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## Zetagathian Programme.

The first number a vocal solo "Mr. Loodly and I" was rendered by Professor Ruggles. A prolonged encore was answered by "A jolly good hearty laugh."

H. P. Williams gave the first declamation "Patrick Henry's Speech Before the Virginia House of Burgesses." It was given in his usual composed and effective way.

The oration by C. W. Thomas entitled "Sense of Duty" was clear in thought and not too abstract being illustrated by the question of the day and ending in an appeal to control and direct the forces of our time by the knowledge of duty. Mr. Thomas was rather excessive in gestures which also lacked the variety needed to make them most effective. The question for debate "Resolved, That the Pension Policy of Hoke Smith is Unjustifiable" was interesting and well discussed. Speakers on the affirmative were H. L. Watts and H. C. Dorcas; on the negative, F. P. Hagemann and S. K. Stevenson. Both sides presented the facts of the case in the best light possible and it was soon apparent that this was one of Henry Watterson's "Two sided" questions. Finally the persuasive logic of "Steve" won the debate.

Here the program was varied by a solo from Professor Ruggles.

R. P. Miller brought before us a scene of the Roman Senate in declaiming Cicero's Oration against Cataline. Mr. Miller made up in earnestness what he lacked in grace and well deserved the applause given him.

C. D. Walrod concluded the program with an oration on "Political Aspiration." This was one of the best productions of the evening and well received by the audience. An impromptu poem by President Fracker closed the evening's entertainment.

## Irving Programme.

Irving Hall, Saturday evening was crowded to its utmost capacity, a large number of the visitors being obliged to stand up for lack of seats. The occasion was a special program, which represented a trial for petty larceny before the District Court of Johnson county. The characters were as follows: Judge, E. S. White; Clerk of Court, S. D. Whiting; Sheriff, C. E. Dakin; Defendant, J. V. Crum; Attorneys for Defendant, M. E. Lumbar, and B. N. Hendricks; Plaintiff, W. L. Mason; Attorneys for Plaintiff, Max Koehler and Mr. Riniker; Witnesses for Defense, W. H. Blakeley, Mr. Amillie, J. V. Crum, I. Seaman; Witnesses for Prosecution, H. H. Shepard, Mr. Stemple, and W. L. Mason. At a little after eight o'clock, the court began its sitting and for two hours and a half the attention of the audience was held with no trouble whatever. Witness for the prosecution were first called and the evidence secured to convict of stealing a turkey from Pete Olson, an old farmer. The defense then brought forward its evidence, which entirely contradicted the disclosures made against the defendant. Throughout this part of the program, the audience was alternately in laughter and expecta-

tion. W. L. Mason, as Pete Olson was undoubtedly the star actor of the evening. Dressed in the characteristic outfit of an ignorant foreigner, his actions and the perfect control which he had over his voice, kept the audience in an uproar with every fresh movement. After the evidence of the witnesses was collected, the attorneys addressed the jury. The jury was composed of six Irvings, dressed in the habiliments of backwoods farmers, with beards, and general expressions to match. Koehler first made a plea for the prosecution. He spoke well and proved that he is rapidly rising to the position of an excellent speaker. Hendricks, on behalf of the culprit followed. He made one of the best speeches that we have ever heard him deliver. He makes no mistake in preparing for the law. Riniker closed for the prosecution and did nobly. Riniker is an excellent speaker, and the same can be said of him as of Mr. Hendricks. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the defense did not reply. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

As a whole the program was excellent. There were no breaks and every thing passed off pleasantly and smoothly, although the trial was entirely original. We have not space here to mention all the characters who deserve mention, but we especially commend Mason, Blakely; Crum, Riniker, Koehler and Hendricks.

## Hesperian Program.

The program was opened by a piano solo by Gertrude Howell. Pearl Colliver, '95, gave an oration entitled "Scientific Advancement." This was Miss Colliver's first appearance before a Hesperian audience, and she gave her oration in a pleasing and natural manner. The next was a debate on the question: "Resolved, that the student derives more benefit from Freshman English than from Freshman Mathematics." Annabel Collins, '94, made the opening speech on the affirmative. She spoke easily and well. Elizabeth Jones, '94, gave the first defense for the negative. She showed considerable preparation, and made the best speech on the debate. The next speaker on the affirmative was Inez Kelso, '94. Mae Lomas, '95, closed for the negative in a pleasing and well-delivered speech. The one fault of all the speakers was that they did not stick close enough to the question by confining themselves to Freshman English and Mathematics, but wandered around over literature and mathematics in general. A beautiful piano solo was played by Mr. Long, L. '94, after which May Taylor, '97, gave a declamation, "A Lesson to Lovers." This was also Miss Taylor's first appearance on a Hesperian program. She spoke clearly and distinctly, and in a good tone of voice. The next number was a paper by Gertrude Howell, on "Relics of Antiquity." The paper showed thorough thought and preparation, and was well read. The program was closed with a piano solo by Miss Felkner, which was one of the best features of the evening.

## Law Literary.

A small audience greeted the Saturday night session of the Law Literary Society. The program was opened with a debate; subject "Resolved, That Lynch Law is Justifiable under no circumstances." Mr. Scott and Mr. Kellogg affirmed and Mr. Dutcher and Mr. Collins denied the question. Mr. E. R. Smith's oration on "Don Pedro" was carefully prepared and forcibly delivered. Miss Marian Davies rendered a piano solo, which was encored. Mr. Lewis Smith made an extemporaneous speech on Montana and Mr. Hogan gave an interesting talk on Yellowstone Park.

## Baconian Club.

In the absence of Professor Weld Mr. Barlow called the meeting to order and Dr. Gilchrist was elected temporary Chairman.

Professor Shimek read a paper on the subject "The Nicaragua Canal."

Owing to the great advantages to be gained by a trans-isthmian route for commerce a great deal of speculation has been indulged in since almost the first settling of North America and within the last twenty-five years three great plans have been proposed. The first was the ship railway which proved entirely impracticable and the other two plans namely those of the Panama and Nicaragua canals have been proposed and attempted. The former through gross mismanagement has now been abandoned practically and the remaining one the Nicaragua canal is at present engaging the attention of engineers.

It has many natural advantages over the Panama scheme in as much as it follows a river for a considerable distance and also takes advantage of Lake Nicaragua for a great deal of its water supply. It is to start from Greytown on the Atlantic side and end on the Pacific Coast directly west of the lake. A number of immense locks and dams will have to be built and breakwaters will be necessary at the two harbors to keep back the sand, the estimated cost being somewhat over one hundred millions of dollars including the interest on the bonds.

The work so far accomplished on the canal consists in accurate surveys and borings of all the territory to be traversed and in the building of about one-third of the Greytown breakwater and in excavating about one mile of the eastern end of the canal. After the colloquium the paper was discussed for a time.

There were no voluntary reports and so after the announcement of a paper by Professor Littig on "Brief Sketches of Pasteur and his Work" the club adjourned.

## Notice.

The students of the Collegiate Department are requested to make out the schedule cards for the winter term and leave them at the President's office on or before Friday, the 15th inst. All petitions to the Faculty in regard to schedules should be left at the President's office before three o'clock of the same day. Blank schedules can be obtained either at the President's office or in the library.

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## In-door Pentathlon Contest.

An in-door athletic contest will be held in the gymnasium this evening, at 7:30, and also to-morrow evening at the same hour. In order that the contest may not be strung out too long, the twenty contestants have been divided into two divisions, which will meet as already said. The system of scoring to be used in this contest will permit of this division. The events of the contest are as follows: 60 yard potato race, running high jump, "chin-up," hitch and kick, and one-half mile run. Professor E. E. Hale, referee; Mr. Anthony and Mr. Sturm, time keepers and measurers, Mr. Brock and Mr. J. Lindsay, judges; Mr. Aldrich, clerk; Mr. Rowell, starter; Mr. Blunt, scorer.

## The S. U. I. Minstrel and Concert Co.

Last Thursday evening the S. U. I. Minstrel and Concert Co. was organized, and the following officers elected: Chantland, general director and business manager; Calvin, band leader; Crawford, orchestra leader; Lindsay, banjo and guitar club leader; Will Evans, mandolin club leader, and W. H. Cochran, vocal director. A secretary, a treasurer, a stage manager, a general musical director, and a committee to examine candidates for the chorus, are yet to be elected.

The object of this organization is to bring out and develop the best talent in musical and specialty lines in the University, and to represent and advertise the University in these lines abroad. The University has long needed an organization of this kind, and now that it is started, all who can do any thing to make it a success should come forward and give it their aid.

All wishing to join the company should see the director of the special branch in which they are interested, as soon as possible, in order that work may be commenced at once for our first concert, which will be given about the middle or end of the winter term. Concerts will also be given in other cities in the state and perhaps outside of the state.

Mr. Crawford will meet those wishing to join the orchestra, Mr. Lindsay those wishing to join the banjo and guitar club, and Mr. Evans those wishing to join the mandolin club, on Wednesday evening, at 6:45, in Irving Hall. A committee to examine candidates for the chorus will be elected that evening. The entire company will meet Wednesday evening, at 6:45, in Zetagathian Hall, for further organization.

## Other Colleges.

The Seniors at Princeton have voted to wear cap and gowns.

The Freshman class at Harvard numbers 440, against 409 last year.

About one-sixtieth of the students in American colleges are studying for the ministry.

One hundred and two members of the House of Representatives are College graduates.

The Faculty of Cornell University are considering the advisability of lengthening their college year.

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Many of the college papers are devoting considerable space just at present to the discussion of English in the preparatory schools. We hope that the agitation will be continued until something is done to reform the the present methods. The majority of the students in our own University have had to begin their college course without any adequate preparation along this line. The faculty have been compelled to be very lax in the requirements as to English because our schools throughout the State do not furnish the proper preparatory work. We shall endeavor to present to our readers sometime during the present year an article treating this subject in detail, for it certainly is the great defect in our western educational system and one which we cannot afford to pass unnoticed.

**Meeting of the Athletic Association.**

At a meeting of the Athletic Association it was decided that hereafter the managers of the various teams should be elected by the general association, and not by the teams as has been the custom. The election for manager of the foot-ball team will be held at Close Hall next Saturday morning. All members of the Association are entitled to have a voice in this selection, and the importance of the occasion should induce a large attendance.

The committee on revision of the Constitution completed its report last Saturday, which was adopted. The chief point in dispute was in relation to the management of the finance, of the general association, and of the funds of the various teams. As adopted the rule provides that the Executive Committee shall have complete control. And that the fund collected for any special team, or taken in at its contests shall be used first for that team and then any sum remaining shall be transferred to a general fund. A committee was appointed to supervise the printing of the revised constitution.

The manager of each team is given control of the money belonging to it, and for a proper performance of his duties is required to file a bond for \$500.

**Harvard to Become a Co-Educational Institution.**

It was announced last year that if the sum of \$250 000 was raised, Harvard would grant women equal privileges in the University with men. The sum has now been raised by the Society of Female Education, and the Harvard Corporation has already voted to consolidate the Harvard annex with the college. It now remains for the Board of Overseers to confirm this action and Harvard will take her place as one of the co-educational institutions for higher education.—*Cornell Daily Sun.*

**Artist Recital No. 2.**

The second in the series of Artist Programs will be given at Close Hall, on Thursday evening next, under the auspices of the Iowa City Conservatory of Music, by Madame B. J. Carpenter mezzo contralto and Miss Ida Adell Robinsom, dramatic Reader, both of Chicago. Mrs. Carpenter is a musician and leader of ability and her voice is considered phenomenal. Her selections include those of the highest excellence. The Director of the Conservatory offers this as the second in the series of Artists Programs and assures the public of its high order. They are having crowded houses in Minneapolis and St. Paul this week. See program and circular for testimonials. Reserved seats 50 cents on sale Thursday at Wieneke's. Advance sale at reduced rates as before at Close Hall. Single tickets 40 cents, two tickets 75 cents.

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Bender, '95. is suffering from the grip.

The Junior Law Literary is prospering.

Aldrich, '95, now wears a Phi Delta Theta pin.

Where are the Seniors? Have Senior meetings gone out of date?

Treimer, '95, left Saturday for a business trip to South Dakota.

Rogers, '95, has been confined to his room with the grip for the last week and a half.

Budrow, '97, and Smith, '97, were initiated into the Beta Fraternity a short time ago.

The Psychology class are at present engaged in studying the interesting subject of illusions.

Margaret Van Meter was voted into the Hesperian Literary Society last Friday afternoon.

The work on the Junior Annual is progressing nicely. It is being printed at the Press office.

The class in Animal Morphology were given their final examination on invertebrates Friday afternoon.

The attendance at the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday classes in the gymnasium has been very good.

The next and last lecture in the S. U. I. Lecture course will be given by Robert J. Burdette, January 24, 1894.

The newly elected officers of the Zetagathian Society banqueted the members, at Harry's Saturday morning.

An excellent portrait of Gov.-elect Jackson, a University alumnus, may be seen in the December *Review of Reviews*.

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

The foot-ball Manager claims that only \$50 was lost in the season just closed. This is quite an improvement over previous years.

The game of basket ball between Cedar Rapids Y. M. C. A. and the local Y. M. C. A. will be played at Cedar Rapids instead of here as at first announced.

The election for captain of the foot-ball team for next year was held Saturday evening, Sawyer being chosen. A meeting will be held next Saturday to elect a Manager.

Sunday, at the Union Missionary Meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., the sum of \$205 was raised for the support of Munger '92, who intends going to Mexico, in January, as a Missionary.

Lomas has been appointed Captain of the Battery, to succeed Converse, who has left the University. Other promotions are White, to be first, and Lovell to be second, Lieutenant of Battery.

Last Friday afternoon the following officers for the winter term were elected by the Hesperians: President, Ines Kelso, '94; Vice President, Anna Robinson, '94; Recording Secretary, Nannie Carroll, '96, Corresponding Secretary, Mary Rankin, '95; Critic, Mary Holt, '95.

The Zetagathians elected the following officers for the spring term: President, Harry Plum; Vice President, R. P. Miller; Secretary, H. P. Williams; Treasurer, F. E. Farwell, Corresponding Secretary, Brook; Sergeants-at-arms, Harry Keefe, and R. G. Popham.

The Zetagathian and Irving Societies will hold a debate this year similar to that held last year. The debaters were selected last Friday night and are for the Irvings Lumbar, '94; Hendricks, '94, and Dewel, '96; for the Zetagathians, Williams, '95, Kinmonth, '95, and Anderson, '95. The debate will be held sometime during the winter term and from these six will be chosen the debaters to meet Minnesota in a debate to be held here in the spring.

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