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We humbly beg leave to inform the deluded Press that the Students' Temperance Alliance of the University and the Republican Club are two entirely distinct and separate organizations. The deluded Press, self-deluded, willingly deluded. Willingly deluded, so that when reproached with its errors and insinuations, which are the natural expression of its life, it can make the excuse of ignorance.

For the last month Red Oak has been figuring on founding a big college. The Quinbys from Monmouth, III., who own a large tract of land, on which it is proposed to put the building, have been here to look into the project. Two enthusiastic public meetings have been held, and it is quite generally thought that the plan can be consummated.

The Inter-State athletic Contest, occurred at Greens∠, Ind., Thur-sday night. Telegraphic reports are very meager. The judges were as follows:

On thought and style, Gov. Fors-mar of Ohio, L. Wrenth of Burlington, Iowa, and Prof. Mory of Rochester, N. Y.; on delivery, Att'y. General Mitchener of Indianapolis, Rev. D. M. Stewart of Chicago, and Rev. James Frakes of St. Louis. First honors were awarded to R. G. Johnson of De Pauw University, Indiana, second to H. M. Hyde of Wisconsin, and third to Mr. Wilson of Iowa. The officers for next year have not learned nor where the contest will be held.

The overseers of Harvard College voted that in their opinion inter-collegiate contests should take place only in Cambridge, New Haven, or such other New England cities as the committee on athletics may from time to time designate, and that university teams alone should be permitted to take part in the inter-collegiate contests; that students should be prohibited from taking part in contests with organizations not belonging to the university, except on Saturdays or holidays. An address to the faculty, signed by a number of the students, urging that the restriction be abolished which prevents the college nine from playing with other than amateur clubs, was read to the board. The club is small in numbers, not because there are few who are interested in its work, but because a large membership would greatly cripple its usefulness.

Can you hear the amount appropriate for the college? The committee recommends $7,000, and gives the University $52,000. Remarkable contrast! The college has apparatus for educating five hundred students each year instead of three hundred, if the dormitory accommodations were sufficient.

The Legislature refused to pass the bill appropriating $20,000 for a Laboratory for the I. A. C. It is a sad blow to those officers who worked so earnestly to secure the appropriation; but this institution will be stronger because of their endeavors. The people of the State of Iowa will one day learn the value of this college, and will then appreciate their wise and judicious action. As usual, the State University succeeded in capturing a plan, $52,000. -Aurora.

Yes, $82,000 is a mighty big plan. It comes every two years terrifically squeezed and bruised. The State University, considering its needs, gets the worst plan in the State's basket. The people of the State of Iowa will one day learn the value of this college also, it is to be hoped, and will then want it with due consideration, financially and otherwise. It is natural for the Agricultural College to complain. While it has a separate existence and is not treated well, it ought to complain. But, to be frank, we could never think of a good argument for the maintenance of the Agricultural College. It is a good scientific school, and that is all it is. As such, it should be united with, and made a part of, the State University. After that the classical and literary departments here should be treated with due respect, and our institution would then take a much higher rank than now.

The Zetagonian society presented a special program, last evening, in the shape of the United States Senate. Unlike the average special program, this was not prepared upon a day's notice but was a real special. It had been well worked up and it was well executed. Democrats on one side and Republicans on the other, the President of the Senate, the city clerk and reporter on the rostrum, and last but not least, a page who was everywhere, things assumed quite a legislative appearance. The journal of the preceding day was read, long petitions were presented, bills were read and discussed, or placed on the file. Messrs. Thompson, Kenne-fick, Monnet, Bender, Ball and Zimmerman spoke on bills, and Gardner presented a memorial address on Roscoe Conkling, which is splendidly deserving of praise. During recess the boys gave a college song, were encored and gave another. Altogether it was one of the best executed programs the society has given since we have been in the University.

R. F. Hurlbut, chairman of Iowa delegation to Inter-State contest in '82, is on a vacation from his church at Re- worth, and is taking in the M. E. General Conference in New York.

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Faust is the type of man. With the dictum of the Lord: \textquoteleft\textquoteleft A good man, in the darkness of his error, is conscious of the right way still; yet ringing in our ears and filling us with expectation, we turn expectantly to the magician in his study, and almost from the first we are held by an inexplicable charm. When we first beheld him, is not this a possible one? We too have felt these misgivings. Knowledge is vain, is idle. Science leads us only into the chasms of theory. The secret of the universe is always beyond our utmost attainments. Whithersoever we turn we see the deepest glooms, mocking the ambition of our hearts. Knowledge is vain. Science is impotent. In ignorance lies an unrecovable bliss. We, too, have keenly felt this. We, too, have repulsed with impatience the hermit-like wan renunciation. Renunciation. Oh, vanity of vanities! Quintessence of Pharisian egotism! From the folly of our hearts we have prayed: Give me not that crown, I have renounced the folly of our hearts we have missed the expected crown sorely. No, knowledge never hit upon a plan of salvation. Remission is but a phrase. Death only seems to promise a solution, and yielding to this, we do not resist when Faust raises the poisoned cup to his lips. But, hasn\textquoteleft;t the Church of Angels, \textquoteleft\textquoteleft Christ is arisen!\textquoteleft\textquoteleft Easter-days long past returned to Faust. Memory snatches the cup away, and at the last moment recalls to itself the mind of Faust, crazed, intolerable attempts to defy the universe. His manhood and humanity are awakened, and he resolves to live. Eager to learn the event, we follow him further. Breathless we stand over him as he signs the compact with Mephistopheles. We experience the idle pleasures of Auerbach\textquoteleft;s Cellar and the Witch\textquoteleft;s Kitchen; they cannot hold us. But Gretchen appears, and with wild hearts we course through the remaining scenes. We are fired by the same love as Faust, we are torn by the same contending impulses, the same fierce passions. And, after, we are urged by the same insane desire of restitution, while on our ears, into our hearts, also, does the cry of the dying Gretchen strike with the two-fold torture of accusation and forgiveness. And then the dream is over, and there remains only a vague memory of sunshine and sunshine, against mountain shaking tempests, of a fading glimpse of heaven.

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Honors awarded in the High School declamatory contest, held at Newton, Iowa, were as follows: Grinnell, first in declamatory; Newton, seconds in declamatory; East Des Moines, first in oratorical; Cedar Rapids, first in humorous; second honors not awarded for oratorical and humorous.

We notice in the Waterloo Tri- bune that J. F. Burns, of last year's Law class, is president of the young men's Demo- cratic club there. That paper says: "Mr. Burns is a bright young lawyer and gave proofs in his oratory speech Saturday night of rapid rise in the political as well as in the legal line." The celebrated impersonator, G. Paul Smith, at the Opera House, Saturday, May 12. The program will include perfect impersonations of such char- acters as Gough, Booth, Beecher, Tal- mage, Susan B. Anthony, Sarah Bern- hardt, as also black-board work and good music. Reserved seats at Fink's Friday and Saturday.

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All the friends of Mr. Homer Sorely will be pleased to learn that he has been re-elected for a two years' term, and is to be known as President of the Iowa State Normal school. He has given the school an impetus forward by uniting the family and inspiring the students of the State with confidence in the school's practical utility.—Oshawa Herald.

Two large framed pictures were hung in the State Library this morning. One was the picture of T. F. Parvin, present librarian of the Grand Lodge of Masons' library at Cedar Rapids and was pre- sented from him to the library. Mr. Parvin was the first librarian under the territorial government, his commission bearing date 1837 and signed by Governor Lucas.—Des Moines News.

The battalion is the apple of the university's eye. We have had some very pleasing and box-office visitors this week, and the dentists of the state have convened here, and of course the boys who make such a fine appearance with their brash buttons, sabres, bayo- nets and cannon had to be looked to within a few days when he suddenly passed away with it. It is with sin- cest record of the most worthy every promise of a martyr.

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n foot to organize a use-Ball Association, of Colleges to con- duct of the State—our the western division and Simpson. Let c.—Aurora.

Freshmen played a ball on the river, the score stand- ing of the former. The est of Tuthill, Friend, arth, Onott, and Weaver as sub- haman players were Smith, Craig, Halli- d, Weeld, and Rice.

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In the Board of Regents:

Your committee on faculties and teaching devoted two days last week to the task assigned them, viz., sift the testimonials to the qualifications of candidates to fill vacant positions, and kindred matters, and unite in a report of the following recommendations:

1. The consolidation of the chairs of Latin and Greek, under the title of Ancient Languages, with a professor in charge of that department, assisted by such instructors as may be needed.

2. The confirmation of Miss Cal, as assistant to said chair of Ancient Languages, her specialty being Greek, as at present. She gives ample satisfaction to the few people who still think they need to study Greek, and well enough may be let alone.

3. That Mr. Hitchcock be continued as assistant in modern languages—a relation both agreeable to the professor in charge and highly satisfactory to the pupils.

4. That the chairs of English and Rhetoric and Oratory be consolidated under the head of English Language and Literature, with such assistance to the revision of manuscript, and the general mechanism of the thing called orating, as may be deemed necessary.

5. That Mr. Maggowan be retained as assistant to the chair of Civil Engineering and Mr. Wett, ditto to that of Mathematics, as a service of a high order of merit.

6. That the committee feel that this department of English should be pushed to the fore in this University, and that the best talent, the best scholarship, and the broadest general, as well as purely literary, ability available should be secured for this chair; and accordingly your committee went through "the cloud of witnesses," to the merit of the various applicants with great thoroughness, hunting for the man if hehaply could find him. And we think, at least we hope, we have found him. That is, we would feel that way if we could be assured that certificates really certify, and testimonials actually testify. It is one of the curious traits of complaisant human nature that men generally with anything else is a promissory note or bank check. So that Judas Iscariot, Ananias and Sapphira, could no doubt easily get bushels of certificates of "good moral character." We have to run the risk of these things in this case for we found one testimonial in this batch which was so unpalatable and amusing that we beg pardon for mentioning it. It was written by a member in the class of 1865 of an ardent applicant for the English place and among other alleged qualifications, this inoffensive partizan stated that the man had always been a "good straight democrat." This bewildered your committee, not knowing just what bearing that adjective "square" a square democrat, might have in a man's fitness to teach "English as she is taught" If the applicant had been a round democrat, or a cornered democrat, or a many-sided democrat, we should have known what to do, but thank heaven, we have the returns, Francis H. Stoddard, instructor in English Literature, in the University of California, has the suffrage of the majority of this committee.

After a general examination of the papers of all the numerous applicants the committee sloughed off the mass of them as undesirables, not likely to fill the bill and then put Stoddard, W. C. Gla.

MB. Anderson, Samuel Garner, Miss Rose Colby, and Prof. W. W. M., through a satisfactory civil service examination as to their respective merits, so far as these could be determined, by a due correspondence of the evidence furnished by these recommendations, with the result as above stated.

Who is Stoddard? He is a young man, well and happily married, native of Vermont, a graduate of Amherst in 1869, who fancied with the study of English primitive roots and way back and deep down in the Anglo Saxon and kindred dialects, up all through its literature, spent two years at Oxford University, England, studying under special tutors and attending the lectures of the famous language authorities there, and winning warm letters of commendation from such men as Max Mueller, Sapir et al. He also studied in Germany, still in the line of language. Best les heredity backs him and he has a bent in language. His father is one of the authors of the well-known Andrews and Stoddard's Latin Grammar. Then he taught several years and for a year now has been instructor in English literature in the University of California, and if he remains will be promoted assistant professor. He is a young man with his future all before him, full of learning, and ambition, and enthusiasm, and with a rare gift of exposition, as may be verified by not only by the printed pages of his lectures, but by personal acquaintance, by the President Seelye, of Amherst, and any number of professors at Harvard, John Hopkins University, President Homden, of the California University and last but not least by such a solid-headed man as Francis A. Walker. Max Mueller thinks him "fully fitted for performing the duties of English literature and belles-lettres." If testimonials can be trusted at all, this comparatively young man's mastery of English literature and kindred topics, his deep philosophical researches, his clear familiarity through wide reading of what is best in English literature, his careful study of Anglo Saxon and the early dialects which form the back of the English language and of the middle English manuscripts, all give ample assurance that in him we have a man who has laid the foundations deep and broad enough to serve for the elevation in this University of a structure of English that will be a credit to and the State. We may be fooled but if we are, then such splendid testimonials would "decree the very elect," here or anywhere.

As to the chair of Civil Engineering, the committee unanimously recommend Professor Beardsley, for fifteen years of Civil and Mechanical Engineering in Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, and for three years previous ditto professor in the University of Minnesota, he was graduated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York, in 1876, and ambitious to equip himself and excel, visited Europe to study details of organization and management of technical education. He is forty three years old, is married, and will not be likely to be a discordant element here, as he is Quaker. His papers and his record of thirteen years as a successful teacher show that he is a stirring, practical fellow and a capital teacher.

As to the vacancy at the head of the Law Department this committee understands that the law committee should come from the law committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. McColnel,
J. W. Akes,
J. B. Dunkin,
J. W. Rice.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The committee on faculties and teaching having received new light as to one of the candidates for the chair of English literature, agree in recommending Professor M. B. Anderson to fill that post, to E. H. Stoddard.

[Signed]

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J. S. Dunkin,
J. W. Rice,
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