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The Battalion Abroad.

Through the courtesy of Major Vogdes, a representative of the VIDETTE-REPORTER accompanied the battalion to Cedar Rapids Thursday to the 22nd Annual State Encampment of the G. A. R. The battalion and band, numbering 190 men, left the Burlington depot, in charge of Major Vogdes, and accompanied by President Schaeffer, Dean Currier, Professors McBride and Calvin and others. "Spike" was also along in his capacity of mascot.

Cedar Rapids was reached at twelve o'clock and the battalion formed on First Avenue and marched to the First Congregational Church, where dinner was served. After dinner the companies were formed at 1:30, and the battalion marched down to Second street where the parade was formed.

The band, numbering twenty-five pieces, was given second place in the procession, and was by far the best band on the streets and received innumerable compliments. Professors McBride and Calvin, representing the Faculty, immediately followed the band, and then came the four companies and the battery, who presented the most perfect appearance of any organization in the entire parade, which occupied twenty minutes in passing in review.

To our reporter it was interesting to note the comments and observations of the crowd upon our S. U. I. boys. The first question that naturally arose was, "Who are they?" and then expressions of surprise arose when the bystanders learned that so large an organization of well drilled men was furnished by their own State University. The parade ended shortly before four o'clock, and then the boys were allowed to go about town until supper time. After supper the battalion made a short parade near the depot, and left for Iowa City at 6:45 p. m., reaching home at eight o'clock, tired, but good-natured, and feeling that a profitable day had been enjoyed.

The rain after the parade somewhat marred the enjoyment of the boys, but a good social time was enjoyed on the train coming home, which did more to unify the members of the battalion than a year's drill on the campus would have done.

Much credit is due to the persons who arranged this trip for the battalion, as, both from the standpoint of the University and of the battalion, it has resulted favorably and beneficially. The University received more good advertising Tuesday than could have been given in almost any other way, and the members of the battalion, in addition to producing a favorable impression on the thousands of spectators along the line of march, have been infused with a fraternal spirit which will do much to strengthen the interest already taken in the military department of the University. This idea of taking the battalion abroad is a good one and furnishes an incentive for better work in the military line. The boys drilled better Tuesday than ever before, and their conduct when off duty was to a man perfectly gentlemanly and in no way

reflected discredit to themselves or the University.

Another Valuable Gift.

The following is from the Daily Republican of Wednesday:

The State University has received another fine collection of geological specimens and the generous donor to whom it is indebted is John Sax of Farmington, a brother-in-law of D. L. Houser of this city. Mr. Sax, when a citizen of Lee county, visited here and fell in love with Iowa City. Those who met him will remember his numerous expressions of pleasure over the Athens, and his admiration for the University.

His donation was generously given free transportation by Thomas Spurgeon, Jr., who recently removed to Iowa City from Farmington.

The collection includes many specimens of antediluvian stone relics and of corals left in Van Buren county, when the prehistoric seas receded southward from this section of the earth. The specimens are all desirable and many are very valuable. Among others are portions of stems of carboniferous trees, probably the ancestral forms of the cycads recently brought from the Black Hills region by Profs. Calvin and Macbride; roots of tree-like club mosses out of which the coal was formed; corals from rocks older than the coal, and lying beneath the coalbeds; and geodes, concretions, and drift boulders of erratic shape.

Mr. Sax's devotion to science and the University is illustrated by the fact that he transported in a wheelbarrow one of the specimens weighing 200 pounds, a distance of four miles.

Mr. Sax has also sent a valuable collection of prehistoric stone relics—agricultural and other implements—to his nephew instructor, Gilbert Houser.

The Band.

Owing to the disturbance created on the central steps during the Friday afternoon band concerts the powers that be forbid the band to give this pleasurable entertainment last Friday. This is to be deplored, and it is earnestly hoped that those parties who are at fault will either curb the exuberance of their appreciation or manifest it in a manner more in keeping with good decorum. We believe that these concerts are a good thing, and that they are so well appreciated that only a gentle hint to the disturbers is necessary to ensure their continuance. On next Friday afternoon the band will give another concert, and if there is disorder, it will be the last one. Let us hope that all will heed this call.

Following is the program:
Overture Impromptu.....Dolbey
Gratulation Waltzes.....Thomas
A Day in France.....Roesche
Selection.....

Tennis.

The first tennis of the season was played on the Tennis Association courts last evening. The executive committee have been hard at work for the past few weeks, and yesterday the finishing touches were put on the grounds. A twelve foot wire fence now serves as a back-stop to all five courts and the grounds have been

thoroughly rolled, so that in a short time the courts will be unexcelled for smoothness. Some of the enthusiasts, who have been for some time impatiently waiting to play tennis, marked out a court yesterday afternoon before supper and were hard at work playing a few minutes after six. The courts have an almost uniform smoothness and there is ample room for all to play. A tournament will be held in a few weeks, of which notice will be given later when arrangements have been completed.

It is desired now that all tennis players will come to the front and re-establish tennis on a firm basis. Everybody is welcome and all are invited. The membership fee for 1896, including the spring and fall terms, is one dollar, and it is desired that all interested will join the association as soon as possible, as nets and courts are now ready for playing to begin in earnest.

Harvard Records.

It does not seem possible that Harvard can lose the intercollegiate track and field championships this year. To those who are watching the straws in order to determine the direction of the wind the following records made in the Harvard class games on Saturday, the 11th, will prove significant:

120 yards hurdle, V. Monroe, 16 3-5 sec.
100 yards dash, L. M. Redpath, 10 1-5 sec.
One mile walk, J. D. Phillips, 7 min. 21 2-5 sec.
440 yard dash, W. H. Vincent, 50 4-5 sec.
Two mile bicycle race, C. D. Powers, 5 min. 27 sec.
One mile run, D. Grant, 4 min. 31 2-5 sec.
220 yards hurdle race, J. L. Bremer, 25 2-5 sec.
220 yards dash, F. H. Bigelow, 22 2-5 sec.
880 yards dash, E. Hollister, 1 min. 57 2-5 sec.
Throwing hammer, W. D. Hennen, 105 ft. 6 in.
Running broad jump, J. G. Clark, 22 ft. 8 1/2 in.
Running high jump, W. E. Putnam, 5 ft. 9 1/2 in.
Putting 16-pound shot, A. Lovering, 35 ft. 9 1/2 in.
Pole vault, A. B. Emmonds, 10 ft. 1/2 in.

Taken as a whole these performances can hardly be duplicated by any college team in the country and in a number of the events the men can and will do better when the occasion requires. Only two could be called poor; the shot put and the hammer throw. Harvard will be strengthened in both of these events when she meets Pennsylvania and competes at Mott Haven by the presence of E. H. Clarke, who will by that time have returned from the Grecian trip. The pole vault, mile walk and high hurdles show very fair performances, and the others are good. Vincent, '97, has made up his studies and been relieved from probation by the faculty and bids fair to repeat his Mott Haven victory of last year. Hollister's half-mile is the best he has ever run and with Kilpatrick barred he is the best

man in sight for that distance. Clarke's 22 ft. 8 1/2 in. promises Sheldon of Yale a lively time, while Redpath and Bigelow show that they will not allow any lagging in the sprinting. Harvard will be weakened in the pole vault (in which she had an unusually good chance to win) by the foolishness of Hoyt, '98. He applied for permission to go to Greece but was refused by the faculty. Nevertheless he went, but while he won his event at Athens, it has cost him his standing in Harvard. He has now been dropped, and even though he were reinstated on his return he would be properly and promptly protested by the other colleges.—Ex.

The Four Crews.

The course for the great quadrangular boat race is still undecided, although the date for the race is only about two months distant. All of the four colleges have the men, from whom will be chosen their respective crews, in active training, and although the final make-up of any of them is as yet uncertain, it is pretty well known that each of them will be satisfactorily represented.

Pennsylvania's crew will be composed largely of new men, but all who are trying for places in the 'Varsity boat show ample ability, and the crew as finally chosen will probably be all that can be asked for. There are also a number of good men who are trying for the Freshman college crew, who are eligible for the 'Varsity, and some who are doing excellent work in the 'Varsity Freshman boat who will be eligible when they have passed the spring examinations.

Rowing matters at Harvard are at present in a rather unsettled condition. The number of candidates is very small and Fennessy, the best and most experienced oar in college, has not come out as yet. Mr. Watson has not yet returned from his trip abroad, and as a result of his absence the stroke which the crew will row this year has not been decided upon, even at this late date. Captain Bullard is working hard, however, and as soon as Coach Watson returns, matters will probably be straightened out satisfactorily.

Of the Columbia crew very little is known excepting that all the old men but two are training, and that these two vacant places will probably be filled with entirely new men. Most of the work so far has consisted of rowing on the machines.

The crew at Cornell is progressing very satisfactorily, and the outlook for a winning boat is favorable. The list of candidates is very large, five men of very great experience being in training for the position of last year's oarsmen.—The Pennsylvanian.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Tennis Association to-night at Close Hall at seven o'clock. Important business to be transacted.

J. A. DEVITT, Pres.

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To-night occurs the annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League at Chicago. Every thing has been done by the local league to insure a great success, and the contest held to-night will probably be a memorable one. Speculation as to the result would of course be, as such things usually are, too hazardous to be of value. In many respects the institutions are not unequally matched, but in oratory two have thus far outranked the rest. It was observed last year, however, that the contestants were fairly well matched, and it is to be hoped that with the progress of time a still greater element of doubt as to the result will be introduced.

Whatever may be the issue of the present battle there is but one feeling that it should inspire, and that is a determination to maintain a high standard for the University in the future. This can be done only by devoting sufficient time and energy to the matter. We have in the past been far too careless. Our home contests attest the truth of the assertion. The honor to be derived from winning should of course inspire hard hard work, but the personal benefit is after all much improved by thorough preparation. It is not too early now to begin. For those who contemplate entering the contest the elements of tense and hard work are much more important than most any other thing. We hope to be able to publish an account of our victory in the next issue. If, however, we publish another account the duty should be more plainly evident to the minds of students of the State University of Iowa to begin preparations for a more serious attempt next year.

Resolutions of Respect.

On last Monday the Zetagathian Society, at a special meeting called for the purpose, passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, it has pleased Divine Pro-

vidence in His great mercy to take from this life our beloved friend and schoolmate, Edmund P. Cunningham, and

Whereas, the Zetagathian Society of the State University of Iowa deeply deplores the death of Edmund P. Cunningham.

Resolved, that we, the members of the Zetagathian Society, of which he was a faithful member, extend to the family of the deceased our profound and sincere sympathy in this their sad bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them expressive of our great sorrow in their great affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be recorded as minutes of the society, and that they be published in the University papers and in the city papers of Cedar Falls, Ia.

H. M. TROY,
F. P. HAGEMANN,
S. C. SMITH,
Committee.

The college base ball season may now be regarded as fairly launched. Princeton, Yale Lehigh and Lafayette all made trips to the southward during the Easter recess. Pennsylvania started in at home against Hobart, Cornell did unexpectedly well in her first game against the Buffalo professionals, and Wesleyan made an excellent beginning against the Hartford state league team. Harvard, Brown and the others have been indulging in vigorous practice, and are just reaching their initial games in their respective schedules. Yale's eastern trip was more successful than last year's, when the Washington's Young Men's Christian Association and the Georgetown University knocked Carter out of the box. This year Yale won four out of five of her southern games. She defeated Hampton Institute by 32 to 5; the University of Virginia by 12 to 4 and 8 to 7 and Georgetown by 16 to 12. The University of North Carolina on the other hand defeated Yale by 8 to 4. Trudeau pitched in only two of these games, the second one against the University of Virginia and the Georgetown game. In both of these he was hit badly. The nine as made up throughout the trip consisted of Twombly, catcher; Trudeau Greenway, Simmons and Smith, pitchers; Letton, first base; McCandless, second base; Bartlett, short stop; Jerrens, center field; Keator, right field, and Greenway left field. This is very close to the permanent make-up of the team Fincke, the clever quarter-back and last year's third baseman during part of the season, has given up trying for the nine. Jerrens is well known as the 'varsity half back, but has never played on the nine before.—Ex.

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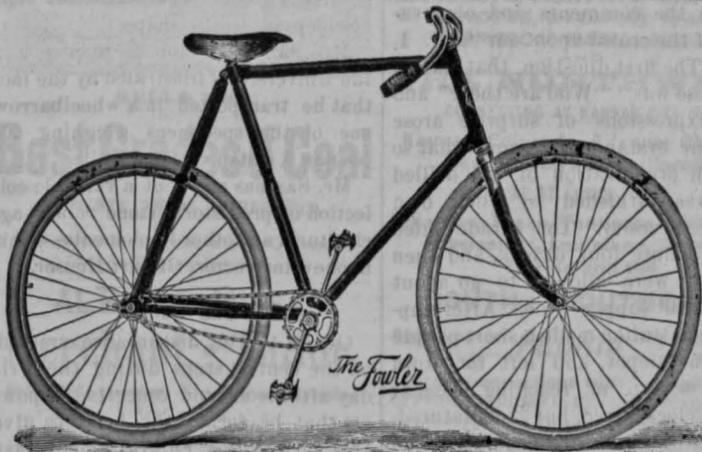
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Fact and Rumor.
 Field Day to-morrow.
 The Zets will have a banquet next week.
 Nora Allin spent Tuesday in Cedar Rapids.
 Phi Delta Phi initiated Devitt, '96, last night.
 Remember the league game Saturday, with Ames.
 Lester Jackson, '96, is now residing at Kansas City, Mo.
 L. M. Freeman made a flying visit to the city the fore part of the week.
 Polygon will initiate the picnic season by a trip to the Palisades Saturday.
 Judge Seeds began his lectures before the Law Department again this week.
 Regent Al Swalm was in the city Tuesday. He accompanied the battalion to Cedar Rapids.
 Ethel Seeds went to Cedar Rapids Tuesday to meet her father and see the G. A. R. encampment.
 W. N. Birdsall, L '93, is being afflicted with granulated eyelids, and is at Cedar Rapids for treatment.
 The base ball team did not go to Grinnell to-day, as expected, as rain in Grinnell prevented the game.
 A. B. Fair, C. '93, M. '95, who enjoys a lucrative practice at Dalville, Ia., is spending a few days at the University.
 Abbie Safford is suffering with some severe burns on the face as a result of an explosion of nitric acid in the chemical laboratory. The injuries are not serious, but painful.

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Katherine Bates was initiated into the Pi Beta Phi fraternity with due ceremony, Tuesday night, at the anniversary celebration.

Professor McBride left this morning for Letts, Ia., where he will deliver an address at the graduating exercises of the high school there.

The Junior Laws were examined in Probate Law Tuesday and began the course in Bills and Notes under Professor Rohbach yesterday.

Professor Loos left to-day for Lincoln, Neb., where he will act as judge on the debate between the Kansas and Nebraska Universities.

Wm. A. C. Peterson, M. '97, the able editor of the Medical Department for the VIDETTE-REPORTER, has entered the Senior class at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago.

The annual Spring Field Meet will be held at the fair grounds to-morrow afternoon, beginning promptly at 2 o'clock. The seventeen events are all well filled, and an exciting contest is expected.

It will no doubt be of interest to all our students to learn of the approaching marriage of John L. Sullivan, L. '94, now city attorney of Creston, Ia., to Miss Celia Norton. The wedding will take place on May 5th, at Creston, Ia.

The Y. W. C. A. will give their annual May morning breakfast Saturday morning. Former attempts of this kind have proved their ability to serve a nice breakfast. Breakfast 25 cents. Breakfast will consist of:—Fruit, oatmeal, coffee, cocoa, wafers, potatoes, beefsteak, pickles, ham and eggs, radishes. Everybody come.

Field Day Officers.

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The Cedar Rapids Republican, of the 29th, contained the following complimentary notices regarding the appearance of our battalion on Tuesday: "The S. U. I. battalion was the subject of much comment yesterday. It was a splendid body of young men and their discipline seemed perfect. The policy of the government in furnishing officers who take charge of military instruction in our colleges will be splendidly vindicated if we ever have cause to put an army in the field. As these young men marched by with the veterans of the great war, we thought—these veterans represent what has been done for freedom—these young men what may be done should the necessity come... Al Swalm is always and everywhere a striking figure. Yesterday he was doubly in his element. He is an enthusiastic G. A. R. man—a red hot national guard man, and the State University is now the apple of his eye. Yesterday the S. U. I. battalion was his chief care and his chief pride, and we doubt if anyone who saw the battalion wondered that it should be so."



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