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Drake University the other day re- 
ceived from Leipzig, Germany, two very 
fine surveying instruments that cost 
about three hundred dollars.

Horace Duvall, the new president of 
the California State University, is an 
thrifty advocate of the higher educa-

tion of women. Hurrah for him.

A large addition to the Ann Arbor 
library is now on the way from Leip-
zig. It is a German chemical periodical 
in 26 volumes, complete since the year 
1855.

The number of women attending co-
educational colleges has doubled since 
1874. About the same number of women 
are attending co-educational colleges 
that are attending separate colleges.

Alsworth B. Soperford, the Librarian 
of Congress, who is noted for his won-
derful memory, is nearly sixty-three 
years old. He is of slight physique, dark 
complexioned, with iron-gray whiskers. 
He has held his present position for 
almost a quarter of a century.

Horace A. Wood, of class '81, now one 
of the editors of the Nebraska Daily 
Press, of Nebraska City, brought out an 
Arbor Day edition of his paper. It is full of 
letters on the Day from prominent state-
men, governors, poets and philosophers. 
Horace is making things buzz out in 
that western country.

The University of Iowa recently peti-
tioned the legislature for an appro-
priation of $20,000 to buy a base ball 
field for the women's team. We find the 
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bring from Iowa City 
yesterday, where he attended the conve-

Of the Board of Regents of the State 
University. He reports the University 
in a prosperous condition.—Register.

The Inter-State Oratorical Contest 
will be held next Thursday evening, at 
Greenwade, Ind., the seat of DePauw 
University. Iowa will be represented by 
L. K. Wilson, of Iowa College, as ora-
tor, and by Mr. Mears, of Cornell Col-
lege, and Mr. Arnold, of Parsons College, 
as delegate, the former being chairman 
of the delegation. Success to our man.

By the Baldwin Index it is stated that 
Rev. Dr. Patton, the newly elected 
president of Princeton, is a British 
subject, and that although he has lived in 
this country for twenty years, never has 
sought and does not intend to seek 
naturalization. He is said to have pub-
lished over 1,000 magazines and press 
articles during his literary career.

The trial of Billings for the murder 
of Kingsley at Waverly closed the other 
day, and the jury brought in a verdict of 
murder in the second degree. Argu-
ment was made for a new trial, but it 
was refused. Judge Roddick yesterday 
sentenced Billings to the penitentiary 
at Anamosa for life. Kingsley, it will be 
remembered, graduated from the Law 
Department here with the class of '86, 
and was at the time of the murder 
prosecuting attorney for his county. He 
was a young man of excellent character, 
and popular suspicion was from the first 
strongly against Billings.

Prof. Nutting will spend the sum-
mer in the Bahama Islands making 
natural history collections and study- 
ing, especially the marine forms of 
life there. He will leave here about 
the 15th of May and work in the em-
ploy of the University until vacation, 
after which his time is his own. The 
Bahama Islands are practically a new 
field for work and it is not impossible 
that something new may be brought to 
light. The University is fortunate in 
having instructors who are ever ready 
to grasp an opportunity to better 
perfect themselves in their work.

Perhaps we are mistaken and there 
is no dishonesty connected with referring 
to note and text books during examina-
tions. Either we are mistaken or a 
greater number, who would not be 
called dishonest, have succeeded in 
convincing themselves that, when 
pushed hard, this method is justifiable. 
As any rate, ever since our Freshmen 
days, this thing has been going on. We 
had seen it practiced in primary schools 
before, but hardly expected to find it in 
the University. We found, how-
ever, that almost every class contained 
those who, seeming not to be ashamed 
of the act, made no attempt to conceal 
it. Only one but the Professor. And so 
it has gone on year after year, and 
we have come to regard it merely as 
a matter of fact. Yet the plan always 
seemed to us somewhat questionable 
and there is a tendency to introduce an 
element of unfairness in determining 
one's rank in scholarship. Perhaps this 
objection might be overcome by a more 
general use of text and note books in 
examinations.

Yesterday being Arbor Day, it is to 
be presumed that thousands more trees 
are to-day growing on the school grounds 
of Iowa than on day before yesterday. 
These trees are not a creation. They 
are no addition to the wood growth of 
the country. They have simply been 
transplanted, taken from the forest, 
where they were obscure and over-shad-
owned by the larger trees, and planted 
where they will have plenty of room 
to spread, where their beauty will be seen, 
and where they will add beauty to their 
surroundings. Many school premises 
should to-day have a different appear-
ance from that they had last week. Next 
year, when the trees have grown and 
spread their branches a little, they 
should have a better appearance still. 
No little white school house ought to 
stand all by itself on a bare and bleak 
site with nothing inviting about it. The 
idea of planting trees on school property 
is one of the nicest little fancies con-
ceived lately by modern educational 
philosophers. It is a step in the aesth-
ic direction, the healthy, aesthetic direc-
tion. If the Day were to be devoted 
merely to the planting of trees, it would 
hardly become a very permanent insti-
tution, for soon, if there were proper 
observance, enough trees would be planted. 
But the day is set apart, also, for the 
cleaning up of school-house yards and 
otherwise improving their appearance. 
The latter can always be done from year 
to year, even for a thousand years, hence 
the Day can very appropriately become 
a permanent thing.

The Students Temperance Alliance 
has furnished evidence against twenty 
of Iowa City's saloons. A large propor-
tion of these are situated in accordance 
with Dr. Fellow's "iniquitous" saloon map. 
There are several places which he 
had marked as saloons, which the Alli-
ance has good reason to believe are such, 
but against which they have as yet ob-
tained no conclusive evidence. There 
are quite a number of saloons out side of 
the range of Dr. Fellow's map. Perhaps 
at no time before have the temperance 
people had as good an opportunity to 
exterminate the saloons here as now. 
They have as their ally a powerful 
organization among the students whose 
object should be their object. If they 
will earnestly come to the task and work 
with these students, if there is any 
courage in them, the price can be 
crown their efforts. The students in 
taking hold of this work have a great 
advantage. They are not business men, 
and have no business to be injured. They 
are not, as a rule, intelligent men of 
Iowa City, and are in no way dependent 
upon popular favor. The saloon power is 
able to injure them save by direct 
personal violence, and there is no prob-
bility that it will be attempted. The 
Alliance is not ashamed of the work 
already done but recognizes that work as 
incomplete. They know that twenty 
salons by no means represent the 
whole number in Iowa City, and as long 
as they know this they will not be con-
tent to remain idle.

The evidence has been placed in the 
hands of a competent attorney, and the 
cases have been set for next week. At 
last, it is hoped that an effective war has 
been commenced against the saloon in-
test in the "Athens of Iowa."

Some of our exchanges, we observe, 
are urging the students of their respec-
tive colleges not to be so absorbed by 
regular college work as to neglect to do 
some reading. This advice is certainly 
well put if it is needed, and in many schools 
very likely it is. The present is of 
most vital interest to students. Events 
occurring just now are, many of them, 
important, and will constitute interesting 
and profitable history a few years hence. 
We would not fail to keep pace with 
them and study them in such a way that 
for the reason that they are taking place 
before our very eyes, we shall never 
have as good an opportunity to do so 
again. We have never thought that the 
students of this University needed any 
lecturing on this point. They are, as 
they ought to be, great friends of the 
daily papers. Many of them are regular 
subscribers to Chicago dailies, and we 
scarcely ever enter the reading room 
without seeing a number of students at 
the desks where the latest papers are 
kept on file, not papers a week old, but 
fresh papers. We believe the students 
as a rule are quite able to discuss living 
issues intelligently. In our literary so-
cieties are debated many old questions, 
but one who notices the whole list of 
questions debated by the societies in a 
year, as they are published in the pro-
gram week by week, cannot fail to mark 
the proportion pertinacious to what is 
actually going on and being talked about 
in the political, social and literary world. 
What is really important in the news-
papers should be read by the college stu-
dents and men. It should be evident that 
of every intelligent man. College 
societies certainly ought not to be 
eglected. They do not need to be in 
order that the newspaper may not be. 
There is time enough for both.

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LITERARY DEPARTMENT

CORNELIA.

BY AN UNKNOWN.

"The well that the lips of ancient and venerable women are turned to; the spell of Cassandra, beloved of Apollo.

These words are for all the citizens of Rapid City. It is a place that has something of the ancient and venerable in it, something of the past. It is a city that has been around for many years, and has seen many changes.

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The people of Rapid City are happy to have the Village of the Lost as a part of their city. They are glad to have a place where people can go to be themselves and be happy.

In the end, Rapid City is a wonderful place to live. It has something for everyone. It is a place where people can be themselves and be happy.
LEARNING A LANGUAGE.

A correspondent of Scien. who signs himself simply "W."
gives the following answer to the question, "Whether there is
any practical method of learning to read a language without the use of a dic-
tionary!"

"The present writer has learned to read really two languages without the use of either dictionary or grammar, and believes his method not only possible, but the better way, when a knowledge of the language, not its grammar, is the one desire. His plan has been to begin with some easy author, and follow its text closely. He has some one reads aloud an English or some familiar translation.

By following such a plan through a dozen or more books, one may then venture on some simple author, dismissing with both dictionary and translation so far as possible, and learning the meanings of the new words, as they appear, from the context. After having read twenty or thirty novels or similar works in this way, he should begin the study of the grammar, and then be surprised to find that conjunctions and declensions fall naturally and easily into place. After one has learned a language, a dictionary is very useful; but he certainly can never get a thorough and exact knowledge of words from English synonyms."

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CHALLENGE.

We, the Committee appointed by the Zetaggian society, weary of our many victories in the field of intellect, and desiring to establish our supremacy in athletic contests, do hereby challenge the Irving Institute to a contest in baseball, each team to meet at the same time and place to be arranged by joint committee.

Committee: J. Bailey, F. V. Friend, W. B. L., J. S. F., G. B. Thompson, F. B. Tracy, A. B. Weaver, F. Cotton, J. S. Tuthill.

Four fifty-minute speeches! Such was the number promised on our literary society bulletin yesterday morning. We do not remember ever before having seen two regular literary programs without a single oration. What has become of our orators? A fifty-minute speech will do for an emergency, but it is by no means equivalent to a carefully prepared oration.

Mr. C. H. Maxon, of the Sophomore class, has been selected by our Y. M. C. A. to act as their agent and financial manager during the summer vacation, and many of the S. U. L. alumni may expect a call from him. Mr. M. is fully competent to do the required work, and his heart is in sympathy with the interests of the Association. May success attend him.

The Engineering boys are toughening themselves for the hard work; they expect to engage in. They are not content merely to spend the afternoons of Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the field, but induce the Professor by their clamorings to let them work Saturdays also. So now any Saturday morning about 8 o'clock, a noble band of Engineers, armed with the various instruments of their profession, and each carrying his dinner in a paper, may be seen endeavoring to find their way out of town.

The first dress parade of the season is always an important event in the Spring term. Indeed the Spring term is scarcely considered as inaugurated until this performance has taken place. The rain and showers shortly after the term opened made the prospects for a dress parade rather gloomy, but when the time came the sky was clear and everything went off according to program. This is the first airing of the boys have had since November, and they did well. The steps of the central building and the walks near by were thronged with spectators.

THE REGENTS.

These are some of the things that were done by them Wednesday: It was provided that an examination fee of ten dollars be paid by all law students who enter for the second year only of the law course with a view to graduating in one year.

The county representative scholarship was abolished except as to the students now attending on county recommendation. The colleges fees hereafter to be the same as herebefore, $25 per year. The first term $10, second term $10, and third term to all who have attended two terms is $5, but for one or two terms only, per year the fee is $10 per term.

After the year 1890 the fee for the degree of Bachelor of Arts is fixed at $10.

With reference to the investigating committee, the following passed:

Resolved, That a committee of three of this Board be appointed to attend the investigation of the State University and represent the interests of the institution in such a way as to bring out the fullest possible investigation of all matters that may be presented.

The following officers were elected: E. W. Bartlett, President; V. T. Price and J. H. Lloyd, Vice Presidents.

E. L. Sover, Secretary.


To the Committee of the State Legislature, a request was made for the use of the old building for the University, and the adoption of the following resolutions:

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PUBLIC NOTICE.
Concerning the Investigation of the Management of the University, etc.

To Whom it may Concern:

You are hereby notified, that a meeting of the joint committee of the Senate and House appointed by the twenty-second General Assembly, of the State of Iowa, to investigate all matters relating to the Iowa State University, will meet at the University building on the 15th day of May, 1885, at 10 o'clock A.M.

All persons having any complaints against the general management of the University, by its Regents or otherwise, against the moral character of the institution itself, against the influences and moral atmosphere by which it is surrounded, against the character of the State buildings and improvements, against the conduct of any of the Professors of the institution, against the action of the Board of Regents, in entering into an alleged contract to discharge a part of the Professors in consideration of any appropriation, against the general efficiency of the University, or any other matter whatsoever relating to the said University, its officers of all grades of humanity, hereby respectfully notified and requested to appear before said committee, at the time and place herein named, with such evidence as they may desire to present bearing upon the subjects above referred to.

A. F. MERRETT.
W. W. DODGE.
W. M. MCFARLAND.
E. W. WILMER.
L. D. HONICKER.

Committee.

The Dead Moon.

Prof. Samuel P. Langley, in his New Astronomy, thus moralizes:

“The moon, then, is dead; and if it ever was the home of a race like ours, that race is dead too. I have said that our New Astronomy modifies our view of the moral universe as well as of the physical one; nor do we need a more pregnant instance than this in before us. In these days of decay of old creeds of religion, the eternal, it has been sought to satisfy man’s yearning toward it by founding a new religion whose god is humanity, and whose hope lies in the future existence of our own race, in whose collective being the individual who must die may fancy his aims and purpose perpetuated in an endless progress. But alas for hope looking to this alone! We are here brought to face the solemn thought that, like the individual, though at a little further date, Humanity itself may die.”

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