Our Band.

Of the many organizations that have represented the University to the outside world, perhaps none are destined for more appreciation than our band. Wherever it has gone abroad it has left a mark of respect for the musical organization whose members conducted themselves as gentlemen. However favorably it may have impressed the general public it is nevertheless true that within the memory of most of the students this part of the battalion has endured much severe criticism at home.

The excellent appearance of the band this year has wrought a great change in the local sentiment toward it. This has been a source of much hard work. Much credit is due to the faithful efforts of the director, Mr. E. J. Gaines, who possesses both musical talent and the ability to interest all in the work; two very essential characteristics of every successful leader. Mr. Gaines has recently composed a selection entitled "Firewall" for S. C. I.

It adds a rare number to the band's present stock of music, and never fails to please.

The band member greatly strengthened by the addition of two slide trombones players, and by Mr. McClelland, a solo cornetist with the orchestra prepared for an oratorio, and among the subjects of the oratorio were: "Polly of Netherland," "Napoleon," "Overture of Daily," "Oliver Crowell," "Charles Sumner," "Benford American Theater," and "Victory of Peace.

In all the subjects of oratorial effort was not one relating to Iowa history, to any person or incident connected with the wonderful transformatory effect the American West had upon an empire of splendid states. Yet the oration on the "Polly of Netherland" was a marked success. It is possible there is no oratory pertaining to the things which have made up the history of our own state or section of the nation—Sioux City Journal.

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Questions that enter to the public and at the same time develop the teaching power of the orator for a greater and more lasting benefit would be the line of modern topics to enter the result of a carefully prepared oration on some subject of which the writer had some definite opinions. Such a forecast of the future fairly obvious would be replete with ideas worthy of a college orator. It is occasional that such an oration is asked, but it is not by exception rather than the rule. To be more explicit, orations on "The Englishman's Home is his Castle," and "The Cause of Industrial Depression," "The Possibilities of the American Farmer," might not be so excellent in the way of flourish and rhetoric, but would be natural and meriting of respect.

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The following extract from an Iowa journal, and comment on the same, is from the Daily Cardinal, Madison, Wis.:

"An oratorical contest between stu­dents of the respective colleges was recently held, and among the subjects of the oratorials were: "Polly of Netherland," "Napoleon," "Overture of Daily," "Oliver Crowell," "Charles Sumner," "Benford American Theater," and "Victory of Peace."

If the plans for the proposed courts were submitted and approved, there will be five courts in the lots east of the athletic park, which face Iowa Avenue. Four of these courts will be north and south courts, while the fifth will be east and west court. Under the proposed plans there will be ample room for spectators and the courts will be surrounded by twelve-foot woven wire fencing. If the association receives the many hundred members of which it is capable, everything can be furnished for the use and convenience of the players. The condition, of course, of the courts will be improved, in that everything can be turned into a wicket home.

If the band has been elected, as it is, to the honor of playing the American national anthem into an empire of splendid states, yet the oration on the "Polly of Netherland" was a marked success. It is possible there is no oratory pertaining to the things which have made up the history of our own state or section of the nation—Sioux City Journal.

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Tennis.

The tennis meeting which was held Chase House Tuesday evening was quite well attended, despite the inclemency of the weather, and considerable interest was displayed. The results were the following: Miss Alice Whitehouse and Miss Minnie Hodge, 3-0; Miss Cora Will and Miss Clara Miller, 6-0; Miss Alice Fothergill and Miss Ada Blass, 6-0; Miss Ada Blass and Miss Cora Will, 6-0; Miss Ada Blass and Miss Clara Miller, 6-0; Miss Cora Will and Miss Ada Blass, 6-0.

The title of the forthcoming issue of the Bulletin is "The University of Pennsylvania and the Future of Learning." The bulletin will be published in the fall of the year 1915 and will consist of articles by leading educators, philosophers, and scientists. The bulletin will be available for purchase at the University Bookstore.

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The University that is not detrimental to his fellow will not be excused and it might prove more useful to the public. The exercise of such an ability can be no doubt, except if not justified, by the fact that it pleases one individual and is not detrimental to his fellows.

The brief of debates published from time to time in the Harvard Crimson, and the evident advantage which comes from the conduct of debates under such circumstances as are present, seems to us particularly instructive. There can be no doubt that such a regular course of study in the art of debating would be far more beneficial than the arrangement we now pursue. It is quite true that the members of our Faculty, without exception, are always willing to give the benefit of their counsel to those who seek it, but, material as is the advantage thus derived, it does not measure with that which would come from regular and systematic work. We do not underestimate the value of practical experience, for indeed it is probable that it can not be substituted by anything else. Yet, if the efforts of the student were supplemented and strengthened by the systematic direction of men experienced in the work much more benefit would be acquired. The attempt made to conduct such a course last year was successful, and those who did work in it speak highly of it. We hope it may be revived and made even more successful in the future.

If indications may be trusted the University may now look forward to a period of more rapid growth than in any previous years of its history. Of this fact, there seems no reasonable doubt, and of the inevitable consequences of such a condition there is no question. There will probably be a large increase of attendance next year and thereafter. In connection with those well-known probabilities it should be remembered that under present conditions some of our facilities will be found insufficient. The efforts which are being made to increase the capacity of Close Hall are, in view of the above facts, matters of interest to all. It is not a probability of so imminent a nature that it need call for attention, that the State will soon fit to avail itself of the line of providing anything like a gymnasium, and it behoves us to do all in our power to render the present facilities more adequate to the demand. The means adopted for securing the required amount seems to be doing fairly well, and we trust will prove sufficient. No effort could be better calculated to serve the interests of the University than that which looks to the improvement of accomodations afforded at Close Hall. The association has done much for the University and is now in need of the support of those who have the interests of the institution at heart.

The comparatively inconsiderable place given to gymnasm athletic events we believe has operated against us in the past. Certainly its practical benefits have not received sufficient attention. The improvements contemplated will go far toward reconciling the difficulties complained of hereof and we trust will be possible through the means adopted for securing it.

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Fact and Rumor.

Fred Solomon returned Monday.

Phil Delta initiated Paisley, C. O., Saturday night.

B. C. Kilser returned to the University.

R. J. Russell returned to the University yesterday.

A. R. Wells was elected captain of the Junior Law base ball team.

Dr. Ed Lodge, who has located at Riverside, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Luskibn was called home Thursday afternoon, on account of the serious illness of her father.

Ethel Seid's sister, who has been visiting her during the week, left for her home in Manchester today.

The bill which gives the State University $40,000, passed the Senate and House yesterday, and now requires the Governor's signature to become operative.

W. R. Lumber, W. B. and Mrs. Bertha Horacek, 26, both of the Iowa City High School, left this afternoon to attend the declaration contest of this district, at Mus Pleasant.

Professor McBride's text book on botany has received very favorable criticism in this country and England. Many schools that have adopted it testify as to the merits of the work.

Herbert M. Prouty, of the class of 1896, died at Colorado Spring, Colo., April 1st, where he had gone from his home at Seymour, Texas, to recover his health. His remains were brought to Council Bluffs, his former home, for interment.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.
Friends of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Mann, class of '06, Medical Department, will regret to learn of the death of their little son, Horace, aged four years and five months and eight days.

The April number of the North American Review contains a symposium of decided political timeliness entitled, Governor Morton as a Presidential Candidate,” which is participated in by Ex-Senator C. T. Platt; the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew; Ex-Senator Warren Miller; Edward Lauterbach, and C. W. Hackett. Chrm. of New York State Republican Committee.

T. A. Richards, State Geologist of Colorado, under the title of “Gold Mining Activity in Colorado,” discusses the wide revival of gold mining in that State, and believes that Colorado has wrestled from California the honor of being the leading gold producing state of the Union. Special importance, at the present moment, attaches itself to a consideration of “The Raines Liquor-Tax Law,” as the Hon. J. Raines, the author of the famous measure, who succinctly points out its various objects and provisions. “The North Polar Problem” forms the theme of an admirably written article from the pen of Admiral A. H. Markham, R N. Admiral Markham admits that the North Polar Problem is one difficult of solution, but he is confident that it will not be very long before the Pole is actually reached. He regards the rumors of Nansen’s success as, in all probability, untrue.

College Notes.

The report of the treasurer of the Brown University Foot Ball Association shows a balance in the treasury of $308.67. This is the first time that foot ball has ever paid for itself at Brown.

The committee on education has reported a bill to the Massachusetts Senate authorizing the state treasurer to pay annually after September 1, 1896, to the treasurer of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute the sum of $3000 for the establishment of free scholarships in the school.

March 22d two gymnasium records were broken at Yale, another equalled, and a fourth was equalled within fifteen of a second. B. H. Hinckley, ’97, ran a mile in 4 minutes and 50 seconds, breaking his former record of 5 minutes 55 seconds. F. C. Thrall, ’98, walked a mile in 7 minutes, 10.45 seconds, breaking his former record of 7.57. W. Darrow, ’95, walked the mile in 7.22, equalizing Thrall’s record of last year. D. Sage, ’97, ran a half mile in 1:52 1-5, 1.5 slower than Boardman’s record of 2.12.

Cornell’s new shell, which was ordered of P. Rough, of Oxford, England, had summer, has arrived in Ithaca. The dimensions of the shell are 62 feet 4 inches long, 25 inches beam, 41 inches deep at bow, and 31 at stern. The length is a little greater than the average American boat, but it is the narrowest shell in Cornell’s stock.

The seats are arranged away from the center on the side of the shell, the man rows, the four port men being on a line on one side, and the four starboard men lined up on the other. The cost of the shell, including transportation and duties, is $60.00. This is the finest English boat ever used by an American college crew, and marks a departure from the lines of American ships.