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## Notice

Owing to the Thanksgiving vacation there will be no VIDETTE issued on either Thursday or Saturday.

## Henry Watterson.

Henry Watterson will lecture on "Money and Morals" at the Opera House, Dec. 6. This will be a grand lecture and everyone should attend.

## The Museum of Natural History.

The nucleus around which the present collections contained in our museum have grown, was formed, soon after the establishment of the University, by Professor Parvin, but no information as to the extent or value of the cabinet at that time is now to be had. When Professor White succeeded him and was placed in the Chair of Natural Science, a catalogue of the museum was made out and this is still to be seen in the office library of the present Curator. As the director of the Geological Survey of the State, then in progress, Professor White secured extensive series of Palaeontological material and under his care the museum seems to have come into possession of its first really valuable accessions, and we learn from the old catalogues that besides these collections of fossils and a small but instructive series of indigenous animals, the valuable private cabinet of the Professor was in the museum for the use of students.

In the first half of the 70's, Dr. White was succeeded by Professor Calvin, to whose charge the museum was next committed. During the following ten years or so, many good fossils were added, also the Woodman collections of coral from the coast of Florida. Professor McBride was appointed assistant to Professor Calvin shortly after the latter had assumed charge and continued as such until 1884 when, being given a Professorship, the entire direction of the museum devolved upon him. At this period many valuable additions to the collections were made, notably the Shimek collection of Mollusca, the Bond collections of Iowa birds and also quite a large series Mollusca from Professors Call and Witter; but the most important accession was the fine collection of fossils belonging to Professor Calvin which was turned over to the museum about 1885.

So much for the history of the museum before coming under its present management. Hitherto it had been located in a small room in the central building, but with the completion of the new Science building, was assigned to the top floor of that edifice, much to the amusement of certain parties who ridiculed the idea of its ever needing so much room. By judicious management, Professor Nutting who received his appointment as Curator at this time was able to spread the specimens out so as to cover most of the space. Donations commenced to pour in rapidly, the first of moment being the large collection of birds formed by the Curator in his travels through Central America, augmented by a considerable series of North American species. Then came the material donated by

the U. S. Fish Commission, consisting chiefly of alcoholic specimens of marine invertebrata and filling a great gap in the series; this donation was secured by Professor Nutting by personal application while on a visit in Washington. Following it, the Hornaday collection of mammals and bird was received, the finest single gift of which the museum has ever been the recipient. It represents the results of years of work in various climes by Wm. T. Hornaday, one of the most skilled collectors of these animals that the world has ever known. These were all mounted at Ward's establishment in Rochester, N. Y., and their proper preparation insured by being thus entrusted to competent hands. Arrangements for the reception of this collection were made by Professor McBride shortly before the Chair of Botany was made separate from that of Systematic Zoology.

Following the Hornaday collection came quite an extensive series of the birds of Wyoming from Frank Bond, a former student of the University who had already given a number of Iowa birds, and a large lot of reptiles from Regent Osborn. Next was received the Talbot collection which exceeded in point of numbers any of the previous gifts. An immense lot of America birds are contained in the cabinet and it has placed the museum, in some departments of Ornithology, ahead of any similar institution in America or indeed in the world. While most of this material is unmounted and thus inaccessible to the general public its interest and value to the specialist is rather enhanced than otherwise on account of the greater compactness and ease of handling the immense series of each species. Six large new storage cases have been built to contain this collection.

Though so much has been added to the museum by the gifts of many friends it is not on these alone that dependence is placed for rapid and solid growth. Nearly all of the fine material in marine invertebrata has been collected by one of the expeditions made directly in the interests of the museum by Professor Nutting either as head of a party or on a personal vacation trip. The first of these was to the Bahama Islands in 1888, when much of interest was added to the collections and many observations made which have since formed the basis of a work on the Anatomy of Gorgonidae — the first paper devoted to or based on Museum material published by our University but destined not to be by any means the last. This trip was followed in 1890 by one to the Bay of Fundy, of which Professor Calvin also formed a member and which was the means of adding a fine series of seals, both skins and skeletons, besides a great deal of marine material hitherto lacking. In 1890, Professor Nutting, accompanied by two of his students, made a journey into the country around Lake Winnipeg, where, by hard work, a good series of the birds of that region was accumulated and formed the basis of the second paper on our collections. The second Bahama Expe-

dition, only lately returned, was fitted out on a more ambitious scale and has amply demonstrated the practicability of several previously disputed points besides affording to a number of students an unexampled opportunity to study Nature as she should be studied and adding such a mass of material to the Museum as has certainly never before been brought inland by an American University. The trip was also of Professor Nutting's origination and he accompanied the party as director of their work.

Aside from these expeditions we have still another in the field—that which Mr. Russell, who is now somewhere in the interior of the vast country between the Mackenzie River and Hudson Bay, is engaged in. From him we hope to obtain many rare animals, natives of the Barren grounds or of the Arctic Shores on his return home in the Fall of 1894.

The foregoing sketch will give those who are interested in the growth of this department of our University some little idea of how the museum was formed and how and why it has reached its present high rank among those of the West. It is hoped that with proper support this place may not only be held against all competitors but may even be advanced; to this end all possible means are applied, and meanwhile the University of Iowa need on no account fear any comparison which may be instituted between her museum and that of her sister States.

## Hesperian Cosmopolitan Programme.

The Hesperians were greeted by a very large and appreciative audience last Saturday evening and the Cosmopolitan Programme given, was up to the usual excellence of the Hesperians' special programmes.

The first number was an excellent violin solo by Mr. Barboroka. Theresa Peet, '95, then gave the Latin rendering of "Dido." The conception of the injured queen's feelings and actions on this trying occasion were very realistic. Miss Peet's costume was one of the most beautiful worn by any of the performers that evening.

The Yankee dialect was represented by Mary C. Holt, '95, and so realistic was her appearance as an elderly woman who had just been called away from her household duties, that many in the audience were puzzled at first to recognize her.

Ella Jones, '96, gave a Welsh declamation, "Ye Faith Cymrag." It was one of the most musical and beautiful declamations of the whole programme.

The western mannerisms of speech were well rendered by Fanny Davis, '95, in "A Railroad Matinee." The deaf old gentleman, the stuttering man, the drawing westerner, and the precise woman were each in their turn personated in a truly excellent manner.

Miss Wood then gave a piano solo which received a hearty encore.

The beautiful and graceful French woman was personated by Clara Slotterbec, '94, with charming effect.

The declamation that probably held the attention of the audience

the closest was "Tom O'Shanter" given by Jessie Corlett, '97. As Miss Corlett gave this it seemed as if one could almost see the belated Scotchman as on his good mare Maggie he fled from the witches.

"Wir Waren Zwei Kinder" given by Anna Robinson, '95, was especially good for the pureness and clearness of enunciation. Miss Robinson's appearance as a German fraulein was excellent.

"Biddy's Troubles" were told in a most comical and laugh provoking way by Marian Davies, '96. Miss Davies' costume also was well adapted to the character she represented. The last literary number was "Demosthenes to the Crown" given by Amy Zimmerman. In a graceful Grecian costume Miss Zimmerman gave an extract of this famous oration in a very beautiful manner.

The program was closed by an original song by the Hep quartette.

## The Thanksgiving Game.

The S. U. I. team will leave on the 5:17 train over the C. R. I. & P., tomorrow morning. Charles Wilson, Princeton '88, of Omaha, will umpire the game.

The teams will line up as follows:

NEBRASKA.	POSITION.	S. U. I.
Johnson	l. e.	Littig
Oury	l. t.	Aldrich
Wilson	l. g.	Allen
Hopewell	c.	Rogers
Dern	r. g.	Pritchard
Whipple	r. t.	Collins
Shue	r. e.	Tyrrell
Flippin	r. h.	Hess
A. E. Yont	l. h.	Myers
J. Yont	f. b.	Elliott
Crawford	q. b.	Sawyer

S. U. I. substitutes: Van Oosterhout, White, Robinson, Ingersoll, and Herrig.

## Exchanges

Japan has two national educational associations, with a total membership of over 10,000. The members are University men.

Professor Elihu Thompson during the course of his lectures on lightning and high potentials at Lynn, Mass., received in his body a discharge of 1,000,000 volts without injury.

An attempt has been made to have an inter-collegiate debate between Cornell and either Michigan or Pennsylvania. The plan however was rejected by Cornell. The reason given was that they had "no time."

At the last entrance examinations at Cornell, three students took successive examinations in the name of a sub-freshman, a friend of the three. The faculty have discovered two of these, and they have been suspended for one year. The other will also be suspended when found.

Photography in scientific research has proved itself of great practical value. Among recent applications we note some very interesting experiments made by Professor G. F. Atkinson, of Cornell University, who has succeeded in devising a method by which the macroscopic characters of bacteria and fungi grown in artificial nutrient media, can be accurately recorded.

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The air of self-complacency and unblushing conceit which the *Courier* of Kansas University assumes when commenting upon any of the championship games in our western association is something ridiculous in the extreme. The extent to which Kansas has succeeded, in the past two years, in managing the selection of umpire for our annual game with her, has come to be a matter of common talk among the members of the association and the fact that she has held the pennant won by this means is certainly the only basis she can have for maintaining such an attitude. There never was a game played in the west in which the umpire manifested a more positive determination to give the game to the weaker team than did Mr. Heath at Kansas City on Nov. 4th. This statement is not made without careful investigation and inquiry of foot-ball experts who saw the game and who had no special interest in either of the contesting teams. Recent developments have proved beyond a doubt that Mr. Heath was acting in the employ of the Kansas Manager, not only before and after this game but also during the game and with these facts staring her in the face, the *Courier* soliloquizes "Ah! me thinks we read our title clear to the penant." For the organ of a school which has won but one championship game honestly this season this is really quite "rich." The Kansas-Iowa game should have been played with an unprejudiced man as umpire but as it was not, we believe that the executive committee of the association will say that that shall be done before the pennant is awarded. We expect a hard game at Omaha, this week, but we believe that we will win it and then if Kansas wishes to "read her title clear" let her come out under fair, impartial conditions and prove that she is champion.

**Medical Department.**

The match game of foot-ball which was to have been played between the Laws and Medics did not come off. The "eleven" from the Medical Department was there at the appointed time, but the other "Eleven" did not "paralyze" as the fellow said. Of course, it is unnecessary to say that the supposition is that the Laws were afraid to meet us.

It almost appears as if the la grippe were with us again. Quite a large number of the Medical students were on the sick list during the past week. Among those sick were Jordan, Jenison, Leithhead, Heathman, Rood, and Langenhorst.

There was not a little excitement and consternation among the Junior Medics, when Professor Hutchinson announced Thursday evening that on the following day at 4 o'clock he would hold a special quiz in Anatomy.

The trouble was that between the time of announcement and the time set for the quiz every hour, excepting those for sleep, was occupied by dissecting or lectures. Hence there was no time whatever in which to prepare for the quiz. A petition asking the Professor to postpone the quiz, was signed by all the class and handed to him. The petition was kindly granted by the Professor. It is unnecessary to state that there was considerable easier breathing by the members of the class.

Professor Hutchinson will deliver no lectures in Anatomy during this week.

Professor Chase will hold his second monthly written examination in Therapeutics on next Wednesday. The Professor has just completed his course of lectures on Local Remedies. He will next take up the Therapeutics of General Remedies.

Professor Bierring is now lecturing on Infective Granulomata in Pathology. This course of lectures on Pathology, which is given for the first time this year, is certainly a very valuable one.

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Senior social to-night, in Society halls.

Chas. Burgess of Cresco is visiting Lomas, '97.

Dramatic club social to-night, at Mrs. Paatridge's.

The Zets will give an entertainment at Lone Tree, Thursday evening.

J. J. Crossley, L. '91, was elected County Superintendent of Madison county, Iowa.

Miss Lavine-Robinson, '97, was initiated in the Pi Phi fraternity Monday afternoon.

The wrangling over the constitution of a debating league with Minnesota, still continues.

The Pi Phis, initiated Miss Nora Allin, '97, and Miss Nellie Cheesboro, D. '95, Friday evening.

An excellent group picture of the members of Irving Institute may be seen in Coover's window.

The Erodolphians and Hesperians had their pictures taken for the Junior Annual, Saturday.

Professor Loos lectured on 'The Iowa Township last Monday, to the class in political economy.

Blunt, '94, Walrod, '95, Tremier, '95, and Hamilton, '94, attended the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Marion, last week.

Owing to a misunderstanding Irving Hall was not opened Saturday night and the Law Literaty held no session.

The second eleven will play in Davenport and the Y. M. C. A. eleven will possibly go to Ottumwa the 30th.

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

Miss Ella Mellin, of Chicago, spent Saturday with Annabel Collins, '94.

President Seerley, '71, of the State Normal was called here Monday by the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. Twaddles.

The first instalment of the fossil cycads secured by Professors Calvin and McBride arrived in good condition, Saturday.

In giving the list of S. U. I. graduates who are members of the coming Legislature, we omitted the name of John G. Myerly, L. '80 who was chosen to the lower House from Emmett county.

The "snap shots" taken by Professor Jameson during the S. U. I.-M. S. U. game which have been on exhibition in Bloom & Mayer's window for the past week have attracted a great deal of attention.

The postponed hammer throw took place Monday p. m., Aldrich, Van Oosterhout, Rogers, and Pritchard competing. Van won 75 feet, 8 inches, Aldrich second, 67 feet, 4 inches, Pritchard third.

For a ridiculous combination of blunders both in statement of facts and in spelling of names, commend us to the following from the K. U. Courier's comments on the Iowa-Missouri game—"In the first half Iowa made 4 touch downs to M. S. U. none. Myers, Hess, and Sawyer, made long end runs. Dyers, Rogers and Collins bucked Columbia's line for sure gains."

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