Autumn Field Meet.
The first Autumn Field Day of S. U. I. will be held Saturday, Nov. 14th, at 2 o'clock, on the cinder track behind the Central Building. This is merely an informal contest, gotten up for the purpose of keeping athletics in the minds of the men and to keep the athletes in training during as great a part of the year as possible. The Athletic Association will be at some expense in providing medals and other necessities, and in order to meet these expenses, 15 cents will be charged for seats.

The following entries had been made up to six o'clock p.m., Wednesday. Entries may be made until Saturday noon.

1. 10 yard dash.
   2. 50 yard dash.
   3. 100 yard dash.
   4. 200 yard dash.
   5. Standing broad jump.
   6. Running broad jump.
   7. Standing high jump.
   8. Running high jump.
   10. Class relay race.
   11. Class relay race.
   12. Hurdle race, 120 yards.
   13. Pole vault.

The following will be the officers of the day:

Chief Marshal—B. W. Read.
Asst. Marshals—Russell, '92, Marks, L. '92, Ball, L. '92, Hall, Harlan, '95, Revere—Larrabee, '93.
Starter—Kallenberg, '93.
Clerk of course—Myers, '93.
Score—Butler, '93.
Judge of Finish—Prof. Sampson.
Judges of Field—Evans, '93, Park, L. '92.
Time-keepers—Profs. Andrews, Mr. Stephenson, Sanford, '90.

Local and Personal.

Henry County has eight representatives at the University.

O. C. Ables, formerly '93, is playing center rush on the University of Michigan foot ball team.

A. G. Smith, F. C. Davidson and Miss Carolyn Kimball, all of '91, watched the foot ball game at Grinnell, Saturday.

Prof. McConnell's room in the Y. M. C. A. building has been nicely furnished with a table, writing desk and book-case.

There are one hundred and twenty students pursuing the branches of mathematics, about twenty-five of whom are outside of the Freshman class.

The Coe College Cosmos accuses the Quill of plagiarizing the verses on "Wash Day" (see Quill No. 7) from the Davenport High School Brio-a-Brock, of February, 1898.

The work in the surgical, eye and ear, and medical clinics, is fully up to previous years. The hospital is paying expenses. It is always nearly full, and it is hoped before long more room and better accommodations will be had.

The Seminary in English Poetry met Tuesday afternoon. A paper on "In Memoriam" was read by W. T. Chantland. An unusually interesting division followed as to the plan and significance of Tennyson's famous elegies.

Besides Ables, another S. U. I. man is playing in the University of Michigan team. C. B. Smeltzer, formerly of '93, plays half back. In a recent game in which U. of M. won by score of 40 to 0, he made five out of eight touchdowns.

Three theses have been recently received at the Library: "The Slime Molds of Eastern Iowa," by Minna P. Humphreys, '91; "The Erysiphales, or White Mildews," by Grace McGee, '91; and "The Sunflower as a Type of Flowering Plants," by Annie B. Jewett, '91.

Vol II, No. 2 of the Bulletin, published by the scientific department of the University, is announced by Professors McBride and Calvin, to be issued shortly after New Years. The table of contents, though not yet ready for publication, Professor McBride assures us, will contain some very readable articles, together with some fine plates. The latter are being prepared by Miss McElderry.

English III.

The criticisms on De Quincey are due Monday, 16 November, not Friday, 13 November.

M. W. SAMPSON.

Communications.

[The editors are not responsible for opinions expressed by contributors under this head.]

To the Editors of the VIDETTE-REPORTER:

I have heard of Prof. Sampson's resignation with regret, great regret, and yet with plainly indicated preference regarding his successor. There is one man, a graduate of the University, who possesses a literary ability and knowledge far beyond that of any other man who ever graduated from my alma mater. I refer to Guido H. Stempel, now principal of the Oskaloosa high school. Those who know him will at once make this admission and all others will recognize the fact as soon as they have examined his splendid record and work.

Mr. Stempel is a student, a critic, a thinker and a scholar. In the field of literature he is a master, and his field is a broad one. It seems to me that if the students of S. U. I. should bestir themselves they could secure easily this splendid and fit man.

F. B. TRACY.

Ft. Madison, Iowa, 9 November, 1891.

Alumni Notes.

P. H. Draper, L. '91, is practicing law at Creston, Iowa.

S. H. Kerr, L. '90, is located at Rolla, Iowa, and reports a good business.

Marion Walter, formerly L. '91, has opened an office at Mitchellville, Iowa.

Ed L. Sabin, formerly '92, is stenographer in his father's office at Des Moines.

Homer A. Brown, L. '90, has finally located at Riceville, Iowa. He reports business fair.

Joseph C. Helm, B. D. '70, LL. B. '74, has been re-elected Judge of Supreme Court in Colorado.

D. W. Evans, '96, L. '91, has gone into partnership with E. H. Hunn, L. '91, under the firm name of Hunn & Evans. Their address is Clapp Block, Des Moines.

We are in receipt of copies of the San Jose Mercury and San Francisco Chronicle, each containing a write-up of the Leland Stanford Jr. University, with wood cuts of the different buildings, and members of the faculty. The buildings are quite small, many of them being only one story high. The entire faculty at present numbers about thirty-five, most of them appear to be young men. There are 440 students, of which 280 are Freshmen.
The foot-ball season is almost over for this year, but there has been talk of a game with the University of Nebraska, in Omaha, on Thanksgiving Day. We hope it may be arranged, for it will give us an acquaintance with the students from an institution in another one of our neighboring states. If the weather prove as good, this game would undoubtedly pay both teams. Two weeks ago the University of Kansas and University of Missouri played a game at Kansas City, which was watched by 3,000 people. There is no reason why fully as large a crowd would not turn out in Omaha to witness a game between S. U. I. and U. N. In this connection it would probably not be out of place to say a little in regard to foot-ball for next fall—not in reference to training, for the men now fully realize that in order to win games they must work, begin early and work hard all through the season—but in regard to the management of the team and arrangement of games. The correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean, at the University of Nebraska, suggests the formation of a Western Inter-State Collegiate Athletic Association. Why can it not be done? At least in regard to foot-ball, and that would lead to the formation of one for all branches of athletics. Let us get away from the petty jealousies and strifes which always exist in our contests with the sectarian schools of the state; let us contest with the universities of neighboring states, where there will always be good feeling such as existed in our game with the University of Minnesota. We have taken a step forward in the oratorical line, let us take one also in athletics.

Young men who imagine that oratory is spontaneous, that they can depend upon the inspiration of the moment to make a brilliant and polished speech, are mistaken. Hard work, intense application, wide knowledge of men and books are necessities. Manner is much and may be in large part the gift of nature, but manner is more and must be acquired. Do not be deceived for a moment by apparently extemporaneous oratory. It does not exist. Those magnificent bursts of Webster and Henry, the defense of the constitution and "give me liberty or give me death" were seemingly the products of the moment. But what are the facts in the case? Why Webster had carefully studied his subject twenty years, and Bryce, in his "American Commonwealth," tells with scarcely concealed amusement how the rhetorical Henry's effort was; and how palpably it had been practiced for days and perhaps months.

Then, if you aspire in this line, study the questions of the day, the questions which you are liable to be called upon to discuss and perhaps you too may some time make an "impromptu" address which will stir the blood of your audience and mayhap startle the world.

The first definite trial of the University Extension plan in Chicago is to be made by the Church of the Workers. On Sunday evening last, President W. R. Harper and others addressed a large audience in that church and a class of sixty members was formed to begin work on Thursday the 19th inst. The course is to cost $2.00 for twelve lectures and the first course will be in history and literature. Dr. Harper is perhaps the most enthusiastic and active champion of the Extension movement in America. He believes it will solve the knottiest questions of economy and government now before the world. It is the intention to make the following the three great departments of the Chicago University, viz.: 1. The University proper. 2. University Extension, with fifteen or twenty professors in the work. 3. Publication.
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Local and Personal.

Fred Brasted, '93, is sick with the measles.
A and B companies drilled in the Armory yesterday.
Rumors of a Soph, Foot Hall team seem to be unfounded.
Mrs. William Crum, of Bedford, is visiting her son John, of '94.
Dr. Samuel A. Oven, L. '77, has taken up his residence in Iowa City.
The English History class were treated to an oral examination yesterday.
The Class in English Literature were examined on Scott and Byron Tuesday.
Miss Cora Morrison, '89, has returned home after several weeks absence in Burlington.
Froebel and the Kindergarten system are studied this week by the pedagogical students.
Miss Myra Trott, '86, departed last night for Boston, where she will continue her work in the office of Mr. Wales.
The Freshman classes in Solid Geometry are being organized. All students who are required to pursue this study will please report to-day, either at 10 A.M. or at 2:30 P.M. See the University Catalogue, page 42, Course I.
Professor Andrews has just completed a new classification of the books on Chemistry in the Library.
The Tabard announces its second six as follows: Miss Price, Miss Holt, Mrs. Holsgay, Mr. Morse, Mr. Beardsley, Mr. Butler.
Julia Lisher, '88 L. '90, well known at S. U. I., made an excellent speech at the Democratic rally at Davenport last Saturday night.
Davis, L. '90, on account of his loyalty to Wheeler, showed his ability as a wheeler last Monday, in wheeling Block, L. '83, around the campus in a wheelbarrow; all on account of election.
The Boat House Association met Wednesday afternoon, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Schaefer; Secretary, Dr. Andrews; Treasurer, Professor Loos.
The following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That the Boat House Association hereby expresses its thanks to the retiring Secretary, Mr. Till, for his untiring zeal and distinguished services in behalf of the club.
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