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ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Young Men From Maryland Colleges Speak at Westminster—Washington College Wins.

The fifth annual contest of the Oratorical Association of Maryland Colleges was held Friday evening at Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College. The colleges represented in the association are Western Maryland, St. John's, Maryland Agricultural and Washington. In the first contest, in 1899 the championship in oratory was won by Claude C. Douglas, of Western Maryland, and in 1900 Harry Price, of the same institution, was the successful contestant. In 1901 Daniel G. Anderson, of Washington College, was the winner, but in 1902 the honor was again won for Western Maryland by Gideon I. Humphreys. In connection with the contest at night a welcome to the association was extended by President Lewis, of Western Maryland, to which a reply was made by Professor Cain, of St. John's. Introductory remarks were made by Prof. James W. Reese, Ph. D. president of the association. The contestants and their themes were: Robert R. Carman, Western Maryland College, "The Legacy of the Nations"; A. W. Woodcock, Jr., St. John's College, "The Love of the Beautiful: A Plea for Its Cultivation"; P. L. Peach, Maryland Agricultural College, "The Power of Oratory"; Alexander L. Harrington, Jr., Washington College, "Foundations of American Greatness." The judges on thought and composition were Bernard C. Steiner, Ph. D., A. S. Goldsborough, of Baltimore, and Rev. C. Ernest Smith, D. D., of Washington, D. C.; judges on delivery Hon. George M. Upshur, of Baltimore; Rev. William R. Turner, of Washington, D. C., and Joseph M. Streett, of Belair.

The decision of the judges gave the first honor to Alexander L. Harrington, Jr., of Washington College, and the second to P. L. Peach, of Maryland Agricultural College.

SECOND FISH STORY.

Captain Hudson Presented With A Twelve-Pound Shad.

Capt. William H. Hudson, secretary of the Tolchester Company was the happiest man on Light street Saturday morning when the steamer Louise tied up at Light street wharf from Tolchester, and he was presented with a monster shad that had been caught at the Beach only two hours before.

Just as the steamer was casting off from the wharf at Tolchester a great shouting of "Hold her!" "Stop the boat!" Wait, wait!" arose at the shore end of the long pier. A man could be seen running at full speed toward the already moving steamer, when the cry was taken up by the men on the wharf, and the captain, thinking that something was very wrong, stopped his engines and commenced to bring the steamer back to the pier. In a couple of minutes the runner, who was at the end of the wharf with the monster shad—the largest that has been caught near Tolchester in many years—threw the fish over the wide space of water to the deck of the steamer, where it was deftly caught by one of the negro deck hands. The fisherman shouted that the shad was intended for Captain Hudson, and the captain rang for full speed ahead.

The shad weighed twelve pounds and measured two feet four inches in length, nine inches wide and four inches thick.

MIXED THEM UP.

A curious suit was brought against the city authorities recently in Amsterdam, Holland, by a father for $1,200 damages mixing babies up in the municipal incubator, with the result that the boy baby sent by him for development was returned to him a girl. "At the hospital," says American Medicine, "a receipt was taken for the baby boy and he was put into one of the incubators. Some weeks passed and the parents received notice that their child could be taken away. Imagine the father's surprise when he went to fetch his son to have a baby girl thrust into his arms! The hospital nurse declared some mistake had been made by the parents. The parents, nurse and other witnesses declared the mistake was on the part of the hospital authorities. The baby girl was not wanted by the parents of the missing baby boy, and nobody else owned her. The father took proceedings against the Mayor of the city, who is the nominal head of the hospital. During the time the child was in the incubator the outside of the machine was painted and, according to the plaintiff's advocate, the cards on which are written the particulars regarding the inmates were mixed up. A touch of romance is added to the case by the offer of an anonymous lady, who undertakes to pay the compensation claimed by the parents and adopt the girl who ought to be a boy."

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THE FIRST DAY OF MAY NEXT.

A failure on the part of persons now engaged in business to renew their licenses by the first day of May next, will subject them to a fine.

Clerk James T. Dixon will be ready to issue licenses on or before the first day of May next, at his office in the Court House.

Those interested are notified of the following requirements of license laws.

If applicants' stock in trade does not exceed	$ 1,000	$12 60
If over $1,000 not over	1,500	15 60
" 1,500 "	2,500	18 60
" 2,500 "	4,000	22 60
" 4,000 "	6,000	30 60
" 6,000 "	8,000	40 60
" 8,000 "	10,000	50 60
" 10,000 "	15,000	65 60

The applicant must either make oath, as heretofore before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where he is engaged in business, of the amount of goods kept on hand at the principal season of sale, or the oath may be adminstered by a Justice of the Peace when the person wanting a license applies through an agent.

STALLION—The owner and keeper of every Stallion or Jack shall, before being permitted to stand or station such animal, pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of some one of the counties of the State the highest sum that he intends to receive for the season for one mare and the receipts of said clerks, with the seal of his court attached thereto for said sum, shall be the license for standing or stationing such stallion or jack for one year from the date thereof, provided that in no case shall the sum directed to be paid by this section for such license be less than ten dollars, and that every stallion or jack upon which the said tax is paid shall be exempt from all other State tax.

Any owner or keeper standing or stationing any stallion or jack without a license shall forfeit and pay twice the sum authorized and required to be paid in the last preceding section, one-half to the state and the other half to the informers.

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