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The Political Joint Discussion.

A fair sized audience gathered at Close Hall last Thursday evening to listen to the presentation of the political issues of the day by representatives of the Democratic and Republican Clubs.

Three speakers appeared for each club, Messrs. Keefe, Hughes and Fitzpatrick representing the Democrats, and Messrs. Jacobs, Wilson and Anderson the Republicans. Messrs. Evans and Troy, chairmen of the Republican and Democratic Clubs respectively, presided.

After a piano solo by Mr. Cohn, Chairman Troy introduced the first speaker, Mr. Keefe, who outlined the issues of the day as he saw them, discarding the pension and silver questions. The real issues he represented to be the control of the liquor traffic, of monopolies and of state institutions. He criticised the prohibitory and mulct laws, especially the latter, and declared it an outrage to prohibit the manufacture of liquor within the state while allowing its sale. He further argued that the Republican party always favored monopolies, citing as proof of this assertion its opposition to the grange movement and the tax on mortgages, and as a culmination the nomination of a "railroad king" for governor of Iowa in 1895. He also discussed briefly the question of a non-partisan board of control for our state institutions, declaring that General Drake was opposed to this change.

The chairman of the Republican Club then introduced Mr. Jacobs, who contended that the main issue was an issue of party. He extolled the Republican party, declaring it to be the unflinching friend of the laborer. The liquor question, he said, could be most satisfactorily settled by the different legislative districts. He criticised the idea of a non-partisan board of control in that it would become a great political machine, and closed with a plea for the re-election of W. B. Allison to the United States Senate.

Mr. Hughes then followed for the Democrats, producing arguments to substantiate the claim of his colleague which the second speaker had denied, namely, that the Republican candidate for governor was a "railroad king," and not a friend of the people. He then discussed the liquor traffic at some length, asserting Republican cowardice on this question.

Mr. Wilson was the next speaker. He emphatically denied the charge against General Drake, discussed at some length the question of protection, bringing up the argument for a home market, declaring the Democratic party an enemy both of the laborer and the capitalist, and pointing to the late crisis as a result of Democratic rule.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then spoke of the separation of state and national politics as a wise act on the part of the founder of our state government, and declared that this was the time for the discussion of state issues. After dwelling for some time on questions affecting the state he took up the discussion of the tariff. He asserted that our infant industries should not

always remain infants, that protection did not prove to be the boon to the laborer which it was represented to be, that higher wages were paid in England than in Germany, the former being a country of free trade, the latter of protection, that higher wages are also paid by our unprotected industries than by those receiving such awards. He held that it was a reflection on the American laborer to maintain that he could not compete with the foreigner, and contended that the cry for a home market, in the light of facts, was ridiculous. In closing he pointed to the present indications of prosperity as one of the beneficial results of the Wilson bill.

Mr. Anderson closed the debate for the Republicans, touching upon the liquor question, and then, at some length, explaining the causes of the panic in 1893. He contended that the main reason for refusing to support the Democratic party was that it had no policy either in state or national affairs, that its want of policy was the real cause of the lack of prosperity the past few years, and that the only signs of prosperity are the results of Republican amendments to the Wilson bill. Moreover the financial and industrial policies of the Republican party had been tested and not found wanting.

Mr. Keefe in a closing speech of ten minutes summed up the arguments for the Democrats, maintaining that state issues, which were the real issues in this campaign, were hardly touched upon by the Republican speakers. He was too animated to do justice to himself or to make a strong closing for his colleagues.

On the whole the discussion was not what it should have been, showing a decided lack of organization, not so much on the part of the Republican speakers, however, as on the part of their opponents. It was rather too closely allied to the modern stump speech. This was due, of course, to a lack of preparation. The time given to the speakers was not sufficient to allow of any extended research. Had the speakers been given three or four weeks for preparation, doubtless we should have heard a good strong argument from an economical point of view.

Medical Department.

Dr. Guthrie left Tuesday morning for his home in Dubuque, to attend to an important surgical operation. He delivered three lectures in Physiology Tuesday.

Misses Knowles and Meanes have moved from 409 Iowa Avenue, as it appears in the hand book, to 24 south Linn.

We are pleased to notice that the Board of Regents recommend that \$50,000 be the first appropriation asked of the Legislature for a Medical hospital. It is to be hoped that all interested in this movement will bring their influence to bear in favor of it.

What's the matter with the Pharmacists? They are all right!

Professor W. E. Barlow, of the Chemical Department, received the first prize offered by the "Youth's Companion" to professors of the col-

leges of the United States for the best stories. The prize is the handsome sum of \$100. The subject of the Professor's story was "How we won our oars."

Monday and Tuesday the Medical Department is closed. A large number of students have gone home to vote.

Dr. Artie Folsom, of Denison, Mo., '91, was an S. U. I. visitor last week. He brought some patients for the clinics.

The course in Histology has been so much changed and broadened that a brief account of its present scope will undoubtedly be of general interest. The course has been lengthened to two years for the Medical students. The first year's work consists of the study of the cellular structure of the lower and the higher orders of plants, and the lower forms of animal life, for several weeks, followed by the careful study of human histology. The second year is devoted to special histology during the first half of the year, and the remaining time to a thorough study of embryology. The Dental students during the year devote their time to the study of General Histology, with special histology of the teeth and buccal cavity. Thus the work is so arranged as to be of the most practical value to the different scientific students.

At present there are 222 students pursuing laboratory work. The classes are represented as follows: Freshman Medical, 60; Freshman Homeopathic, 30; Freshman Dental, 120; Sophomores, 12. Owing to the small size of the laboratory, it has been found necessary to divide the students into nine divisions. Each division has one laboratory session per week and one quiz, besides the regular lecture given by Professor W. L. Bierring. Each student prepares sixty permanent slides, besides the temporary mounts for examination, making over thirteen thousand specimens, which become the individual property of the students. The Sophomores cut, harden and stain their own sections. The text book used, for the first time here, is Piersol's Histology, a work of 500 pages.

The laboratory has, during the past summer, been partially supplied with some of the much needed apparatus. Some of the appliances obtained are: New gas fixtures, still for distilling water, hot water filter for preparing injecting mass, constant pressure injecting apparatus, modeled by Dr. Whiteis from a similar apparatus used by Dr. His in his laboratory at Leipzig, where the doctor spent almost his entire vacation last summer, paraffine oven, incubator and night lamp, which gives better light for microscopical examinations than sunlight.

Altogether, Histology is made a very careful and thorough study, and prepares the students for intelligent work, when later application of it is made in the study of Pathology.

The histological laboratory is this year in charge of Dr. W. R. Whities, who devotes his entire time and skill to the careful supervision of the laboratory work and recitations in Histology.

The University.

The following article is clipped from the Burlington *Hawkeye*, and goes to show that the people over the entire state are beginning to realize the situation in which we are placed for lack of room and funds:

"The Iowa State University has opened this fall with an attendance of between 1,100 and 1,200 students. This is an increase of the previous year. The new professors and teachers have met with a favorable reception and the impression is had that the University has entered upon a year of more than ordinary prosperity. It is to be hoped that the next general assembly will deal liberally with the University and that provision will be made for more class rooms and increased facilities in other departments. It is said that in many of the elective branches students are denied admission to the lectures and classes because there is neither room nor apparatus at their disposal. The scientific and some of the professional departments are fairly well provided for, but the literary department and the museum require more room. There are valuable collections which are in danger from fire. Some of the rooms in the University are crowded and ill-ventilated, and the old brick building is by many considered unsafe. The law school has outgrown its quarters in the old state capitol. The library ought to have a fire-proof building as well as more room. There are various other greatly needed improvements, and if all cannot be achieved at once the legislature ought at least to make a start in that direction if Iowa would maintain her State University in the front rank of the educational institutions of the country. With the great Chicago University over-towering the other schools in the northwest it behooves Iowa to deal liberally with the one institution and make it adequate for Iowa youth."

Foot Ball.

The following from the Missouri State University *Independent* shows what our foot ball team may expect this fall: "We have never beaten Missouri. We hope to this time.—*Nebraskan*."

We will inform our brother that their prospects are poorer now than ever before. M. S. U. has already defeated Sedalia A. C., Vanderbilt and Purdue. To-day she is pulling out DePauw's tail feathers and next Saturday will cause Nebraska to disband. No brother, it would take eleven Flip-pins to defeat the "Tigers" now."

S. U. I. refuses to meet us, saying she prefers to play larger schools. She gives Ames the same answer. It is more than possible that the Ames eleven would prove more than enough for the haughty Iowa Cityans.—*Fayette Collegian*.

We would request the Fayette foot-ball manager to try and get a game with Grinnell, as Grinnell does not "prefer to play with larger schools." Unfortunately, our own foot ball dates are all filled.

The *Harvard Crimson*, of Oct. 26, contained a half-page cut of their foot ball team:

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It appears, upon the evidence of the *Unit*, that the result of the foot ball negotiation between the University team and a similar organization representing Iowa College is a source of woe to Grinnell and its "supporters." Whether this ought to be so we are frank to say we do not know, that it is so we do not doubt since the *Unit* is our authority. It seems that some of the more "enthusiastic" of Grinnell's "adherents" had counselled holding aloof from any future meetings with the University, but that these discrete individuals were summarily silenced by the intense and all pervading desire for a game at Des Moines. Now in view of the fact that the first opposition to a game at Des Moines came from Grinnell in the form of a letter from President Gates to President Schaeffer, we hope we may be pardoned for disbelieving the statement made by the *Unit*. It may be pertinent to observe in this connection that this "regretting" editor seems somewhat better up in foot ball rules than in the admonitions of the decalogue concerning "the bearing of false witness, etc." for it would be presuming too much upon the ignorance of the facts to think he did not know that Grinnell took the initiative in the matter of doing away with the game at Des Moines. That the Faculty here took the same view does not alter the case. We are not now discussing the reasons, good or bad, which led to that decision. Indeed, in our opinion the action of the University Faculty was entirely justified, but be that as it may, the *Unit* must look nearer home for the origin of the first suggestion that the Des Moines game be given up.

As to why the idea of playing at Grinnell was not adopted here, the *Unit* is aware, as is evidenced by Grinnell's first action in urging to hold the game at Des Moines. Reasons which suggested themselves then are quite as forcible now.

It is a fact which we have reason to think is well known to the *Unit*, that the games played between the teams of these two institutions for the past two years have not resulted satisfactorily or beneficially to either school. As to the blamable party, opinion differs, being divided in the direct ratio of the attendance at the University and Grinnell. The first fact, however, is not to be doubted, and in view of that fact we question whether the lamentations of the *Unit* are so appropriate as they might have been had facts been otherwise.

We are not surprised that some individuals "were rash enough" to suggest what the *Unit* faithfully reports about our avoiding defeat. The fact that there are people in the world whose enthusiasm is developed at the expense of their good sense we have before observed, and nowhere is it better proved than in foot ball matters. We do not wonder that Grinnell has her share of these unfortunates, but just why *Unit* should heartlessly expose their whereabouts and their particular failing, we cannot imagine, unless we accredit it to a tendency which it is said weekly journals in small towns have toward gossip. Whether this theory be true or not is not worthy of our speculation, as we are not concerned to any considerable extent.

Mr. Charles G. Burling, president of the Senior class, set an example worthy to be emulated by his successors, when he gave a reception at his room, Thursday evening, to a number of his friends among the underclassmen. Although the guests, mostly Juniors and Sophomores, began to arrive a little earlier than expected by Mr. Burling, he was wholly equal to the occasion and received them in his usual courtly and hospitable manner. Throughout the entire evening the host exerted himself in every way possible to add to the pleasure and comfort of his guests, and when the "time for fond good-bye's" at last came, the innovation of a reception by the president of the Senior class was voted a success in every way.

The Beloit women of the Freshman class subscribed in a body to the athletic fund. The students are now flat-footed for co-education.—Ex.

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Fact and Rumor.

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M. E. Geiser went to Fayette this morning.

R. L. Dunlap has been out of school for a week.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson was unable to meet his classes yesterday.

Pope, '95, and Bond, '98, were initiated into Irving last evening.

H. L. Ross, L. '96, has gone to Indiana to spend Sunday with friends.

The Freshmen defeated the Seniors in a game of foot ball Thursday 8 to 0.

Many of our students have gone home to exercise the right of suffrage.

Miss Belle Cartwright, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting her brother and friends in the city.

Tapper, Collins, Miss Cameron, Tom Perry and Bosmek, Phar. '96, went home this morning.

Some of Professor Wilson's classes were delightfully entertained with examinations yesterday.

Quite a party of students celebrated Hallow'e'en around a bonfire in the woods north of the city.

The literary societies adjourned regular session till after the joint debate next Friday evening.

To-day's game between S. U. I. Reserves and Wilton promises to be one of the most exciting games of the season.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Arthur J. Cox to Miss Elizabeth Louise Gardiner, of Clinton, to take place Nov. 14.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

The Senior class gave their first banquet of the year last Thursday evening. Despite the efforts of underclassmen a fair representation of the class was present. After spending several hours in amusements, appropriate to the evening, at the society halls, the class repaired to Burke's restaurant, where a dainty spread awaited them. The affair was a most enjoyable one, and one which will be memorable in the annals of the class of '96.

The Hammond Law Collection.

The State University has received during the last year the Hammond historical law collection which was donated to the University by Mrs. William G. Hammond in accordance with the wishes of her husband, expressed within a few days of his death, which occurred at St. Louis last April.

The collection comprises over twelve hundred volumes relating principally to the civil law and the history of the common law and is one of the most complete and valuable libraries of its kind in the country. The alumni of the Law Department who were students of Chancellor Hammond have presented to the University a bronze bust of the former teacher and friend which now surmounts the case containing the historical law collection.

The University has just published in pamphlet form with a photogravure of the bust itself, the address made on the occasion of the presentation of the bust and also a catalogue of the Hammond historical law collection.

The Talbot scientific library has also been given to the University within the last two years, and these gifts indicate the interest which is being manifested in the University and the selection of it as a proper and fitting repository for libraries of great importance and value.—*Daily Republican.*

College Notes.

Cornell College is about to have a gymnasium.

The University of Nebraska has three weekly papers and will soon have another paper, the Nebraska Literary Magazine.

The University of California has a bi-weekly humorous paper called the "Josh." Contributions are received from the students and the first numbers have been very good.

B. J. Wefers, who ran successfully against the English champions in the international races, has entered Georgetown College, at Washington, D. C.

It is estimated that upwards of \$230,000 is expended annually by members of fraternities for badges and jewels.

Columbia College is about to endeavor to organize an inter-collegiate league for cycling. A committee has been appointed to correspond with other prominent colleges.

Cornell College now issues a monthly literary paper, the *Cornellian-Monthly*. It is run in connection with the semi-weekly, the *Breeze-Cornellian*.

The Harvard Varsity eight were beaten out by the crack Boston Athletic Association crew in an exciting two-mile race on the Charles River last week. On the last half the Harvard men made a brilliant spurt, hitting up the stroke from thirty-six to forty, and all but overhauled the B. A. A.



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