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A Bright Outlook.

Mr. Beckman, formerly manager of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, and now the official reporter of the Iowa House of Representatives, sends us the following word in regard to the State University:

"The visiting committee to the University made its report this morning. It is very favorable to the University and asks that buildings be provided in the following order:

1. A Medical and Clinical Hospital.
2. A Library and Museum (fire proof).
3. A Collegiate Building.

If the spirit of the report of the committee is carried out by the legislature, we may expect a handsome appropriation. I will mail a full report of the committee in time for the next issue.

Mr. Ray, Representative from Poweshiek county, a graduate of Iowa College, a resident of Grinnell and editor of the *Herald*, of that place, introduced, this morning, a measure providing for an annual tax for the support of the University. This, coming from an alumnus of our rival, and from a man whose home is in the seat of that rival institution, is very gratifying and courteous to say the least."

The following is from the Des Moines *Capital* of Tuesday evening:

"The visiting committee to the State University, consisting of Senator Waterman, Representatives Mayne and Grote, has decided to report in favor of the erection of three new buildings at the University. They are ranked in importance as follows: First, Medical hospital; second, fire proof library and museum, and third, collegiate building. The committee makes a strong showing of the needs of the hospital. Clinics are conducted in a building which was once a barn, and the patients have to be carried back and forth through a cold hall, which is very dangerous. The valuable library and museum, the latter being one of the finest in the country, are liable to destruction by fire. The Homeopathic hospital is highly complimented. The Dental department has earned \$3,755 in excess of its cost during the biennial period. The committee says this department is the only one that is fully up to standard in the University; other departments, the committee thinks, may be made equally self-supporting by being given the necessary buildings and equipments. This gives the University a fine prospect, as Senator Waterman is chairman of the committee on appropriations."

Professor Richard T. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin, has just completed the manuscript of a new book to be entitled "The Social Law of Service."

Hirsh's Lecture.

A very large audience was present Monday evening to listen to the Jewish orator speak of "Facts and Fictions about the Jews." Of course the interest which attaches to an occasion of this kind is marked, for not one of the several lectures provided by the Bureau has been by men other

than of national reputation. The speaker was introduced by Chancellor McClain, and was accorded a hearty welcome by the audience.

The ancient origin of the Hebrew race formed the subject of the introduction. The first fiction dealt with was the quite general impression that the Jews are a distinct race to-day, having preserved their blood pure from mixture with that of other races, and having maintained to a great extent national feeling. "There is no Jewish nation. In America he is an American in every sense of the word, willing, like the rest of our citizens, to do or die for his country." In Russia he is a Russian and, despite the persecutions of a despotic government, loves his country too well to leave it.

In every country the same facts will be found true. He has been the object of bitter persecution for centuries and still it is not done; even now, amid the liberality of the nineteenth century, he is the object of continuous and unjust suspicion.

The prevailing idea that there is a distinct Jewish type is also a fiction. In Germany he will be found to be German in feature, in Russia a Russian, in America an American. The idea that Shylock represents a Jew is false. "Shakespeare never saw a Jew;" "Shylock was a Jewish impossibility." The prejudice against the modern representatives of the race is as unjust as it is cruel. He is made the object of abhorrence by the application of the title of "Christ killer." "Even though Christ had been slain by the Jews, which he was not, by what principle of justice can their descendants be held blamable?" "Above all in America the recognition of such an idea is impossible. Yet there is a senseless prejudice among people from which the Jew continually suffers." "The general impression that the Hebrew naturally possesses instincts of a commercial nature is also a fiction." Originally the race consisted not of merchants but of farmers. Persecution forced him into that employment. "Tilling of soil by Jews was made a penal offense." He was forced into the vocation of a money lender and then persecuted and robbed by legal process. "He was used as a sponge to absorb wealth for a considerable period, then he was by legal methods squeezed till every portion of his well earned thrift was in possession of his persecutors."

Then there is the fiction which generally is accepted as truth that the modern Jew looks to a re-establishment of Israel in Palestine. True some of the people themselves may have hoped for that time, but it long ago ceased to be an object for which people struggled. The history of Israel from its first appearance has been of transcendent importance. "It has had a mission and has performed that mission well. When all mankind shall accept a broader and more complete liberty then that mission will be finished."

The lecture was listened to throughout with marked attention by the entire audience. It was exceedingly interesting and adds another to the list of entertainments provided this

year from which those who attended undoubtedly received unquestionable benefit.

Medical Department.

Mr. Garretson, M. '96, returned Tuesday after spending a few weeks at his home in Knoxville, Iowa, on account of the sickness of his father.

Mr. Scripture, M. '95, is on the sick list.

Mr. Wm. Gilkes, M. '98, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday forenoon.

The Seniors have completed their laboratory work in Pathology and will now take up Bacteriology for the remaining part of the session.

Judge Wade has completed his course of lectures to the Seniors on Medical Jurisprudence.

Dr. Hill, from Independence, held a special clinic for the Seniors last Saturday. He completed his course of lectures to the Seniors on Insanity last Saturday.

An Allison Club.

Last night the enthusiastic Republicans met at Close Hall and organized an Allison Club. The following officers were elected: President, M. H. Kepler; Vice-Pres., James Devitt; Sec., J. M. Wilson; Vice-Sec., W. T. Evans; Treas., T. E. Brady.

The president was authorized to appoint a membership committee from each class in the University. Committees were appointed on resolutions, Allison yell, and stationery and printing. The meeting adjourned to meet again next Wednesday evening at the same place at 7 p. m. All Republicans are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Freshman Reception.

The girls of '99 gave an informal reception to the boys of '99 in the Society halls, Tuesday evening. As the guests entered, cards bearing the names of historical and fictitious personages, were pinned on their backs, and each one was required to guess, from the remarks of those about him, what name he bore. Much amusement was afforded by the suitable names which fell to some and the entirely unsuitable ones which others had.

Then conversation cards were distributed. These were decorated with fancy lettering and class colors, and formed appropriate souvenirs.

Afterward the Freshmen amused themselves with whist, crokinole and dancing. Light refreshments were served, and the boys report a most enjoyable evening.

Communication.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE VIDETTE-REPORTER:

Considerable confusion, as well as difference of opinion, has arisen in recent years concerning the University's proper title. Some are inclined to cling to that title the use of which tradition seems to warrant, — namely, "The State University." Others have argued that the custom prevalent in other state institutions would furnish equally good reasons for referring to the institution as "The University of Iowa." While the mat-

ter is one of no great amount of importance, yet consistency lends strength to everything, and it would be well to have a general understanding concerning this one point.

In the present session of the legislature a certain committee had made numerous references to the institution simply as "the University." Attention was called to this fact and a suggestion was made that it be given its full title, "The State University." The suggestion was accepted on the ground that the constitution of the state in every instance makes use of the above title. This would seem to indicate that the matter of the proper title for the University is practically settled beyond all controversy.

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Documents on Iowa History.

The third number of Documentary Material Relating to the History of Iowa, edited by Dr. Shambaugh, has just been published, and the fourth will soon appear.

This is the first piece of work of its kind; no documents concerning the history of any federal state having ever been published before. These are valuable additions to the history of Iowa, and the future students of her history will find in these pamphlets much valuable material systematically arranged, which has taken Dr. Shambaugh several years to collect and arrange. The following is the table of contents of Number Three:

1. The Territory of the Northwest
2. The Common Law.
3. The Territory of Indiana.
4. The Territory of Michigan.
5. The Legislative Powers of the Governor and Judges of the Territory of Michigan.
6. The Statutes of the English Parliament Repealed.
7. The Territory West of the Mississippi River joined to and made a part of the Territory of Michigan.

Woman's Crew at Cornell.

The women of Cornell University have a lengthy petition before the Athletic Council, asking that the regular Cornell coach, Mr. Courtney, be permitted to instruct them in rowing. If the petition is granted, undoubtedly one and possibly several additional crews will be for the purpose of promoting boating for the pleasure and health of the women of the university. The plan, so far as matured, is to secure a safe boat, erect a boat house and foster rowing interests among the women, all of whom will be privileged to use the boats.

The women only ask from the council Mr. Courtney's assistance in training, as other plans are in progress for perfecting details. Mr. Courtney is willing to coach them, in so far as it does not interfere with his regular crew work.

For the past two years the matter of a crew has been agitated, but until this year the obstacles seemed too great. There is much enthusiasm among the women, and President Schurman and other faculty members are in favor of the plan suggested. The Wellesley crew will be taken as a pattern since rowing at that institution is a decided success.—Ex.

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No doubt some of our friends feel mildly surprised that articles sent to us through the medium of the various boxes placed in the different buildings do not appear in print. It is true that some of them are excluded because in our judgment they are not adapted to accomplish the end in view, but often there are articles that we should like to publish if the document bore the authority of a signature. It will readily be seen that we should be placing ourselves in an uncomfortable position if we should publish an article, and after development should demand the production of our authority when we had none to give. We have no objections to publishing articles calling attention to matters which to students seem worthy of concern, but we must insist that the name should accompany the communication. We have recently received several articles with the omitted signature, and have heard indirectly what would seem to indicate the author's disgust that they never appeared in our columns. Of course the mere fact that the name is signed to a communication will not in every case secure its publication, but it may be set down as certain that unless such name is signed we shall not give it space.

College Training.

The effect of college training on religious character is often and anxiously discussed. No one doubts that such training increases power and influence. But the question is pressed. Are not these gained at too great risk.

No subject suffers more popular misconceptions than that of the religious influence in the college. Many parents who have not been deeply concerned about their boys' companionship at home commit them to the college with the feeling that they are being initiated into a set of evil mysteries. Newspapers foster these fears.

The daily press makes much of those aspects of college life which are only incidental. Ninety-nine students do their work faithfully and no mention is made of it. One fails and the world is told of it. Young men engage in athletic sports one thousand hours and nothing is said of it, but in the thousand and first hour some careless youth meets with an accident and dispatches are sent out to the press and his death is expected. One student is arrested for a misdemeanor and the news goes through the land. The same evening one hundred of his classmates are at prayermeeting, but no notice is taken of it.

In all our colleges there is a distinctively religious life. In most of them that life is organized and active. It is underestimated because unobtrusive; but it is in the majority of the colleges of this country a dominant factor. A far larger proportion of college men are Christians and live like Christians than of young men out of college. The number of conversions among students will compare favorably with the number reported by the churches.

Such facts as these and as are given in our special articles this week ought to dispel the prevailing idea that college life is deficient in safeguards of character. College students, like many other persons, may choose an evil life if they will. But for the young man whose face has turned in the right direction no atmosphere is more helpful to Christian life than that of the college, and no place, at the period when young people are gaining education, is safer than within its walls.—*The Congregationalist.*

The following reports were given at the meeting of the Dalton Club Saturday night: "The Blowpipe Assay of Silver," Mr. Walker; "A Cheap Method for the Preparation of Hydrogen Peroxide," Mr. Dean; "The Toxicological Detection of Aqua Regia," Henry Radasch.

Professor F. H. King, of the Agricultural Department in the University of Wisconsin, is the author of a new book entitled "The Soil," that has just appeared in the Rural Science Series, issued by Macmillan & Co., of New York City. This new work is written in a popular vein and will be an instructive revelation to those people who regard the soil as a dead inert mass of matter.

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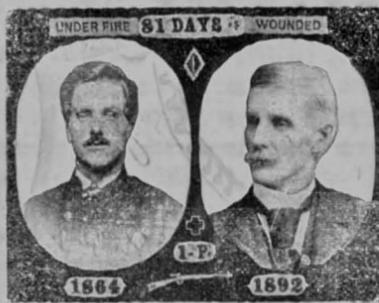
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Fact and Rumor.

There is a rumor of a Soph sociable next week.

O. A. Harper, D. '97, was called home yesterday.

Arthur McConnell, ex-'93, visited classes Wednesday.

Eva Glass missed classes yesterday on account of illness.

J. P. Donlan, D. '97, has resumed his work in the University.

Ruth Hobby is improving, though still confined to the house.

A picture of the code commissioners now hangs in the Law library.

Miss Harriman was initiated into the Delta Gammars Tuesday night.

Roy Mosnat, '99, has gone to Des Moines for a couple of days to visit.

Last night the Senior Dental society held its last session for this year.

Gussie Gray entertained a few of her friends at a spread Tuesday evening.

Theresa Peet, '95, has accepted a position in the normal school at Denison, Iowa.

Dr. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, lectured to the Dents Wednesday instead of Friday this week.

Instructor A. G. Smith has been confined to his room for a couple of days with "la grippe."

The Y. W. C. A.'s had their regular business meeting yesterday afternoon, with a spread afterwards.

On account of too much work Mr. Cook has given up the 8 o'clock division of English. Mr. Irving now meets it.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAVER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

Professor Loos will lecture to Oskaloosa and Denison audiences tomorrow and Friday nights respectively.

Mr. Bauer took charge of the 9 o'clock division of Freshman Mathematics in the absence of Mr. Smith.

Professor McBride's text book on botany has been adopted by the Iowa City High School. The second edition of the book is now in press.

Several of the Pharmaceutical students went to Des Moines, Tuesday, and took the examination given by the State Board. The result of their efforts will be sent to them in about two weeks.

A Freshman wandered into the book room yesterday, took the most comfortable chair he could find, and placed his number tens on the shelving. A fair Junior passing by could not resist the temptation, and soon a notice, "For Sale," was the sole object of attraction.

The Iowa Historical Record, Vol. XII, is just out. This is one of the most interesting numbers yet published. Among other articles of interest it contains the last lecture of the late Judge Wright, delivered before the Law class at Close Hall, last June, just before commencement, and an excellent article on "The Old Stone Building," by Mr. H. G. Plum.

North American Review.

"The Anglo-American Imbrolio" serves as the caption under which two most important articles open the February number of the *North American Review*. The first is entitled "The Venezuelan Difficulty," by Andrew Carnegie, and the second "The British Feeling," by the Right Hon. James Bryce, the distinguished author of "The American Commonwealth." These two articles, from so eminent sources, characteristically describe the sentiment pervading England and America respectively over the boundary dispute between the former country and the South American republic.

This number also contains an extremely interesting article upon "Practical Politics," by the Hon. F. T. Greenhalge, the governor of Massachusetts. His Excellency discusses the subject of politicians and officeholders with great freedom, laying stress upon the fact that high and unselfish aims must invariably be attended by patient, intelligent labor in order to achieve the best results.

Edward Atkinson contributes an able paper on "The Increased Production of Gold," asserting that the United States will lead the world in the production of gold the coming year, and that if no ill-timed or unforeseen congressional procedure occurs, American finances will rest on a foundation of strength and solidity within a brief period.

A population of ninety millions is what Michael G. Mulhall, F. S. S. computes that the United States will contain in 1910. In his paper on "Is the Human Race Deteriorating?" this well-known statistician presents some important tables that cannot fail to attract wide attention.

Under the title of "The Sexes Again," Mrs. Amelia E. Barr presents a clever social study on "Discontented Women," and Mrs. Mary A. Livermore a vigorous article on "Does the Ideal Husband Exist," in this number of the magazine.



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