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## New Prize for Law Thesis.

A. L. Hudson, '76, of Sioux City, who delivered the Law Commencement address last June and who has lately served as judge of thought and style in the local oratorical contest, offers to provide a prize of \$25 each year for the best graduating thesis in the Law Department, taking into account "literary merit from the standpoint of clearness, conciseness and accuracy of expression." He says, "I see so much slovenly work done by lawyers for want of proper literary cultivation that I would like to assist in encouraging students to take an active interest in acquiring a good style of expression at the outset of their career." Arrangements will probably be made to award this prize at the coming Commencement.

## Pharmaceutical Laboratory.

An important addition has just been made to the equipment in the Pharmacy laboratory. The best drug mill that is made is now in operation there. It is run by a seven-horse power gas engine. During these last days of the term the students and professors are being kept busy in the laboratory, filling the orders for pharmacy preparations, fluids, extracts, perfumes, etc. A large order has been made by J. H. Harrison, druggist, of Davenport, also orders from a number of druggists throughout the State. Dr. G. H. Hill has made a large order for medicines for the insane hospital at Independence.

## Zet-Irving Joint Debate.

The Zetoratoricon and the Irving Debating Club will meet in Irving Hall at 1 o'clock to-day for an extemporaneous contest in debating and speaking. Professor Currier will be judge of the contest. He will choose the subjects for the speeches and debate and announce the same to the contestants only a few minutes before the opening of the program. The representation of the two clubs will be as follows:

Zetoratoricon debaters, S. K. Stevenson, '93, and Will Bailey, '93; speaker, O. H. L. Mason, '93.

Irving Debating Club, debaters, A. T. Sanford, '93, G. N. Sabin, '94; speaker, R. C. Butler, '93.

## Receipts From Lectures.

In the literary societies last evening the Lecture Bureau committee made a financial statement of this year's course. The assets, which were turned into the treasuries of the two societies, amount to about \$265, or something over \$130 each to the Irvings and Zetagathians.

## Baconian Club.

The evening was spent in listening to voluntary reports. Mr. Spanutius spoke of the different varieties of garnets and their physical properties.

Prof. Patrick discussed "Mind-reading," or telepathy, describing the methods practiced by those apparently possessing such power. He stated that his observation and investigation convinced him that the claims advanced of thought transference were not correct. Mind reading can be accounted for as "muscle reading," a slight involuntary tremor of the muscles of the grasped wrist or hand giving to the acute and experienced mind reader sufficient hints to direct him from point to point until the desired object is gained. The Professor stated that there are but few cases that cannot be accounted for in this way; these unexplained cases he ascribes to the fallibility of observation, mankind being very unreliable in matters of the unusual and marvelous.

The entire subject of telepathy is now undergoing careful investigation by the English and American Societies of Psychological Research.

Dr. Gilchrist spoke briefly on the matter of "Gun Shot Injuries," stating that in the recent disturbances in Chile the high grade fire arms used inflicted less mortality on the enemy than the old style. This is accounted for by the much higher speed of the bullets of the modern weapon, which make a smooth, clean cut hole through a human body, searing or cauterizing the edge of the wound in its passage, so that little hemorrhage results. The slower bullet carried with it portions of the accoutrements worn, or splinters of bone, tearing a larger hole and causing excessive hemorrhage. The high speed bullet cuts a clean hole through accoutrements worn and through bone opposing its passage.

The session was an interesting one.

## Engineering Department.

The Sophomore civil engineers have finished their study of the laws and usages governing land surveys and resurveys and took their final examination Thursday. The plots of the land survey made by them in connection with the study of the theory of land surveying during the fall term will be completed next term, as soon as the weather permits them to take the topography of the area surveyed. This work has been under the direction of Prof. Magowan. The series of lectures on "Roads, Streets and Pavements" to the Sophomores was begun yesterday by Prof. Jameson.

## Zetagathian Officers.

The Zetagathians elected the following officers last night for the Spring term: President, Frank Russell, '92; Vice-President, Geo. E. Shambaugh, '92; Recording Secretary, G. E. Ewing, '95; Corresponding Secretary, G. W. Lawrence, '92; Treasurer, F. W. Lovell, '95; June Orator, W. W. Kaye, '93; Sergeants-at-Arms, C. S. Aldrich, '95, and H. M. Walters, '95.

## Gymnasium.

The gymnasium privileges are very much enjoyed by the young women of the University, whose classes meet on Monday and Thursday of each week. They have for some weeks past been doing most of the apparatus work attempted by the men, and a marked improvement may be perceived in the work done. Visitors are admitted on the first Thursday of each month.

## Hesperian Program.

The Hesperians will present the following program this evening:

Music.

Declamation, - Theresa Peet  
"Sister and I."

Debate, - Compulsory Education

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Mary Rankin. Eva Miller.  
Florence Brown. Mary Holt.

Music.

Review of New Book, Julia Crawford

Declamation, - Luona Wheeler.  
"Going Somewhere."

Music.

## Phi Delta Theta.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity last evening gave one of the most pleasant dancing parties of the year. Spevachek furnished the music. The following ladies were present: Misses Ashley, Alford, Collins, Copeland, Horne, Jones, Gillis, Jones and Moore. V. G. Coe, '87, and O. R. Young, were also present.

## Chicago University Library.

The library of the Chicago University has suddenly become the second largest college library of the United States, numbering over 325,000 vols. Up to October last the entire number of volumes in this library was but 40,000. Since that date the money for the purchase of the famous Calvary library has been subscribed and the contract closed by cablegram to the firm in Berlin. This is said to be the largest book-deal ever made. The money necessary for the purchase was raised within a half an hour.

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The Central Inter-Collegiate Press Association appointed a committee at their last meeting to draw up a call for a meeting of college editors at the World's Fair. The matter is now in the hands of Chairman W. T. Roberts, of *The Dickinsonian*.

This is a very good idea. If it is carried into effect there will be a notable meeting. The number of college editors in the United States, we should say for a very conservative estimate, is fifteen hundred. Possibly, if representatives from the university and college papers of foreign countries can be counted upon, there can be assembled in Chicago in 1893 a convention of a thousand college journalists. The pleasure and advantages of such a meeting are certainly apparent. We heartily commend the Central Inter-Press Association for the suggestion and hope it will soon be prepared to announce the meeting as a certainty.

Last year was the first time that the Soph-Junior Oratorical Association failed to hold its annual contest. Why not revive the old-time spirit and hold an annual contest some time next May? The organization is not dead. All that is necessary is for some of the members to take hold and push the matter. We must keep up the oratorical spirit at S. U. I. Let some of the Juniors or Sophomores call a meeting of the Association and we feel confident that a sufficient number will enter to insure a good contest.

The Public Document bill has passed the U. S. Senate by a vote of 41 to 6. This bill provides, among other things, for the careful indexing of all public documents and for their regular distribution to public libraries.

It is said that there will be a convention of the classes of '93 from all American colleges at Chicago during the World's Fair. — *Brown Herald*.

### Local and Personal.

J. D. Werts, M. '92, is enjoying a visit from his father.

The Hesperians will give their regular program this evening.

The invitations of the Medical department's commencement have been issued.

J. H. Hornby, '94, will not return to the University until next Fall, owing to poor health.

The ex-president of Yale, Noah Porter, died at his home in New Haven, Conn., yesterday.

"Formation of Continents" is the subject of Professor Calvin's address at Close Hall this evening.

The Iowa Official Register for 1892 has been received at the library. With former volumes of the same it will be placed in the sociological alcove and will be a valuable book to consult for information concerning State institutions, officials, etc.

### Notice.

The third lecture on "World-Making" will be given at Close Hall this (Saturday) evening instead of next Monday evening. Remember the change.

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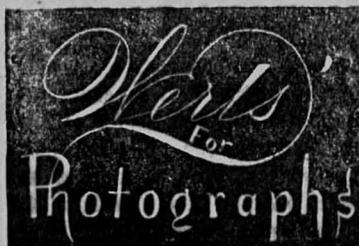
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**Local and Personal.**

The *Cornellian* is to be published weekly hereafter.

The program of studies for the spring term will be out in a few days.

Miss Mattie Mathers of Nora Springs, has entered the University as a special student.

The head professors at the Chicago University receive a salary of \$7,000 a year.

The battery drilled in manoeuvres of the piece yesterday for the first time this year.

Miss Clair Galbraith, from Gladstone, Ill., is visiting her cousin, Miss Helen Butler, '91.

An Essay index similar to the Periodical index is soon to be issued by the Library Bureau.

The library has just received a copy of the Congressional Directory, 52d Congress, 1st session.

The Coe College *Cosmos* State contest edition is as handsome a paper as was ever published by an Iowa college.

Miss Cornie Ingham, formerly of '93, is visiting relatives in Redwood, Cal., where she will spend the remainder of the school year.

Mrs. Laura Cook and daughter, of Sioux City, are the guests of Professor Currier. Mrs. Cook will be remembered as a graduate of 1876. Her daughter will enter the University in the Spring term.

Bessie Parker, '93, and Bertha Wilson, '92, spent Thursday in Marengo assisting the amateur troupe which so successfully gave "An Unequal Match" in Iowa City a few weeks ago.

An error occurred in the account of the Senior meeting Wednesday evening. George Cook was elected class poet and Julia Rogers was elected to have charge of the class songs.

Professor Rockwood leaves in a few days for New York, whence he will take passage for Germany. Messrs. Spanutius and Anthony will join him in Germany at the close of the Spring term.

Miss Sue Paxton, '91, is again at Le Mars, the recovery of her father allowing her to resume her work in the public schools at that place. She has recently been promoted to a principalship with increase of salary.

A notice on the library door calls attention to a habit which many students indulge in when using the book-room. The volumes on the lower shelves are not put there for foot rests and the practice of using them for such has resulted in mutilating many of the books and leaving others smeared with mud. This is probably thoughtlessness, and those who do the mischief have been ignorant of what they were doing, but it is time that some attention was given to the matter.

Bertha Horak, '94, and Helen Copeland, '88, have been elected to positions in the Iowa City schools.

E. Rominger, L. '92, has been elected as a delegate from Davis county to the Republican State Convention which meets in Des Moines the 17th inst.

Mr. O. R. Young, C. E., '87, now of Salt Lake City, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Young has been engaged in general engineering work in the west since graduation, his last work being the superintendence of the construction of a conduit to convey water to Salt Lake City. Prof. Magowan spent last summer on the same piece of work, having charge of the tunneling. The conduit is about five miles long, extending from the mouth of Parley's Canon to Salt Lake City, supplying water for irrigation and culinary purposes.

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