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The Henley Regatta.

Unusual attention is centered upon this year's Henley regatta from the fact that more than ever before it will partake of an international character. In addition to the entry of the Yale crew, there are entries from rowing clubs in Holland, France and Germany. It is also hoped that the famous Argonaut club, of Toronto, will again cross the Atlantic and compete. In consequence, the officials are making preparations for what will undoubtedly be a record year. J. F. Cooper, secretary of the regatta committee, said:

"Nothing could have given the committee more satisfaction than the entry of a crew from Yale. They are so well known to all English athletes by reason of their contests that they will be welcomed with open arms, and will receive every possible attention. As yet the Yale men have made no arrangements for quarters. I can suggest nothing better than the same house, Underwood, which Cornell occupied last year. It is high and well drained, a most essential factor in our relaxing climate.

"I would suggest that, in addition to the eight-oar crew, Yale enter a four-oar crew for the Steward's cup. The Cornell crew, last year, frequently expressed their regret that they had not entered for this race. If Yale should bring fourteen men, a four-oared crew could easily be made up from her eight, and, in addition, her substitutes could form a junior four-oared crew, and compete for the Wyfold cup.

"There has been no important change in the rules for this year. In fact, the only change is that the time of entry for the Dutch, French, and German crews has been extended to June 1. This is allowed because the presidents of these various rowing organizations assure the Henley officials that the crews so entered are simply amateurs, and the officials take their word for it. Each of these associations will enter a crew for this summer.

"We are especially anxious to have the Argonaut club of Toronto again compete at Henley. A more gentlemanly crew or more thorough sportsmen never entered here. They made the race of the year. Mr. Thompson, of that crew, assured me that they would come again this year, and I sincerely hope they may."

The general opinion of watermen is that the short, sharp stroke will not do for the Henley course. One of these, Jackson, the famous old waterman, who has seen all the contests for many years, said:

"The Henley course is a difficult one. Although only a mile and five furlongs in length, it is all dead water, with no suspicion of a tide, and it takes an unusual amount of extra muscular strength to row over it. Old Oxford and Cambridge boating men say that it does them up more completely than work on the longer course from Putney to Morlake, which has the advantage of a strong tide. I do not think any crew can ever win here which does not employ the long and even stroke. Take Cornell, for instance. This was the pret-

tiest crew I ever saw in a boat. They sat, straight and trim, one behind the other, like soldiers on parade. But their quick stroke pumped them out. Every one of the other crews last year pulled a long and deep stroke. Almost every conceivable style of rowing has been tried here, but only one has been successful.

"Regarding the climate, I think two or three weeks is as long a time as any crew should be here prior to a race. Most of the English crews used to train here for five or six weeks. You will find they do not do so now. They usually come about ten days before the regatta.

"Another thing about this dead water: In it it is essential that when a boat is once started it should keep its momentum and go straight along. At Henley there is no advantage of tide to aid this. In the race between Cornell and Trinity, the former boat, propelled by the short stroke, seemed to stop between the time the blade was taken from the water and again put in, while Trinity's boat went along at the same pace from start to finish."

In the town itself many preparations are being made for the forthcoming event. The hotels are being redecorated, and have already arranged for the extra influx of patronage which they will enjoy. Among the many improvements that are in contemplation is the building of a large boat and club house for the Leander Boat Club. This will be located on the east bank of the river, a short distance below the picturesque stone bridge.—Ex.

Documentary History of Iowa.

Numbers 3 and 4 of the Documentary History of Iowa, edited by Dr. B. F. Shambaugh, has just emerged from the press of the Iowa Historical Society. Vol. 3 contains besides the introduction by the editor, the various acts by which territorial organization of the Northwest was accomplished. Vol. 4 contains "An Act Establishing the Territorial Government of Wisconsin," "An Act for laying off the towns of Ft. Madison, Burlington, Dubuque and Peru," and amendments to same, and "An Act of Congress Approving and Confirming three Acts of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin Relative to Incorporations of Banks." The collection of these historical documents relative to the commonwealth of Iowa, is certainly a work to which is important, and it is very ably conducted by Dr. Shambaugh. The amount of time and labor involved is not small, and the Historical Society is fortunate in having it so satisfactorily done.

Sawyer Prize Rules.

The following are the rules governing the contest for the "Sawyer Prize," as announced by Professor Wauchope:

1. Any student of the University may compete.
2. The subject of the essay must be "The Rise of Literature in the West."
3. The essay must consist of not less than three thousand words.
4. The essay must be handed in to the Professor of English not later than May 12th.

5. Each MS. must be signed simply with a pen name, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer.

6. The MS. must not be rolled nor folded, and must be written on every other page.

7. The medal or money will be awarded to the best essay; the second and the third best will receive "honorable mention."

"A Review of Canadian Affairs," by J. W. Russell, in the last number of the Review of Reviews, suggests and answers several interesting inquiries relative to the political and other concerns of the Dominion. The main issues of the approaching general elections—the protective tariff and the Manitoba school question—are concisely defined, economic conditions are described, and proposed reforms are clearly outlined. Mr. W. T. Stead tells the story of the man who went to Cape Colony for his health and remained to become the "Napoleon of Africa."

The new decree in France regarding French universities will doubtless turn many of our foreign students from Germany to France. Heretofore a student had to do all his college and university work at a French university to get a doctorate, and as a result there are not half a dozen men in the United States holding doctorates from France. German universities were much more liberal in that they recognized work done in American colleges. Now French universities are even more liberal than German, for besides recognizing work done elsewhere they grant students a certificate of work done and then let them hand in their theses and obtain their doctorate at leisure, while German universities give a doctorate or nothing, and this only after three years of resident work.

College Notes.

The house has recently passed the bill of the Virginia senate, authorizing the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to issue \$200,000 bonds, to repair the loss by the late fire at that institution.

The annual spring games of the Yale University Athletic Association will be held on May 2, at New Haven.

The athletic team of the University of California has received a telegram from the Harvard team accepting a challenge to meet on May 23.

Chicago University will graduate its first class next June. A meeting of those who expect a bachelor's degree was called recently to organize the first Senior class in the undergraduate work.

The faculty athletic committee of the University of Pennsylvania have decided to prohibit the entire base ball team, with two exceptions, from representing Pennsylvania in future athletic contests, because they played on "summer nines." The exceptions are Captain Blakely, who was declared eligible, and Grey, whose case has not yet been considered.

A mahogany prize bat is offered by a member of the Harvard base ball

team of '96, to the player on this year's nine making the best batting record. An ebony prize bat is offered by a member of the '77 nine for the largest total of sacrifice hits. The third prize bat is offered by a member of '78 nine to the player scoring the largest number of runs.

The annual meet of the Intercollegiate Association of Track Athletes of America will be held at Mott Haven, as usual, in the latter part of May. The trial heats will be held the day before the finals. The order of events at the regular meet is proposed as follows: Track—100 yards dash, semi-final; 120 yards hurdle, semi-final; 440 yards dash; one-mile run; 120 yards hurdle, final; 120 yards dash, final; one mile walk; half mile run; 220 yards hurdles, semi-final; three-mile run; 220 yards dash, final. Field—Throwing the hammer; pole vault, final; running high jump, final; running broad jump, final; putting the shot, final.

Miss Ida H. Hyde, who graduated from Cornell University in 1892, has been highly honored by receiving from the University of Heidelberg the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Science. Only once before in the history of this renowned university has a doctor's degree been granted to a woman. Miss Hyde has been doing considerable original scientific investigation, and the doctorate was granted to her principally on the basis of her excellent theses.

The interest aroused in the colleges all over the country in regard to civil service reform is taking root at Ann Arbor. The committee appointed to make arrangements looking toward the organization of a civil service reform club, held a meeting Saturday afternoon, and formed a permanent organization under the name of the Good Government Club. It is believed that this name will give the club a wider field, and it is making plans for aggressive work in the matter of national, state and municipal reform. The club will be affiliated with the college civil service reform clubs, notwithstanding the change of name.

The Harvard crew took to the river for the first time yesterday, and Dr. Mumford appeared as coach. Their style of rowing was the same as Watson had coached them in, despite rumors that Mumford had changed it.

A. B. Foote, Yale '96, Malcom Chace, Yale '96, and W. A. Larned, will represent the United States in the English championship tennis tournament at Wimbledon next July.

In fulfillment of their promise the students of California University turned out and spent several days' labor cleaning rubbish from the campus and building walks. This display of college spirit gave the school and the students an immense amount of free and favorable advertisement.

We hasten to correct a statement of our publication of March 31, in which we gave notice of the marriage of Miss Emma Novak and F. E. Thompson, L. '96. D. P. Thomas, L. '96, was the one on whom fortune smiled.

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Nothing presents more difficulties in general in the undertaking of any enterprise than the financial weight of the matter. It is of course impossible to be very successful in matters requiring funds unless, in some way or other, the funds are forthcoming. Athletics, of course, is no exception to the rule, and it seems that the general importance of athletics should attract the attention of students to the matter of furnishing capital.

There seems a good prospect for an excellent base ball team this year, so far as we may now judge. There should be no lack of enthusiasm in furnishing the financial support needed. What we wish especially to call attention to at the present time is the effort which is being made to aid the team. The benefit, as is quite generally known, is to occur next Monday evening. The matter is of sufficient importance to demand every one's attention, and we trust that all who are in a position to do so will in every way contribute aid to the undertaking. It will be readily recognized that unless the required capital is furnished by some means we can not hope for much in the line of base ball. In view of the importance which is attached to this game, whether justly or not, it will be readily seen that there is an obligation resting upon all who are able to supplement the efforts of those who are leading in the matter.

The position of instructor in undoubtedly a trying one to fill successfully, and the more so from the fact that in order to be considered successful it is necessary to please a great variety of judges. The varying opinion of students as to the comparative merit of different professors testifies to the truth of the assertion that no

rule can possibly be given which would insure success to the pedagogue. But impossible as the construction of such a rule might be, and improper as might appear its promulgation here, even if it could be made, we feel called upon to remark that in many respects the conduct of a teacher should not be dissimilar to that which he expects and is in a position to enforce from his pupils. We fail to see in the differences of position between these parties any license for conduct expressing other than relation of teacher and pupil. The courage which prompts insolence in a student is certainly not of a high order, but it ranks somewhat above that characteristic which makes possible the same kind of conduct in a teacher. The one acts unbecomingly, knowing he will suffer perhaps, while the other has the satisfaction of a coward in knowing he can act as he pleases and remain safe. It is a human characteristic, perhaps, to enjoy saying those things which sound "smart," and of course it is a prerogative of most any one so to do if he feels so inclined and is well supplied with "smartness." It is, however, a fact which is very important in this connection, that efforts at a display of wit, or ability to say "smart things," are easily successful, no matter who tries it, if only he be in a position to enforce silence as a rejoinder. This is a general truth applicable everywhere, but we doubt whether it can receive more forcible illustration than in the relations of student and professor.

The outlook for athletics at the University of Wisconsin is quite promising. The track team is doing regular work and some good new material has been brought out, in addition to the older athletes, who are certain to represent the university in the intercollegiate contests in the spring. A special coach has been secured in the person of Mr. A. Cragin, of Minneapolis, who will soon begin his work with the athletes. The base ball prospects are more encouraging than for several years. Charles Newman, of the Detroit team, has been coaching the players indoors and assisting them in getting into general good condition for the spring games. An extensive schedule has been arranged and many good games promised. The crew is doing faithful work under the care of Captain Alexander and Coach O'Dea. Several important races have been arranged. The regular work in physical culture is being vigorously pushed by Dr. Elsom and his assistant, Mr. Rohn. A great gain in physical strength and in increased muscular proportions is being shown by the physical examinations. The gymnasium work is beginning to show itself a necessity in college life, and is proving to be one of the most valuable adjuncts to the student career. The scheme of physical exercise is planned to go hand in hand with the process of mental development.

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Fact and Rumor.

Hobbs returned Wednesday.

Miss Birknell visited classes Wednesday.

Hattie Holt is able to resume her work again.

Dr. Chase is in the city attending to his hospital duties.

Miss Bertha Horack entertained the Pi Phi Tuesday evening.

Instructor Beardsley failed to meet his Junior class Tuesday morning.

Professor Calvin is in Des Moines attending to his duties as State geologist.

The Italian Band, of Chicago, has been secured for the Junior Promenade.

Athletes, and others as well, regret that Howell will not be with us this term.

The Pi Phi had a spread at the home of Mabel Foster Wednesday night.

Mr. Shimek is able to be around again, though he can not resume his work for a few days.

Professor Patrick's classes did not recite yesterday owing to his absence on the Extension Course.

Mrs. Margaret Williams Cooper, C. 93, who has been living in Britt, will take up her residence in Iowa City.

The many friends of F. W. Beckman will regret to learn that he will not be in the University this term to graduate with '96.

The '97 Hawkeye Board held a meeting last night, transacting some important business and receiving reports from the financial management.

Miss Leah Mills, who has been doing post-graduate work in the Dental Department, will leave on Friday for her home in Perry, Ill. She will soon go to Kearney, Neb., to establish an office.

Mrs. Charles A. Schaeffer won the prize offered by the Midland Monthly Magazine Publishing Co for the best original short story. Her story appears in the April number of the Midland, and is entitled "Aunt Leatitia's Wedding."

On the first Saturday in June County Superintendent Stevenson will give a competitive examination, in which any young lady or gentleman may enter. President Schaeffer and the Faculty have provided that the one passing the best examination will be entitled to a scholarship in the University, with two extra years if the student has to work his or her way through.

The date for the closing of entries for the Olympic games was postponed to March 31. This extension causes some of the English university athletes to take part. "Old Blue," in the Sporting Life of March 18, advocates the sending of a strong English team over to assist at such a gigantic enterprise, and one so deserving of support. Jordan, of Oxford, and Fitz Herbert, of Cambridge, who by their recent correspondence must be running very well, would have a big chance of avenging their defeat by Burke in the 440 yards at the international games last fall. At the Worcester College sports, Oxford University, Jordan won the 220-yard strangers' handicap from the scratch in the fast time of 19 4/5 sec., but as there was a stiff breeze at his back he will not get credit for a performance which equals the record. By winning the 440 yards at the Oxford vs. Cambridge sports in 49 3/5 sec., Fitz Herbert has evidently regained the form which his visit to this country last September robbed him of, and some great racing should be seen this summer at 440 yards between himself, Bredin and Jordan.

At the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association of England, held in London on March 14, several new records were passed, including J. M. Roan's British high jump of 6 feet 4 1/2 inches, and W. J. M. Barry's record of 137 feet 8 1/2 inches for throwing the sixteen-pound shot; add the following walking records: Two miles in 13m. 44s., and eleven miles in 1h. 29m. 32 2-5s., by J. W. Sturgis; thirteen miles in 1h. 45m. 6 4-5s.; fourteen miles in 1h. 53m. 36 2-5s., and fifteen miles in 2h 2m. 57 4-5s., by E. Knott.

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