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The Week.

We are called upon this week to record a deplorable fact, one already familiar to most of us, and deeply regretted by every student and officer of the University. Professor Melville B. Anderson, who has so ably conducted the chair of English Literature, for the past four years, has accepted a call to the Leeland Stanford University, California, as its professor of English Literature. Only those who know what Professor Anderson has done for us in his department can appreciate the universal one-sided regret upon his resignation. He came among us four years ago, when the chair of English was very crude and inadequate. He entered into his work with a zeal and enthusiasm equalled only by the energy with which he has pursued his work to the close. His efforts have been rewarded by the successful establishment of a course in English Literature, in order to appeal strongly to the literature, English, French, and German literature, to students of all departments of the University.

The University right willingly offers induction to another full equal candidate, even that very far from the salary now offered him in California. The State University of Iowa must lose Professor Anderson, is gratified that she is able to have a voice in the formation of the Leeland Stanford faculty, and with feeling and regret congratulates the institution of the golden show upon her good fortune.

Mr. Martin Wright Sampson, instructor in languages and literature, in our University, has not yet announced his intention of accepting the position, but he has a high standard of excellence to maintain. The course as laid down now, was formulated for Professor Anderson, and will require of his successor a broad and liberal learning in language and literature, to the extent of which he will be found to add to the already high standard of excellence. His knowledge does not end with a thorough acquaintance of English literature alone, but embraces an easy and scholarly thoroughness in the Greek, Latin, French, Italian, German, and Spanish languages and literature. His translations of Hugo's Shakespeare, and the series of great French writers, proclaim him at once a sympathtic translator and scholar. These works have received most gratifying criticisms from scholarly writers throughout the country. His late edition of Racine's essays is honored by echoes of "well done" from no less a scholar than Professor Albert S. Cook. The great merit in Professor Anderson's work is thoroughness; a complete covering of his subject. He has been eminently successful in combining the perfections of the ancient and the modern; that is, the how-to-write, with what may be unsatisfactorily termed the theoretical, the love for literature, the insatiable thirst for "the best that has been thought and said in the world." The union of these two seemingly opposite aims is a stumbling-block to every teacher of literature.

This superficial sketch of Professor Anderson and his work here will give the stranger some conception of our regret over his resignation. He brought to our University, and with feeling and regret congratulates the institution of the golden show upon her good fortune.

The Vidette is called upon this week to chronicle the sad death of Mrs. Charles C. Nutting, the wife of the professor of Systematic Zoology in the University. Mrs. Nutting died at 10:30 o'clock Thursday, May 7th, after a very brief illness, leaving motherless a little daughter who was born but a week ago. Prof. and Mrs. Nutting were married less than five years ago, soon after her graduation from Blackburn College, at Carlinville, Illinois. During her residence in Iowa City the deceased had won many loving friends, to whom her unexpected and untimely death comes as a personal loss. The Vidette wishes to express the heartfelt sorrow which is felt by all who are connected with the University, and to tender to Prof. and Mrs. Nutting our sincerest sympathy in his great loss.

The funeral will take place from the family residence this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Looking up the river from the northern end of Dubuque street, the view has been enhanced within the last week by the symmetrical outlines of the University boat house. The University Boating Club has now the advantage of a house room for any number of boats that it is likely to require for the next two or three years. The dimensions of the house are 60 feet by 20 feet, thus affording capacity for any boat short of a racing stilt. The stock company, consisting chiefly of members of the Faculty, with a few gentlemen interested in rowing residing in the city, have made it their object to put up a well built and capacious house, and we trust their efforts will be seconded by a practical interest being taken by the students in rowing matters. The small but determined club which has been formed among the students has already taken steps to secure a four-oared oar gig, and it is to be hoped that it will be here in a week or ten days, when active work will be commenced, and crews will be formed. The only things which to which lack of aid are now members and more funds. It is the desire of the club to so increase its membership and fees that another four-man boat may be purchased, and so enable the club to give a series of club races before the end of the term. The rowing was designed and contracted for by Mr. Hatz, of this city, and valuable aid was afforded by members of the engineering department in surveying and leveling the grounds, to whom the thanks of the club are due.

One of the recently received works in our library, worthy of more than a passing glance, is "Browning's Mission," a work that is better than we had feared more from the indiscriminate admission of those who read and discuss an author because he is "the rage." But Browning's cranks, together with the ridicule which they have excited, are gradually being superseded by intelligent and appreciative students of this great poet. To those whom an extended course of study is precipitated, as well as the students of English who are in this work is most suggestive and interesting in the conception which it offers of the poet, his philosophy, his poetry, his message to us, his claims to our attention and study. The work is composed of a series of papers read before a group of students of English who is well acquainted with "Browning's Mission" and his "Religion" are especially interesting. The author is a professional man, but a careful student of the philosophy of the poet and the man.

On Thursday the Vidette-Reporter Association met in persistance to call and refused to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, thus withdrawing the declaration of a vacancy, and the call for an election in Mr. Shambaugh's case. All feel now that this was the proper and honorable thing to do. No one is happier than the Vidette that this disagreeable controversy is now at an end. Let it rest in peace.

We are pleased to learn that there are a goodly number of competitors this year for the Holbrook Prize. The establishment of a number of such annual prizes, for excellence in different lines of college work, is an aid for which our school may hope for years to come. In many colleges the awarding of the annual prizes is one of the most interesting features of commencement week, and the interest aroused in the competition of the same is both healthful and beneficial.
The representatives of the Western college papers will meet in Chicago and form a Western intercollegiate press association. The New England and central associations were formed a few years ago, and are successful.

The first Pan-Hellenic convention of Greek letter societies was held at Boston, April 15, 16 and 17, under the auspices of the Boston chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The University of Michigan is to have an instructor in boxing. It has been suggested that since she employs the best talent in her other departments, she should not stop short of Prof. Sulli- van - Ex.

Plans are drawn, and a bill is now pending, having for its object the erection of a natural history building at the University of Illinois this summer. The building will contain the botanical, zoological and biological laboratories, and will cost $100,000.

The new School of Philosophy at Cornell will publish a periodical to be known as the Philosophical Review, and will aim to be the representative of modern philosophic thought in America and Europe. The school offers a curriculum of over fifty courses beginning 1891-2.

The late military trouble at Illinois State University has been settled by the reinstatement of the suspended captains. The trustees at a late meeting decided that the trouble was brought about by a misunderstanding between faculty and students as to the application of rules in regard to military appointments.

The faculty at Cornell is determined to root out the practice of "cracking," in examinations if such a thing is possible. As a result of investigations upon the recent examinations six students have been suspended for dishonesty, and it is possible that others may follow. The faculty seems to be determined to stop short of no expedient that may be necessary to stop this practice.


Lack of space advises us not to attempt a detailed account of the affair. The main man was Frank Peters, of Indiana. His oration "took an optimistic view of civilization and made universal man the beneficiary of all the good things. Originality was the feature, and the man was characteristic of the oration. A polish in delivery and carriage received his while the audience showed favorably from the start.

Echoes of the Contest.

The Ames delegation numbered 150. They had their voices with them as well as their banner.

Geo. O. Ferguson, who was Nebraska's orator, invoked her help and was taken "suddenly ill" so that he could not speak when charges of plagiarism were made and proved against him, was present. He is a smooth gentleman of some 25 summers, with a beautiful moustache and sideburns.

It would be lamentable indeed were Luther and his Reformation allowed to stop this orator.

A person justly expects that the ten speakers of an Inter-State contest will be orators in every respect after having passed through the sifted process mentioned above, yet it is an acknowledged fact that the Inter-State contest is not held at the beginning of the school term. The state contests of the different states select the best ten of these seventy-five, and the Inter-State contest names the best men of these ten, who has climbed up the ladder of oratorical fame as far as he can get, and is styled the champion orator.

A program was too long. When a person sits from 7:30 to midnight the seat begins to get hard and we don't blame the audience for standing part of the time.

The lady orator is deserving of special mention. Her oration and her style of delivery were peculiarly her own and many regarded first originality with a certain respect, and the effect under such circumstances, we fail to see, but the scheme is said to be a good one.

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F. W. Packard is now located in Davis.

Indications are that the Soph-Fresh banquet will be a great success.

Interested Junior-Professor, is that true in the case of "Sophmore, or?"

Mr. Waite announces an examination in the subject of torts next week.

Prof. Wambaugh began his course of lectures on bills and notes this week.

Mrs. Dietz left Sunday night for New York, where she will sail for Paris.

The Betas gave a pleasant informal party in their halls Monday evening.

George Gravel was a pleasant visitor from his father and mother Tuesday.

Simon will spend some months abroad after he graduates. He sails on June 24th.

Harrington and Varun both clerk in the popular shoe store of Wm. N. Selle.

Miss Bertha Nichols came up from West Liberty to attend the Pan Helicen party.

The botany students are exercised over the request made by Mr. Shimak that they shall name all the trees of the campus.

Grace Partridge returned Wednesday after a few days visit with friends in New York, whence he will come up to the college on Friday.

C. T. Erickson, of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., was a visitor at the S. U. I. on Friday.

Secretary Parsons goes to the first of the week to the International Y. M. C. A. Convention at Kansas City.

Don't flatter yourself, that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates.

Tennis courts were allotted Monday and most of the sixteen have been marked off and put to use.

W. H. Barnes, a graduate of the Law Department and now of Northwood, Iowa, was a visitor at the University Monday.

Billy Meyers was in town Thursday on his way east. He will spend the summer in Germany, sailing on the 13th of this month.

W. H. Halsey and H. O. Weaver expect to spend Sunday at home, the former at Muscatine and the latter at Columbia Junction.

A party of the S. U. I. boys and girls went to Mt. Vernon this morning by carriage, to attend the base ball game. May they return with colors flying in honor of the S. U. I. victory.

Chancellor McClain—The bails of goods in some instances a lien upon the sale of goods for labor performed upon them and may sell them and apply the proceeds to remunerate himself.

W. S. Butterbaugh, principal of the Solon schools, was an S. U. I. visitor on Tuesday. He is compelled to take a temporary vacation on account of the prevalence of diphtheria among his pupils.

Mr. R. H. Huygen, a successful attorney of Huron, S. Dak., was in the city this week, preparing to remove to San Antonio, Tex. He is a graduate of the College Department, '81, and Law Department, '82.

W. H. Butterfield, recently of the Junior law class, is announced to be married on May 12th to Miss Jennie Tackett. Congratulations may be ad dressed to 408 Sycamore street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Meers, Griffiths, Miller and Jackson, the two former of Des Moines, the latter of Mt. Ayr, all members of last year's Junior law class, are expected to be here in time to graduate with the class of '91.

It has finally been determined by the law class that they will send out invitations, Meers, Anderson, Korte and Dennis have been appointed committee on selection. They are the right men in the right place.

Yes, it is really true, all the signs show it. The green grass, the budding trees, the singing birds, the wild flowers, the sound of saw and hammer, spring suits and straw hats, and dress parade—all prove that spring is actually here.

Rev. Barrett was a welcome caller at one of the law lecture halls on Monday, and being called upon for a speech, addressed the class briefly on trial, judgment and execution, somewhat different to that found in Iowa Code.

It will be pleasing news to many of friends of Leon Brown to hear of his continued prosperity and success. His work on the Des Moines News is in the local department, which seems to be to his liking greatly. He is the same old "Vivion."" The Vidette-man met Prof. Cooper while in Des Moines. The professor is well settled in his work, with which he is greatly in love and was glad to hear of Iowa City's prosperity, just as Iowa City and the University are happy to hear of his success and good health.

H. J. Lander, county attorney of Muscatine county, died of pneumonia a short time ago. He was a classmate of Chancellor McClain, graduating from the Law Department in 1872. He was a popular and rising young man and his loss will be keenly felt by his many friends throughout the state.

After several weeks absence, Mr. Marble, of Senior law class, has again made his appearance, his smiling countenance is welcomed by all his classmates. Mr. Marble has been engaged in sowing a crop of oats on his farm in Green county, and owing to the unfavorable weather was detained longer than he expected.

Miss Julia Rogers has been compelled to leave school for the remainder of the term. An accident occurred which was at first supposed to be only a strain, but what has since proven to be much worse. A rest of a few months is expected, but she will be睿 sufficient to restore her to health. She will pursue her studies, thereby keeping up her college work.

Mr. W. W. Dodge, of Burlington, a graduate of the Law Department, delivered a touching eulogy recently on his former colleague in the University.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents in session now.

The Beta Fraternity in wednesday. Several holes about the door near the lock that held the key, which had been isolated and shut up, were bored out through and through and a few things were rifled. It is not a bunch of the thieves, as there was no breaking into the street in the night but a bunch of a few at that, according to the committee. A subject of the Beta Fraternity, Stephen R. by the committee and arrest after the evidence had been corroborated by the committee. It is certainly so, as the Beta Fraternity is not certain to be committed, but it will be speedily completed.

College days are going well, and those who sympathize with them are doing the work of the school life. A new mind and a new activity, and a new material for material in the next. In other words, the Beta Fraternity is going to be a very fine fraternity.

But our sorrows are few, and are forgotten for one day.

But can the traces of some of our old friends be found down through deep and rough roads that for so many years we have walked, and are not longer to view; grasp them if we can? But are they too far away to be touched? We do not know; for we leave the room and are not longer to expect the last words of the old.

And so our scapes, crossings, and other sorrows are few, and are forgotten for one day.

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FINE TAILOR-MADE UNIFORMS AT BLOOD & MAYER'S.
The Beta Fraternity halls were broke on a Wednesday night of this week. Several holes were bored through the door near the lock with an auger, and a large enough cut was made to admit the perpetrator’s arm to reach through and turn the latch. Only a few things were touched, and nothing but a bunch of keys stolen. Who were the thieves, or what their object in breaking into the hall of a secret society in the night and removing nothing but a bunch of keys, is not known. A crime, according to the law, has been committed, which makes the guilty subject to imprisonment in the penitentiary. Steps were immediately taken by the chapter toward the finding out and arrest of the burglars, and a reward of $25 has been offered for convicting evidence as to their identity. It is certainly to be hoped that no student of the University was implicated in the crime, but that whoever committed it will be speedily brought to justice.

College days are full of disappointments and joys. Associations with friends who are drawn together by sympathy and common interests give us the days which form ones in our school life. At these fertile spots our minds and natures are revolved to better activity, and we are replenished with material for longer and harder journeys. In after life these days are red letter days in our memories. The sorrows, too, are many, and many times are deep. A friend proves ungrateful, false, unfixed. Honest efforts are hindered and vitiated by selfishness and unmanly opposition, and we lose faith in humanity in general. We have the bitter with the sweet, and many times too much of the latter.

But our sorrows, thanks to a kind providence, fade and fade into the past and are forgotten,—our joys grow more and more enjoyable as time goes on. But can the time ever come when all these traces of sorrow are obliterated? No! No! Old roads sometimes, winding down through pleasant valleys or over desolate and rough passes leaving deep scars on nature’s face, may become lost to view; grasses and flowers obscure them or turn or the things hide them, but they are there, abandoned, forgotten—obliterated! No! Cross one some time and you find out, and the least expected the introduction, the harder the jolt.

And so our lives become great landscapes, crossed and recrossed by old roads, to be remembered, as some day or other we cross these old experiences where sorrow or sin has left a trace built over and covered up. When the thistles are torn away or the flowers removed from the wrong-doing or the disappointment, it stands self-revealing there. But beneath even this or beside it lies a red-letter day, which, stambling upon, lights up the whole scene, to astonish us from unpalpable memories and invite us to look upon the brighter side.

So let us while among our fellows, be charitable with Pootie, say of him who seems to be a thorn in the flesh: “God made him, therfore let him pass De a way, we have large enough measure of good life by the joys it affords, by the pleasant memories, the true friends, the good eye can do.

Carl Stittman, of Burlington, is in the city.

Miss Zoe Williams spends Sunday at West Liberty.

B. F. Shambaugh was in the city a few days this week.

Mrs. Alford, of Westover, is visiting her daughter Mary.

Professor Edward Payfar Anderson is spending a few days with his brother Professor M. H. Anderson.

It has been suggested that it would be a very appropriate thing for the merchants of the city to close their stores for a few hours on the afternoon of the State Field Day. While it perhaps would be unbecoming in the Vidette to urge such a matter upon them, yet we frankly state that we believe it would be taken as an act of great courtesy, and would express to the students that they, as citizens and storekeepers, are deeply interested in the University, and especially in the development of her athletes.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Iowa State Sabbath-school Convention will be held at Mason City, June 16-18. All Sabbath-school workers are cordially invited and are entitled to the gracious hospitality of the city. Those desiring to attend will address Prof. John D. Glass, Mason City; and for reduced railroad fare, the railroad secretary, F. N. Chase, Cedar Falls.

W. M. Tackettberry, Pres.

See the magnificent line of odd pants just received at the Golden Eagle.

Wait! Wait! Wait! I have a small selection of Souvenir spoons in stock, but am having a University spoon made. This will be one of the finest spoons made, having a cut of the main University building in the bowl, and Iowa City either pierced or etched on the handle. This will take at least two weeks to make the dies. A. M. Greer.

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EDITORS VIDETTE-REPORTER:

Gentlemen:—A correspondent, who seeks to conceal his identity behind an asterisk, finds fault in the last issue of the Vidette-Reporter, with the management of the Chemical Laboratory because it is not allowed to sit down near the stairway. He seems to think this is a new regulation, whereas it is an old one, chairs or stools never having been provided for general use in the laboratory to my knowledge. It is true that three or four seats were brought in for the use of young ladies in the class, but it is also true that these chairs were found occupied by young men, who calmly sat at their ease, allowing the ladies to stand at their work!

The professor of engineering informs me that seats have never been furnished for the draughting room. Experience shows that work at draughting, or in the chemical laboratory, cannot be properly carried on while sitting. The writer has never seen even one seat of any kind used in such laboratories, either in this college or elsewhere, and the necessity for seats in draughting rooms is the same. It would be just as rational for a carpenter, blacksmith, or baker, while building a table or forging a shoe, to remain standing the whole time. There is of course necessary to sit, for the simple reason that the requisite steadiness of touch can only be secured in this way.

In conclusion one more error calls for corrected. It is hardly necessary to say that the "order" for the enforcement of which you appeal to your correspondent objects to, came not from the President, but from the professor who is responsible for the laboratory management, although the former knew of the regulation and approved of its enforcement.

L. W. A.

Home Field Day.

The field day committee held an important meeting last Wednesday night, in discussion of matters appertaining to the coming Field Day. Among other things accomplished was the election of the following officers:

Marshall, Lieut. Reid
Aust. Marshall, Jas. Hart, Elton Rice
Revere, Prof. Janeson
Ispass, W. Larrakes, B. C. Butler
Starter, Chas. Bowers
Judges at the finish, Prof. A. Andrews and Anderson, Mr. A. J. Cox.

S. U. I. Choral Union.

The Choral Union gave their closing concert, at the Opera House, Monday night, May 25th, and it seems to be the duty of every student and professor in the University to attend. The Union represents a part of our college interests, and it is the least we can do to give them a housing house. They have engaged assistance from abroad, and have other obligations to meet, in the way of rent and the like, which will bring the total required close up to two hundred dollars. If the whole University, Faculty, officers and classes, make it a point of honor to give the encouragement and assistance that they are entitled to, the success will be assured. If they fail, to any considerable extent, there will be proportionate loss and discouragement to the Union, and the untold capital opportunity for the University to demonstrate the possession of that spirit du corps we have talked so much about. Any member of the University who does not see the necessity of this full should be asked to offer a "reasonable excuse." The Union has given way, some of its funds to lose, and it is necessary for the lecture bureau, once at least, was forced to—and they have sort of moral claim to the University in this connection. We will publish the full programme in next week's issue, suffice it for the present to say that the central feature is Rosenfi's master-pieces, the Statuette, with Mrs. Ida Mac Baldwin, soprano, Miss Alice B. Chase, alto, Mr. C. T. Barnes, of Chicago, tenor, Mr. Kreselavka, basso, Miss Moon, pianist, and Dr. Gilchrist, conductor.

The Ariel Thomas Combination, of Boston, will give one of their delightful entertainments, in the Opera House, next Thursday evening. This is the best ladies quartette traveling, and their voices are more highly spoken of by the press.

The singing by the Ariel Quartet was exceedingly artistic. The voices of the ladies were sweet, clear, rich and highly cultivated, and blended in delightful harmony. A number of the selections were accompanied with the piano, and the quartette with banjo, and the remainder with the piano and banjo, were real gems.

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