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The University Buildings.

The following editorial appeared in a recent issue of the Daily Republican, and expresses the sentiments not only of the citizens of Iowa City but of the student body as well:

"Since it has been practically settled that the University is to have a number of new buildings many of the prominent citizens of Iowa City have expressed a desire to see the state erect buildings that will contain something of structural beauty as well as be convenient and commodious. When the state erected the chemical laboratory it seemed to have discarded all the principles of architectural beauty and built the roomiest and most barn-like structure which could be done for the money. There was considerable improvement in this respect when the Dental and Homeopathic buildings were erected, although there is far from being an elaborate display of architectural design in either of these. The need for more commodious apartments had become so pressing that the temptation to sacrifice a large amount of room could not be overcome.

"The next buildings that are to be erected, and especially the new Collegiate building and the Library and Museum, as two of them will undoubtedly be, should be built with something of an effort at architectural beauty and design. It will cost a little more to secure an architect of some national reputation, but the item of cost in this respect should not form such a conspicuous part.

The people of Iowa City do not wish to appear dictatorial in this matter, and certainly no one will accuse them of being such when it is known that they simply desire to see buildings erected that will be pleasing to the eye of the public as well as furnish ample room for their various purposes.

The people of Iowa City are in a certain sense the hosts of the many visitors who come here to see the University, and only those who have experienced it are able to comprehend the feeling of humiliation that comes over one when he is obliged to point out a number of the University buildings that are absolutely devoid of anything like artistic beauty. It is often said that first impressions are lasting ones. The numerous visitors who drop into our city during the year, and especially during that part of the year when the University is not in session, form their opinions largely from the appearance of the various buildings. In such instances the chemical laboratory and even the old south building come in for their share of the responsibility, and the impressions which they would leave certainly can not be very desirable when there is no building with anything like an elaborate display of architectural beauty to counteract the effect.

It certainly would not be a poor investment for the state to make when it erects the new buildings to see that the matter of architecture is given a prominent place. It will add to the influence of the University by making it more attractive. It has been customary to sacrifice beauty for

utility in almost every instance when new buildings were erected and it is exceedingly doubtful if it has been good policy; it certainly would not be to continue it in the future. The Regents should not accept the design of him who will furnish it the cheapest but see that it is done by some one who possesses an eye for architectural beauty and whose national reputation will sustain him as such.

Wisconsin-Yale Boat Race.

The announcement that Yale had arranged for a two-mile eight-oared race between her Freshman crew and the university crew of the University of Wisconsin was received with satisfaction by both graduates and undergraduates. When the college opened the chances for Yale being able to arrange a race for Freshmen seemed still more uncertain than did the prospects for a race for the 'varsity. The scheme for the latter to go to England was not new, and the managers of the navy well knew that any plan of this kind would be received with favor. The case of the Freshmen was different, and no rivals for them seemed to be in sight, until some one suggested a race with the Wisconsin crew. The latter plan at once met with favor, but it seemed impracticable, owing to the great distance that intervened between the two universities. The Wisconsin crew, however, was anxious to come east, and received Yale's invitation with favor.

Several of Yale's oarsmen have seen considerable of the Wisconsin oarsmen and they believe they are capable of rowing a very fast race. They have made some remarkably fast time, and if their distances are correct, should be able to row as fast as the very best Freshman crews that Yale has ever produced. If the westerners can do this they will certainly be able to whip the Yale Freshmen, for the prospects for a fast Freshmen crew this year are very poor. The candidates this year are unusually small and very few of them have had any experience to speak of in rowing. J. H. Knapp, who coached the winning Freshmen eight of last year, has taken charge of the Freshmen, and has gone through the list of candidates several times in search of available material, with but poor success. A regular eight has not yet been decided upon, but will be within the next few days, by which time it is hoped that the ice will have cleared away sufficiently to enable Coach Knapp to get the Freshmen out in a working barge for regular practice on Lake Whitney.

The Yale navy have made arrangements to give the Wisconsin crew the use of the boathouse at Lake Saltonstall, and also for training table accommodations for them. The Wisconsin oarsmen expect to arrive in the east a week or probably more before the race in order to get accustomed to the course on Lake Saltonstall and to the change of climate. Yale men who have seen the Wisconsin crew row describe their style of oarsmanship as being much like that of the crack Atlanta crew of New York, which was so badly defeated in the

New Haven harbor by the Yale 'varsity in 1890. The Atlanta oarsmen devoted all their attention to perfect blade work and paid no attention to body work. The Yale 'varsity, it will be remembered, rowed from the Atlantans, even after Capt. Allen broke his oar and jumped overboard, at the end of the first mile and a half of the race.—New Haven correspondent of Daily Cardinal.

Hesperian Reception.

On Saturday evening, at their hall in the south building, the Hesperians held their anniversary. For several years past they have celebrated this anniversary with a banquet, but on this occasion, departing from the custom of their predecessors, they entertained the members of the several collegiate literary societies and the Faculty. Two hundred and fifty invitations were issued, and fully two hundred reported.

To avoid confusion there were three sets of hours. From seven to nine the Erodelphians and Irvings were the guests; from eight to ten the Faculty and their wives, if they had any; from nine to eleven the Zetagathians and the Philomatheans. Time passed very rapidly in company with such entertained hostesses and all too soon the hour for departure came.

The hall looked especially pretty with the decorations of corn and wine festooned from pillar to pillar; its palms and plants to add freshness to the scene and piano lamps to shed soft radiance around. In one corner of the hall, screened from the "rude gaze of the common herd," a dining table stood, where light refreshments were served.

A large punch bowl, always full, welled forth abundant streams of delicious frappe to the thirsty. The whole affair was a very happy and enjoyable one, and the hostesses have reason to feel proud of the success of their undertaking.

Senior Class Meeting.

At a meeting of the Senior class on Monday evening the various standing committees made reports.

The Committee on Class Emblems reported in favor of a class pin.

Helen Currier was appointed chairman and Earl Tompkins of the Memorial Committee, to take the place of Lester Jackson, former chairman.

The Social Committee announced a class social, to be given in the near future.

The Class Day Committee reported as follows: Class Songs, Mary Barrett; Advice to Juniors, Lester Jackson; Orator, Mr. Van Law; Poem, Lulu Holson. Other features to be more definitely reported later. On Wednesday evening an entertainment will be given in the Opera House, but it has not as yet been definitely arranged for.

College Notes.

The Athletic Board of Control has finally come to a decision on the rules to govern athletics in western college contests, proposed at the Chicago convention on Feb. 8. It was decided, at the meeting at Ann Arbor, to adopt all the rules, which are

materially the same as those that have been in existence, except the following, which were voted to be unnecessary, the gist of which is:

1. No one shall participate in any intercollegiate game unless he is a bona fide student, doing full work in a regular or special course.

2. No student shall participate in any collegiate contest who has ever used or is using his knowledge of athletics for gain.

3. No student shall participate in any intercollegiate contest after any year who has not been in residence at least six months of the preceding year of the course.

Professor Geo. L. McLean has been installed as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln. He succeeds Dr. James H. Canfield, who is now President of the Ohio State University. The installation ceremonies were conducted by C. H. Morrill, President of the University Board of Regents, who presented the new Chancellor with the charter of the institution and the University colors, crimson and white. Chancellor McLean came to Nebraska from the University of Minnesota, where he was professor of literature.

In these days when wealth is poured out with such a lavish hand on the older institutions of the country, we in Nebraska are apt to grow somewhat impatient. But when we turn back to the records of these same colleges, our impatience is turned into astonishment that we have progressed so rapidly as we have. Think of Yale University in her first year with one lone student and a single teacher paid \$100 for his year's services. The second year brought the enormous number of eleven students. But not till fifteen years later was the first building erected, a frame structure 21x165 feet and 30 feet high, on a lot costing \$50. Its library numbered 76 volumes, and its president received the magnificent salary of \$600. Brown University also was the proud possessor of a single student during her first year. At her first commencement, four years later, her total enrollment was thirteen, while her president was obliged to content himself with \$300 per annum, and even this was obtained with difficulty by continual begging and reluctant contributions. Harvard University, starting in an out of the way place in the woods with a fund of \$4,000, had a similar experience, being for a number of years hardly more than an elementary school for Indians. Our ancestors were not surprised at this, in fact they considered slow growth the proper thing. Compared with these our progress has been astonishingly great. Let us then possess our souls in patience, and remember that "All things come to him who waits."—The Volante.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Associations, last Sunday, a retrospect of the past year was given by the president, W. H. Clark, and a talk on the prospects of the work of the association, by W. C. Keeler, who has been elected president for ensuing term. It is hoped that the good attendance at this meeting may be but a sample for the entire term.

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The various defeats of the University of Chicago in debates this year demonstrates that though every element be conducive to success in such undertakings, save thorough and systematic organization, it is almost impossible to win. Though the last defeat encountered by Chicago is no matter of surprise it serves to emphasize the evidence of lack of systematic work so evident in the other contests. While this does not materially concern us we should keep before us the fact that our own success has in the past depended upon a system of training in preliminary and inter-society debates. We hope the plan will be carried out as formed and that no matter of trivial importance will be allowed to prevent a thorough development.

Some means should certainly be found of reducing the expense of our home debates, as that feature of them is very unpromising, but even if that cannot be done every effort should be made to increase their number and efficiency.

In connection with the subject it might be well to urge early action in preparing for next year. There can be no doubt that our representatives will be in much better position to win if they are chosen early in the fall term, and that can be done only by making preparations this spring. We hope the interest so manifest throughout the year will steadily increase, and urge early action.

The weather the past few days has been such that the base ball and track teams have begun active and regular practice. With the aid and co-operation of the student-body there is no reason why we can not have winning team in the field this season. The outlook for a good base ball team is especially bright; the only question

being that of finances, and if the students give the base ball management the support they deserve this difficulty will be easily overcome.

It remains with the students as a body to decide whether or not we shall have a representative track team at the Dual and State meets. We have the material in the University, and with the new track with its many advantages, it is to be hoped that more than usual interest will be taken in track athletics.

Captain Allison and Manager Hayes have, are, and judging from the past we have every reason to believe that they will, put forth their best efforts to have a strong team to represent us in the various meets. But if we make the showing that we should, it is necessary that there be more candidates for the places on the team. The park is near at hand so that the excuse of walking a mile or two in order to reach the track can not be urged. Many cannot do anything in athletics for the simple reason that they have never tried. Self-confidence, nerve, and pure grit, are some of the requisites necessary to make the athlete as well as to make a man successful in other lines of work. Jo Williams, of '97's track team, is an illustration of this. He thought he could do nothing in any of the events, but after considerable urging Chantland was able to get him out at the track, and six weeks later he won the walk in the State meet. He was small in stature, but was a conscientious worker and full of grit, and beat men who had trained for two and three years.

Another thing should not be forgotten. These contests are not won by obtaining first places in the contest. Every man can not be a star, and loyalty to our University should see that we have men to take second and third places.

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Fact and Rumor.

R. P. Kepler, L. '96, returned yesterday.

Harriette Holt has sprained her other ankle.

Griggs, L. '97, returned to the University yesterday.

Spensley, L. '96, and Carpenter, L. '96, arrived to-day.

Miss Bicknell, of Humbolt, is the guest of Mary Colson.

The base ball benefit ball will occur next Monday evening.

Margaret Van Metre returned from Chicago Saturday night.

The first drill of this term was held on the campus yesterday.

Frank Capell has been appointed to a sergeant's place in the battalion.

The Freshman Erodelphians have changed the plans for their entertainment.

The Freshman girls preliminary declamatory contest will take place Friday afternoon.

Judge Wade began his lectures on the law of Evidence to a large class yesterday afternoon.

Cunningham, L. '96, who has been teaching school the past winter, is back with his class.

Miss Gertrude Hood, of Cornell College, is visiting her brother, who is in the Dental Department.

Misses Agnes Hayes and Lilian Harriman have been added to Hesperian's membership list.

Miss Zue Kostomlatsky, C. '95, of the Waterloo high school, is spending a part of her spring vacation in the city.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAVER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

The regular meeting of the Missionary Circle will be held at Close Hall at 6:45 Wednesday evening.

John Tuttle, ex-'96, now a jolly drummer, spent Sunday in the city visiting old acquaintances.

Professor Wilson lectured to his Junior class Monday on poetry, German verse and its composition.

Ruby Baughman, who has been spending her vacation in Jefferson, returned to the University Saturday.

Mr. Hurley, L. '96, has returned to finish with his class. He has been reading in an office since last spring.

All members are earnestly requested to be present at the regular business meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at 4:30 Wednesday.

Miss Emma Novak, C. '99, and F. E. Thompson, L. '96, were united in marriage last week; the VIDETTE-REPORTER offers congratulations and its best wishes.

Charles Smith, who has spent most all the past three years collecting in Nicaragua and Mexico, for the botanical department, is expected to return in about two weeks.

A special to yesterday's Daily Republican from Des Moines, from J. W. Richards, says: "The conference committee has allowed the University \$46,000 for the biennial period instead of \$33,500, as reported."

Hesperians at their last business meeting elected spring officers as follows: President, Ella Jones; Vice-President, Mary Hornbrook; Corresponding Secretary, Gertrude Preston; Recording Secretary, Mary Kelly; Critic, Amy Zimmerman; June Orator, Margaret Van Metre.

Although the canvass for Close Hall is progressing quietly, it is not without assurance that a sufficient amount will be subscribed to carry out the plans of the associations in remodeling and equipping the building in such a way as to render better service, in every department, to those who frequent Close Hall. It is desired that it shall be understood by all, however, that nothing can be done in the way of improvement until all the debts of the associations are paid.

Notice.

The committees appointed for the Close Hall canvass from the Law Department and the Junior and Senior classes of the Collegiate Department, will meet at 1 p. m. Thursday, April 2nd.

The Review of Reviews for March presents, in compact form, the most valuable material yet available concerning the new process of photography by cathode rays. A translation of Professor Roentgen's own account of his discovery is given, together with a portrait, a reproduction of a photograph of a living hand taken with the "X rays" at Hamburg, Germany, and other illustrations. An enlightening article on "The Government of France and Its Recent Changes" appears in this number, from the pen of Baron de Coubertin, a Frenchman who enjoys an intimate acquaintance with American institutions, and is therefore able to adapt himself to American readers.

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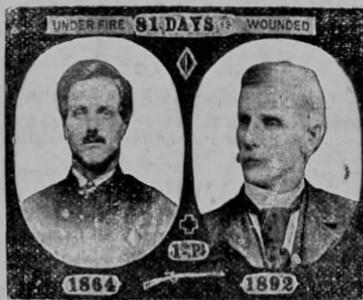
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