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Notices.

The Tabard meeting has been changed to *Thursday* evening, 19 November.

All men who desire to join glee, banjo or guitar clubs, will meet at Room 7, Central building, Friday, Nov. 20, at 3:30 P. M.

The Engineering Society will meet Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, at 7:30, in Prof. Jameson's lecture room. Essayist, R. M. Cannon.

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

Baconian Club.

The Baconian Club listened to a paper last Friday evening on "Field Methods of Railroad Location," by Prof. C. D. Jameson. The essayist described in an interesting manner and with great clearness, all the preliminary work of railroad building, from the time the line is projected till the work of actual construction begins.

Prof. Nutting described the peculiarities of a certain rare species of star fish from the Bay of Fundy.

At the meeting of the club next Friday evening, Nov. 20th, Dr. Patrick will read a paper on the subject, "The Localization of Brain Function."

Union Meeting.

A union meeting of the young people's Christian societies of the city churches was held in Close Hall last Sunday evening. The Hall was filled to its utmost and many had to stand for lack of seats. It was a grand and inspiring meeting. The music was excellent. The meeting was led by Prof. Neff, who had chosen for his subject, "Have I been born again?" From various passages in the Bible the leader proved that no one can be saved who has not been born by the spirit of God. The meeting as a whole was a perfect success and we are sure left an impression upon all who were present. Let us have more of these union meetings.

Dedication of Close Hall.

The dedicatory services of Close Hall will occur next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Professor Benjamin I. Wheeler, of the chair of Greek, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., will be the speaker. Professor Wheeler is a young man, an able scholar, and a brilliant speaker. In the evening there will be two special services. The city churches will give up their services for the evening. It will be a great event for our Association and for the University.

At the joint business meeting of the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A., yesterday afternoon, preparations were made for the dedicatory services next Sunday afternoon. Committees on invitation, music, program and decoration, were appointed. Efforts will be made to secure the best musical talent in the state.

A Conversation Club.

One of the many organizations for culture and intellectual improvement which are thriving among the students, is a conversation club. This is composed of ten members, the Misses Troth, Rogers, Ankeny, Gillfillan, Williams and Wilson, Messrs. Kennedy, Monnet, Bayard and Lloyd Elliott, who meet once a week at the home of some one of the members and spend an evening in discussing a topic suggested by one of the company. Their aim is to cultivate the art of conversation, and is a praiseworthy one.

Alumni Notes.

R. S. Galer, '85, is principal of the Southern Iowa Normal, at Bloomfield, Iowa, and is doing well.

Frank Hastings, '91, has been preparing designs for contractors Jayne & Son, for the repairing of the lower wagon bridge over the Iowa.

C. A. Whiting, special student, S. U. I. 1889-90, is Professor of English Literature in the University of Deseret (Territorial University of Utah), at Salt Lake City.

Erodelphian.

A large audience met at Erodelphian hall Saturday evening to listen to one of the best programs given by the society this term. A vocal solo by Louise Alford opened the program and was heartily encored. Norma Garwood gave an excellent oration on "Knights of the Round Table," beginning in an original manner by describing an old time tournament, after which she drew an analogy between these knights of old and modern defenders of truth and innocence. Frances Rogers recited "Hiawatha's Wooing." Her expression was good, but the recitation would have been improved by a stronger tone of voice and more animation. The debate, *Resolved*, That the international copyright law is a benefit, was decided in the negative. A speech on the "Increase of Gambling and its Forms," was given by Jessamine Jones. A recitation by Bertha Horak and an enthusiastically encored instrumental solo by Frances Rogers closed the program.

Dr. Jessie Bell-Woodside, missionary to India, now of Kansas City, a former student of the Medical Department of the S. U. I., visited her alma mater last Thursday. At the close of Prof. Littig's lecture on practice she gave a very interesting account of a lady physician's life in India.

Mr. Sayford, a prominent Y. M. C. A. worker, will be in Iowa City about Saturday, November 28. He will probably spend one week at the University. Mr. Sayford's work is entirely among the colleges. He is a good speaker, and while here will deliver several addresses to the students of the University.

A GREAT MAGAZINE.

The Century's Program in 1892--A New "Life of Columbus"—Articles for Farmers, etc.

That great American periodical, *The Century*, is going to outdo its own unrivaled record in its programme for 1892 and as many of its new features begin with the November number, new readers should commence with that issue.

In this number are the opening chapters of

"THE NAULAHKA,"

a novel by Rudyard Kipling, the famous author of "Plain Tales from the Hills," written in collaboration with an American writer, Wolcott Balestier. It is the story of a young man and a young woman from a "booming" Colorado town, who go to India, he in search of a wonderful jeweled necklace, called "the Naulahka" (from which the story takes its name), and she as a physician to women. The novel describes their remarkable adventures at the court of an Indian maharajah. Besides this, *The Century* will print three other novels during the year and a great number of short stories by the best American story-writers.

The well-known humorist, Edgar W. Nye ("Bill Nye"), is to write a series of amusing sketches which he calls his "autobiographies," the first one of which, "The Autobiography of a Justice of the Peace," is in November.

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A call for a meeting of all men desiring to join guitar, glee and banjo clubs will be found among the notices in another column. Every man who can sing, or play upon the banjo or guitar should make it a point to attend this meeting. The University has been too long without organizations of the kind proposed. We are heartily in favor of the movement.

A petition addressed to the Faculty is being circulated this week, asking that the Christmas vacation begin at noon on Friday, December 18, instead of Tuesday, 22d, as per calendar. The reasons for this application are obvious. The change would shorten the term by only two days, and lengthen the holidays four, and enable the student to spend three Sundays at home, in place of two. A petition similar to this was presented to the Faculty last March in regard to the length of the Spring vacation, and was laid on the table owing, it was said, to the fact that the change was not suggested in time to enable the Professors to re-arrange their class work outlined for the term. This time the petition will be laid before the faculty in plenty of time to allow the making of slight changes which the granting of the request will necessitate, and it is to be hoped that the action will be favorable.

We note with pleasure the attention that is given the western universities by the leading daily papers of Chicago. It is a move in the right direction. It certainly is far better for a paper to bring before the reading public the growth of our colleges and the advantages found there than to record every crime and theft of the day. We are not interested in the murders that occur in the slums of our cities; let the police and courts attend to them. But

we are interested in the growth and expansion of our school system; in the progress of science, philosophy, art and language. A new generation is growing up, and as the press is one of our greatest educational factors, it can do no better work than to bring before the minds of the rising young men and women, the value of education and the various places where a higher education can be secured. Our schools and universities, to grow and be successful, need the help, not only of students and alumni, but of all lovers of learning, and especially of all leading journals of the day. In the war which is being waged against vice and ignorance the school and the press should go hand in hand. The mission of our schools is a great and grand one, yet this mission is intimately connected with the mission of journalism and when the two shall have fully united their forces, a new era will dawn in our social and educational world.

The *Buchtelite* has an editorial exploring the decline of the literary society in Ohio and concludes with a lament for the decadence of the literary society in general. In Iowa, at least here at the State University, there is nothing more noticeable than the prosperity of the leading literary societies. Nor is there any reason for believing that this prosperous growth will not continue.

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Local and Personal.

Howard North, '92, spent Sunday in Des Moines.

Jerrel D. Clinton, has a good practice in Pennsylvania.

A. A. Paisley, '94, left for Des Moines on a visit, last evening.

President Schaeffer is spending a few days in Des Moines on University business.

Miss Bertha Bullis, of the Pharmaceutical department, is enjoying a visit from her mother.

Professor Patrick will soon send to Cambridge, England, for a new set of worsted color blindness tests.

H. F. Rall, '91, and A. T. Rutledge, '94, left last night for Waterloo, to attend the state convention of the Epworth League.

Very meagre reports of the Minnesota-Grinnell foot ball game are at hand, but we understand Minnesota was victorious, 22-14.

It is too cold for a field meet to-day; if the weather moderates during the week the contests will be held on the first day that will permit.

A committee of the citizens of Iowa City has secured Phinney's State Band, of Des Moines, to furnish the music at the dedicatory exercises at Close Hall next Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Watson conducts chapel exercises this week. Rev. Watson is a fine speaker, and every student in the University should come out and hear his short and practical talks.

The class in Physics has been making some interesting experiments with the air-pump; also with various gases. One of the prettiest experiments is the burning of a soap bubble blown full of coal gas.

Professor Perkins entertained last Friday evening in his parlors on Bloomington street a few of his intimate friends. Euchre was the game of the evening. Refreshments from a Chicago caterer were served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Foot ball practice is over. In all probability we shall have no more games this fall. The team for next year, however, will be chosen soon after Thanksgiving, when a captain will be selected and the men prepared for training.

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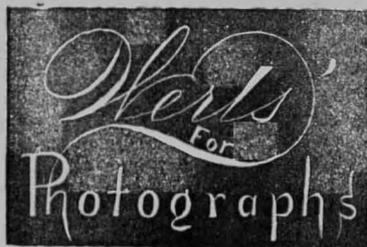
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