

JOHN EARL BAKER WILL WED

Prominent University Alumnus and Debater to Marry Southerner

Another romance has been added to Waukesha Beach, when on Dec. 30, John Earl Baker, University—of Wisconsin, 1906, will marry Miss Wille Smith, of Thomasville, Ga., a relative of former Gov. Hoke Smith, who served in President Cleveland's cabinet. Invitations announcing the coming event were received here yesterday.

Following graduation and while working for the Wisconsin state tax commission in valuing property throughout the state for taxation purposes, and before he was connected with a Milwaukee newspaper in the writing of economic articles, Mr. Baker became acquainted with Miss Smith, then in failing health, who had come north with her sister to Waukesha. This was two years ago. Later, after leaving the journalistic field, Mr. Baker went to Washington, D. C., to accept a position as statistician for the interstate commerce commission, a position he still holds. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baker of Eagle, Wis., parents of the groom, will go to Georgia next week to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Baker was well known in the university as a debater. In 1905 he was one of the Athenesean joint debate team which met philomathia. With the marriage of Mr. Baker the Athena Literary society can point to the fact that each member of that joint debate team will have been married, the other two, A. E. James of this city and R. A. Karges of River Falls, having joined the ranks of the benedicts since graduating from the university.