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M'ADDO PLAN IS RECOGNIZED

Hesperian Society Wins Annual Inter-Society Debate at Trinity

THE RAILROAD QUESTION

N. M. West Was Chosen as Speaker for Swarthmore Debate, With C. C. Alexander As An Alternate

Railroads of the United States should remain under government control and operation for another five years, according to the plan of Mr. McAdoo, in order that a real test of government ownership may be made, was the argument backed by additional reasons that won the 27th annual inter-society debate of Trinity college, for the Hesperian Literary society last night.

The debate held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and entered into by the Hesperian and Columbia literary societies was well attended, and proved to be an interesting event of the college year. The query was: "Resolved, that the federal government should continue to control and operate the railroads for a period of five years, according to the plan of Mr. McAdoo."

The Hesperian society upheld the affirmative, while the negative side was ably handled by the Columbia society. The Hesperian speakers were: R. L. Thornton, S. M. Holton, and C. C. Alexander. C. B. Cooper, L. H. McNeely and N. M. West, represented the Columbia society.

N. M. West, was chosen from the six speakers, as one of three Trinity debaters to represent the college in its annual contest with Swarthmore, which takes place at Swarthmore March 15th. The Swarthmore debate is one of the big events of the college year, and ranks in importance only with the Washington Lee debate, to be held at a date to be named later. C. C. Alexander, was named as the alternate speaker. H. E. Fisher and A. H. Gwynn, are the other two speakers for the Swarthmore contest.

Judges for the inter-society debate last night were W. G. Bramham, of Durham; Prof. A. C. McIntosh, of the University of North Carolina and Prof. F. H. Hallenbeck, principal of the Durham high school.

The debate was presided over by Dean W. H. Wannanaker, and Prof. F. S. Aldridge, headmaster of Trinity Park school acted as time-keeper.

"PUFFED BRICK" SHIPS WILL BE LIGHTER THAN THE CONCRETE VESSELS

Oakland, Cal., March 1.—"Puffed brick" ships will soon be sailing the

Seven Seas, and Uncle Sam will be back of them.

They are the latest wrinkle in the programme of the United States shipping board. The first one of these boats will be launched from government island, in Oakland inner harbor, about March 15.

When the "pouring" of two 7,000

ton oil tankers began at the San Francisco shipbuilding plant it was made a gala event, by the citizens of Oakland. The second vessel is expected to leave the ways a day or two after the first launching.

The local yard has introduced several innovations in concrete ship construction, chief of which is the use of "puffed brick." This is made like ordinary brick of a peculiar clay containing a low percentage of silicate. When subjected to intense heat, the bricks puff up like popcorn in a popper. The product looks much like coke and is as light. The "puffed brick" are then ground up and mixed with cement. Instead of using crushed rock, as in ordinary concrete construction, about 40 per cent is pained in lightness of the ship's walls.

Dangerous Brandy.

Long Beach, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Fondness for brandy will probably be the indirect agency that will lead to the

arrest of the three robbers who last night brutally murdered Mrs. Julia Wilkins and assaulted her husband, Dr. Walter Wilkins, in their home here.

Many clear fingerprints were obtained from an empty brandy flask and on the glasses that were left in the Wilkins summer home by the robbers, which will lead to their arrest.

Ministers to Meet.

The Durham Ministers Association will meet at Trinity Church Monday morning at 10 o'clock. There are matters of importance to be taken up, and a full attendance is desired.

Tom Atkins Lands.

Ralph Tom Atkins, of this city, has landed safely in New York from overseas, according to a telegram to his brother, John L. Atkins, of this city. He will be stationed at Camp Merritt, N. J., until he receives his discharge.

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