.

Certainly no fault is to be found with the prices charged for admission to the games and the quality of ball played is of the highest. Unless the attendance at the Grinnell game is much better than that at the C. H. S. game it is understood that some of the more important games will have to be cancelled.

Certainly no loyal Minnesotan cares to see Minnesotan care to see Minnesota fall from its high place in the basket ball firmament and a notice of the condition of affairs should be sufficient to crowd the gallery Thursday evening.

**The Chicago-Michigan Debate**

Michigan supported the affirmative of the "Direct Primaries" system.

Her debaters showed 1st the corruption which exists and hence the need of reform; 2nd, that the "Direct primaries" would eliminate corruption by separating local and national issues and putting the professional politician out of business; 3rd, that it was entirely practicable and was securing the desired results in 22 states that had already adopted it. Her plan was excellent moving logically point to point and the whole debate was well knit together by effective team work. The prominent points were made to stand out boldly and while well supported by concrete illustration time was not wasted in unnecessary detail.

Chicago promptly admitted the corruption but argued that it was gradually disappearing under the caucus system. "Evolution not revolution" was her battle cry. Her debaters came very quickly to what they considered the vital issues of the debate. They insisted that opponents show exactly how Direct Primaries would relieve corruption and make a sufficiently strong party platform for a state organization to stand upon.

These two points they urged so clearly and so persistently that they forced the issue and had made a very strong impression upon the judges before their

opponents had time to argue out their case and come back at them.

Indeed in both the Minnesota-Northwestern and the Michigan-Chicago debates the negative came to the heart of the proposition so quickly and held to it so tenaciously that they forced their own construction upon their opponents. It is always serious and nearly always fatal for the affirmative to permit this.

It is the right of the affirmative to construe the question and a right which it should under no circumstances permit its opponents to snatch away.

As in individuals all six men did well. Each did his share of the work faithfully. If one might call attention to an individual speaker without disparagement of the others the rebuttal speech of the second Michigan speaker should be mentioned. It was remarkable for its clearness, rapidity and conclusiveness, with unerring judgement he picked the places which needed defense, with unusual skill he said much in few words and with remarkable swiftness he covered a great deal of ground and still retained forcefulness.

It was one of the most telling rebuttal speeches I have ever heard and stood beside the work of Cloud, of Michigan, three years ago and of McClean of Minnesota last year.

If anyone who doubts the practical value of debate had attended this contest he would have been converted promptly.

Twenty three state legislatures had bills before them on the Direct Primaries last winter and it is very doubtful if there was a single debate in all these legislatures that showed the careful research and thorough familiarity with the subject which these six men displayed.

Their familiarity with local politics in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Cleveland and other cities and their grasp of the situation in state politics, both north and south was quite surprising.

These men are learning how to gather material from original sources and use it effectively. When the untrained legislator of the future tries to cope with one of them he will find himself promptly snowed under.—E. E. McDermot.

**Correction**

The DAILY was guilty of an error and a couple of omissions in the list of Gopher candidates published yesterday. Mr. Payne is a candidate for assistant business manager instead of associate editor as stated. We fell down in omitting the name of John Humphrey, author of the "Recompense" from the list of aspirants for places on the associate staff. Another omission was that of the name of Dick Thompson candidate for artist.

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## PERSONALS

Professor MacMillan is reported seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Greer supplied his friends in the law school with cigars yesterday in recognition of their support in the late Board of Control contest.

Hon. John Day Smith was able to resume his lectures on Constitutional Law yesterday. Mr. Smith has been sick for some time and unable to meet his classes.

Miss Katherine J. Everts read last night before a good audience in the Y. M. C. A. lecture course. Miss Everts who is a member of the class of '94 has made a great success as a dramatic reader.

Miss Margaret Moore will be the guest of honor at a number of affairs this week. Thursday Helel Woodman of St. Paul will give a tea. Saturday Blanche Stanford and Grace Lavayea will give a luncheon and matinee party. Saturday evening Miss Campbell will entertain for Miss Moore. Monday Jane Bennet will give a tea. Grace Trask who is to be maid of honor will give a bridal dinner Tuesday evening.

## A Chicago "U" Doxology

Praise John from whom oil blessings flow  
Praise also Bill who spends the dough,  
Praise John: Praise Bill, praise all the host;  
Praise Bill a little, praise John the most.

The Junior Ball committee has decided to have thirty dances and extras. Some dissatisfaction is heard around the campus because only one three step has been included on the program.

## Laws

Program for the Law literary society for January 26th, 1903. Impromptu, Clouse; Current events, Maurin; Speech Oppenheimer; Impromptu, Moore; Paper, Goff, Recitation, Volk. Parliamentary drill. Debate, Resolved, that the fifth should be repealed. Affirmative, O'Donnel, Ware; Negative, Frizzel, Marshall.

## Graduate Club Meeting

The botanical lecture room was nearly filled Saturday evening. After an introductory service of tea came the principal address on "Cambridge," by Mr. E. M. Freeman. The lecture was brilliantly illustrated, after the manner of the department. Then the graduates and visitors were guided from room to room, for enlightenment regarding equipment and methods. An excellent collection of illustrative lantern slides, an herbarium, lacking in nothing but space and fire protection, a mycological equipment, a photographic outfit, a real department library and severable affable and very able young instructors—were exhibited to the admiring company.

During the final service of refreshments, the club laid plans for the remainder of the year's plans which will soon be perfected and can then be divulged to the public.

Prof. Leavenworth announces that his classes will have an opportunity to observe a total eclipse of the sun in Spain next year. It is understood that the hens will go to roost at noon.

Those who wish to enter the Pillsbury Oratorical contest must hand in a copy of their orations to the secretary on or before Feb. 15th.

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debater must show to his judges exactly the point in his opponent's argument that he is aiming at and how his argument demolishes that point. In other words it must be made so clear--not that the judge can understand it--that he cannot fail to understand it.  
Grannis is always an excellent debater when he is at his best. He was at his best in his rebuttal. In this he did some splendid work for Minnesota and right here one of the best judges of debate in the West--Prof. Trueblood--said that the climax of the debate was reached.  
My own opinion was that Mr. Wood combined the qualities of the orator and debater in a very high degree. He had clearness, variety and power and he will be a formidable opponent for Chicago to meet next April in the Final.  
When the decision was announced, "Two to one in favor of the negative" Northwestern went wild with delight. Her orators were shouldered and carried about the room and upon the stage. The pent up energy of five long years of deferred hope burst forth and pandemonium reigned.  
Much as Minnesota wanted the victory hard as she fought for it, determined as she was to secure it, nothing but her heartiest good wishes go out to her opponents. She accepted defeat gracefully for some time herself and when the Western championship came to her last year she accepted that with joyful modesty.  
It cannot be denied that Northwestern has debated in "hard luck" heretofore.

Because she has been losing it need not be supposed that she has been doing poor work. Such is not the case. In nearly if not every debate she has divided the vote of the judges with her opponents. This indicates close work, but the "fortunes of war" have been against her. Desperation finally seized her and when desperation seizes either individuals or organizations they become dangerous opponents.  
It seized Minnesota last year and it landed her in the front and it need surprise no one if it lands Northwestern in the same place this year.

**Yale Not Ambitious**  
Yale will meet no western college football eleven the coming year. This statement is made on the authority of a member of the faculty who says the sentiment of that body is against the Yale eleven either taking a trip to the west and thereby taking valuable time from college duties or taking on a third hard game besides the usual series with Harvard and Princeton, which the faculty feels are enough for the Yale team to prepare for.

President A. T. Hadley of Yale will deliver the annual Phi Beta Kappa address in Madison on March 27th. The subject of his address is not yet known.  
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