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## HOME FIELD DAY.

### The Fifth Annual Meet a Great Success.

'94 WINS THE CUP.

The fifth annual meet was held at the Fair Grounds this afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired, but the track was in poor condition. The crowd was one of the largest ever in attendance at a similar occasion. The amphitheatre was filled when the first events were called at 2:15.

The 120 yard hurdle, and 16lb. shot put were both hotly contested. The 16lb. shot put was won by Elliott, L. '94, distance 36 ft. 1 in.; Wold, D. '94, second, 35 ft. 2 in.; Van Oosterhout, third, 33 ft. 3 in. The 120 yard hurdle was won by Robinson, '94, time 18 3-5 sec. Robinson, '94, Chantland, L. '94; Hess, L. '95, and Hobbs, '97, contesting, Chantland and Robinson keeping together until the final sprint for the finish.

The one mile run was contested by Emry, '96, Bailey, '95, and White, '94. The order of the men was Emry, Bailey, White, during the first three quarters. On the last quarter Bailey closed in, winning in 5 min. 4 2-5 sec. Emry finishing second.

In the 100 yard dash which followed, Crum, '94, fulfilled the expectations of all, and won easily, not being required to do his best. Herrig, L. '95, took second, and Hutchinson, '97, third. Time 10 1/2 sec.

The pole vault was contested by Brock, '96, Hutchinson, '97, and Chantland, L. '94. Chantland won. Distance 9 ft. Hutchinson second, 8 ft. 7 in.; Brock third, 8 ft. 3 in. Chantland did good work but lacked a foot of the State record. Hutchinson shows excellent form. His pretty vaulting won him well merited applause. It is certainly encouraging to see such work by a member of the Freshman class. We may look for some good work in this from him in the future.

In the two mile bicycle race only Garrison, L. '95, Cox, L. '94, and Tantlinger, '94, started. Garrison took the lead and kept for the first half, Cox keeping in his trace, in the second half Cox lead, Tantlinger was left far behind. In the last half Garrison seemed somewhat fagged but came in a close second. Time 6 min. 45 1/2 sec.

The 880 yard run was contested by Evans, '96; Clark, '96; Sayers, '97, and Hutchinson, '95. Clark soon took the lead, Evans second, Hutchinson third, and Sayers fourth. At the finish Sayers sprinted in ahead of Hutchinson, winning third. Clark first, Evans second. Time 2 min. 12 2-5 sec. This broke the State record by 4-5 sec., which entitles him to one of the gold medals offered by the University girls.

The 220 yard hurdle race was not contested closely enough to be interesting. Crum, '94, lead from the start, winning in 28 1/2 sec., being compelled to face a lively breeze. Robinson, '94, won second place, and Crookham, '97, third.

The 16lb. hammer throw was won by Wold, D. '94, throwing 94 ft. 3 1/2 in., breaking the State record, which was

only 84 ft., and was thus the second one of the contestants to win one of the special gold medals offered for breakers of State records. This was quite unexpected, as he has only been practicing some two weeks, and has not even trained during that time; with careful training he should throw 98 ft. by State Field Day. Collins won second place, throwing 87 ft. but stepped out of the ring in attempting to better his record. Van Oosterhout stopped at 83 ft. 6 in. Aldrich, from whom so much was expected, was particularly unlucky in getting out of the circle, dropped out of the contest at 82 ft. 10 in.

The running high jump started at 4 ft. 6 in. Ran up to 4 ft. 8 1/2 in. when Chantland dropped out. Robinson fell out at 5 ft.; Hobbs at 5 ft. 1 in. Dey gradually raised the bar until it stood at 5 ft. 6 1/2 in., and on the second trial cleared it neatly, and amid the cheers of the spectators it was announced that a third State record had been broken by half an inch.

For the mile walk Radasch, '96, Smith, '97, and Williams, '97, came to the scratch. Williams soon took the lead, Radasch second, but before the first quarter was past Smith forged ahead and held it for three eights of a mile, when he gave way to Williams, Radasch holding the rear. When within an eight of the finish Smith fell out and Radasch pushed Williams hard to the line. Williams winning in 8 min. 20 sec., but was "played out" while Radasch seemed comparatively fresh.

The 440 yd. run for which the prize was a gold watch was the great race of the day and was contested with a full track. The contest was close, Clark, '96, and Lary, '95, hustling each other hard for first. Clark won in 5 min. 7 2-5 sec., Lary second, Snook third. Clark had worked hard in the half mile run and showed fatigue at the finish. Lary surprised even his friends and made an excellent sprint when closing into the goal. A number of the contestants fell out before the race was finished.

The half mile exhibition handicap bicycle race was the prettiest race of the afternoon. The time in which it was won was 1 min. 22 1/2 sec. Cox, L. '94, and Garrison, L. '95, started from the scratch. Hult (25 yds.), Apple (75), Gibbs (50 yds.). Garrison forged ahead at the close, and finished first; Cox, second. The interest in the outcome of this race was intensified by the fact that in the two mile bicycle race Cox had beaten Garrison with hard work, and cheers greeted the winner as he crossed the line. Apple won third; Gibbs fourth.

The 220 yard dash was the one in which it was expected that Crum would break the State record. The soft track and easterly breeze, however, held him down to a 23 flat, tying the State time. Herrig and Robinson finished close together, the latter gaining when the line was crossed, but failing to lead his opponent. This race was contested with a full track, but Crum kept ahead of the crowd and was assured first from the start.

The running broad jump was won by Chantland, 20 ft. 11 in. Virtue second, Evans third.

The running hop, step and jump was won by Virtue, 44 ft. 2 in. Chantland second, 41 ft. 7 in., while Graves upheld the honor of the Juniors, reaching 36 ft. 9 in.

The pole vault, for distance, a handicap exhibition, was won by Brock. Distance 20 ft. 9 1/2 in., with a handicap of one foot which placed him above Graves (scratch) who jumped 21 ft. 8 in.

In the relay race four men from each class ran each 1/4 mile. In the first quarter, Dey, '94, Davis, '95, Emry '96, and Myers, L. '94, started. Dey, '94, lead at first quarter, Robinson, '94, first at second quarter, White, '94, first at third quarter; Crum, '94, winning the last quarter and the race. Time, 3 min. 57 1-5 sec.; '96 came out second; Lary, L. '94, third.

The summary of points won shows '94, first, having 36; Law '94, second, 29; '96, third, 26; Law '95, fourth, 16; '95, fifth, 15; '97, sixth, 13; Dental, '94, seventh, 7.

## Ridgeway.

Bartsch presented an interesting paper on the development of the floral organs. His subject was illustrated by numerous microscopic sections.

After a discussion of the paper, voluntary reports were presented by Irish, on high explosives. Parsons on a new form of dynamo, and Decker on the habits of the screech owl.

The club then adjourned until next September.

## College Notes.

The Yale musical organizations netted on their recent concert in New York, \$1,910.28.

The University of Michigan has a fraternity which admits both sexes to its membership.

Out of the 122,523 students attending colleges in this country, 77,000 belong to Greek letter fraternities.

John Bailey and R. C. Morse, at one time our champion tennis double team, have recently entered into a partnership for the practice of law, in Chicago.

I. C. has also been the scene of a scrap in the form of a "hat rush" between the Sophomores and Seniors. Some of the participants were quite badly hurt.—I. A. C. Student.

The Harvard Crimson has the finest plant of any college paper in the world. It claims to be the only college daily that is sent away in the early morning mail.

The season for conventions, both State and National, will soon be here. As usual, our faculties are well represented in the Iowa delegations. The following members have already been chosen: Professor J. J. McConnell will deliver an address before the State Professional Teacher's Convention, in Storm Lake. Dean Shrader, of the Medical Faculty, has been appointed one of Iowa's delegates to the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, at San Francisco. Professor Patrick has been appointed by Governor Jackson as a delegate to the National Convention of Charities and Corrections, at Nashville, Tennessee.

## Zetagathian Program.

A good sized audience assembled at Zet Hall to hear a program that was, perhaps, above the average, and which held the attention of the audience from beginning to end.

The program was opened by a guitar duet, by Misses Fernstrom and Freemould, which was highly appreciated and heartily encored.

Then followed a declamation by A. A. McKinley. His delivery was easy, and emphasis very good, but his gestures might have been a little freer and more natural.

E. B. Brockway next gave a very humorous description of a dream or nightmare, portraying a Zet's experience at midnight with an Iowa City policeman, and an unprepared oration. His delivery was very spirited and pleasing.

The debate was on the question, "Resolved, that in jury trials the principle of a unanimous verdict should not be maintained in criminal cases."

The question was affirmed by Messrs. Vanlaw and Miller, and denied by Messrs. Walrod and Pratt.

Mr. Vanlaw has a very pleasant address, but his language was rather broken, so that it was somewhat difficult to follow his thoughts closely.

Mr. Walrod, for the negative, plead the cause of the accused whose guilt is uncertain, and who should have the benefit of every doubt.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Pratt both made good argumentative speeches; but the debate on the whole lacked spirit. The contestants evidently did not care whether the present system is retained or not.

By special request Mr. George Fracker repeated his oration, "The Tribe of Ishmael." His chief thought was that since our modern Christian civilization so protects and cares for our pauper and criminal classes as to interfere with the law of "the survival of the fittest," it should also, in self-defense, interfere, by more stringent marriage relations, with the operation of that other law, that "like begets like."

Mr. Fracker shows marked improvement in delivery since his last appearance before an S. U. I. audience at the Opera House. The oration is one to be highly commended for thought and effective delivery.

A declamation "The Burning of Chicago" was then given by Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick, and it was very well done. It was well prepared and was delivered with a grace and spirit. We expect to hear from Mr. Fitzpatrick in the future.

The program was very pleasantly closed with a piano solo by Mrs. Burger.

The debate was decided in the negative, and after the announcement of the decision the society adjourned.

The course in economics at University of California offers *Social Conditions and Social Movement* as special courses during the fall term of next year. Such work is becoming more and more a necessity in the college curriculum and judging by our own University we can say that they are not only very popular but productive of very good results.

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The question as to whether or no the University Battalion will have an encampment this year must be settled in a few days. The Faculty, we understand, are disposed to regard the proposition favorably if the trip will be without expense to the University. Now we would derive much benefit from a three or four day's encampment, and by choosing some favorable place a few miles from town the battalion could march out on Friday afternoon and return about Tuesday afternoon. Tents can be procured from the state for the cost of transportation, and some of the merchants have signified their willingness to contribute liberally to the commissary department, and it is believed that if the matter were properly presented to them, all would contribute so that the necessary expenses would be reduced to say about fifty cents per man, which would be cheaper than staying in town.

A paper will be circulated by the first sergeants of the companies at drill Monday, for the members to sign, and if the sentiment is nearly unanimous under these conditions, the encampment will probably be held about the 25th to 28th of the month. The drill will be a pleasant outing for the students before the final examinations. The forenoons will be devoted to military instruction and the afternoons will be given to the members of the battalion until 11 p. m., at which time all will be required to "turn in." Let every one decide whether or no he wishes to go by Monday evening, as the final petition will then be circulated.

The position of the college newspaper, as to how far it should assay to direct college thought and how far it should be content to remain as mere bulletin board, is a question which often troubles college editors. Our attention has been called to it by some objections which have been made to criticisms which have ap-

peared in these columns on University management, the government of the city and the like.

We recognize that limitations are necessarily made on the freedom of any organ which purports to be published in the interests of any organization, be it political or educational. We realize that a certain amount of discretion is necessary in all things, but we cannot be brought to believe that all opinions, not commendatory, should be excluded from the columns of the college paper. If it is to be shorn of this privilege, if it is to be a mere "cuckoo" organ, we are ready to lay down the pen and let those who are content to spend their time in compiling a bulletin, take things in hand. Mistakes are made, opinions are given which are probably unwise but that cannot argue against having opinions.

A former editor of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, said to us upon our assuming control "Try and give the paper some personality. There is an effeminacy about the paper which I have not been able to overcome." Now that criticism was, we believe, a wise one and worthy of consideration. We have tried to follow his advice. The result must be judged by our readers. We may have too little respect for the opinions of others and of their opinion of us, but shall continue to, so far as we are able, discuss questions from the student's standpoint. In the meantime the columns of the paper will be open to anyone differing with us, if they will but put their reasons in suitable language.

**Notice.**

The regular devotional service of the Y. W. C. A., will be held in the Women's Parlor, Close Hall, Sunday, 4 p. m. The subject of the meeting is "Judge not that ye be not judged;" all women are invited to attend.

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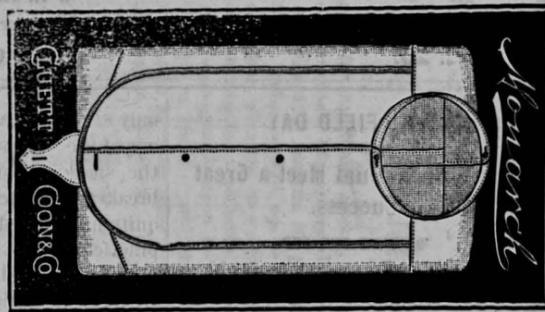
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**Fact and Rumor.**

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For several days past, Mr. Walker instructor in French, has been afflicted with a severe cold.

Next Monday evening the Polygon will celebrate the first anniversary of its organization, by a spread.

Governor Jackson has promised to be present in person this year at the final review and dress parade.

Barker, '97, is again able to be out, after a three month's sickness from spinal meningitis and will leave next week for his home in Cresco. He will be back in the University next fall.

J. Mad Williams, '72, and father, of H. P. Williams, '95, has just been elected to the chair of Pedagogy, at Drake University. Mr. Williams is now pastor of the Christian church, at Davenport, Iowa.

The VIDETTE was wrong in saying the Delta Gammas give a ball, May 18. The invitations are for a reception given to the members of the Faculty and the college fraternities.

Yesterday morning the base ball team left for Independence, where they played a game with a local team, resulting a victory for S. U. I., score 2 to 8. To-day they play at Decorah, against the Luther College team.

The final examinations for the term and year will be held during the last week of this term. The work in examining will begin on Tuesday, June 5, and last for the remainder of the week. All subjects taken during the forenoon will be taken either from 8 to 10 or 10 to 12 a. m. Those occurring regularly in the first hour, from 8 to 9, will be taken up Tues-

day. These second hour's subjects from 9 to 10, will be taken up Wednesday. Those occurring in the third hour, from 10 to 11, will be required Thursday, and Friday the fourth hour's subjects, from 11 to 12, will be taken up. In the afternoon the work in examinations will last from 2 to 4 p. m. On Tuesday annual Morphology will be taken up, Latin, on Wednesday, and on Thursday, Greek (Homeric Studies) and Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis and Determinative Mineralogy. These last two subjects will last from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.

**Foot Ball Benefit.**

"Passion's Slave," the old time melodrama, was given Wednesday evenings, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Choate, assisted by local talent, for the benefit of the foot ball team. good-sized audiences were in attendance both evenings but the net proceeds were small. The play throughout was quite good, some of the parts being very amusing. The different characters were well represented, with one or two exceptions, and some of the players showed unusual ability for amateurs. A more extended report of the play was handed in for Thursday's issue but was too late for publication. We regret that the foot ball team is still indebted to a considerable amount, but think that if the foot ball men themselves would show more interest in these benefits, more good results would be obtained from them. This criticism does not apply to all, but would fit very well in the case of some. It seems no more than right, however, but that those persons, who were sent at great expense on the various trips, should use their influence to have this indebtedness paid off.

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Irving was opened to a fair-sized audience, by Mrs. Burger, who rendered an excellent piano solo which was encored.

Dewell, '96, opened the literary program with a speech on "The New England Bimetallic League." He stated he considered Bimetallicism among the great questions of the day.

The New England Bi-metallic League is shaped after the Latin League. The members of the league all live in the New England States, they do not favor national bi-metallicism. Mr. Dewell spoke in his customary straightforward manner and handled his subject with evident understanding.

Gibbs, '97, followed with a declamation, "Pompejus." Mr. Gibbs has a very pleasant voice and under proper training it could be developed to a good advantage.

The debate of the evening was upon the subject, "Resolved, That the township as a unit is preferable to the county as a unit." The affirmative was opened by Wright Seaman, '95. He held that the county as a unit is not desirable at present. With the township as a unit the levying of taxes would be more agreeable to the masses, for then they would have a direct voice in all public affairs. Although Mr. Seaman's appearance was an improvement over his last, a little more animation would have a pleasing effect. Morrison, '97, followed for the negative. He claimed that the present system with the county as the unit was much more preferable as it gave more satisfaction in its legislation, than the proposed change would give. Local government with the township as a unit is apt to be partial. Mr. Morrison spoke clearly and emphatically and made a very good appearance. Mutchler, '94, closed for the affirmative. He advocated the present Virginia system. The county system is a relic of the time of slavery and is no longer efficient. Mr. Mutchler handled the subject well.

Graves, '95, spoke last on the negative. He stated that the county system was a system of centralization, and therefore gave more satisfaction. He cited several states which had failed in successfully carrying out the township system. Mr. Graves produced many good points in favor of the negative, and made a very good debate.

The debate was decided in favor of the negative.

Lomas, '94, next appeared and gave a speech on "Foot-Ball." A game resembling foot-ball was played by the ancient Greeks and Romans. A similar game next appeared in England, in 1175, which was played by the farmer boys. The modern game of Rugby was introduced into England in 1870. In the United States foot-ball appeared in about 1840.

Mr. Lomas stated that at present the newspapers were casting foot-ball into disgrace by exaggerating slight injuries which players happen to receive. Mr. Lomas' talk was quite interesting; he showed himself well posted on his subject.

Patterson, '97, followed with a declamation; he spoke in a pleasing manner, but did not put enough life into his selection.

The program was closed with an instrumental duet by Misses Fernstrom and Freeman, which was well received.

The University of Utah will hold a summer school this year.

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