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## DR. PECK DEAD.

Just as we go to press we learn the sad news that Dr. W. F. Peck died at his home in Davenport early this morning, of a disease of the heart. Dr. Peck was Professor of Surgery and Dean of the Medical Faculty for twenty-one years from the time of the establishment of that department until his failing health compelled him to resign at the close of last year. The intelligence of his decease, though not wholly unexpected by his nearer friends, is received with surprise at Iowa City, and is the cause of sorrow that is felt by hundreds of friends in the city and the University.

## Calendar.

*Saturday 12.* Seminary in Pedagogy, 10 a. m. Hesperian programme, 8 p. m. Zetoratoricon, 2 p. m.

*Sunday 13.* Union meeting of the Christian Associations, Close Hall, 3 p. m., address by Miss Reynolds.

*Monday 14.* Political Science Seminary, 7:30 p. m. Latin Seminary, 7:30 p. m.

## Baconian.

At the regular meeting of the Baconian Club last evening voluntary reports were offered by Rev. M. A. Bullock upon "Bodily Levitation," and by Prof. A. N. Currier upon "What Should Precede the American University?" Rev. E. N. Barrett gave an account of the "Cosmogony of the Aztecs."

After a short colloquium Dr. J. G. Gilchrist presented a report from Maj. J. M. Califf upon some recent experiments with nickel-steel armor plates.

Prof. Calvin will read a paper at the next meeting of the club, December 18, on "The Elephant in Iowa, and Elephant Dentition in General."

Dr. A. C. Peters was elected a member of the club.

## Oratorical Association.

At a meeting of the Oratorical Association last night the constitution of the home association was revised so as to conform to the constitution of the Northern Oratorical League, of which the State University is now a member. The most important change made was that hereafter the orators must hand in their orations at least four weeks before the time of the contest. The judges must return their markings two weeks previous to the contest. This is a good plan, as it will give the successful orators two weeks for drill in delivery. All students of the University not having received academic degrees are entitled to enter the contest. It was

also decided to withdraw from the State Oratorical Association. The last Friday in February, 1892, was decided upon as the date for holding the annual contest.

## Faculty News.

At the Faculty meeting yesterday a resolution was passed in favor of University extension. Circulars will soon be sent out giving names of professors and the course of lectures to be delivered. It was also decided to hold summer schools at the University for teachers, the professors of the University to be instructors.

## English.

Mr. Stephenson will have charge of the English Department during the winter term. Advanced Rhetoric and the English Seminary will be omitted, English Poetry and American Literature will be combined and will constitute one course. G. C. Cook, '92, Katharine Barber, '92, and Laura Clark, '92, will be proctors in the English Department.

## Review of the Team's Work.

The foot ball season has closed and the VIDETTE herewith presents the complete record of games and of individual players together with a short review of each man's work during the season.

Total number of games played, five (5.)

At Iowa City, October 24, Cornell 6, S. U. I. 64.

At Iowa City, November 2, Minnesota 42, S. U. I. 4.

At Grinnell, November 7, Grinnell 6, S. U. I. 4.

At Omaha, November 26, Nebraska 0, S. U. I. 22.

At Kansas City, December 5, Kansas 14, S. U. I. 18.

Total, opponents 68, S. U. I. 112.

## TOUCH DOWNS.

Pierce 1.

Bailey 1.

Larrabee 2.

Wright 2.

Elliott 3.

Sanford 4.

German 11.

Total 24. 96 points.

Safety by Cornell 1; 2 points.

Goals by Dutcher 3; 6 points (14 chances.)

Goals by Larrabee 4; 8 points (8 chances.)

Total points 112.

Thus the S. U. I. team has made 112 points to their opponents' 68 and have won three out of five games.

There is but one regret to be recorded

and that is that practice was not begun soon enough. Had this not been the case we would have won at least four of the five games and would have made a better showing against the Minnesota team. But taken as a whole, the work of the team this year deserves the praise and commendation of every student in the University. The men have sacrificed their time and money for the sake of the University and have created an enthusiasm in athletics which has never before been known in S. U. I. Never before has the University been represented in an athletic contest outside of Iowa, but this year's foot ball team has twice crossed the borders of the state and twice returned with victory for the Old Gold.

The individual work of the players has for the most part been highly satisfactory. It would be an injustice to the team to characterize the play of any one individual as the best, for they have all faced different men; but it would be safe to say that Stiles, Elliott and Bailey have not yet met their equals in the rush line. Sanford and Woolston have also distinguished themselves in the rush line, especially in the Grinnell game, where they broke through the line as if it were a rail fence. Kallenberg has been handicapped all season, either by his lame ankle or by temporary injuries, but considering that he is the lightest man in the team he has played a hard game to beat against two hundred pounders. Hull, Fickes and Harlan have played but one game each. Hall is capable of putting up a strong game at guard, but his lame back has bothered him so that he was unable to play regularly. Pierce has done good work at quarter-back in spite of the fact that he thinks too quickly at times. At half-back the team has been comparatively strong, but heavier men will be tried there next year. Ferren was put in too late to develop his abilities to their limit. German and Wright have played a fair game, but German lost a goal to Cornell and Kansas both by letting one of their men take the ball from him. He has put his whole strength and energy into the game, however, and will be able to play a better game next year. All of the half-backs fumbled too much. Dutcher at full back did not distinguish himself but played a hard game, and when called upon to do so made some good punts. He was woefully weak in kicking goals, however. Larrabee had better success at goal-kicking, and his final work was perfect. He tackled the hardest of any man in the team.

The captain and manager for next year will be elected soon and practice, to a limited extent, will be continued throughout the year.

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The trouble with our state colleges is that they are not so well conducted, nor so useful as the private schools are, when the difference in the resources is considered.—Des Moines Capital.

We would suggest to the editor of the Capital that he visit the State University. When he sees our students pursuing original lines of investigation in biology, in chemistry, in botany, or in any subject taught in the eleven laboratories, when he looks into our library, open as long as daylight lasts, with never less than a score, and often as many as a hundred students at a time, consulting books which the resources of private schools could never provide for them; when he visits our six literary societies, and the Baconian Club, and the Students' Engineering Society, and the Chemical Society, and the quiz clubs and the seminaries, we think he will agree with us that our institution is not only "better conducted," but that it is also more useful than any private college in the state.

As far as the "difference in resources" is concerned, it stands to reason that the institution of highest learning in a state requires the greatest amount of money to run it. If the editor of the Capital knows of any way in which this amount of money may be diminished, let him speak right out. The officers of the University will be extremely glad to hear from him, as he is the very man they have been looking for. But before he rushes in where the Regents have feared to tread and ruthlessly cuts down the expenditures of the institution, let him ask himself whether the \$900 man whom he would put in place of the \$2,000 professor will have the ability to carry on the work which is now being done, and to maintain for the University the high standing which it has won among institutions of higher learning. A careful examination of the biennial report just issued will prove to him conclusively that not a cent is

expended more than is necessary to keep up the tone of this institution and to make it a university in fact as well as in name.

The Aldine Literary Society has dissolved its organization. This society was established in the spring of 1889 and since that time has been giving public programmes on alternate Saturday evenings in Irving Hall. The men have labored hard under many discouraging conditions centered in the one great want of a hall of their own, but have finally succumbed to the inevitable. It is to be regretted that the society could not be kept up, as its programmes were as good as the average in the University, and the roll of members included some of the best talent. No blame can be put upon the men composing the society at the time of its dissolution, as they had done all they could toward making it successful.

The medical students held a joint meeting Friday afternoon, at which the general and department editors of the Junior Annual were present. A committee of one from each medical class was appointed to make all necessary arrangements with the Annual men. Before adjournment the department passed a vote of censure on the managers of the S. U. I. Quill for the false and insulting article published about the professors and students in last week's issue.

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**College Word Pictures.**

Five of us were at the telegraph office waiting for the news from Kansas City. We all felt confident that our team would win, but still the thought would creep in occasionally that they might have lost, and we weren't entirely free from nervousness. We talked of the game, using our imaginations to fill in details. We talked of the other games of the season and of how we would beat Grinnell next year. And finally the operator, looking up from her instrument, asked, "How will you bet on the game?" One of the boys replied, "I'll bet we beat them by four points." "Well, you would win; the score was 18-14." We waited for nothing more, but with a wild yell of joy rushed out into the street and started for the P. O., yelling triumphantly at every step. Everyone knew what had happened as soon as they heard us and doors and windows were thrown open all along the way and the question, "What's the score?" was shouted at us. With what joyous tones we answered them! Students joined us at every rod. We reached the P. O., the notice was posted and the yell given again and again. Students rushed in from all around minus overshoes and overcoats, eager to learn the glad tidings. The city marshal, attracted by the noise, came up, was shown the bulletin, smiled, said "good enough" and went off, leaving us to yell as much as we pleased. The students gradually dispersed, carrying the news to their respective boarding places and rooms.

It is very unfortunate to be awkward and I have realized that fact many, many times. For it is one of the numerous things that is the matter with me. I have striven hard to overcome it. I have carefully studied many times those portions of books on etiquette relating to management of one's person. I have put myself under the charge of several different dancing masters; in fact, have done everything I could to become graceful, but all to no purpose. I guess I was born so and the fates have decreed I shall remain so. I could relate many tales of the unfortunate predicaments and embarrassing positions that my awkwardness has placed me in. It seems that nearly every day at table I either spill my coffee or knock over the spoon holder full of spoons or get my sleeve in my butter. My elbows are always in the ribs of the people on each side of me. I sometimes vary things by hitting the table leg as I sit down and causing a general commotion among the dishes, or by getting my feet tangled in the legs of my chair as I rise. In dancing I suffer untold agonies, and so must my partner. If she has a train to her dress it is ten to one that I step on it. I frequently offer my left instead of my right arm, and in waltzing I occasionally give a little variety to things by falling down, gener-

ally bringing my partner with me. I haven't decided to kill myself yet, but will try it for a little while longer.

It sits upon the mantel looking down upon me with a smile, as I am diligently writing away upon my three themes that are due. How well I remember that smile. It was what always welcomed me when I called upon her in the evenings of last summer. And I haven't had a chance to see it upon the original for three months. That picture is a source of inspiration, of pleasure and of disappointment to me. It gives me added strength and refreshment to look at it when I am pounding away at an obstinate lesson. It gives me disappointment, because when I look at it I think of the original and of how much I would like to see her. And it gives me pleasure to look at the familiar face and expression. I am proud of that picture and it does me good to hear the boys ask, "What pretty girl's picture is that on the mantel?" And I never feel ashamed to tell them. As I look at her fluffy hair now, I recall quite vividly an incident that caused me considerable embarrassment at the time. We were at a party together and I was waltzing with her. Unfortunately for me I was chewing gum, and during the progress of the waltz our heads were very close together, so close, in fact, that some of that fluffy hair became entangled with my gum, and when we separated at the end of the waltz my gum was pulled from my mouth and went with her hair. It took me some time and no little difficulty to get them separated. The chaffing I endured for a long time thereafter was awful. I thought she'd drop me on account of it, but she's still true.

"Oh Heaven! methought, what pain it was to drown."

Down the alphabet the tide of ignominy is flowing. No one can stay its onward rush. Now it sweeps away the E's. Must I, too, perish? Must it reach the I's? O, Pallas Athene, give to me some grain of wisdom, or if that be impossible, O mighty Jupiter, turn aside great Neptune in his course! Let him remember that students are physically unable to know anything on Mondays, and let him have mercy upon us! Is there no hope? 'Yes,' whispers the goddess, 'look upon G—'; could he, in a time like this, sit with placid brow if he knew himself to be powerless before the torrent? Ah G—, how truly dost thou now appreciate that knowledge is power! But Oh! he misses G—! He is wandering from his course. Joy! It may be that even yet the strangling waters will pass over some other wretch than I. Ah, no! It is only a mistake, and will not happen again for a hundred years, for with throbbing eardrums I hear the name of H— called out. A gurgle,—this is H's "opinion,"—then all is still. Too late! All the gods cannot save me now. Dizzy I am,

and faint. It must be my name he speaks above the roar of the waters, "Io!" With parched lips I try to speak. My tongue is cloven to the roof of my mouth. But hold! Is it my name he is speaking? The D's and the E's are looking not at me, but at him. Can it be that I am not to be plunged in the ocean of despair? No, he is saying: "Observe the philosophical relation of this fact,"—and, ecstasy of bliss!—he is—he is now citing "wise saws and modern instances."

"Sic me servavit Apr'ello."

Io.

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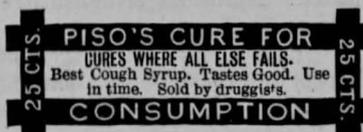
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### Local and Personal.

Mrs. Winnie Lewis Gilbert, '91, is spending a few days with her parents.

The average attendance at the library during November was two hundred and sixty-three per day.

Professor Loos will deliver the second lecture in his University Extension series at Quincy, Illinois, this evening.

A recent count of the books in the University Library shows that there are now on the shelves 26,300 volumes.

The Christmas number of the *Young Men's Era* contains a handsome cut of Close Hall and a half column article descriptive of the building and the dedicatory exercises.

An installment of over two hundred new books has just reached the library. As soon as entered these will be placed on the shelves for new books for a few days. Among these new accessions are complete sets of the works of Goethe, Schiller, Lessing, Werder, Heine, Wieland, Voss, Tieck and Lenare, a copy of Kretschmer's *Deutsche Volkstrachten*, with beautifully colored plates, Schiller's *Tell*, illustrated by Schwærer, with ten fine photographs, Goethe's *Hermann und Dorothea*, with eight photographs after von Ramberg, Bodendstedt's *Album Deutscher Kunst und Dichtung*, with beautiful illustrations in wood cuts and photogravures, many volumes upon Greek and Roman literature, a number of finely illustrated works on architecture and a few choice works of fiction.

J. A. Hornby, '91, resigned from the Zetagathian Society last evening and will be initiated into the Delta Tan Delta Fraternity to-night.

At the meeting of the Hesperian Society last evening, the following officers were elected for the winter term: President, May Gaymon, '92; vice-president, Millie Cuplin, '92; secretary, Frances Mills, '94; corresponding secretary, Nannie McKinley, '95; treasurer, Inez Kelso; critic, Mary C. Holt.

At the business meeting of the Law Literary Society last evening the following officers were elected: President, Blim; vice-president, Stor; secretary and treasurer, Dutcher; sergeants-at-arms, Rominger and Coleman.

Irving Institute last night elected the following officers for the winter term: President, F. W. Meyers, '92; vice-president, W. R. Whiteiss, '92; treasurer, J. G. Mueller, '93; secretary, W. Tantlinger, '94; corresponding secretary, R. H. Johnson, '95.

Miss Reynolds, State Secretary Y. W. C. A., will conduct a union meeting of the Christian Associations at Close Hall on Sunday at 3 o'clock. All are invited to be present. The members of the Y. W. C. A. are requested to be on hand this afternoon at four o'clock, when Miss Reynolds will talk to them about Association work. It is possible that she may conduct a meeting Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church.

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