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State Indoor Athletic Contest.

The Committee appointed by the State Y. M. C. A. to make arrangements for next year's State Indoor Athletic Contest met recently and adopted the following programme of events: 12 pound shot put, 60 yard potato race, one-half mile run, hitch and kick, and the pull-up. Points will be scored as follows: In the 12 pound shot put, 1 point will be given the contestant for every 3 inches he makes over 18 feet; in the 60 yard race, 5 points for every 1-5 second below 18 seconds; in the half-mile run, 2 points for every second below 3:20; in the hitch and kick, 2½ points for every inch over 5 feet 6 inches; and in the pull-up, 5 points for every pull-up over 5 times.

No changes have been made in last year's program, except the substitution of the 12 pound shot put for the high jump. This substitution will make our chances for winning much better than they were last year. The contest, as last year, will be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the next State Convention of the Y. M. C. A.

Program for Home Field Day.

The following events have been endorsed by the Advisory Board of the Athletic Association for Home Field Day, May 5th:

100 yard dash; 16 pound shot put; one-half mile bicycle race (handicap exhibition); pole vault (height); 440 yard run; pole vault for distance handicap (exhibition); 120 yard hurdle; 220 yard dash; running high jump; 16 pound hammer throw; 220 yard hurdle; one mile walk; running hop, step and jump; one mile relay run (class contest); one-half mile run; running broad jump; two mile bicycle race; one mile run.

This makes eighteen events to be contested. The two handicap exhibitions will not count for the class cup.

English Literature Seminary.

The subject considered by this Seminary at their meeting last Wednesday afternoon, was James Russell Lowell and his writings. During the first part of the meeting Professor Hale entertained the members with some personal reminiscences of Lowell, and then discussed him as the representative man of letters. We think of Longfellow as a poet, of Hawthorne as a novelist, of Emerson less as a poet and philosopher than as a leader, of Motley as a historian—we think of Lowell as a poet, but not distinctively a poet. He represented the cultured literary life in a way his contemporaries did not. In discussing the writings of Lowell, one point brought out was his fondness for figures of speech and his abundant use of them. The figures he most often used were the homely, commonplace ones of the New England speech.

The question was then discussed whether the use of figures of speech is conducive to accuracy of statement. Lowell's idea of what constitutes poetry was taken up and it was believed he gave his conception of this in his Essay on Grey as "the idealizing common-place things."

The New Catalogue.

The Catalogue of the University for 1893-94, with Announcement for 1894-95, is now in the hands of the binder. No radical changes have been introduced. Among the minor changes which we notice are: In the English Department the introduction of a two hours' course in debating under the supervision of Professors Hale, Loos and Patriek. With three such able men it will undoubtedly become a very popular course. In the Department of Political Science the courses have been somewhat changed, Comparative Politics and Recent Economic History and Theory being combined so as to practically constitute one course, the former of three the latter of two hours per week. We regret that no course strictly introductory to the studies in this Department is provided which is open to Sophomores. There certainly is a demand for such a course, and we hope that an assistant may be provided for the Department, and it may be able to provide such a course.

The Law electives, so generously offered Collegiate students, we note with regret, will not, with but a single exception, be given during the coming year.

The Department of Philosophy has undoubtedly made the most important changes Logic, heretofore offered in the Spring term to Juniors, will now be offered in the fall term, giving an opportunity for two full years' work in this Department, which will, we hope, in the future do away with the great number of petitions annually presented to the Faculty by Sophomores wishing to take Logic.

The Department of Pedagogy makes a much fuller statement of its work than in the last Catalogue. Professor McConnell is doing good work, and we are glad to see the extension of courses. There is also a new paragraph relating to Courses of Study for Graduates, explaining the opportunities which are given for pursuing special courses of study, and promising extended facilities "as the graduate department increases."

The Sears Prize also receives mention for the first time in a University Catalogue.

Under the caption "expenses," there is one paragraph which has appeared in every catalogue for years, and which should be stricken out; it is as follows: "Clubs are formed, in which the cost of living is from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week." We are not aware of any clubs that are being run at the first mentioned rate, i. e. \$1.50, and think it quite considerate that it says "cost of living," instead of "cost of board." While we have good clubs, they are not "\$1.50" clubs.

The Medical Department also makes one important change, announcing that "Beginning with the sessions of 1896-97 the length of each course will be eight months, or as determined by the Association of American Medical Colleges;" a very commendable change. Changes in the other departments are not, we believe, of sufficient importance to warrant mention.

In form and size the present Catalogue is quite similar to the one of

last year. As to the typographical work, we are unable to state, as we have only seen the first forms, by which it would be unfair to judge, but as the work is done at one of the best offices in town, we may expect a very presentable Catalogue.

Hesperian Musical and Declamatory Program.

The Hesperians will give the following special program, Saturday evening, April 21. Admission, 10 cents:

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Gertrude Wood.
"Angels of Buena Vista".....Pantomime
Jessie Corlett.
The Ambitious Freshman.....
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Declamation....."Jack the Fisherman"
Fanny Davis.
Happy Shepard's Dream.....
Gertrude Howell.
See the Pale Moon.....Campana
Margaret Van Meter and May Taylor.
Declamation....."The Uncle"
Printemps Mazurka.....Gottschalk
Marion Davies.
Von Herz zu Herzen.Zither and Violin
May Taylor and W. M. Whittemore.

Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE:—In your Tuesday's issue a speaker on the debate given in Erodolphian Hall, last Saturday evening, is criticised because her "arguments dealt too much upon the tendencies of conventionalities, rather than upon the question as it was stated." An Erodolphian wishes the privilege of saying that the question both as agreed upon by the debaters, and as six times stated before the audience, was: "Resolved, that the Conventionalities of Polite Society are Detrimental in their Tendencies."

Western College Republicans.

President Theodore Cox, of the American Republican College League, has appointed Mr. E. J. Henning, '94, Department Chairman and Supervising Organizer for the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. On or about September 15th next, Mr. Henning will take an extended tour through the above States, and will give his personal attention to the matter of organization. A Republican club will be organized in every college and university embraced in the district, and an elaborate system of intercommunication will be perfected. Department headquarters will be in this city.—U. of W. (Madison) Cardinal.

Base Ball.

A round trip fare of \$2.65 has been secured for the game at Grinnell. A number have promised to accompany the team, but the larger the number the easier it will be to win. The train will leave at 8:22 Saturday morning.

Tennis.

Since the S. U. I. Tennis Association has decided to join the Iowa Inter-Collegiate Tennis Association, it is desirable to speak a few words for the advancement of tennis in S. U. I. The home Tournament will be held on the 4th of May, and the winners of the Gent's Singles, Gent's Doubles, and Ladies Singles and Ladies Doubles will be entitled to represent us at the State Tournament to be held at Grinnell, the third Friday in May. At present we have some very good men practicing for the singles and doubles but as yet no ladies have signified their intention to contest for the ladies singles and doubles.

The courts north of the campus will soon be put in order and it is desired that interested in tennis, become members of the Tennis Association and contest for these events. The Tennis Association has been separated from the Athletic Association so that now the entire membership fee is but one dollar which entitles one to all the privileges of the Association.

College Notes.

The University of Utah has abandoned its military department. Lack of means to carry it on is the cause for closing it.

An unique rule has been made by the Faculty of Hillsdale College, Michigan. It decrees that no student shall marry while an undergraduate. The penalty for transgression is expulsion from college.

The Junior hop of the University of Michigan was conducted at a cost of \$1,400 which was covered by the sale of tickets at \$6.00 each.

The University of Michigan is the first to enroll Chinese women among her students.

The annual sale of cigarettes in New Haven, amounts to \$25,000,000.

Out of the 122523 students attending colleges in this country, 77,000 belong to Greek-letter fraternities.

The Amherst Glee Club will visit England this year.

The editors of the *Ariel* complain of a recent attack made upon them in their Sanctum by the co-editors of their University. The attack was warded off and no great harm was done to either side.

President Harper of the Chicago University has put into execution a new system with regard to the dormitories of the University. Seven of these have just been built, three of which are for women. The charter members of a house are the occupants at the time of organization. It is the policy of the University to hand over to each house so far as possible the entire management of its dormitory. The head of the house is appointed by the president and is usually a fellow or instructor. Each house accepts its constitution from the trustees.

Mr. R. E. Rose, D. '94, now located at Lone Tree, was up spending a day in the City this week. Mr. Rose is much pleased with his new location.

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The University is laboring under one serious disadvantage and that is we have no definite plan of development. There seems to be no large conception of what we may finally attain to, no definite plan of expansion. The result is that when appropriation is received, it is usually wasted in patching up some old building, and when the next assembly meets we have nothing to show for it. Is it a wonder that our legislators stop and ask what did you do with the last we gave you? Or that the visiting committee after having torn their clothes and scratched their hands on the barbed wire fences which disgrace our campus, and close us in like cattle, return to Des Moines, with their ardor for education somewhat cooled and a hazy conception as to the wisdom of the management. The greatest blessing which could strike the University at present would be a cyclone of sufficient energy to completely demolish that old, ill-arranged, dangerous and worthless South Building, before ten or fifteen thousand dollars of the people's money is squandered in building "sheds" on its west side.

There is one rule of the Collegiate Department which, we believe is unjust, not only to the student but also to the professor, and that is, that no student shall be given his standings until graduation. We do not think the antiquated custom of reading off the markings in public is worthy of restoration, but why refuse to let a student know what his instructor thinks of his work if he requests it? Are the students of the University to be treated as children or as men and women? If the present plan was adopted to protect some instructors who were afraid to stand up before their students and defend the marks which they had given, we think it only another argument for its abolition. There should be no great gulf between

student and professor, no natural enmity which so often appears in the district school. University students are old enough to know that professors have no reason to wish to discourage their students. Their position is that of helpers, and not of critics alone, and a closer tie between student and professor must redound to the good of both. If this rule was adopted to prevent "working for marks" why not be consistent and keep the marks forever secret instead of holding out an honor list at graduation time as a reward for high marks?

The little book recently edited by Professor Wilson, "Burg Neideck," had met with a very flattering sale. The first edition is already exhausted, and corrections for the second edition have been made. It has been adopted as a text-book in the University of Wisconsin and other schools of similar rank. Criticisms have in every instance been most favorable, and Professor Wilson is being urged to undertake similar tasks by other publishers. He has just completed a vocabulary for Gerstaecker's "Germelshausen," a charming little story, and has written an introduction to, and has also annotated, Ernst Wichert's "Biegen oder Brechen," a comedy, in some respects similar to Freytag's "Die Journalisten." These two will be published by D. C. Heath & Co. In addition to these he has just signed a contract with Henry Holt & Co. to edit a story by Ernest Eckstein, entitled "Preisgekroent."

In a recent interview, while in St. Louis, Dr. Patton, President of Princeton College, expressed himself very strongly in regard to what he terms "the athletic craze." He said in part: "The athletic craze has gone far enough. While the fact that athletics tends to improve the morals of the colleges, when properly conducted, is realized by the faculties of the Eastern universities, it is also a fact that in the fierce inter-collegiate contests there is required a degree of proficiency that cannot be obtained without constant practice; consequently it is impossible to excel in studies, and at the same time be a member of the football or base-ball team."

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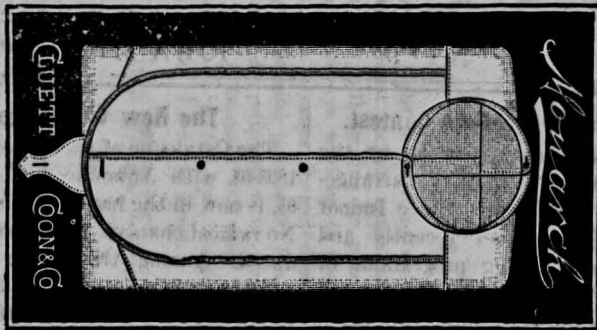
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Miss Luther, from Independence, is
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Dr. L. L. Bond, of West Side, Iowa,
is visiting his son, Fred Bond, L. '95.

Miss Mary Welch visited the class
in English History, Wednesday morn-
ing.

W. M. Whittemore, L. '94, enjoyed
a visit from his brother Tuesday and
Wednesday.

W. C. Dewel, '96, has returned to
the University after a few weeks'
stay at home.

Mr. I. E. Munger, '92, now Assist-
ant State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.
spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. I. E. Munger, '92, was in the
city Tuesday. He is at present en-
gaged in the State Y. M. C. A. work.

The young ladies of the University
will give excellent gold medals to the
winners of events at Home Field Day
in which State Records are broken,
Gold medals of less value will also
probably be given to others, and
aluminium medals to winners of
second places.

The following officers have been
selected for the Sophomore-Fresh-
man field-meet: Field Officer, O. W.
Anthony; Starter, H. F. Kallenberg;
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sor Hale, Mr. Doolittle; Field Judges,
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The *Midland Monthly's* first quarterly competition for cash prizes included 276 poems and 84 stories. These came from nine different states of the union. The prize story and poem will be published in the June number, with portraits of the winners. The second competition for cash prizes—open to subscribers—will close the last of next month. Rush in your subscriptions and contributions. No publicity to those who don't win the prizes, and no subscriber is barred from trying again. The May *Midland* blossoms out in blue and gold cover, the cornstalk in gold. The beauty and simplicity of the design command general admiration. Among the many good things inside the cover is a story by a niece of General Sherman, a pleasing instalment of Beatrice, an inside story of a railroad wreck, an elegantly illustrated article on Iowa College, Grinnell, a delightful picture of Scottish scenery, a thrilling story of Russia during the famine, illustrated with Russian views, an illustrated article on Dakota, an article of rare historic value, and a group of London pictures. This is a surprisingly brilliant number.

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