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Notice.

Membership to the Y. M. C. A. will be five dollars for the remainder of the school year.

Noticel

There will be a game of foot-ball between teams of the Medical and Law Departments, Saturday, at Ball Park. Game called at 2:30 p. m. Admission 15 cents.

Noticel

The persons who removed the decorations from the Ball Park, last Saturday, are requested to return the "Bahama party flag" to Professor Nutting, at once.

Oratorical Association.

There will be a meeting of the Oratorical Association Friday night, after the open programs of the literary societies, to receive the report of the committee on constitution.

PRESIDENT.

Ultimate America.

A Logical and Eloquent Discussion of America's Future by Rev. Joseph Cook.

Rev. Joseph Cook delivered his lecture, "Ultimate America," in the Opera House, Tuesday evening. In a few witty and appropriate remarks Dr. Barrett introduced the speaker, who entered without the usual preliminary remarks, into the discussion of his subject. As an orator we believe we have had men on our stage who surpassed Mr. Cook, but as a logical reasoner and a profound expounder few if any, have equaled him.

He spoke in brief as follows: "Monarchy has not only been rooted up in this country, but has been loosened at the roots every where. Yet, no Monarchy in the world has ever produced a type of murderers equal to Booth, Guiteau, and Pendergrast.

That part of our population which floats outside of our schools and Christian homes appear to be growing worse. It is true that we have no landed aristocracy, but we have a liquid aristocracy in our cities."

The speaker now entered into a discussion of the relation of the white and the black races in America. "People never have labored vigorously in fields where snow never falls. The inhabitants of tropical regions do now, and always have upheld cheap labor in opposition to those who dwell in the temperate regions. It may be true that the colored race in the South have not increased as rapidly as the whites in the last few years, but in the last one hundred years they have increased much more rapidly and will continue to do so for the next one hundred years.

By the suppression of the colored vote in the South we are giving the Congressmen from the South three times as much weight as the Congressmen from the North." As to the possibility of transporting the negro to Africa, the speaker said, "We may take our ship loads of them to Africa and on returning we will find their numbers greater than before we left, so rapidly is their increase. No where on the globe are

there two races united in universal suffrage as here, and so long as we do not attempt to enforce the fourteenth and fifteenth Amendments, there will be lawlessness in our land." The speaker then proceeded to show the vastness of the resources of the New World, in comparison with those of the Old. He said that the forest fleece of America exceeded that of Europe, Asia, and Africa. There is more valuable land for farming, Northwest of St. Paul, than there is East or South of this place. The entire object of this is to show that we can maintain a larger population than the Old World. Exclude the land unfit for cultivation and we have eleven million acres in the New World to ten million in the Old islands not included. It is true that the feet of the New World have been stained more or less by blood, but the spray of the sea crossed by civilization is still on those feet. The sun has scarcely ceased to flash on the spears of the fishermen of the islands of Alaska, till it gleams on the ax of the woodmen of Maine. Hereafter we are as liable to double large populations as we have previously doubled small ones. Geo. Bancroft was born when we had but five million population but he lived to see it multiply to sixty-five million. In the year 2000 there ought to be four hundred million people in our country speaking our language and probably living under a representative government. The Rocky Mountains and the Andes are liable to become the vertebral column of population.

The world will be one neighborhood, the sky the roof of one family. Face to face with the records of martyrdom, over the graves of the American soldiers, I would rather be an American than a Roman under the proudest of the Caesars or an Englishman under Victoria." The speaker then discussed at length the evils of our municipal government and the rapid growth of our cities.

"The question of city government is not a frivolous one as many thought the civil war was going to be." Here the speaker sounded the keynote of his lecture in the strong and simple assertion, "Something will happen in your day, young men, for good or for evil."

"It is a fact that illiteracy is growing in some of our cities. We have sixty million people governed by thirteen million voters. Six million of these, from indifference and other causes, do not vote. We are not governed by universal suffrage, but by a fractional vote." He showed how those who voted for principle were held in subjection by the votes of the illiterate and lawless class, denouncing in most bitter words the licensing of saloons, saying, "No political party can be permanently preserved in whisky." In speaking of our civil service system he said, "Aron Burr and Martin Van Buren inaugurated our spoil system. When parties change in England only about thirty men are turned out. When Washington retired only eight men were turned out. Andrew Jackson turned out six hundred and his policy has been followed ever

since." He advocated strongly our free school system, opposed the distribution of the school funds along sectarian lines. "Our prosperity rests on a tripod of free schools, free church, and free government."

The lecture was concluded with an allegorical picture which we have seldom if ever heard equalled. "The diffusion of liberty, the diffusion of education, the diffusion of property, and finally the diffusion of consciousness, here is the destiny of ultimate America."

Fossil Cycads.

The recent journey of Professor McBride and Professor Calvin to the Black Hills was made for the purpose of determining the geological horizon of a new species of fossil cycad known to exist there, and if possible to secure a number of specimens. The object was to secure to the scientific department of our University the control of, the description and distribution of this fossil plant, for specimens of it are very rare. About thirty specimens were procured during the trip, and with the exception of three or four now in the possession of the Smithsonian Institute, these are the only ones of any value that have been discovered up to the present time.

Professor McBride and Professor Calvin left Iowa City Tuesday evening, November 7th, and reached the Black Hills the following morning. As intimated above, their first effort was to determine the geological horizon to which the fossil cycads under consideration belonged. The first day they were in the region they travelled more than twenty miles on foot, and during this trip discovered a number of silicified logs. They came to the conclusion that these logs belonged to the same horizon with the cycads. The next thing was to find a bed of silicified rock to which all these silicious fossils might belong, for they were evidently below their original position, "not in place," as geologists would say.

It was soon discovered that the only stratum from which they could come is that which now caps some of the highest peaks among the southern hills. On top of Battle Mountain for instance, at the hot springs, is a silicified bed from which the Indians have for a long time derived material for arrow heads, and doubtless to this silicious deposit the fossil cycads owe their continuance to this time, for they are all silicious.

The determination of the geological horizon of this bed was the next point. To accomplish this a journey was made out of the Hills again to the valley of the Cheyenne river. The region of the Black Hills was raised after the deposit of the Cretaceous strata, and the Hills as they now stand are the work of erosion which has laid bare the edges of many strata. Stratified rocks are illustrated by exposure from the granite core of Custer's Peak to the upper Cretaceous rocks east and south of the Hills. So by travelling out from the Hills one after another of these strata can be crossed and identified. By this means it was discovered that the silicious sandstone from which the cycads

have doubtless been derived, belongs to the lower beds of Cretaceous formation, to strata described by Meek and Hayden as the Dakota Group.

Arrangements were then undertaken by which all fossils obtainable from that part of the country should be sent to the University of Iowa for study and distribution. Inasmuch as the specimens are found on land claimed by ranchmen, and especially since the ranchmen have been to the trouble of gathering and bringing them together, it was necessary to make terms with these ranchmen. No difficulty was experienced here. The ranchmen were found to be very liberal and intelligent men, who were perfectly willing to further the cause of science in every possible way. Arrangements were soon made by which Messrs. Payne and Arnold agreed to convey all specimens which have been found, to the railroad station, and have them packed and sent to the University of Iowa. By this means the University acquires the opportunity of making a thorough comparative study of the largest possible series of this most interesting fossil—an opportunity which in the nature of the case no other institution can possibly enjoy. And at the same time the distribution of individual specimens to other institutions is left entirely in the hands of our University.

Exchanges.

The funds of Yale University have increased during the past year by over \$200,000.

At Dartmouth an annual prize of \$60 is to be given to the member of the athletic team standing highest in his studies.

The members of the Greek letter fraternities in the colleges number 77,000.

Yale has received a bequest of \$59,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Ellen B. Eldridge, of Yarmouthport, Mass.

Class Military Companies have been reorganized by the Academic Seniors at Yale.

The average expenses of a student at Yale are about \$600, at U. of M. \$350 and at Cornell about \$500.

By a vote of 48 to 43 Wisconsin Seniors have decided against wearing cap and gown.

Bates College contemplates erecting a \$150,000 library as a memorial to James G. Blaine, who was one of its trustees.

Eleven of the general fellowships of Chicago University have been won by women, altogether they number but one-third of the applicants.

While Europe has but ninety-four universities, yet she has 1,723 more professors and 41,314 more students than the 360 colleges and universities of the United States.

We note a very interesting article in the *Brown Herald* on "How to Read." The writer divides kinds of reading in four distinct kinds. First reading for amusement, second reading for general culture, third reading for definite information, and fourth reading with an idea of production.

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class matter.

Among many other good features in the program given by the Erodolphian Society last Saturday evening there was one which deserves special commendation. The conception of the plan and each individual part of it was the original work of the members presenting the program. Of course we do not mean that original work is of such rare occurrence in our literary societies that when it is met with it needs special mention. Original work is the rule and not the exception in the regular program, but it does not often occur that a society undertakes a special program in the style of the one given the other evening and makes every number depend entirely upon the work of the members themselves. We commend the plan very much, not only because it would vary occasionally the scope of the literary work but it would also give admirable opportunities for the exercise of the inventive and executive abilities of the members of the societies.

Communication.

Editor Vidette-Reporter:

What part of our time we can devote to our curriculum work, and what part to outside work, is a question which perplexes most of us. While we realize the importance of text books, we cannot but believe that a considerable benefit is derived from outside reading and participation in literary societies. Some students slight the regular work of the school in order to participate in Society; others confine themselves to text books. It is very natural for one to favor that work most congenial to him.

It is true, perhaps, that the majority of students in the University are here to get the most possible out of their course, and are not afraid of work. They come here with the determination to work, and they do, but not all in the same way. Out of a thousand students we see remarkably few idlers; at the same time we hear in the class room many poor recitations. It will be observed that as a rule those students who do the best in their classes are least likely to be

found often in the library, or actively engaged on the journals or in the literary societies of the University. This may seem strange, but nevertheless it is true. On the other hand, some of the best Society men of the institution, the hardest workers on our journals are, from lack of time, poor in their classes. So we are quite unable to judge of any man's ability from any one standpoint. If we judge him by either his class record or Society work alone, we will not form a true estimate of him. It is quite evident that most people will follow those things most agreeable to them. Whether or not this is the wisest way, there may be some doubt. The president of Harvard believes a student should be permitted to study what he likes. And whatever others may think, it is quite evident that most students will follow their own inclinations.

We are urged to take an interest in athletics, to attend the ball games and join the association. We are invited to join the Literary Societies. Through the columns of the college papers we are told that we ought to spend so much time in the library. If we don't support athletics we are said to lack "College Spirit." If we don't join Society, we are thought to be "shallow." If we do not spend a large portion of our time in the library reading, we surely must be narrow. May the time speedily come when the student body will exercise enough charity to grant to each of its members sufficient powers of judgement to determine whether or not the Athletic Association or Literary Society should be joined or the library frequented. It is entirely a personal question. We may believe him stronger if he plays ball, better fitted for life if he works in Society and Y. M. C. A., broader if he frequents the library but whether he shall do one or the other is for him, not professor or fellow student, to decide. So while we may seek to interest others in our work, let us not think them unspirited, shallow, or narrow if we do not succeed in so doing. D.

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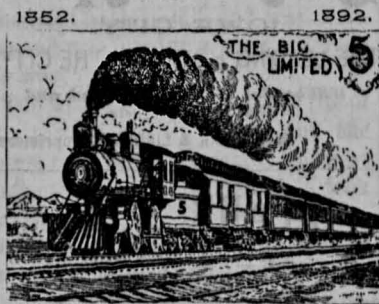
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Fact and Rumor.

Emma Bostedo, of Chicago, is visiting her brother, Professor McConnell. The members of Irving Institute have decided to have a social Monday next.

The class in English Poetry will begin the study of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet soon.

Mrs. Ady, of West Liberty, visited her daughter, Lyde Ady, '97, on Wednesday.

Roberts '97, has been absent from recitations the last two days on account of sickness.

Redelia Gilchrist, '95, entertained number of her friends at her home, Tuesday evening.

Dr. Pick, of London, the lecturer on Memory Culture, visited the Library Wednesday forenoon.

The Lake Forest - Northwestern foot-ball game resulted in a score of 38-22 in favor of the latter.

John G. Price, Ex L. '94, was admitted to the bar on the 16th of this month, and has hung out his shingle at Perry, Oklahoma.

The "Zets" had a group picture taken at Coover's, Wednesday afternoon. All the active members of the Society, forty-seven in number were present. This is by far the largest group picture ever taken at that gallery.

Professor Perkins talked on the origin of "English Parliament" to the English History class yesterday. R. Wilson then gave a very interesting report on "Simon de Montfort," other reports were given by Miss Davis on "The Friars," by Mrs. Wickham on Stephen Langton and one on the Earl of Marshal by Miss Peet.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYER'S.

We would like to call attention to the broken pane in the "English Poetry lecture room." It is very annoying and ought to be replaced without delay.

Foot-Ball.

The Northwestern Varsity was defeated by Michigan, last Saturday, by a score of 72 to 6.

Cornell was again defeated Saturday. This time by the Pennsylvania team. The score was 50 to 0.

Beloit College 54, Armour Institute 0.

Eureka College defeated Illinois State Normal, score 38 to 6.

Exchanges.

The Library of Columbia College contains over 160,000 volumes.

There are 3,120 Harvard and 1,289 Yale graduates in New England.

The average age of undergraduates at Harvard, is 22.7 years; at Columbia, 21.5 years.

The class entering Yale next year will be the first to take entrance examinations in English literature and Composition.

The faculty of Wesleyan has decided to give the students a share in the government of the College.

Only 33 of the 651 new students at Cornell this year are pursuing the classical course.

Illinois University, having acquired the fish exhibit which attracted so much attention at the World's Fair, is building an aquarium.

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