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Kennan's Lecture.

An audience of over 700 greeted Mr. Kennan at the Opera House last Tuesday evening. Mr. Kennan is not a stranger in Iowa City. His lecture here last winter won for him many warm admirers, and those who then heard him expected a treat Tuesday evening. They were not disappointed. In a tone pleasing and commanding Mr. Kennan held the closest attention for two hours, while he portrayed in vivid colors the life and sufferings of the political exiles in East Siberia. As he portrayed the dens in which these poor exiles are confined; as he described the polluted atmosphere in which they live; as he told of the severe restrictions that are placed upon them and the severity to which they are exposed, one could but feel that it is strange that in this enlightened age men should be subjected to such inhuman treatment, worse than barbarism, worse than slavery. Especially interesting was it to hear Mr. Kennan relate the stratagems to which he was forced to resort in order to secure the desired information concerning the exiles, and also the manner in which he finally succeeded in reaching the prison dens of some of the exiles. On the other hand, it was with a feeling of sadness that his audience listened to the account of the many suicides by these exiles as their last hope of freedom from torture.

Mr. Kennan described and exhibited a dress worn by the prisoners, which, more than anything else, gave his audience an insight to the customs of the exiles in East Siberia.

The lecture was entertaining throughout and all felt that they were amply repaid for coming out to hear one of the most noted lecturers of the day.

Engineering Society.

The Engineering Society will meet Thursday evening, October 22d, at 7:30, in Professor Jameson's lecture room, Science Building. Students of Civil and Electrical Engineering departments invited. H. M. NORTH, President.

The Senior Class.

At noon last Tuesday the Senior class held its first meeting of the year.

A standing committee of five was appointed. Developments may be looked for in the future.

The following officers for the year were elected: President, Katharine Barber; vice-president, W. T. Chantland; secretary, D. T. Sollenbarger; treasurer, W. R. Whiteis; sargent-at-arms, J. C. Monnet.

German Seminary.

At the German Seminary, Wednesday evening, a critical paper was read by Mr. Reimers, on "Die Juden" one of Lessing's early dramas. Then followed a general discussion on the merits and demerits of the drama and its value, as compared with other dramatic productions of the time. The work of the Seminary for the Fall term, as planned by Professor Wilson, will be the consideration of all the dramatic works of Lessing, and a careful study of the dramas of the great reformer of the German stage will, we do not hesitate to predict, prove both interesting and instructive.

The Joint Debate.

The committees appointed by the Wheeler and Boies Clubs, to make arrangements for the joint discussion, have selected the following speakers: For the Republicans—Frank Nelson, '92, J. C. Monnet, '92, and T. M. Molsberry, L '93. For the Democrats—H. B. Larrabee, L. '93, W. C. Mullen, L. '92, and H. E. Kelley, '92. The questions to be discussed are the Tariff, Prohibition, and Silver. Each speaker is to have twenty minutes. The debate will be held at the Opera House, next Tuesday evening.

S. U. I. vs. Cornell.

Saturday, October 24th, at 2:30 P. M., on our home grounds, the foot ball team will play Cornell. Admission 25 cents. Ladies free.

A School Lyceum.

Teachers will be interested in a new step which *The Youth's Companion* has taken. That paper proposes to revive as an institution the old debating society which used to be so great a force in making young men intelligent citizens and in developing broad national leaders.

The plan proposed is an organization of national reach, called the Lyceum League of America. It is to consist of a system of local lyceums or clubs, connected with each other through a newly created lyceum department in *The Youth's Companion*. The lyceum department grants all charters and accepts the care of the movement. With each charter it furnishes free an equipment consisting of "Cusing's Manual," secretary's book and other needful helps. It suggests topics for discussion and gives aid in their study.

An important part of this aid is a carefully chosen list of books on American problems, which it places within the reach of clubs. Among the books

are Bryce's "American Commonwealth" Fiske's "Civil Government," the "American Statesman" series, Prof. Ely's books, etc. There are also books for younger readers.

The aim of this undertaking is to train young men to think intelligently on the great problems of American life, and to impress them with the duties of citizenship. The work is to be above all partizanship. It is to be American in the broadest sense. It aims to give practical direction to the patriotic enthusiasm which the general school-flag movement has awakened—a movement inaugurated by the same paper. Incidental benefits will be parliamentary training and learning how to think on one's feet.

This plan has been in process of elaboration for more than a year, we are informed. It has already the endorsement of leading educators as a practical and timely scheme, for which there is room in every school where there are boys or young men.

College Notes.

The annual Yale-Harvard foot ball game will probably be played on Nov. 21st, at New York.

The Seniors of Harvard have unanimously agreed to wear the cap and gown on class day.

Harvard won first place in the intercollegiate tennis tournament held at New Haven, Conn., last week.

DePauw defeated Butler in a foot ball game on Oct. 19. The score was 32 to 20. It is the first defeat of Butler for three years.

At Washington and Lee there are two students whose names are Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. They room together.

Prof. John Larkin Lincoln, of the chair of Latin, Brown University, one of the oldest and most successful educators in America, is dead.

The faculty of the State University of Kentucky forbade the attendance of students at the recent races at Lexington, in which Allerton took part.

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, widow of Senator Hearst, has endowed five three hundred dollar scholarships for young women at the State University of California.

Williams, Yale's famous half-back, will coach the West Point foot ball team this year. Colonel Wilson, the commandant, has won the hearts of the cadets by granting more liberal privileges in regard to athletics than ever before.

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Local and Personal.

500 course tickets have been sold by the lecture bureau.

Miss Beulah Bennett, of Oskaloosa, is visiting Nellie Ankeney.

150 volumes have been received at the library from the binder this week.

Frank Nelson, '92, has accepted an invitation from the Republican Committee, of Des Moines county, to speak at Burlington, to-morrow evening.

Professor Jameson left Tuesday for Memphis, Tennessee, accompanying his mother, who will remain in the south during the winter months. The professor will return in a few days.

Mary C. Holt and Mrs. Neff have been chosen delegates to the Y. W. C. A. convention, which is to be held at Mt. Pleasant on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22d and 23d.

Alice M. Heath, '94, leaves to-day for her home in Manchester, whence she will soon depart for Santa Fe, New Mexico. Miss Heath has accepted a position in an office under Hon. E. P. Seeds and will probably not return to graduate with her class.

We are in receipt of an anonymous communication on the subject of the hours set apart for young women in the gymnasium. Although the article is quite readable, it cannot, of course, be published unless the writer's name is known to the editor.

The Horace Boies club met last night and effected a permanent organization, as follows: President, C. J. Flynn; Vice-Pres., F. A. Stowe; Sec'y, C. H. Walsh; Cor. Sec'y, M. S. Walker; Treas., H. Kelso. Regular weekly meetings will be held, the first on next Saturday, at 7:30 P. M.

Miss Clara E. Grimm, well known in University circles, returned from a five month's trip in Germany Tuesday morning. While at Leipsic she met Fred A. Remley, Bertha Williams, Alice Calvin and J. S. Nollen, all S. U. I. graduates, pursuing special work in

the University there. She also met Mrs. Professor Anderson, who has lived there several years educating her children.

The Law Library is this week open in the evening for the first time. Hereafter, from seven to nine each evening, the librarian will be found there. This necessitates a slight change in the regulations. Books can now only be removed from the building after 8:50, instead of 4:50, as heretofore.

At English Seminary, Tuesday afternoon, papers on two of Tennyson's drama's, "Queen Mary" and "Harold," were read by Miss Patten and Miss Parker. The discussion of the papers was left until next week, when Tennyson's dramas as a whole will be considered. An interesting discussion of several of the poet's shorter poems occupied the time.

Alumni Notes.

Hon. J. F. Clyde, L. '82, was defeated for re-nomination to the Iowa State Senate in Worth county.

Waldo Becker, L. '91, has formed a partnership at Davenport. The firm name is Becker & Thuenen.

C. C. Hamlin, L. '90, Rock Springs, Wyo., has been engaged as attorney for defendant in an important criminal case. His client was only convicted of manslaughter.

Robert Nourse, "the greatest dramatic orator of the world," at Opera House, Oct. 28th.

Andrews Opera Company.

Monday, October 26, the above mentioned company will appear in the charming opera "Fra Diavola." The company carries a large cast of principals and a full chorus. They have their own complete orchestra. This is the only opera booked for the season, and all should be sure to be present. Sale of seats to subscribers will open Friday, 1 P. M. General sale opens Saturday, 8 A. M. Prices 50c, 75c, and \$1.00

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A crowd of 30 came over from Tipton to hear Kennan.

Slocum, '90, who is studying law at Adel, is in town for a couple of days.

S. U. I. will play the Iowa College foot ball team at Grinnell Saturday, Nov. 7th.

The Pharmaceutical Botany class are using a portion of the Herbarium as a laboratory.

Invitations are out for a dancing party to be given by St. Katherine's Guild to-morrow evening, Oct. 23d.

The Boating Club will meet at 2 p. m. this afternoon, room 2, Central building. Election of officers.

The Phi Deltis have purchased new carpeting for their halls and are making other general improvements.

Boyd, '88, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city visiting friends. He is now editor of the Tipton *Advertiser*.

We are very sorry to chronicle the death of Samuel A. McClure, '86, who died at Knoxville, Ill., May 7th, 1891, of consumption.

Runkle, of the Junior law class is doing excellent work as instructor in the Short-hand department of the Iowa City Academy.

Botanical students are studying puff balls these days. The largest specimen found thus far measures 16 inches in circumference.

Professor McBride has been photographing slime moulds during the past week. Some interesting specimens have been found.

A. H. Brown, '91, who is working for the B. C. R. & N. R. R. Co., and is located at Cedar Rapids, spent Sunday with S. U. I. friends.

S. U. I. can boast of an orchestra as well as a first-class band. It was organized Monday evening, and F. W. Thompson is Business Manager.

The committee to secure papers and periodicals for the Y. M. C. A. reading room have secured some of the leading papers of the east and also of the west.

Chancellor McClain left this morning for Des Moines to attend the exercises before the U. S. District and Circuit Courts, in memory of the late Judge Love.

Charles Vollmer, M. '92, left last Friday for Annapolis, Maryland, where he was called by the illness of his brother, who is a cadet in the U. S. Naval Academy.

An effort is being made to secure the San Francisco *Chronicle* for the Y. M. C. A. reading room. It is a good paper and would be read with interest by the students.

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