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NO. 1.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Association, at 2 P. M. sharp, on Friday. A Treasurer must be elected and other very important business attended to.

E. S. WHITE, Pres.

English.

Freshmen taking Course II will please procure Edmond Burke's Speech on American Taxation (for sale at the bookstores), and for the first lesson (Thursday) prepare the first ten pages.

Sophomores taking Course IV will please prepare for Thursday the first ten pages of Mento's Manual of English Prose Literature.

Those wishing to take Old English will please meet in Room 12, at 11 A. M. on Wednesday. The hour for recitation is subject to change.

ALBERT E. EGGE.

History.

I. New students in English History must procure Green's Shorter History of the English People, and Gardner's Historical Atlas. The first lecture for Friday will be the first section.

II. Students of Grecian History must procure Cox's History of Greece, and either Long's or Smith's Classical Atlas, and Jebb's Primer of Grecian Literature. The first lesson on Thursday will be the first two chapters of the history.

III. The first lecture in American History will be given Friday. Bring note books. WM. R. PERKINS, Professor of History.

English.

Freshmen will take either Course I or II. Those who have not already taken a course in Rhetoric will take I; others may elect either course.

Sophomores may elect between III and IV. Those taking III must have already taken Course I, or an equivalent (such as last year's Freshman English). Those desiring to pay especial attention to English composition and essay writing are advised to take Course III.

Juniors in Classics or Philosophy who have taken no work in English in the University will take either V, VI or VII, as they may elect.

Seniors and graduates desiring to enter the Seminary will make application in writing. Courses II and IV will be held in Room 7; other courses in Room 12.

EDWARD E. HALE, JR.

Political Science.

FIRST YEAR COURSE.

Fall—The Principles of Economics (daily except Monday) and Political Institutions (every Monday.) Scheduled at 11 A. M.

Winter—Currency and Banking, 4 hours. History of Political Economy, 1 hour.

Spring—Tariff History and Foreign Relations, 3 hours. Contemporary Socialism, 2 hours.

SECOND YEAR COURSE.

Fall—Origin of Institutions (Elements of Sociology) and the History of Political Theories. Scheduled at 8 A. M.

Winter—Contemporary Public Law and Administration.

Spring—Public Finance.

SEMINARY M., 7:30 P. M.

Bryce's American Commonwealth will be read. Topics for investigation and report will be taken chiefly from our own political and economic history, state and national. Candidates for admission will please report themselves at once.

NOTE.—This schedule slightly modifies the latest Catalogue announcement, and so far supersedes it. Catalogue courses VII and VIII are combined with II and III; IV-VI are reduced to two terms; and Public Finance is added. ISAAC A. LOOS. September 18, 1893.

Bible Study.

The Bible has in our day come to be considered more than a text-book of religion and morals; it has its history and its literature, biography, poetry, and philosophy. It is not only of concern to the searcher after religious truth, but it offers a broad field for the investigations of the archaeologist, the exercises of the logician, the study of the philologist, and even the scientist may find interesting data between its lids. And then again, by reason of its peculiar claims and power the Bible has become so influential, has been so often referred to, so often quoted, so often read and discussed, that we can assert without fear of contradiction that no man in these days is truly educated who does not have a good knowledge of its history and its doctrines.

That a book of such wide interest from even a secular standpoint should be neglected by the student in his pursuit after other knowledge, we believe to be a mistake; and that heretofore in this center of learning but inferior advantages have been offered to the student for Bible study we deem a mistake.

However, this year the Y. M. C. A. announces a permanent scheme for its Bible classes, and institutes a proposed four year's course, arranged with a view to meet the educational development of the student. The teachers secured for this course are well known and popular, and it is needless to say will make the class work equal to the class work of the college curriculum. The subject for the first year is "The Life of Christ," the teacher will be Dr. J. L. Pickard; for the second year, "Messianic Prophecy," teacher, O. H. L. Mason; third year, "Christian Evidences," Dr. M. Bullock; fourth year, "The Jewish Economy," Prof. Isaac A. Loos. These classes will meet for one hour each week. To encourage systematic and consecutive study the Association purposes to grant a diploma to the student at the end of four year's work.

We learn also that Dr. Dungan, of Bethany, Neb., will present the advantages of Bible study to the University men on the 8th of October, and that he has been secured to lecture on the following Monday evening from his personal observations of Palestine. We judge that both these lectures will be interesting and instructive.

Registration.

The registration closing on the first Wednesday evening for 1891, 1892 and 1893 are compared below:

	1891	1892	1893
Collegiate	230	275	275
*Law	100	123	
Medical		135	165
Dental	60	83	82
Homeopathic		44	40
Pharmacy	20	37	35

* Senior scheduling not yet begun.

Gymnasium Classes.

Mr. Kallenberg has made the following schedule for gymnasium work:

For men:—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 4 to 5 P. M.; 5 to 6 P. M., (for faculty and business men); and 7:30 to 8:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 3:30 to 4:45 P. M.

For women:—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 4:45 to 6 P. M.

Boys' classes are not yet arranged for, but they will fall on Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

Let it be understood that the object of this gymnasium work is not to develop star actors and contortionists, but by judicious exercise to increase the grace and agility of the participant, and to keep him healthy and vigorous. Every student should know that he cannot perform his college work in a satisfactory way unless he devotes a portion of each day to bodily exercise; and the gymnasium classes provide this.

The Professors.

As idlers, the Professors are not a success. Even in their vacations they are unable to climb out of the old rut and let work alone. They differ from their pupils in this particular, for the average student packs up his books at the close of school, and knows them no more until the school begins once more.

President Schaeffer has been away a part of the summer; has taken two trips to New York, several to Chicago and the Fair, and shorter journeys connected with University work.

Professor Currier stayed here the greater portion of the time, doing the office work in the absence of the President, and resting. He, as did all the other professors, spent a week or two at the fair.

Judge and Mrs. Haddock were at their desk all vacation with the exception of ten days of rest at Spirit Lake.

Professor Veblen was at work improving the physical laboratory. During one of his three visits to Chicago, he attended the Electrical Congress, and also purchased some much-needed apparatus for the laboratory.

Professor Nutting, as we all know, had charge of a scientific expedition to the Bahamas. The party was gone three months, and spent the most of their time in dredging, doing little land work. On his return to this country, the Professor visited friends on the way home. He brought a car load of specimens back with him, but has not yet had time to arrange them. The expedition was a success in every way.

Professor Hale spent his summer traveling with his wife through France, England, and Scotland.

Dr. Egge spent the first of his vacation in moving from his far-out residence to a more convenient one on N. Dubuque street. Later, he visited in Decatur, Iowa, and spent a week at the Fair.

Professor Jameson spent a most delightful vacation, taking a five months' trip through the West and Northwest. He went far up into Alaska and down through California and then home. One of the results of this outing is a fine collection of 150 fine photographs, taken by the Professor.

Professor Perkins spent his three months at his home in Erie. The operation on his eyes was successful, and his eye-sight is almost completely restored.

Professor Calvin was busy with his surveying and the collecting of specimens.

Professor McBride went to the Black Hills in search of rest, but the old habit of collecting did not allow him to remain idle. The herbarium gives ample testimony of Professor's "rest." He also worked for two weeks in Alamakee county.

Mr. Shimek spent the most of the summer rearranging and classifying specimens in the herbarium, and complains that he is not nearly through yet.

Miss Call summered at her home, taking occasional jaunts here and there.

Professor McConnell was in Chicago five weeks, and spent the rest of the summer at normal institutes.

Professor Patrick prepared and read a paper before the Educational Congress at Chicago, and spent the latter part of the vacation in Colorado.

Professor Loos was engaged for the most part in private study.

Professor Weld visited in Chicago and in Washington.

As to the other professors, we cannot say, for several have not yet come in, and others are too busy with the new students to be interviewed.

Foot-Ball Notes.

There will be foot-ball practice every day, at 4 o'clock sharp, until further notice.

The foot-ball season opened yesterday with a larger number of men on the ground than in any previous year. The men were in fair condition, and the initial practice was satisfactory.

It is to be hoped that every man who has any athletic inclination will turn out and try for the foot-ball team.

Men who are heavy and strong can have places on the team for the asking. We look to the professional departments to furnish these heavy men, as they are as a rule older and better developed. Every department should have a delegation on the field, and a representative on the team.

There is some inducement to candidates to train this season. The list of large cities in which games will be played is up to date as follows: Denver, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, and Grinnell. These trips are of course free from expense to the players, and are a liberal education themselves.

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With this issue the VIDETTE-REPORTER begins its twenty-sixth year. Its editors in assuming control have no sweeping reforms to propose. The change to a tri-weekly two years ago, and to its present form last year, have both been acceptable to the student body, as has been proved by their more liberal support.

The present Board will try rather to correct those errors and annoyances,—such as typographical appearance, and irregularity of delivery,—which have crept in in the past.

We hope moreover to give about one-fifth more reading matter than was given last year, and by these means, together with a more careful selection and supervision of all matter, hope to make the paper more nearly than ever a representative college newspaper. That this may be accomplished we ask the support of each student in the various departments of the University.

The subscription price will remain as heretofore, \$1.25 per year, or \$1.50 if not paid before Jan. 1, 1894. The paper will be delivered by special carriers to all subscribers living within one mile of the post office, at 7 A. M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 11 A. M. on Saturdays.

We take the liberty of mailing this issue as a sample copy to all new students and solicit your subscription if you are pleased with the paper.

We would like to urge upon the football team the necessity of beginning systematic work early. Less than three weeks are left in which to prepare for the Denver game. The reputation of the team in a large measure depends upon the showing made in that game, and we certainly can not hope to win without some preliminary work. In addition to the regular practice, we should have at least three match games. Any football man will admit that a match game is worth a week's practice, and we understand that no games are definitely arranged for as yet. Let something be done immediately.

S. U. I. Lecture Course.

Of the many lines of growth upon which the University has developed in recent years, none have been more conducive to good results than the course of lectures given under the charge of the S. U. I. Lecture Bureau for the past three years. These lectures have been of a uniformly high character and have included many men of national reputation as writers and orators. The Bureau, realizing that a very high standard had been set, and that the student body demand and appreciate good talent, have spared neither effort nor money in order to secure the best talent that the American platform affords. The course this year will consist of five lectures to be given during the fall and winter terms.

The course will be opened October 4, by Edward Everett Hale, D. D., who is recognized as one of our foremost men of letters. His popularity as a lecturer is so great that he receives an ovation wherever he goes. The Bureau feel under special obligations to Prof. E. E. Hale, Jr., for his aid in securing so valuable a lecturer for the course.

Rev. Joseph Cook has a national reputation as a student and philosopher. His record of eighteen years as a lecturer in a regular course in Boston is unsurpassed. He will lecture here Nov. 21.

Hon. Henry Watterson, the noted Democratic orator and editor, has been engaged to deliver his most popular lecture, "Money and Morals," on Dec. 6.

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Fact and Rumor.

Ingham, '95, will go to Ann Arbor
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D. O. Holbrook is working in his
father's office at Onawa.

Sanford, '93, and Horace E. Parker,
attend Harvard this year.

H. C. Dorcas is back to school again
this year, scheduled with '95.

C. W. Weidner, '95, of Drake, will
enter the Junior class this year.

Anna C. Mast, of Ohio Wesleyan
University, enters the class of '95.

June Peery, '96, is attending Leland
Stanford Jr. University this year.

Frank Gunsolus enters Lehigh Uni-
versity, Bethlehem, Pa., this fall.

Grace Burge, '95, and Helen Burge,
'95, will not be in the University this
year.

The Fall Field Meet will be held
Saturday, Oct. 21st. Preparations
should be begun immediately.

Ende, '93, has been invited to teach
in Iowa College, as assistant in
Chemistry, but saw fit to decline.

Cornie Ingham, '95, will not resume
her studies in the University until
the winter term.

Sharp, '97, and Kellog, of the Acad-
emy, have been employed to take care
of the Y. M. C. A. building for the
coming year.

Clarkson, '96, met with a serious
accident a few weeks ago. While
hunting, his gun was accidentally dis-
charged and the shot took effect in his
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A CONTRIBUTION TO THE EARLY HISTORY OF IOWA.*

The State Historical Society has recently published a monograph which will be of unusual interest to students of institutional beginnings in the western states. The accuracy of the work is evinced by the copious references to original documents.

The author of this work, Mr. Benjamin F. Shambaugh, M. A., a graduate of this institution, and from which he received the master's degree last June, has not only thus honored the institution, but has rendered a valuable service to the state in putting in accessible form the history of the founding of Iowa City. The two-fold treatment—as illustrating the character, manner and customs of the early settlers of Iowa, and—as the historical capital of Iowa, together with its influence upon Iowa Law and Jurisprudence, is especially happy, and shows the author's thorough grasp of the question. The article covers the period from the founding of Iowa City, in 1839, to the removal of the capital to Des Moines, in 1857.

One feels a peculiar interest in, and respect for, the first pioneers who, in direct violation to the laws of Congress,—prohibiting settlers trespassing on the public domain—settled in Johnson County, and organized a system of popular government peculiar to the pioneer communities of the West,—a novel system based upon the organization known as "Claim Association," or "Land Club."

May 1st, 1893, the present site of Iowa City, upon which the future capital of Iowa was to stand, was selected by three commissioners especially appointed for that purpose, and the fact that it was an artificial creation gives the key to the origin, growth and character of the town. Otherwise it would hardly seem credible that, without commercial advantages, and before even the soil about it had been broken, it should have one thousand inhabitants, and this too before the first railroad had reached Chicago.

After the phenomenal growth of the first two years, a reaction set in, but the admission of Iowa as a state, in 1846, again turned the tide of fortune in favor of the capital city, and for a number of years it held the supremacy, but the same argument that led to the location of the capital in Johnson County in 1839,—that a capital should have a central location—forced its removal to Des Moines, in 1857. By a compromise the State University was at the same time permanently located at Iowa City.

"In the fall of 1857 the capital was removed to Des Moines. The archives of the State were all transported overland; for the Mississippi & Missouri Railroad Company had not yet extended their road beyond Iowa City. The snows of the winter of 1857-58 had just begun to fall when the public safe, the last article to be removed, was loaded on two bob-sleds and drawn by ten yoke of oxen from the old capital so the new."

*"Iowa City, a Contribution to the Early History of Iowa," by Benjamin F. Shambaugh, M. A. Iowa City. Published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, 1893. Price 50 cents.

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