Announcement.

The Vidette-Reporter will be issued every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at noon. The subscription price will remain the same as heretofore $1.25 a year; $1.50 if paid after January 1st. Subscribers living within one mile of the postoffice will receive the paper by carrier delivery between eleven and twelve o'clock on the day of issue. To other subscribers the paper will be sent through the mails.

It is the intention of the editors to publish all the news of all departments of the University, and to this end the editorial staff will be increased by the addition of one thoroughly wide-awake man in each of the professional departments.

S. U. I. news and the demand for its prompt publication and dissemination is greatly increased this year. With the S. U. I. Bowling Club, which was organized last spring, and which will put crews upon the water immediately; the completion of the $40,000 Y. M. C. A. building with its first-class gymnasium; and with the old-time enthusiasm for foot-ball, base-ball and tennis, the interest and activity in athletics, which have advanced so rapidly at S. U. I. in the last two years, will be greater than ever before. We propose to keep our readers constantly informed of current S. U. I. progress, educational, literary, social and athletic.

We shall make a specialty of news concerning the alumni and aim to make the paper as valuable to graduates as to present students. In this connection we invite and earnestly urge all friends of the University to contribute items of news concerning themselves and each other.

The change to a tri-weekly is the first move toward a daily paper, and the editors predict that if the Vidette-Reporter is supported as it should be in 1891-2 the State University of Iowa will not long remain behind the best known colleges of the country in respect to its newspaper representative.

We take the liberty of mailing this number to all new students and alumni as a sample copy of the new Vidette Reporter, and we respectfully solicit your subscriptions if, after perusal of its columns, you are pleased with the paper.

Additions and Changes.

In anticipation of the large increase in the number of students in the University this year, some important additions have been made in the equipment of the various departments. Some changes have taken place in the faculties and several alterations made in courses.

Especially in the department of Science much new material, collected by our representatives in many countries, has been added. The expedition to Canada of Prof. Nutting and Messrs. A. G. Smith and Frank Russell, and their contributions of birds to the Museum of Natural History are of much value.

Professor Calvin, with Mr. E. H. Williams as assistant, has been placed in charge of the chair of Histology in the old museum in the Medical building. Twenty-five new microscopes and other necessary apparatus have been added. We are pleased to note the large amount of new material which Mr. Shimko has placed in the Herbarium, results of an extensive trip through Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia. He also obtained a number of new alcoholic specimens for the Museum.

The entire Hornaday collection is now under glass, making a wonderful improvement over last year. An addition to the Museum is new. The attic has been completely floored, making a large and pleasant room for the reception of specimens. Some twelve or more large cases of the Talbot collection are at hand, but have not yet been unpacked.

Of Professor Melbride's European expedition we will speak later. He has made arrangements whereby the University will have representatives in all parts of the old world who will add to the S. U. I. Herbarium.

A number of additions in the line of botanical apparatus and library material have also been procured. The Chemical department will soon be removed to the new building and it is now doubtful if there will be any lectures or laboratory work for a short time. Professor Veblen is enthusiastic over the prospects in the Physical department. Some $2,000 worth of new apparatus is on the ground or has been ordered, and an appropriation has been voted to the library. A large number of bound volumes of the Philosophical Magazine and Curtis' Repertory have been added.

Literature and History.

There is little change in the South building except that Prof. Sampson is comfortably located in Prof. Anderson's old room. His work will be slightly changed from that of Prof. Anderson, having no class in Chemistry and Spencer, but instead giving two days in the week to the poets of the first part of this century. The class in Minto will have only three hours where it heretofore had five. Prof. Sampson's old room will be occupied by Mr. Stephenson, who will instruct the freshmen in English and the seniors in American literature. Prof. Stephenson has been taking special work at Harvard for the past two years. He comes here fully acquainted with the methods of Prof. Sampson and will undoubtedly make a successful teacher. The English Seminary will be under the joint charge of Prof. Sampson and Mr. Stephenson. Prof. Perkins and Instructors Neff and Lodemian will occupy their old rooms and do about the same work as formerly except that Mr. Lodemian will have a class in Italian instead of Spanish.

Mr. B. L. Wick, '91, is to be Fellow in History.

Library.

An enlargement of the room of the library was made possible by the removal of chapel exercises to Close Hall. The usefulness of the library has been increased by allowing Juniors to have equal privileges with Seniors in entering the book room; also by the extension of the card catalogue. This has been made much larger, and, by an ingenious contrivance of the librarian, has been so arranged that many more students are enabled to use it at the same time. New students will find this catalogue a great help in finding books, as also the map of the library which hangs opposite the librarian's desk.

The number of new volumes added to the library this fall has not as yet been definitely estimated, but it is larger than that of any preceding season. The most prominent feature is the addition of 300 German volumes, the nucleus of a German Library. The court of hospitable penance and the gift of Rev. Father Kempker, of this city.

The periodicals have been removed to the front part of the library and now occupy a special alcove in the reading room.
On assuming control of the Vidette-Reporter for the year 1891-2 the board of managers asked themselves two simple questions: First, Is the Vidette-Reporter, as it now stands, thoroughly representative of the State University of Iowa, and if not, why? It was easy to answer, No, to state in general terms that the paper was behind the times, and it was not hard to say why. The Vidette-Reporter had been trying to cover the entire field of college journalism. It had attempted to fill all the journalistic roles from a newspaper to a magazine—to be both a newspaper and a literary paper, and it had fallen short of perfection in either direction. An issue once a week was too frequent to admit of making a good newspaper. Reading matter meritorious from a literary point of view could not be obtained in sufficient quantity each week, and even if it could have been presented it would not have been read. College students have not time for long amateur essays and stories piled upon one another, half a dozen each week. As for the news, the happenings of Monday and Tuesday were too old to interest on the next Saturday.

The second question of the editors, What shall we do? was not answered in a moment. It was easy to see that the new Vidette-Reporter must be one of the other, exclusively a newspaper or exclusively a literary paper. Whichever was chosen the periodicity must be changed. If made a newspaper, publication must be oftener; if a literary paper, the interval between issues must be longer. The decision of the board appears with this the first number and the managers trust that the change will prove not wholly without benefit to the University.

Alumni Notes.
Norm Burdick, D. ’91, is located at Davenport.
Frank Ball, D. ’91, has located in East Des Moines.
F. C. Davidson, ’91, is assistant principal of the high school at Grinnell, Iowa.
A. J. Craven, ’82, is practicing law with the firm of Leslie & Craven, at Helena, Mont.
R. L. Parrish, ’74, one of the prominent attorneys of southern Iowa, is located at Leon.
A. F. Heath, ’91, is principal of the schools at Kellerton, Ringgold county, Iowa.

Married.
At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sharless, 412 Clinton street, Iowa City, at seven o’clock last evening occurred the marriage of Mr. William H. Stutsman and Miss Ada Sharless, the Rev. E. N. Barrett officiating. Mr. Stutsman graduated in the College class of 87 and the Law class of ’86 and has since practiced his profession at Burlington.

Among the intimate friends of the principals, beside the family relatives, there were present Prof. and Mrs. Jameson, Dr. and Mrs. Pickard, Mr. E. M. Nealley, Jr., 90, and Mrs. Nealley.

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