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Field Day Postponed.

The storm to-day has made it necessary to postpone the field meet which was to be held this afternoon. If next Tuesday is a favorable day the program will be carried out then; if not, the first pleasant day thereafter will be utilized.

Athletic Association.

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Association Monday, at 2 o'clock, Room 7, Central Building.

W. H. BURNHAM, President.

Societies.

"Zet" Hall was crowded last evening, more than 200 standing. The program was opened with a vocal solo by J. R. Kulp. Rutledge, '95, declaimed "The Gipsy Flower Girl" in a pleasing way, that merited the applause it won. Monnet, '92, read an essay on "Should Young Men enter Politics?" It was practical in tone and spirit. Debate: "Should a legislator always vote the principles of his party rather than the dictates of his conscience?" Lovell, '95, and Hamilton, '94, proved that he should; Lawrence, '95, and McMillan, '93, contested it. Lawrence and Lovell offered excellent outlines of argument. They showed thorough preparation. Aldrich, '95, delivered a speech on "Roe." The production itself is of the highest order, and its effect was greatly heightened by Mr. Aldrich's delivery. Walker, '92, told of the "spoils system" in a neat speech. Mr. Thompson, of S. U. I. Band, closed the program with two of his matchless solos.

In Irving last evening among the best features of the programme were the cornet solo by Mr. F. W. Thompson, '92, piano accompaniment by Mr. Wiess, '92, and the essay by G. W. Cook, L '92, on Scott and Byron. The domestic, social and literary careers of the two great authors were carefully contrasted and Mr. Cook showed a critical ability seldom reached by members of the University literary societies.

American History Seminary.

At the Seminary of American History, last Thursday, M. I. Heppenstal, '92, read an excellent paper on the "Treaty of 1787." Florence Brown, '92, followed and presented an interesting paper on "The Treaties in the United States Since 1787." This Seminary under Professor Perkins is doing excellent work. Meetings are held every two weeks.

Orders No. 3.

H'D'Q'RS UNIVERSITY BATTALION.
IOWA CITY, NOV. 13, 1891.

I. Until further orders drills will be held in the Armory as follows: Co. A, on Monday; Co. B, on Tuesday; Co. C, on Wednesday; Co. D, on Thursday; Battery, on Friday.

II. The Captain of the Battery will select two complete gun detachments from the best drilled cannoneers now receiving instruction. These gun detachments will constitute the "Battery" as organized for the remainder of the year. They will be excused from indoor company drill as soon as they are reported by the captains as proficient in the school of the soldier, new drill regulations. By order of Major Read,
W. H. WALKER,
First Lieut. and Adj't.

Rollin Nathaniel Du Foe.

The death of Rollin Nathaniel Du Foe, of the Pharmaceutical Department, occurred Wednesday morning, at his home in Cedar Falls. He entered the University this fall when not two months past eighteen years of age, and was one of the youngest students in the University. Professor Boerner, Dean of his Department, says of Mr. Du Foe, that he was a faithful and earnest student, always ready and willing to work. Among members of his class he was a favorite. He left the University about the first of this month, ill with malarial fever. Mr. Keefe and Mr. Hoxie, two of his classmates, were sent to Cedar Falls, by the class, to attend his funeral, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Local and Personal.

Morris Evans was in town Thursday.

W. H. Bremner, '91, is expected in town to-day.

Mrs. Lafe Young, of Des Moines, was in the city the fore part of the week.

There will be a union meeting of all the young people's societies of Iowa City churches at Close Hall, to-morrow evening, lasting one hour from 6:15 o'clock; not 6:30 as elsewhere announced.

Professor Nutting has been busy the last few days with the unpacking of the second installment of the Talbott collection, which this time consists of twelve or thirteen large boxes. The carpenters are preparing storage cases for the reception of part of this collection in the attic.

The Baconian Club has issued a neat pamphlet containing its constitution, a list of members, and a summary of the proceedings for the six years from 1885 to 1891. At present the club has 30 active and 70 associate members.

Professor Loos went to Quincy, Ill., on Wednesday evening, to arrange for a course of six lectures on Political Science, to be delivered by him at that place. The initial lecture of the course was given last evening, and was open to the public of Quincy. The quiz, held this morning, was open only to members of the club under whose auspices the course is had.

In a game of foot ball at the Park, Tuesday afternoon, between the High School and Commercial College, the former was victorious by a score of 6 to 0. Larrabee acted as referee, and German as umpire. We are glad to note the interest in Rugby, and to encourage these games in the High School. They mean something if these students should enter the University.

At chapel exercises, this week, Dr. Barrett has been giving a series of short talks. Monday he spoke of "Life as a Ballot Box," Tuesday of "Life as a Battlefield," and Wednesday on "Life as a World of Work." This is a move in the right direction. Short talks by those who conduct the services, or by members of the faculty, on various subjects, would add much to the attractiveness of chapel.

The reading room in Close Hall is open to ladies as well as gentlemen. This statement is made because there seems to be an impression that it is exclusively for men. Through the kindness of Professor Currier, the *Springfield Republican* is added to the list of papers on file, and the Association has also subscribed for the *San Francisco Chronicle* (daily), so that the news from both the Pacific and Atlantic coast is within reach.

The Seminary in Pedagogy held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Florence Brown, '92, presented some very interesting statistics concerning the high schools in Iowa. The more important points dwelt upon were, total attendance, number of graduates, length of course, course of study and number of teachers engaged in each High School.

F. A. Stowe, '92, presented some valuable facts in regard to Higher Education, treating of the annual income for education in various states, value of apparatus, etc. An interesting discussion on school matters followed.

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The projected trip to the Bahama Islands is arousing considerable enthusiasm among the students. It is proposed to make this trip in the summer of '92, starting in May and returning in time for the opening of the fall term. Professors Nutting and Calvin will direct the work of the party, which will consist mainly in biological research. The idea is to make the ship a "floating laboratory," which shall be headquarters for the party. Some discomforts may be experienced from this compact way of traveling, but these discomforts do not seem sufficient to daunt the seekers after knowledge, as applications to join the party have already been received from half a score. The number will probably be limited to twenty, and the expense of the round trip will be \$200. We are glad to notice the enterprising spirit that prompts the planing of this expedition. It is one of the most important signs of S. U. I. life and progress.

One of the greatest dangers that beset us is that of becoming one sided. We learn to look at life not from many but from one side only. Questions of vital importance and practical value are ignored. That is the best education which builds up the full and complete man; which teaches us the relations which we sustain not only to our fellow men, but to our government, of which we are component parts. To understand fully our relations and duties to our government it is necessary to be acquainted with those issues and questions which grow out of our mechanism of government. There is a certain pleasure derived from a thorough acquaintance with the issues of the day, and he is not educated who cannot discuss intelligently the questions of the present. Every opportunity possible is given for a thorough acquaintance with the world's happenings. The editorials in our daily and weekly newspapers found at the Uni-

versity, if read systematically, will give the reader a good knowledge of the more important affairs not only of our own country, but of all the civilized nations of the world. There will come a time perhaps when a knowledge of these things will be of great benefit to us, and if we fail to read the newspapers and periodicals how can we secure this practical knowledge?

The following men are reading Plato's Republic: Rall, Donahoe and Shambaugh, G. E. Two hours is given to this course on each Friday. The class reads one book of the Republic a week, and are now on the fourth. This study of the philosophy of Plato's socialism is reported to be very interesting. The regular seminary in Philosophy does not organize until the winter term. In addition to this regular seminary course there will be formed, next term, a Memory Class, for the theoretical and practical training of the memory. This will be a new feature in the work of this chair, and will doubtless be popular.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boating Club, Monday, Nov. 16, at 4 P. M., in Room 2 of the Central building. The members of this committee are Anthony, Stiles, Wise, Shambaugh and Till.

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I was three essays behind. I had written two and was trying to think of a subject for the third. As I looked out of my window thinking about a subject I noticed a venerable old man passing by. His step was firm, his form erect and in his sparkling eyes was a look which at once enlisted my admiration. He was well dressed. He used his cane with ease and grace, and as he walked he seemed to observe nature and the things around him. He met a friend and paused to speak to him. I was much pleased, for this gave me a better opportunity to study him. I could not hear what he said, but from his looks and gestures I could tell that there was a certain earnestness about him which at once commanded my respect and won my love and admiration. While I was thus engaged studying his features, he turned around, passed the corner and was gone.

The country editor sat in his chair thinking of a subject for an editorial. The result of the election would not do because the papers had been commenting on that for the last week. Prohibition was no longer a live issue, the campaign was closed and the people had passed their verdict on this question. The silver question was interesting but it was really not an issue, besides it was a hard and complicated question to write on. His thoughts turned to the tariff but that was hardly a proper theme just now for a country paper as the people had heard it discussed so recently in the campaign.

At last he decided to write on presidential candidates. He seized his pen and headed his article "William McKinley for President in '92."

Of all the lovable devils on earth a blue-jay is the prince. I have had many pets, from cats to pelicans, but never have I been captivated by such bright, cheerful, witty creatures as the two young jays, I once took from the nest. Such a time as we had for about two months filling those wide open squalling mouths! But angle worms and grubs and all it was worth while. That French fellow would never have been compelled to laugh at his own jokes, or die of melancholy if he had known "Bob" and "Hawk." Bob was of a dreamy meditative nature, fond of music and a good singer. But "Hawk" was a mighty hunter. He hunted mischief. We hunted the things he stole. He stole everything from Bob's tail-feathers to the spectacles of the pater familias. Sometimes he would perch meekly on your shoulder and suddenly give an awful yell close to your ear and then perch out of reach and look proud of himself. Hawk thought a perch on a bald head was heaven, but some visitors thought it was—Grinnell.

College Notes.

Iowa College authorities have forbidden the use of tin horns on the campus.

A recent issue of the De Pauw *Bema* contains a large cut of the foot ball team, and a short biographical sketch of each player.

The Beta Theta Pi has granted charters to petitioners at Yale, Lehigh and Rutgers and established a dispensation chapter at Leland Stanford, Jr.

It is said that the Smithsonian Institute at Washington has sent for two sandstone tablets bearing strange inscriptions found near La Harpe, Ill.

The first Chair of Labor ever instituted in Europe was decreed by the Paris Municipal Council last July. Henri Reville has been named as professor. He will lecture at the Hotel de Ville.

The periodic "oldest college graduate" has again turned up. This time in the person of Amos Andrew Parker, of Fitzwilliam, N. H. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1813 and is now a hundred years old.

Alphonse Daudet, the French author who is reported to be dying, was a country school teacher earning a very scant salary when he set out for Paris to better his condition. Twenty years later he was paid for his "Sappho" the largest sum ever received by an author for a novel.

Not long since a University student was arrested on the streets of Vienna for not saluting the Emperor. He only escaped punishment by declaring that the sight of the august personage so dazed him as to render the customary salute impossible. Comment on the miserable system under which such arrests are possible is unnecessary.

Professor Elihu Thomson, the noted Boston electrician, known sometimes as the "Edison of New England," is a small and very boyish-looking man. He is 40 years old, but looks more youthful than a Harvard senior. Stories are told of his precocity to the effect that when only eleven years old he began experiments with the Leyden jar. At 23 he was a professor of chemistry. Though his company has made a great deal of money, he is himself a comparatively poor man.

There seems to be a growing attention to the Bible in American colleges. Yale, Amherst and Dickinson have professors of Biblical Literature and a large number of other institutions have similar optional courses incidental to other chairs. Prof. Wm. R. Harper has made the Yale Chair of Semitic Languages famous. The time is probably not far distant when all our institutions of higher learning will offer courses in Hebrew and its related tongues.

W. H. Smith, L. '84, is in practice at Mechanicsville, Iowa.

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Guido H. Stempel, '89, will spend Thanksgiving in the city.

There were two examinations in English History this week.

The class in Biology had its regular monthly examination yesterday.

Professor S. E. Meek, of Coe College, is visiting the University to-day.

The class in American Literature will commence to study Lowell next week.

All of the heating apparatus has now been placed in the Y. M. C. A. building.

E. A. Robb, '93, wears his head tied up; cause, a severe attack of blood poisoning.

The Zetartorian has been re-organized. Meetings are held every Saturday in Zet. Hall.

Color and color sensations have engaged the attention of the psychological students this week.

At the German Seminary, last Wednesday evening, P. D. Van Oosterhout read a paper on "Miss Sara Sampson," one of Lessing's best dramas.

Invitations have been received at Iowa City to the wedding of Dr. Donald McCrae, Jr., to Miss Mary V. Miller, of Omaha, Nov. 19th. Dr. McCrae is an old Beta, and was once a member of the class of '90.

The Biology class has been studying the fresh water mussel, this week, as typical of the sub-kingdom molluska.

The Juniors have had two examinations in Economics, conducted by Runkel, L. '92 and Monnet, '92, during the absence of Professor Loos.

There will be a short meeting of the Senior class, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at noon. Committees please be prepared to report. KATHARINE BARBER, Pres.

Miss Turner, of Indiana University, is spending some days at S. U. I. and making a study of the methods employed in our Library, preparatory to taking charge of the Coe College Library.

Sollenbarger, '92, and Gruwell, '93, each received injuries about the eye in the gymnasium last Thursday, the former from collision with the vaulting bar and the latter from collision with Chantland's thumb during the game of "three deep."

Among the new books of interest in the department of Philosophy, recently added to the Library, are Morgan's Animal Intelligence; Carver's Music and Morals; Ribot's Diseases of Personality; Pfeleiderer's Development of Theology; Ladd's Introduction to Philosophy; Spencer on Justice; Palm's The Death Penalty; Wilcox's Vivisection Problem. There are also eight or ten new books on memory and memory training.

The Seminary in History, under the direction of Professor Perkins, is studying the history of the constitution of England. The fact that this is the second year of study upon the subject, shows how thoroughly and closely all points are looked up, as also the success of this method of instruction.

The descriptive essay on the band and its practice meetings, in last Saturday's paper was, we are informed, altogether overdrawn on the subject of smoke and general discipline. Smoking at band meeting is against the rules, and if any is done it is by no means with the sanction of the authorities.

The following periodicals have been added to the library list: Astronomie; Bradstreet's Journal of Trade; Finance and Economics; Bulletin American Geological Society; Charities Review; Chemical News; Commercial and Financial Chronicle; Comptes Rendus de l'Academie des Sciences; Fliegende Blatter; Illustrirte Zeitung; Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society; The Observatory; The Pedagogical Seminary; Philosophical Review.

An American Boy.

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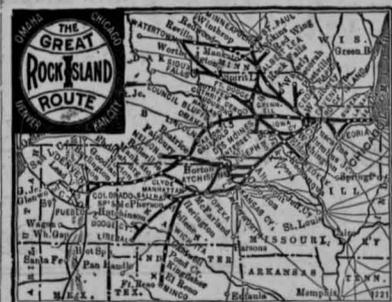
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