The Vidette Reporter

Communication.

DEAR MR. S.,—Having a western man, I would like to see western colleges make better men in track athletics. I know that such things are possible.

The Western Intercollegiate Association meet, held at Chicago, June 2, 1895, compared very favorably with the Harvard meet held at New York May 25, 1895, and the latter meet represented all the older colleges in the country. I will now present the names of the members of the Western Intercollegiate Association meet, held at Chicago, June 2, 1895. The names of the members of the Western Intercollegiate Association meet, held at Chicago, June 2, 1895, will be presented to the State University alumnus and students for their signatures before being sent to the members of the legislature. Several of the students have heartily endorsed the movement and will sign the letter. Among those already spoken to about the matter and who favor it are J. F. M. Kennedy, L. Lloyd Kennedy, P. M. Gill, George Jepson and J. A. Peach.

It is asked that the letter continue for five years so as to provide for more liberal support and the erection of much needed buildings at the University. Mr. Stevenson expects to secure 100 signatures to the letter in the next two days, after which it will be forwarded to Des Moines. The letter is as follows:

SHUCK, IOWA, Jan. 21, 1896.—J. S. Lothrop, W. H. Chapman, Francis McNulty, Members of Legislature, Woodbury County—Gentlemen: Believing that you are deeply interested in the welfare of our educational institutions, we, the undersigned, alumni and students of our State University at Iowa City, take the liberty to call your attention to what we believe to be the present condition and future needs of this institution.

In spite of many difficulties the University has grown from a humble beginning until it is now one of the educational institutions of our country, and in its crowded halls more than 1,200 of Iowa's brightest young men and women are preparing themselves for life's duties. Opportunity is there for instruction in almost all learned professions, and the average cost to the state for each student in the professional departments during the last year has been only $4.83, or at some one's has said, a much less sum than it would take to pay non-tangible railroad fare of any student from his home to a similar good school outside the state.

The institution, however, is now in a badly overcrowded condition, and not one dime can be made. The present needs of the school cannot be properly met without more buildings and increased salary of professors.

Moreover, the increasing population, wealth and intelligence of our great state, rapid and continued growth of the University in the future, and bespeak liberal treatment at the hands of the present legislature.

The friends of the institution will ask you during the present session for a tax of 4¢ of 1 mill in aid of the University. The amount received from such tax will produce an income less than is now enjoyed by the University of Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and other sister states.

We trust you may see your way clear to vote for the tax above mentioned, and thereby aid in building up an institution where all Iowans may be proudly.

The Daily Republican, of this city says of the above:

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The Philomathian Society.

Some philosophers of old have said that a live dog is better than a dead lion. However much truth there may be imbedded in that fossil saying, although the Philomathian society may be small in numbers the movement is active and determined.

The program carried out last Friday evening was interesting and impressive. The first number on the list was a recitation—a selection from our far-famed American humors, "The Twins," by Mr. O. N. Orson. It was well delivered and drew forth applause from the audience.

It to deduce was next in order. The question up for discussion was whether the invention of machinery has been detrimental to the wage-earner.

The affirmative was led by Mr. E. R. Bettenga. He outlined and condensed the present condition of the English wage earner with that of a century ago.

J. W. Janzen, the leader on the negative, argued that if the wage-earner's condition was better a hundred years ago, then it would follow that the workman in man's primitive stage was best of all. J. R. Baird, the next speaker for the affirmative, confined himself mainly to the American wage-earner, arguing that his condition was better. The days of Washington than now.

Mr. Wm. H. Hughes followed for the negative, and after handling his opponent's arguments in a polite and skilful manner, cited statistics to prove the wage-earner's wages to have doubled since 1850, which is not considered detrimental in our day. The question was in favor of the negative. "Individual Liberty," a carefully prepared production by Mr. W. H. Briggs, was the last number on the program.

Oratorical Association.

At the last meeting of the Oratorical Association an invitation was extended to the various organizations of the Law Department to join the association. It is believed to be a step in the right direction and it is hoped these societies may see it to their interest to take advantage of the invitation. It is also to be hoped that the Law Department may have representatives in the intercollegiate debates of next year.

It is also to be hoped that the Law Department may have representatives in the intercollegiate debates of next year. It is conceded on all sides that some of the best material can be obtained for those contests in the Law Department. In these contests it should not be the object of the Contests to see which organization can come out victorious in the home contests; but it should be all strive to have the most educated, prepared representative men of their institutions on the debates and at the annual oratorical league contest.

The University of Minnesota, in choosing her representatives on the Iowa-Minnesota debate, allows the Law Department to have one representative from each department. It is believed that the literary societies of the two departments will unite their forces on this point. If it is carried out, it is believed would greatly raise the standard of the University in oratorical and debating circles.

College Notes.

Yale has closed the season by going to England next September to compete against the winner of the Oxford-Cambridge annual race. "A friend of Princeton athletics," whose name is withheld, has offered to build a new 229 yard straight away track on the varsity field. The offer has been accepted.

Williams College is to honor and give a testimonial for the educational and musical talent by having the men who belong to the various organizations of this class year certain insignia.

At the University of Chicago, the University press assumes the responsibility of managing, distributing and printing its six journals, pamphlets and other publications.

The New London Board of Trade is making an effort to have a boat race arranged between Yale and one of the Eastern University crews for this year at New London.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its annual meeting with the University of Cincinnati. There are over 9,000 volumes in the library and the current exchange lists number 248.

The young ladies of Lake Forest University have formed an athletic association to which are eligible for membership all female members of the University and all others who may be recommended by the standing committee. Its object is to promote athletic games and interest among young women in connection with their regular academic work.

It is reported that the Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association has challenged the Eastern Association to a joint contest between the winners of the two meets, for the athletic championship of America. If the practical difficulties in the way of such an event can be removed, such a contest would seem eminently desirable. The west is rapidly approaching the east in its standards of athletics, and the east would have difficulty in winning the championship in a joint meeting. Last year we noted the absence of California, which won the western championship, tied in a joint meeting with the University of Pennsylvania, the winner of the eastern events. The winners of the games at Chicago next spring will not be known, but there are indications that the western colleges, and the only difficulty in the way of the proposed meet would be that of finding a suitable place for the games. We believe that these matters can be arranged satisfactorily.

The New London Board of Trade, which has the power to determine the athletic supremacy of the United States—Consolidated.
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According to the present distribution or the burden composition in the college. It may be remembered that afternoons. We therefor make these

Some objections are being raised against the construction of the Home. Occasional League by the members composing the Collegiate societies on the ground that there is an unequal distribution of the burden of expense. According to the present provision any one who cares to pay, on paying one dollar, becomes a member of the league. It is urged that others to who this provision that if a member of any one of the other literary societies than the Zagastighian or Irving wiss the house contest he will receive his training at the expense of the two societies, and his own organi

While the injustice of the provision is apparent, it may be rembered that its object when placed in the constitu
tions was to secure if possible a larger representation from the department. If the object of the provision complain
ced of giving any individual an opportunity to contest in spite of that fact. While it would seem highly desirable for the societies to become members of the association, make a they will do so the wisdom of the constitutional clause now governing the matter seems established.

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Fact and Rumor.

Dr. Hunt went to Davenport yesterday.

Gusie Gray spent Tuesday in West Liberty.

Ruth Hobby is still out on account of illness.

The Zoological class had a quiet this morning.

Clyde Cobb spent Sunday and Monday in Wellman.

L. M. Freeman made a trip to West Liberty Tuesday.

President Schaeffer visited the Psychology class Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Harram is wearing a Delta Gamma pledge pin.

Edith Baie has been absent from her classes on account of illness.

Professor Calvin, did not meet his classes the first part of the week.

C. B. Marks, Phoe ’93, visited his home, at Davenport, Iowa, Sunday.

The Dents indulged in a friendly social night Wednesday afternoon.

The Zoop and Drama Club may present “Superstock” at Springdale soon.

The battalion ball will be given Feb. 14 for the benefit of the football team.

Gilbert L. Honor is still on the sick list. He was unable to meet his class in Wednesday.

Mrs. Reynolds, ’99, was visited by her husband in Burlington; the fore part of the week.

Miss Hettie Kinne, daughter of Judge Kinne, of Des Moines, is visiting at the homes of Professor and Mrs. Loos on East Burlington St.
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STUDENT UNIFORMS FOR FALL AT SAWYERS.

W. S. Huntington, ’86, has been visiting University friends for the past few days.
Dr. Mahoney, L. ’90, returned yesterday after several days’ visit at Kalbo and Plattsburg, Iowa.
Mr. Bartch, ’90, is recently elected a member of the Iowa Academy of Sciences.
Several coastal parties have taken advantage of the pleasant weather and the moonlit nights of this week.
Mrs. Professor Loses gave a delightful reception to a large number of her lady friends Wednesday afternoon.
Mr. Wauchop will be in his office from 11 to 12 o’clock every day, for the convenience of his English students.

The Flinlins will give a winter picnic to their gentleman friends tomorrow night at the home of Nora Allen.

Dr. Egge lectured in the English Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, subject, "The Faith of Our Fathers."

If Cornell can arrange her American crew in time early enough, her crew will go abroad to row in the Henley Regatta.

When George L. Dobson, of Des Moines, one of the University’s graduates, has announced himself as a candidate for Secretary of State.

Dr. Egge will act as a judge of thought and composition in the contest at the Iowa State Normal School to decide the representative for the Interstate Normal Oratorical Association.

Hereafter the Sunday afternoon meetings of the Y. M. C. A. will be led by professors and pastors of the various churches of the city. Rev. Charles S. Brown will lead the meeting next Sunday afternoon.

W. S. Huntington, C. ’92, finished his work on the Oelwein water works last week and spent the fore part of this week visiting the University. He has been engaged by an Ohio bridge company and left for that state yesterday morning.

Jewel L. Lycett.
The Lycett meets each Saturday evening at 7 o’clock, at which time a general literary program is given; each time being spent in the discussion of living questions.

The officers for this term are: President, William A. Ihdeul; Vice-President, J. J. Brown; Secretary, E. M. Allen; Treasurer, T. E. Bradley.

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