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## College Notes.

Nebraska State University is to have a new course in electrical engineering.

The new president of Lafayette College, the Rev. Dr. Ethelbert D. Warfield, was inaugurated Oct. 20.

Fraternalities which have for nine years been under ban at the University of Illinois are to be readmitted.

Princeton has a new athletic club house. It contains the training table for the various teams, club rooms, etc.

The annual foot ball game between Cornell and the University of Michigan will be played in Chicago on November 14.

Beloit has a new chapel with stained glass windows and a pipe organ. Ground has also been broken for the erection of the Parsons School of Science to cost \$60,000.

Yale and Harvard have agreed to play annual championship foot-ball for four years, 1891 to 1894 inclusive, at Springfield Mass., on each Saturday next preceding Thanksgiving day.

The organized Apostles of Browning in London, believing they have made it clear what this poet of genius and obscurity is driving at, have decided to disband after this month's session.

Northwestern has a special course of lectures on Political Science. This year they will be delivered by the following noted economists: Dr. Frances A. Walker, Albert Shaw, Harold D. Wright, Frank H. Giddings and Edward D. Bemis.

The model of a honey bee measuring four and a half feet from sucker to sting and six feet across the wings, has been received from Paris by the biological department of the University of Penn. The insect is perfectly articulated and the wings, head, thorax and abdomen can be taken apart, every organ, artery, sinew and tissue being delicately reproduced. A huge snail and leach, each about three feet long, have also been added to the department for the instruction of the students.

At Cornell, the cane rush being done away with, a precedent will be established by the classes of '94 and '95 in the matter of deciding the class supremacy by settling it in a series of class contests. These will consist in the records of the two classes at the fall and the winter athletic meets, a foot ball and a base ball game and possibly an eight-oared shell race on Cayuga lake in the spring. The first contest in the series will be the fall meet of the athletic association, which takes place Oct. 31.

## Alumni Notes.

Morehead, D. '91, is at Aledo, Ill.

"Boston" Barker, D. '90, was recently married to an heiress in Connecticut, but is still practicing dentistry at Dunkirk, N. Y.

G. M. Varnum, L. '91, of Denver, Col., has an article in the last number of the Central Law Journal. It is based upon his commencement thesis, and relates to the practicability of dividing the doctrines of equity among other branches of the law.

Hon. C. F. Kuehne, of Denison, Ia., was the orator of the day at the celebration of German day at that place. His address is most excellent and we wish space would permit us to republish it. Mr. Kuehne is a graduate of the University, and by word and deed is doing much to strengthen S. U. I. in his part of the State.

A complete list of the Athletic Association shows but 40 active members, or about one-twentieth of the entire school. Is there no remedy for this small percentage? New students must bear in mind the fact that all contestants in our Fall field day must be members of the Athletic Association.

A volume of government reports on Cholera in Europe and India has been received in the botanical laboratories. This gives the theory that slime moulds are the basis of the disease. In this country investigations in the hospital of Philadelphia have led to the same discovery. So far nothing has been found of slime moulds as an agent of disease in Iowa.

## American Foot Ball.

The book of which the above is the title, and which has long been eagerly awaited by every foot ball player and lover of the game in America, is just published by Harper & Brothers. The author, Mr. Walter Camp, is the highest authority on the Rugby game in this country. His book consists of ten chapters under the following heads: English and American Rugby, The End Rusher, The Tackle, The Guard, The Center or Snap-Back, The Quarter-Back, The Half-Back, and Back, The Signals, Training, and a Chapter for Spectators. There are portraits of thirty-one of the great players of Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

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Next Saturday the foot ball eleven will go to Grinnell to play Iowa College. Fifty or sixty men have signified their intention of accompanying the team. The game will of necessity be hard fought. I. C. has just tied Minnesota and we have just been badly beaten by the latter. Grinnell will work hard to add to its record the winning score which it only missed last Saturday, and S. U. I. will go into the game with the dogged determination of a second chance after a defeat. We believe this determination will go a long way toward a victory. Some good practice work has been done since Monday and we are confident of a State University victory.

There is a universal complaint among students that the text-books used at the University cost too much. In many cases the professors have kindly sent for the books for the entire class, thus securing them at a reduced price. It seems that something *could* be done by the students so as to secure our text-books at reasonable prices. Other institutions have associations for this purpose, or have made arrangements whereby text-books can be secured directly from the publishing house, thus saving the profit, which, according to economic laws, goes to the middleman. This is a matter which every student should be interested in, and with over 800 students, cannot something be done to save our cents and dollars.

There are six literary societies doing active work at the University, thus affording all students an opportunity to cultivate the art of expression. We go to the University not only to accumulate knowledge, but to learn to put this knowledge into practical use. In no better place can we learn to express our thoughts than in a literary society. A noble thought is indeed grand, but how much grander it is when clothed in beautiful language. Nothing

is more inspiring than to know that we, by economizing our time, and by availing ourselves of the advantages found at the University, are gaining in mental strength and vigor; that we are learning to express those thoughts which we have gained from our study. An education is of small value if you do not know how to use it. An idea, though grand, if unexpressed, fails to fulfill its mission. The societies are open to all students of the Collegiate department, and the valuable work done in these halls should not be overlooked by any one.

A practice among some of the students disagreeably conspicuous this year, is that of smoking, on the steps of the University buildings. It is not unusual when descending the steps of the South building to receive a puff of smoke in the face from some unmannerly cigarette smoker perched along the side. This was not so last year. Students have become careless in this respect, this term, and neither the presence of ladies nor regard for appearances prevents these smokers from making foul the air about the entrances to the buildings, and the steps up and down which all are compelled to pass. Strangers visiting the University would gain anything but a favorable idea of the manners of the students from the appearance of the center steps with smokers standing or sitting about, and would be apt to form an estimate both uncomplimentary and unjust to the mass of students. Smoking anywhere on the campus should be absolutely done away with.

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Edwin G. Erwin, L. '83, is editing a newspaper at Boone, Ia.

Election is over, and the students are back at their work again.

Miss Fannie Davis, '93, is back visiting S. U. I. friends this week.

Several of the S. U. I. boys made political speeches last Monday evening.

The class in American Literature will soon begin the study of Lowell's poetical works.

Rev. Neri F. Peters, L. '81, is now a minister of the Reformed Church, having a charge at Slatington, Pa.

The class in pedagogy is now studying the educational methods and works of that great educator Pestalotzzi.

A class consisting of Nell Copeland, Kate Barber and Ada Hutchinson, has been formed with Mrs. North as teacher, for instruction in library work.

Professor Patrick very kindly postponed the examination in psychology for one day in order to give the "voters" a better chance for preparation.

Thirty-six books, selected or complete works of English poets, have been purchased by members of the Junior literature class, at reduced rates, through the kindness of Professor Sampson. The books are the best editions and well bound.

S. U. I. is the first college in Iowa to establish the Fall field day.

A new sidewalk is being placed in front of the Y. M. C. A. building.

Miss Edith Pope, of Davenport, has been visiting S. U. I. friends this week.

The Y. M. C. A. chapel, with its many new chairs, presents a very neat appearance.

Stanford University has already declared itself a fraternity college, Phi Delta Theta having established a chapter there.

There was a great rush for papers at the news stand yesterday noon. Evidently S. U. I. students are interested in the welfare of their country.

A new club has been formed for literary study, consisting of Professor Sampson, Mr. Stephenson, Katherine Barber, Frances Rogers, Ward Bannister and George Cook.

FOUND—On the foot ball ground last Monday, during the game, a small black purse, containing some small change. The owner may have the same by calling on C. C. Harvey and identifying property.

A beautiful collection of mineral specimens has been presented to the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. by Prof. T. S. Parvin, who thus again manifests his hearty interest in S. U. I. and her connected associations. The professor came down from Cedar Rapids on pur-

pose to arrange the specimens in the case, which can be seen in the southeast room up stairs. The professor has the hearty thanks of everyone for this donation.

English Seminary met Tuesday afternoon. An excellent paper on "The Princess" was read by Miss Thompson, which showed careful analysis and considerable originality. The class spent the remainder of the time in discussing questions raised in the paper, and Tennyson's management of his subject in general.

NOTICE—English XX.—In order to make up the register of this course there will be a preliminary meeting in Room 7 South Building, on Saturday, November 7, at 10 o'clock.

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