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## Hammond Law Senate.

The Hammond Law Senate carried out the following program last evening:

The first number was a speech by Mr. J. B. Ryan on Cleveland's message on the Venezuela question, in which he spoke of the possibilities of war and pointed out the relative strength of the United States and England as to armies and navies.

Mr. O'Connell then read an interesting essay on "The New Woman," in which he criticized severely and deeply deplored her tendencies to manliness.

This was followed by a speech by Mr. Wilson on "Capital and Labor," in which he pointed out the evils of the concentration of wealth, and of the antagonism between capital and labor.

The Keefe bill was then taken up, which in substance was: "Resolved, that we should adopt the Thorens land system."

Mr. Leenen spoke in favor of the bill, and argued that it is much more simple than our present system; it would abolish fraudulent transfers, and lessen expenses.

Mr. Wesche, speaking for the negative, denied that it would lessen expenses, and said it would work injustice and cut off equities.

Mr. Devitt next spoke in support of the bill, and said our present system is intricate. This measure would simplify real property laws and lessen litigation.

Mr. Walsh, speaking in opposition of the bill, said it was a cumbersome method, and it would not abolish fraud or lessen litigation.

The question was then thrown open to the house, and Messrs. Cohen and Corbett spoke against and O'Connell for the bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 14 to 11.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Walsh, Pres.; Geiser, Vice-Pres.; Jacobs, Rec. Sec.; Ripard, Cor. Sec.; Devitt, Treas.; Wilson, to fill vacancy on executive committee; Aldrich, Sargeant-at-arms.

## Medical Department.

Dr. J. C. Shrader is attending the Tri-medical Society of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, at Des Moines. This is a very important meeting, as it will decide whether the Freshmen classes of the medical schools in the various schools throughout these states shall graduate in '98 or '99.

Mr. Cunningham, M. '97, is on the sick list.

It is with sorrow that we learn of the sudden and unexpected death of the mother of L. W. Scripture, M. '97. Mr. Scripture did not even know of her sickness until he received the telegram this morning that she was dead. He took the first train for his home in Dubuque, Iowa. The Junior class appointed a committee to draw up suitable resolutions to be published later.

The medical hospital question is receiving better and fairer consideration at the hands of the committee from the Legislature, that visited us a couple of weeks ago, than was really expected. The full report has not

been published at the present writing, but in a personal letter from Representative Grow, the hospital received much attention and the committee earnest support. If nothing unusual or unexpected arises, we feel confident that the hospital is assured, and we almost feel ready to cry out: Hurrah for the Medical Department!

Dr. Woods Hutchinson will next week commence a series of lectures to the Seniors on Skin Diseases.

Dr. Bayard Holmes, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in his lectures on "Child Growth" before the Chicago Society of Anthrology, last week, said some very interesting things. He traced the growth of a boy from infancy to manhood. At 6 years he described the boy as becoming "bashful, losing strength, growing 'scrawny.'" At eight this disappeared, and he became a "really fine boy," the pride of his parents and commended by his teachers. Further he said: "At 12 and 14 another stop takes place, and another at 19, after which, for the first time in his growth, the boy experiences the symptoms of manhood. At 26 another term of retarded growth is felt, lasting about 6 or 8 months, after which comes the ruggedest growth until 31, when the man may be said to be fully formed.

"I notice," he continued, "that the government appropriated \$750,000 a year for a scientific study of the growth and improvement of swine, but I do not note even \$50,000 being set aside for a scientific study of children. And all this in a republic! It is time this sort of thing was changed, and that we had a republic based not on pork but on manhood."—Chicago Record.

## College Classification.

The action of the College Section of the State Teachers' Association, at Des Moines January 1st, in adopting the report of the committee on classification, has called forth a variety of comment and criticism. This movement has been before the college men of the state for three years, and from the first has encountered just what might be expected, the severe opposition of some of the smaller schools of the state, who well knew they could not measure up to any reasonable standard of college classification. Those who favored the movement have been accused of "bigotry" and "intolerance," but it is pleasant to know that such unjust accusations can in no wise reflect discredit upon the true nobility who have in this so earnestly and faithfully labored for the advancement and protection of the higher educational institutions of the state. The necessity for some such standard as the one adopted is clear to every unprejudiced, liberal-minded educator. The benefits of such a standard have already been shown, by the fact that so many colleges of the state have put forth new and increased energy to come up to the proposed requirements, and that now fourteen institutions are included, whereas, possibly not half of that number could have passed muster when the agitation of this subject first began. That the standard adopted is perfect, no one will declare; a

Complete educational system is not made in a moment, but is an outgrowth of the necessity and needs of the times and conditions which surround it. Let all who are interested in higher education rally to the support of the classification standard now adopted. It can be revised, amended, or its requirements strengthened as the educational interests of our advancing civilization may from time to time demand.—Fayette Collejian.

## A National University.

Another bill providing for a national university has been presented to both the Senate and House. It provides for a university of the very highest type, only admitting graduates of recognized colleges, located at the nation's capital where are congregated the many men of science connected with the Smithsonian Institute, the National Museum, the Department of Agriculture, of the Interior and of State. The great Congressional Library is a store of material for original research in Economics, History and Literature, and the surroundings of the capital would be ideal for a national educational institution. A committee of one hundred prominent educators and statesmen are in charge of the matter. They have issued a circular setting forth the offices of the proposed institution, which is defined as follows: "To supplement existing institutions by supplying full courses of post graduate instruction in every department of learning; by its central facilities and cluster of professional schools of the highest grade, to represent at all times the sum of human knowledge; to lead in the up-building of new professions by its applications of science; to lead the world in the work of research and investigation."

Such a plan appeals to the imagination and is the logical development of our system of public education. Washington made a bequest towards such an institution, and there have been many attempts to materialize it, but none have attained such proportions as the present one.—Ariel.

## Zetagathian.

"Standing room only" was obtainable in the south hall last evening. The Zets quite generally draw a large crowd, but last evening the audience was larger than usual.

The east section of the room was occupied by the members of the Hesperian Society, who last week accepted an invitation to visit the Zets "en masse." Inspired by the large audience, and perhaps especially that section just referred to, the speakers acquitted themselves with more than usual credit.

Mr. Kellog opened with a declamation entitled "Pursuit of Character and Service." The effort was a very creditable one and Mr. Kellog was heartily applauded.

Then Mr. Reeves delivered an excellent oration on "The Monroe Doctrine."

The discussion of the question, "Resolved, that the maintenance of large standing armies by European nations is expedient," was conducted by Stov-

er, '99, and H. W. Hanson for the affirmative, and by Barth, '98, and Bowman '99, for the negative.

Mr. Stover opened, affirming that it is absolutely necessary for the nations of Europe to maintain armies, also that it is their duty, since they are to be the great factors in civilization. Armies do not cost so much as the sudden preparation of citizens for military service. The most effective preventative of war is a great army.

Mr. Bowman followed, emphasizing the great cost of supporting an army and the sacrifice enforced by them. The nations of Europe are repeating the experiences of ancient nations.

Mr. Hanson closed for the affirmative, attacking the statistics introduced by Mr. Bowman. He maintained that the armies of the great powers are the best security for peace throughout the world. Before the organization of these armies war was continuous in Europe. Now war is almost impossible.

Mr. Barth closed the debate, criticizing his opponent for averring that the maintenance of armies is a measure for peace. He affirmed that the very existence of armies is a continuous cause of strife, and proposed the service of militia instead.

Mr. S. K. Stevenson was then called upon for a speech and responded in a very appropriate manner, entertaining the audience and adducing some very interesting and instructive facts concerning the relation of the University to the public schools.

A declamation by C. V. Page, entitled "How I edited an agricultural newspaper," closed the literary program. It was well delivered and well received.

The debate was decided in the affirmative.

## S. U. I. Wins. 11 to 3.

Our basket ball team defeated the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. team at Rock Island last night by a score of 11 to 3. The position of our players were: center, Bailey; right center, Donohoe; left center, Hutchinson; right forward, Cerney; left forward, Kalenberg; right guard, Howell; left guard, Kelly. Our team work was excellent. Howell played a phenomenal game at right guard. The Rock Island team plays a return game next Saturday night.

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It is generally known that the Hawkeye will be out in the course of the next two weeks, but it may not be so generally known that the bills for printing, engraving, etc., are in some instances now due. The publication of the book costs a great deal of money, and as the work is under the direction of students they are compelled to devise means of supporting the enterprise financially. It has uniformly been the custom of the various organizations and classes of the University to furnish that support in part through paying for cuts, etc. The classes this year have taken the usual interest in the matter, and the cuts of which we have seen the proofs will prove eminently satisfactory. Now this being true we urge upon the various classes interested to pay as soon as convenient in order that the Board may liquidate its debts as fast as they become due. The Board this year has undertaken somewhat more than any of its predecessors, and that fact lends force to the necessity of promptness in payment. The book, it now appears, will be an excellent one. Most of the copies, if not all, are spoken for, but even with the aid of cash payment for the issue when completed the Board will be unable to meet obligations unless the various organizations that have had their cuts printed pay promptly.

It is an old theory that too much pleasure becomes painful. It is not often in the life of a newspaper, however, that this old adage can be verified. We have never known of an instance where a college journal reached a stage where joy became unbearable, in spite of the fact of the great susceptibility of the authors of such publications to even a hint of approbation. Few of the subjects of newspaperdom expire from exuberant admiration, its deadly effect, notwith-

standing. We modestly admit a compliment as follows: Some of our patrons (long may they live) have informed us that divers persons living in the same house with them have formed the pernicious habit of taking said patron's copy of the VIDETTE-REPORTER from the mail box or hall where it is placed by the carrier, and have not only read it but (unselfishly) carried it to their roommate and then forgotten to replace it. We do not begrudge those individuals any of the pleasure they received, and we are truly grateful for the compliment conferred, yet we believe that they can see that an injustice is done the patrons, and we hereby request the transgressor to desist. We are always ready and willing to furnish any desiring them with copies, and would rather donate a copy to those who are either unwilling or unable to cease indulging in these practices than have our delivery interfered with.

During the next semester President C. K. Adams, of the University of Wisconsin, will give a course of lectures on the "Rise of Prussia." His sign is to show the principal forces that have contributed to advance this great nation from its early beginnings to its condition at the present day.

Astronomical matters are given due prominence in the *North American Review* for February, Professor C. A. Young, of the Princeton observatory, under the head of "The Newest Telescope," giving a succinct description of the great Yerkes telescope, which is destined to bring the heavenly bodies nearer, optically, to the observer, than any instrument yet erected in any part of the world. "Lake Nemi's Mysterious Wreck" forms the subject of a most delightful paper, by Professor Rodolfo Lanciani, the story of the efforts made to raise the sunken wreck from the bottom of Lake Nemi reading like an enthralled romance. The second installment of "The Future Life and the Condition of Man Therein," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, also appears in this number. Public interest is outspoken regarding this wonderful exhibition of mental strength and scholarship by England's venerable statesman, and the continuation of these articles is eagerly looked forward to.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

Harper, D. '97, has returned.

Polygon initiated Selma Stempel Thursday evening.

Jean Bishop is suffering from an attack of "la grippe."

F. C. Neal was initiated into Irving Institute last night.

Sauls, D. '96, is recovering from a severely sprained ankle.

W. L. Mason, '95, is renewing University acquaintanceships.

A large party of Davenport people came up to attend the guild party

Prince Sawyer, M. '95, has gone to Cripple Creek, Col., to practice medicine.

Miss Baughman is being detained from recitation with trouble with her eyes.

L. M. Freeman is enjoying a visit from his father, P. G. Freeman, of Independence.

Messrs. Van Ness, Washburn and Kitzenger were elected to membership in the Hammond Law Senate last night.

The Zetagathians have extended to the Hesperians an invitation to a reception to be given on Tuesday night of next week.

At the Schoolmasters' Club, Herbert Dorcas gave an interesting and thorough discussion in a paper entitled "Do we understand each other?"

Last night at Irving Institute G. T. Briggs, L. A. Swisher and W. T. Evans were chosen to represent the society in the debate with the Philomatheans.



Mrs. Cook, Misses Spelletich, Barnard, Gilman and Edna Gilman, of Davenport, were in attendance at the Guild party.

The *Ariel*, published by the University of Minnesota, in a recent number contained an excellent review of John V. Crum's work in athletics during the past year.

The leading Thursday morning dailies all over the United States contained notices of Dr. Andrews' successful experiment in Roentgen's "dark light" photography.

Professor James A. Rohbach has been recommissioned an aide-de-camp by Governor Drake, with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel as before. Will Larrabee was similarly honored.

The question which will be the subject for the debate in the Hesperian-Erodelphian contest, of Feb. 29, is "Resolved, that the Federal Government should not establish and maintain a university." The argument will be supported by the Erodelphians and denied by the Hesperians.

Senator Ranck on Tuesday introduced two bills in the Senate; one providing for an annual tax of 3-10 mills for the permanent support of the State University and to provide for the erection of necessary buildings therefor; the other makes an appropriation for the running expenses of the State University.

**College Notes.**

A fund is being raised for the establishment at Princeton of a School of Music, for the study of musical composition, theory and history.

The College of Engineers in the University of Wisconsin has recently received numerous gifts from various manufacturing companies. Among the most recent are valuable examples of electrical apparatus by the Ft. Wayne Electric corporation, the General Electric Co., Standard Electric Co., and many others.

The University of Chicago Weekly has selected an all-western eleven chosen from the five teams which have played in Chicago during the season of '95 as follows: Ends, Senter, Michigan, and Harrison, Minnesota; tackles, Hinniger and Villa, Michigan; guards, Hall, Michigan, and Larson, Minnesota; center, Allen, C., half-backs, Van Dusen and Potter, Northwestern; full-back, Bloomington, Michigan.

The charges by Casper Whitney of professionalism in western college athletics has stirred up some feeling at Ann Arbor, and at a meeting of the board of control recently it was decided to try and arrange a convention of western colleges at an early date to make some rules in regard to the governing of athletics and see that they are strictly enforced. The board proposes a rule, which defines a professional as "one who is engaged in coaching or plays for financial gain."

The practical character of scientific investigation carried on at the University of Wisconsin is shown by the results of experiments carried on for some time by Doctors True and Kalenberg. As reported in a paper before the Wisconsin Academy of Arts and Sciences, these gentlemen have discovered the element in poisonous substances that is really destructive, and also the element in antidotes that prevents destructive action. This discovery, if fully established, will put our knowledge respecting poisons and antidotes on a new basis, and harmonize the various discoveries already made.



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