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Calendar.

Sunday 6. Y. M. C. A. gospel meeting, 4 p. m.

Monday 7. Political Science Seminary, 7 p. m.

Tuesday 8. Seminary in English, 2 p. m. Guitar Club, Armory, 7:30 p. m. Conversation Club, 7:30 p. m. Boat Club program, Zet Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday 9. German Seminary, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday 10. English Seminary, 2 p. m.

German Seminary.

Two papers were read at the German Seminary meeting on last Wednesday evening and an unusual amount of interest taken in the discussions. Two of Lessing's tragedies were the subjects and Miss Mary Barber's paper on "Philotas" was very cleverly prepared. Mr. Langenhorst had "Emilea Galotte" and read an interesting paper. The last meeting of the year will be held December 16th, with "Nathan the Wise" as the subject and Miss Gilfillan the essayist.

The Last "Transit".

The *Engineering News*, of New York City, contains in its issue of November 21st two articles in full from the November *Transit*. The paper on "The Effect of Salt in Mixing Cement Mortar," by Milton I. Powers, Jr., '91, gives results of experiments and concludes that cement mixed with salt water gains considerable in strength during the first few weeks, but that the gain is not permanent.

The second paper, on "Microscopic Tests of Cement," by Alden H. Brown, '91, concludes that cements may be tested by the microscope to determine certain classes of defects which afflict cement, like under- or over-burning, or lack of homogeneity, without the loss of time in using the present methods. This paper is accompanied by a large inset containing twelve plates illustrative of the tests.

An editorial in the *Engineering News* states that it is worthy of note that these two papers are both examples of careful and excellent under-graduate work, and they give strong evidence of good work done in the classes of Engineering in the State University of Iowa.

The Boat Club entertainment will be given next Tuesday evening in Zet hall. It will consist of readings by Prof. Sampson and Mr. Stephenson, music and a farce. Every one should come out and help the Boat Club raise their needed funds. Admission, 15c.

Local and Personal.

K. Faltonson, L. '91, is in town visiting friends.

C. C. Thompson, L. '91, has recently hung out a shingle at Bancroft, Ia.

John Stewart's father spent a day in the city this week looking over the law department.

The band is putting in extra hours at practice in order to give a concert before the close of the winter term.

The Banjo Club is getting a fine start. They practice in concert once a week and membership is increasing at every meeting.

Frank P. Wright, '89, of Council Bluffs, was in the city the latter part of last week. He and George S. are in partnership with their father in the law business and have a large and growing practice.

The Zetagathians elected the following officers for the winter term last night: President, W. T. Chantland; vice-president, Frank Russell; secretary, W. W. Garwood; treasurer, A. S. Hamilton; corresponding secretary, C. S. Aldrich; sergeants-at-arms, G. W. Lawrence, A. H. McKinley.

Mr. Henry Vollmer, L. '87, now a prominent attorney of Davenport, and Miss Jessie A. Peck, Special, '90, and daughter of Dr. W. F. Peck, were united in marriage in Davenport, Dec. 2, at 8 P. M., Rev. A. M. Judy, officiating. The wedding was a very brilliant event. The ceremony was witnessed by many guests from a distance. Among them was President Schaeffer and Professors Littig, Shrader, Guthrie, Middleton and Parker of the Faculty of S. U. I., and W. L. Bierring, M. '92, and R. I. Peck, M. '92. Among the presents was an elegant Turkish rug, presented by the S. U. I. Medical Faculty.

New Books.

A Study of Greek Philosophy: by Ellen M. Mitchell. With an introduction by William Rounseville Alger. \$1.25. S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago. A charming exposition, written in a fascinating yet clear and concise style, discussing the character and source of the Greek Philosophy, showing whence came the beginnings of Greek religion and culture, and giving a masterly description of the various schools of Greek thought, with biographical sketches of their principal exponents.

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derful Greek nation—a race of artists, compared with whom, it has been said, all modern people are but a race of mechanics."

On the Threshold: by Theodore T. Munger. Revised and enlarged edition. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., \$1.00. This is a book of ten essays on the following subjects: Purpose, Friends and Companions, Manners, Thrift, Self-Reliance and Courage, Health, Reading, Amusements, Purity, Faith. "The object of this little book," says the author in the preface, "is to put into clear form some of the main principles that enter into life as it is now opening before young men in this country." It is the highest compliment possible to say that the author has admirably carried out his purpose. The book is not a simple mass of advice, but a clear and interesting treatment of the every-day moral propositions of life, as they are present to the younger generation of Americans to-day. Nor is it a book of sermons. It is good reading, broad-minded, thoughtful and noble in its teachings.

THE LADY OF FORT ST. JOHN, by Mary Hartwell Catherwood (author of "The Romance of Dollard"). Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25.

A novel in which a story of New Brunswick in the seventeenth century is told with a great power of narrative and effectiveness of character-drawing, "The Lady of Fort St. John" is well up to the standard of the great Boston firm's fiction. Mrs. Catherwood describes this her latest novel as a "romance of history," and we are impressed again with the sense of the old saw, Truth is stranger than fiction. It is a novel that one will read through at a sitting because of its intense interest; and yet it will not be tossed aside for good after one reading, but will be re-read for a clear appreciation of its cleverness.

THE RIDE TO THE LADY AND OTHER POEMS, by Helen Gray Cone. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00.

This is a small and neat volume containing twenty or thirty short poems that are considerably above the average of the day. The first one, from which the book has taken its title, is a short narrative poem of much merit. There is a charm of description throughout all, of which this delicate verse from "The Going Out of the Tide" is an example:

"The eastern heaven was all faint amethyst
Whereon the moon hung dreaming in the mist.

To north yet drifted one long delicate plume
Of roseate cloud; like snow the ocean spume."

The author displays a wide variety of both thought and meter and there is beauty in it all.

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It would be well to have a meeting of the oratorical association before the close of this term. The new constitution has not yet been fixed. These are matters that should not be neglected any longer.

Lockers should be put into the gymnasium as soon as possible. The men have been using as a dressing place a room easy of access from the outside, and several cases of pocket-picking have been reported within a short time.

Mrs. North spent Friday and Saturday of last week at Epworth engaged in classifying the library of Epworth Seminary and in directing the card cataloguing of the books which was well under way when she left.

The Seminary is a thriving school of 130 students under the efficient management of Principal W. S. Lewis, who, with a corps of ten instructors, fit their graduates to enter the Sophomore year of Cornell and other of the colleges of the state.

Mrs. North found the small collection of books divided up into several society libraries and at once urged that these be combined into one. A joint meeting of the library societies was called, the advantages of the new plan stated, and after some discussion the proposition was submitted to a vote and passed almost unanimously.

The movement for the improvement of the library was brought about by Mrs. Clara Enlow, instructor in English, and graduate of the State University in 1880. Mrs. Enlow visited the University library a year ago and resolved on her return to see what could be done for the Epworth collection.

How many students think of it as any part of their duty to do individual work towards increasing the number of students in the University.

We are anxious, of course, to have S. U. I. stand well up among state universities, and each September the number of students is noted with interest. But how many consider it their duty to work for new students? All over the state there are graduates from high schools and academies who expect to enter some higher school, and often a little praise or friendly information would decide them in favor of the University.

The work of one student may be small, but if all would do this there would be a decided increase in the number of Freshmen. Old students have considerable influence with those who have not yet entered college and information from one such has more influence than several catalogues, although to have catalogues sent to those who contemplate becoming students is excellent missionary work.

Send occasional copies of the college papers, clear away prejudices and give all the information concerning S. U. I. you can.

The University is growing, but it should grow faster. To be sure it takes more than an increase in the number of students to constitute growth in a university, but this goes a long way toward it. We work for our literary societies and for our fraternities, why not work for the University?

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President, A. B. Cummins; vice president, Lee B. Durstine; secretary, W. M. Wilcoxon; treasurer, Elmer Eschbach.

The board of directors is composed of nine members, and the committee on admissions of fifteen.

The object of the club is of course at once apparent. Being an association of college men exclusively it combines those qualities of congeniality and fraternal companionship among business men of a big city, that are not cultivated or possessed by clubs of a general nature. Aside from the homogeneous character of its membership it lays claims to no more or better facilities for the amusement or social pleasure of its members than any other like organization.

The University Club has its quarters near the corner of Fifth and Walnut streets, on the south side of the latter named thoroughfare, in the third story of the Rogg-Detchon building. It has eight elegantly furnished rooms and parlors, fronting on Walnut street with eight immense plate glass windows through which the busiest part of the city presents a pleasant outlook. The front rooms opening into each other with folding doors afford ample apartments for music rooms, card tables, correspondence and secretary's tables, literature stands and general parlors. The rear rooms afford the members who have inclinations in that line an opportunity to grow proficient in the exercise of the billiard cue and pool ball. They are splendidly finished and are very attractive to the eye of the aesthetic as well as the sense of the comfort lover.

The club is a success in every sense of the word. Of the sixty members now belonging, a number are Alumni of the State University. The membership, it is expected, will be largely increased within the next three weeks. But however that may be the University Club of Des Moines is on a firm footing and a solid basis, and the benefits of it to its members are growing in proportion to its own magnitude in the social and intellectual life of the city.

LEON BROWN, '90.

College Notes.

The Faculty of Leland Stanford, Jr., receive the students informally each Friday evening.

Senator Stanford has offered to build chapterhouses for all Greek fraternities.

Plans for that of the Zeta Psis are already being formulated.

The course of study at the University of Nebraska has been revised. The system in use at Ann Arbor has been followed in the main. There are two terms in the year and about half the courses are elective.

The college phrase "not in it" is not new as many would suppose, but it was used by Euripides more than two thousand years ago in his Meleager, when he says, "Cowards do not count in battle; they are there, but not in it."

The University of Cambridge, England, has been much agitated recently over a proposal to discontinue compulsory Greek. But in the governing body the proposition to appoint a "syndicate" to consider the matter was killed by the decisive vote of 525 to 185. It is thought that this will settle the question for a long time to come at that seat of learning.

The college at Alberystwith, Eng., recently sent out traveling dairy schools. Nineteen places were visited and the lectures were attended by 1,181 pupils. The farmers have expressed their satisfaction with the movement and it is now proposed to establish dairy schools at convenient centers.

Prof. Blake, of Kansas State University, has a new theory as to the recent experiments in rain making. It is that the condensation is caused by the presence of small particles of dust. He supports his novel position by alleging that hailstones, which are frozen raindrops, often have mechi consisting of a tiny speck of dust or cinder.

Whether there be anything in this theory or not we have not the data at hand to determine. But the fact that the professor of a western university has advanced a theory which, if true, will revolutionize the agricultural system of a large portion of the world can but be of interest and pride to all students in western colleges.

Alumni.

Leon Brown, '91, has resigned his position on the staff of the Des Moines News.

Miss Edith Prouty, L., '91, tried her first case at Humboldt, Iowa, last week and won it.

David Long, '87, now a lawyer at Waverly, was recently married at Charles City.

Miss Bessie Peery, M. D. '84, B. S. '90, is now acting as house physician in a hospital in Chicago.

William H. Cochran, Ph., '91, of Burlington, was married recently to Miss Maude Holliday of that city.

Mr. F. C. A. Denkmann, '78, has charge of one of the largest saw mills on the Mississippi river at Rock Island, Ill.

F. L. Douglas, '91, and his wife spent the Thanksgiving vacation with S. U. I. friends. They are both teaching in the public schools of Kossuth, Iowa.

Geo. E. Ewing, L., '91, after practicing for a short time in Lincoln, Neb., has returned to Iowa City and is now located with his father.

Charles Kahlke, '91, has returned from his western trip and Tuesday started for Chicago where he will attend the Hahnemann medical school.

Dr. Homer R. Page, M. '71, died at his home in Des Moines November 5, 1891. He received the degree of M. D. from the State University in 1871 and began his medical career at New Sharon, Ia., the same year. In 1878 he moved to Des Moines where he built up a large practice. He leaves a wife and three children.

College Word Pictures.

Thinking over the crowd at the cane rush and wondering what aspect of it remained most clearly in my memory, I was amazed that as the vision rose before me, not the faces, the noises, or the general confusion of so many together predominated, but the great variety of headcoverings to be seen in the crowd. There they were, hats and caps of every shape, size, color and age. There was the jaunty new fall hat, proudly conscious of its superiority over its humbler brethren, side by side with the old striped tennis cap, again and again discarded only to be brought out for just one more wear. Here the bright new military cap of the freshman called attention to the very unmilitary bearing of its owner; there another man of '95 joyously displayed to his admiring circle of small boys the dents and holes acquired in the morning scuffle. Not far off the smiling dent persuaded himself that his shiny new silk tile was much more comfortable and becoming than the less dignified hats of those careless collegiates behind him. There is a Junior whose stiff cady is serenely and comfortably settled on his classic head, and that Senior whose soft felt sticking up in such a very unusual manner led us to wonder what great ideas were struggling for exit in his head. Next is the little man who always gets his hat too large, and rests it on his ears, and the boy with the curly bang who so daintily perches his cap over one ear. He is as proud of those curls as any girl would be, and often furtively puts up his hand to assure himself they are not disarranged, and that his little white cap is at the proper angle. He is a great contrast to his neighbor on the left, the matter of fact man with the broad-brimmed black felt hat so carefully creased. He does not believe in such foolishness, but then, you know, he has no bang. These are only occasional, but look where you may, one ever recurring and inevitable feature remains. It is a straw arrangement, half a brim and a portion of a crown. Ask the dirty-faced, bright-eyed urchin under it what it is, and as he proudly pulls it off, he will say: "Why, that is my new summer hat ma got me."

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Local and Personal.

Mrs. Haddock has been ill for the past few days.

T. Price, '89, L., '91, is visiting among University friends.

The foot-ball team is practicing in the gymnasium every day.

C. D. Reimers, '95, will spend Sunday at his home in Davenport.

R. M. Cannon is out again after an attack of the measles.

Only two men handed in orations for the home contest at Iowa College.

Elton Rice, '90, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting friends in the city.

Jessamine Jones, '93, spent Thanksgiving in Davenport, visiting Miss Veda Schaeffer.

The class in Advanced Rhetoric is at present studying "Principles of Success in Literature."

Miss Carolyn Kimball, '91, spent a part of last week here, visiting Miss Holt, '94, and other friends.

The Western Normal School at Shenandoah, Ia., was destroyed by fire last Wednesday. Loss, \$60,000.

Mr. L. J. Hornakay of Marshalltown, Iowa, was a guest of Thad Evans and Geo. Stiles over Sunday.

A pleasant little dinner party at Mrs. North's was much enjoyed by a party of young people on Thanksgiving Day.

Orders have commenced to come in for the perfumes that are being manufactured in the Pharmaceutical Laboratory.

Mr. Foster, who has an able article in the December *Forum* on prisons, is a graduate of the law department, class '68.

Miss Gertrude Burt, of Des Moines, spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Iowa City visiting her friend, Nellie Ankeney.

J. R. Mott, one of the International Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., and well-known to the S. U. I. Association, was married Nov. 26 to Miss Lula White at Wooster, Ohio.

The foot-ball team left last night for Kansas City via Columbus Junction. The men will be able to secure a full night's rest and will arrive in Kansas City at 10 a. m.

The Law students are almost all signing a petition for an extension of Christmas holiday intermission similar to that granted the collegiates a few days since. It will probably be granted.

T. B. Veblen, brother of Prof. Veblen, and at present Fellow in Social Science at Cornell University, has an able article in *The Annual of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* entitled "Some Neglected in the Theory of Socialism."

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Next week our lovers of comic opera will have another chance to see that charming singer and actress Kitty Marcellus. When here last year as leading lady in the Baker Opera Company she captured Iowa City and she will doubtless draw a large crowd on this occasion. There will be two appearances. Thursday the Mikado will be presented and Friday Fatinitza will hold the boards. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents. Sale of seats begins Wednesday the 9th.

In order to encourage literary work among the Faculty, the editors of the *Junior Annual* for 1892 offer a prize of five dollars to that member of the Faculty who shall write the best story, not exceeding 2,000 words.

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