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Parker Holbrook Prize.

Attention is called to the Holbrook Prize, of the value of \$25, offered by Mr. Parker Holbrook, of Onawa, for the best English essay by a student of the Collegiate Department. The competition is limited to essays upon any one of the following subjects:

- 1 A Discussion of the Baconian Authorship of Shakespeare.
- 2 A Criticism of the Writings of Swinburne.
- 3 A Biographical Account of Christopher Columbus.
- 4 A Discussion of the Defeat of the Great Armada.
- 5 Some Suggested Reforms in the Government of Cities.
- 6 The Study of Geology as a Means for Liberal Culture.
- 7 Coal: Its Origin and its Influence on Modern Civilization.
- 8 Modern Philanthropy.

Essays must be left at the President's office on or before Friday, June 3d. Competitors must indicate their essays by an assumed name accompanied by an envelope containing the true name. This prize is open to all students of the Collegiate Department.

CHARLES A. SCHAEFFER,
President.

Circular.

H'DQ'RS UNIV. BAT., April 2, 1892.

The new drill regulations have been received. Those members of the Junior Class who desire copies of the Regulations will please inform the Commandant as soon as practicable. As the number of copies is limited, no one who originally ordered a copy need feel under obligations to take it.

G. W. READ,
Major and Commandant.

Inter-Class Ball League.

The Board of Managers of the Inter-Class Base Ball League met in Professor Loos' room, Tuesday afternoon, and arranged the following schedule of games:

April 16, '95 vs. '93. April 21, '94 vs. '92. April 28, '95 vs. '92. May 5, '94 vs. '93. May 12, '94 vs. '95. May 19, '92 vs. '93. Holbrook, '94, and Pratt, '95, were made the official umpires, and Sabin, '93, and Cowperthwaite, '94, the official scorers. In order to defray the various expenses of this undertaking a small admission fee of five cents will be charged, and all surplus will be turned over to the Athletic Association. The first game, as may be seen above, will be played on the 16th, between '95 and '93, and to help along our athletics a large audience should be present.

Irving Contest.

A Declamatory Contest among the members of Irving Institute will be given at their hall to-morrow evening. The judges selected for the occasion are Professor Currier, Professor Patrick and Mr. R. C. Morse, L. '93, by whose decision one of the following will receive from the society a gold medal, appropriately inscribed:

Reply to M. Corry.....D. O. Holbrook
The Painter of Seville.....E. C. Johnson
Blaine's Eulogy on Garfield.....
.....Rush C. Butler
The Northern Laborer.....A. T. Sanford
Birth of O'Connell.....A. B. Fair
Hofer's Defense.....J. G. Mueller
Romeo and Juliet.....P. L. Sargent

Athletic Meeting.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Athletic Association was held Tuesday noon. Besides routine business a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions condemning the action of the State Executive Committee whereby it decided that "boxing shall be for a purse."

Owing to the press of outside work, Meyers, '92, was compelled to resign his position as manager of the base ball team.

The resignation of W. T. Chantland, '92, as Captain of Field Athletics and member of the committee to select the base ball team, was accepted in view of the fact that he will not be in the University this term.

Adjournment was taken until to-day at one o'clock, when the new constitution will be considered, the committee on resolutions will report and the above mentioned vacancies filled.

The April number of *Munsey's Magazine* contains a portrait and a brief biography of Walter M. Walker, who graduated from the Collegiate Department in 1883. Mr. Walker succeeds Dr. Sanders as pastor of the Central church, one of the most important of the Baptist churches in New York City.

The Civil Law.

Close Hall was well filled Tuesday night by an audience, comprising State University Professors, of the various Departments, many students, mostly of the Law Class, members of the State Historical Society, and other prominent citizens. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Pickard, who stated that this was the final lecture in this year's course, but, that efforts would be made to have another course for the next year, to include lecturers from

abroad, provided our citizens would contribute liberally to the treasury of the State Historical Society.

Chancellor McClain was greeted with applause and commenced his lecture on "The Influence of the Civil Law Upon the Civilization of the Mississippi Valley" by defining the terms, civil law and civilization. He then traced the history of the rise and progress of the civil law in the Roman Empire and other early European countries. Wherever Rome extended her dominions she established her civilization upon the civil law. The speaker, then discussed the rise and progress of the common law, showing how it developed among the early Anglo-Saxons who though barbarous, possessed the spirit of independence and bid defiance to the Roman power. From that remote source came the common law, which has grown into a great body of jurisprudence among the English-speaking races.

Chancellor McClain next gave an interesting narration of the early settlement of the Mississippi Valley, as included in the Louisiana purchase. He spoke of the prominent men of the French and Spanish nationalities who explored the Mississippi Valley and laid the foundations of society. Whatever judicial procedure was in operation was based upon the civil law, but in the course of time, the Anglo-Saxon influence gradually changed the existing civilization by the common law. Now Louisiana is the only State where the civil law procedure prevails. Chancellor McClain, after an exhaustive and interesting review of the whole subject, declared that the civil law really had no permanent influence upon the civilization of the Mississippi Valley.

He showed the important points of difference between the civil and the common law, and stated that under the former, the highest civilization, in art, literature and science had been developed. He even admitted that in this country, under the common law, evidences of barbarism were to be seen in the lynching of criminals and its endorsement by the public press. The relative position of married women under the two systems of law was compared and the declaration made that the common law was, on the whole, the protector of the rights of the "weaker sex."

We regret that we have not space for even an outline of this comprehensive and instructive lecture. It should be published in full.

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The number of competitors for the Holbrook prize last year was so ridiculously small that for some time it was feared among the students this year that the generous offer of Mr. Holbrook had been withdrawn on account of the lack of enthusiasm displayed in the matter. The topics for the essays have at length appeared, however, and a chance is given to those who possess, or who desire to acquire, an easy command of language, to show their appreciation of Mr. Holbrook's interest in the University. Nor should gratitude alone inspire the student to compete for this prize. "We learn to do by doing" is just as true of all other things as it was when Froebel said it concerning the teaching of children. Moreover, there is a certain stimulus about competing for a prize which is apt to insure a better production than one could write upon an ordinary occasion. The old grind of the "term essay" has no longer power to terrify, and instead of this, students are allowed to write, of their own free will, an essay upon any one of the eight topics suggested. These topics are none of them out of the reach of a student of ordinary thinking capacity, and cover so wide a range that no one can fail to be suited. It is hoped, then, that the number of competitors this year will be large enough to make the winning essayist feel that he has indeed gained an honor, and the others that their defeat is not inglorious.

Major Read some time ago received from the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Kansas State Agricultural College a letter asking his opinion of the feasibility of inaugurating a College Cadet Encampment at the World's Columbian Exposition. It was proposed that an average of one hundred and fifty cadets from each of the seventy-five institutions in the country where Military Science is

taught, could be secured to attend such an encampment, thus making about ten thousand cadets in camp. About one week during the last of June was the time proposed. A committee from the Junior class was appointed by Major Read to inquire into the matter in S. U. I., and the result has been that no particular interest was manifested in the scheme on account of the many and diverse reasons which appeared against it. It will probably be dropped as far as S. U. I. is concerned.

Phrenology.

Prof. Black, one of the leading phrenologists of the country, is in the city this week examining the heads of Iowa Cityans. He comes well recommended and is meeting with exceptionally good success. Anyone who converses with him for even a few moments will at once be convinced of his intense belief and his earnestness in his work.

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Local and Personal.

Julia Rogers, '92, returned to the University Tuesday.

Miss Clara D. Miller, of Coon Rapids, is visiting her brothers in the University this week.

The Deputy Conference of the Y. M. C. A. is in session at Close Hall.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity will give a dancing party at its halls tomorrow evening.

Miss Jessamine Jones, '93, spent the vacation with Miss Shaffer, formerly of '92, at Davenport.

A joint programme will be given next Saturday evening by the Zeta-gathians and Hesperians.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma as well as the Delta Gamma fraternities have had groups taken at Coover's.

Miss Nan Shepherd, B.Ph., '88, who is teaching at Oskaloosa, spends the week's vacation in Iowa City.

Millie M. Cuplin, '92, will not be in school this term. She will return in June to graduate with her class.

H. S. Hollingsworth, '92, and C. E. Wood, '95, left this morning for Thornberg, Iowa, to attend the wedding of a friend.

Miss Lou E. Richey, of Iowa City, and Miss Mattie L. Mathers, of Nora Springs, are numbered among the special students this term.

It is reported that Grover Cleveland was initiated into Phi Delta Phi, the national law fraternity, at the time of his recent visit at Ann Arbor.

All the members of the class of '95 are requested to be present at the meeting in close Hall, 10 a. m.

O. C. ANDERSON.

A new desk has been added to the equipment in the President's office, and Professor Currier may be found in that office when he is not engaged in his recitation work.

The Delta Gammas were given a supper at the home of Miss Helen Cox Monday evening, after which Miss Kate Bostedo, '95, was initiated into the mysteries of their fraternity.

J. C. Powers, who will be remembered as a former member of '92, was married recently to Miss Alice Seymour. Mr. Powers is engaged in the dry goods business at Zeoring, Iowa, his home.

The English Seminary met for reorganization on Monday last. The work has not yet been definitely laid out, but will consist in individual work on the part of its members in the development of the modern novel.

A new feature has been added to the instruction given in the Latin department this term, namely, an hour a week of sight reading. This work is not done for "credit," but simply for the pleasure of the student and to enable him to do rapid reading at sight.

The class in English poetry in the work this term will use as a text illustrative of the best of English poetry throughout the different periods studied, "The Golden Treasury of Songs and Lyrics," compiled by Francis T. Palgrave.

Class rivalry for supremacy on the diamond is creating considerable enthusiasm among the Collegiate students. Besides the University team practice, which occurs six days in the week, the various classes work their teams alternate days. Besides the games scheduled for the class league, '94 and '95 join forces and play the Law department on Saturday.

College Notes.

President Andrews, of Brown, has been called to a professorship in Chicago University.

Cornell University this year has about 250 candidates for baccalaureate degrees.

It is stated that forty per cent of all men who have been editors of college papers have followed journalism as a profession.

A. W. Ketelle, of Colorado College, will represent Colorado in the interstate oratorical contest at Minneapolis.

Another Chance for a Home.

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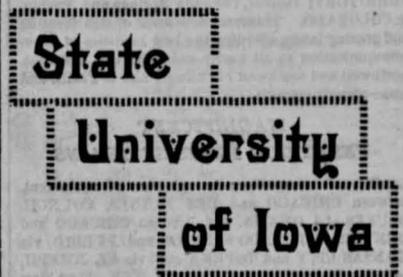
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