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INTERSTATE ORATOR CHOSEN

Jesse H. Bond, '09, is the Winner, With His Oration on "Evolution of Character."

Before a good audience in Villard Hall on last Friday evening, the annual local tryout to select the representative of the University of Oregon in the Interstate Oratorical contest was held. The winner who will compete against the orators from the Universities of Idaho and Washington respectively is Mr. Jesse H. Bond of the class of 1909.

Five contestants entered the tryout. A sixth who was also to have competed, was unable, on account of sickness, to be present. The contestants and their subjects were as follows:

Cecil K. Lyans, "Education for Culture."

Jesse H. Bond, "Evolution of Character."

Bert W. Brescott, "Mercy That Condemns."

Carlos Marsters, "The Common People."

Clarence L. Whealdon, "Commercial Despotism."

All of the competitors did well. The winner outdistanced his nearest competitor by the narrow margin of only two points while the third man was only three points farther down the list.

The winner was chosen by two sets of judges. Those on composition were Prof. A. R. Baldwin, of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis; Dr. Chapman of the Morning Oregonian, Portland; and Judge Lawrence T. Harris, of Eugene. The judges on delivery were Dr. W. Kuykendall, Judge E. O. Potter and City School Superintendent Alderman, all of Eugene. Thos R. Townsend, '09, presided and introduced the orators.

Mr. Bond, the successful contestant, is a member of the Junior class and is a student in the department of engineering. Notwithstanding the fact that his chosen line of work is wholly different from oratory and debate, Mr. Bond has always taken an active interest in forensics. Last year he was a member of the University debating

team which defeated the University of Idaho at Moscow. This year he is leader of Oregon's affirmative trio which will meet the Idahoans at Eugene on March 26.

The Northwest Interstate Oratorical Association which comprises the state universities of Washington Idaho and Oregon, was organized in 1902. Six contests have been held. Washington has secured first honors four times, Idaho once and Oregon once. Although Oregon has only a single first to her



JESSE H. BOND, '09.
Oregon's Orator in the Northwest Interstate Oratorical Contest.

credit she has always stood well in the finals.

The winning orators for the past six years are as follows:

1902—W. T. Laube, Washington.

1903—L. R. Carpenter, Washington.

1904—James W. Mott, Oregon.

1905—Morton Musser, Washington.

1906—Fred R. Jones, Idaho.

1907—J. Erickson, Washington.

The boys' clubs, under the supervision of the University Y. M. C. A., were represented at a convention in Corvallis February 22 and 23. The delegates were in charge of Harold Rounds, '10, and Roscoe Lyans, '10.

FRESHMEN WIN RELAY RACE

On Saturday Afternoon—Sophomores Finish Second, Giving Juniors Last Place.

The Interclass relay race which was pulled off on Saturday afternoon was one of the most thrilling all-varsity events ever witnessed on Kincaid Field.

The Freshman team carried off a deserved victory and as a consequence the members of the class are indulging in a few broad grins.

Promptly at 3 o'clock Trainer Hayward gave the signal for the start of the race and the men were off. Jamieson, Sophomore, took the lead and finished his mile 15 yards ahead of the field. Riddell, also '10, maintained this lead during his part of the contest and the second mile was finished with the Sophomores still in the lead, the Juniors second and the Freshies far in the rear. But the next mile brought a change. Sam May for the Freshmen made up 35 yards for his class and finished 3 yards behind Bond, Junior, while Williams still maintained the Sophomore's lead. In the fourth mile, Downs, Freshman, cut down the Sophomore's lead in what was said to be the fastest mile of the event and finished even with the 1910 man, leaving the Juniors in the rear. As Harry Lowell, Sophomore, and Sievers, Freshman, got away for the final unit of the five mile relay, all the spectators leaned back to watch what they thought would be a hard fought duel for victory. Sievers hit a terrific pace at the outset and no one but his own team-mates thought he would be able to hold it. However, he was able to finish with a lead of ten yards over the Sophomore runner, with the Junior representative in the rear. Billy Wood, for the Juniors, ran a very fast mile, but had been given too severe a handicap by his teammates' performances, so could not overcome his opponent's lead.

Trainer Hayward and all interested in athletics in the university were especially gratified at some of the performances of Saturday's race, and

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