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Hammond Law Senate Banquet.

The first annual banquet of the Hammond Law Senate was held last night at the St. James Hotel. The many attempts to organize a Law literary society, which is to have a perpetual existence, have reached, at last, successful issue, and the event last night was well worthy to be the initiative of many succeeding annual events of its nature.

The character of the business usually transacted by the Senate is such as is most becoming an organization bearing a name dignified by centuries of historical importance and, in our own country, hundreds of historical associations. But habitually grave as are the countenances of these potent and reverend senators, and serious as is the bearing which contact with great problems begets, yet in moments of relaxation from cares of state they become subject to the same emotions and participants in the same sort of pleasures which men of lesser moment enjoy. Such an occasion was last night, and with the added charm inseparable from the presence of "grace and female loveliness," the event was one best calculated for the enjoyment of gentlemen and scholars.

Prior to assembling in the dining room, a time, all too short except for what followed, was spent by the Senators and their friends in most agreeable conversation and in participation in games provided for their entertainment. After a repast, most worthy of the fair women and brave men, and to which the same did ample justice. The following subjects were discussed by the Senators named:

The Hammond Law Senate—Its Past..... Senator J. M. Wilson
The Hammond Law Senate—Its Future..... Senator Everett
Seniors '96..... Senator Rinard
Wheels..... Senator Jacobs
The Ladies..... Senator Corbett
Representative Orators of H. L. S.
..... Senator Devett
Our Guests..... Senator Rowell

Senator D. J. O'Connell presided as toastmaster, and his witty introductions served most appropriately for the equally witty responses.

Chancellor McClain was called upon and responded in a characteristic manner, joining with his reference to the success of the Senate a hope that it will ere long be accorded the comforts of a permanent home.

After music by the Mandolin Club C. G. Watkins, on behalf of the Senate, conferred the diplomas, mingling with gratulatory remarks an admonition of the responsibility soon to be assumed by the gentlemen thus knighted.

Senator C. S. Aldrich responded on behalf of his colleagues, the retiring law makers.

The Hammond Law Senate has come to stay. It will hereafter be a tower of strength in literary work from which the University will profit. The success of this event, the first of its kind, confirms conviction as to the above fact. As a success in literary work the organization long since received recognition. To this well earned reputation it may unhesitatingly be added it joins the not less important one of the ability to conduct social matters with equally marked success.

The Track Team Trouble.

The rumor to the effect that the Faculty has taken action forbidding the track team representing the University in the coming State Meet at Marshalltown has received official sanction and it now seems settled that the team will not go. It is stated by the Faculty that it is very willing that the team should go, but that consent will be withheld so long as the present management is retained. In view of the refusal of the association to accept the resignation of the managers the case seems plain enough, and the University will be unrepresented.

The difficulty, as is generally known, grows out of the recent action of the managers in protesting some of Grinnell's men and then refusing to throw out the University representatives in the events involved. The action of the Faculty is for the alleged purpose of elevating the standard of honor in athletics, and is certainly of a heroic nature.

The resolution forbidding the track team's going to Marshalltown was passed unanimously, but there seems to be very little sympathy existing between the students and Faculty regarding the matter.

Betas vs. Deltas.

The game Tuesday afternoon resulted in a victory for the Betas by a score of 36 to 13. Heavy batting and swift throwing constituted the main features of the game. The positions were as follows:

BETAS.		DELTAS.	
Shuerman	p	*Kingsbury	
Marks	c	J. K. Hull	
Gilmore	1 b	Roberts	
LaForce	2 b	Tompkins	
Budrow	3 b	*Wilson	
Wells	ss	McVey	
Main	r f	Seaman	
Stover	l f	White	
Allison	c f	Reynolds	

*Kingsbury and Wilson exchanged positions during the game.

Betas.....	8	0	13	6	1	8-36
Deltas.....	1	1	5	1	0	5-13

The following is what the Ariel has to say about their recent defeat in debate by the Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa:

"No memorable events are without their lesson. We have met this spring upon the platform in forensic combat the Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa. The result has been such as to dampen our ardor and pride. The debates have shown that Minnesota, at least this year, was outclassed in this line. Our men do not exhibit the remarkable training, the interest and vitality that they should. The reasons for this state of things are undoubtedly many. Among the most important are the following: (1) The lack of vigor in our literary societies. While this year the literary societies have done well, still out of small meetings we cannot expect to develop good speakers. The good speaker may have his interest aroused and lay a good foundation as a debater in a small society, but it will take a large occasion to bring out the latent powers. We should have more inter-society meetings and more in-

ducement to the speaker to do his best. In the second place the literary societies do not command all of the best ability in the school. Many live in the Twin Cities and do not join a society; many are lead away by the allurements of society and fraternity.

Certain it is that much of the best speaking talent in the University is uncultivated. The University authorities seem to have left this matter entirely to the student; and while there is a small and earnest band who are endeavoring to train and fit themselves as speakers, yet there is a hopeless majority who either disdain or neglect it. Obviously, the condition of affairs being such, it is the duty of the faculty, if they wish to turn out trained and finished speakers, to take hold of the matter. While all of us do not intend to be clergymen or lawyers, yet it is clearly for the interest of all to speak and think clearly upon the fact. The present system of lecture and written quiz so prevalent in the University may have its advantages, and may be even necessary because of the lack of a sufficient number of instructors, but such a system leaves part of the education undone. We would say that a large percentage of the students power lies in the ability to express his thoughts confidently and copiously. We think the faculty could remedy this somewhat by endeavoring to train the students more in this line. The rhetorical department at present offers only one term, out of six required, for speeches. This system should be extended, and all students from Freshman to Senior should in some way be given training in speaking.

Of one thing we are certain, however the result may be reached, that the University of Minnesota must improve in the line of public speaking. We must send out of our institution men and women trained by constant practice, who will be able at any time to express their thoughts in a convincing manner, whose ability and power will not be hidden under a bushel for the lack of proper guidance, but will be enabled to take their proper place in the life of the world."

College Notes.

A rather novel closing of an admiralty case took place at Ithaca, N. Y., the other day. Judge Cox, before whom the case was heard, was lecturing before the Cornell law school, and the hearing was made a session of the school, the students listening to the pleas.—Ex.

Yale has sent an answer to the invitation to enter the national German races at Hamburg, July 19, declining to accept at present, but thanking the Allgemein Aelster crew, which tendered the invitation, cordially. Yale may accept later, as entries do not close until July 10. Bob Cook, Yale's chief coach, was asked recently his opinion of the challenge. He said: "There are serious objections to accepting it. The races take place on Sunday, and Yale traditions are not to row on that day."—Ex.

There are two classes of students in every college. One has for his ideal good recitations, the other looks forward to a special fitness for some kind of work. The former makes a great record in the class room, is admired and petted until he often acquires more conceit than the law allows; the other waits in the background, occasionally rising to meet a difficult point, to the surprise of everybody. Moral: The world has no place where good recitations are marketable, but it needs men to solve the difficult problems of life.—Ex.

The Columbia University crew has already spent three weeks on the Hudson, and is becoming accustomed to the rough water, which at first threw the men out of form considerably. Since the men left the Harlem the stroke has been gradually raised from twenty up to twenty-six and twenty-eight to the minute. This increase in the stroke, together with the rough water of the Hudson, shook the crew up considerably, and a week was spent without much improvement. Since then, however, Walter B. Peet, the coach of last year's victorious crew, has had the men in charge for several afternoons, and under his careful coaching they have begun to show signs of improvement.—Crimson.

'96 Class Meeting.

There will be an important meeting of the Senior class at Close Hall Saturday morning, at 8:30 o'clock. It is desired that every member of the class be present.

CHAS. G. BURLING, Pres.

As is generally known the efficient management of the track team were disappointed in the number that would go to Grinnell last Saturday, and as they had made a guarantee had expected to make the loss good. Through the influence of Mr. Breene, the genial and accommodating agent of the C., R. I. & P. at this point, the management was released from their guarantee. Mr. Breene has always shown himself to be a sincere friend and supporter of the students and their projects, and is deservedly popular among them.

Yesterday the Senior Laws received their marks in Common Law Pleading. Nearly all were pleased.

Frank Weatherell, a former University student, now a prominent engineer of Peoria, is in the city on business.

President Schaeffer delivered an address before the students and patrons of the Brooklyn high school yesterday.

Mr. Albert T. Free, '76, and wife, of Chicago, are visiting old University friends. Mr. Free notes many gratifying changes.

Professor Albert Arner has received an appointment from Washington, D. C., to report on the meteorological conditions at Iowa City.

The Senior Laws were examined in Execution and Garnishment this afternoon, and to-morrow afternoon their knowledge of Constitutional Law will be tested.

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The notice given in a former issue regarding the Pickard prize for extempore debating should be a matter of interest to those who are eligible. The matter of arranging rules under which such a contest shall be held is found to be no slight matter. It is to the interest of those who have the matter in charge to make such arrangements as will give an equal opportunity to all who care to compete; the difficulties encountered, however, are of a nature very hard to overcome.

Unquestionably the man who has to speak first on such a debate will be at a great disadvantage, even if he is allowed more than average time; those who follow will have the opportunity of profiting by his ideas and suggestions, while he must depend solely on himself.

The matter of selecting a question is another matter presenting difficulty. The announcement is to be made twenty-four hours ere the debate occurs, but that scarcely precludes possibility of unfairness, since the question chosen may be one on which some one individual has made special preparation for some former debate.

These difficulties, however impossible it may be to overcome them, should not prevent a sharp competition. The benefit derived will be none the less and the honor to be won just as worthy of effort. This kind of honor is what we need. Any thing that can be done to aid it is certainly deserving of commendation.

The apparently radical stand taken by the Faculty concerning the track team management, and more especially the result of the action in keeping our team from going to Marshalltown, is the occasion of profound disappointment to the students generally. While we realize that the mem-

bers of the Faculty are in a position to judge as to the interests of the University in all matters, we cannot see anything unreasonable in the feeling of the students. It appears that the action of the managers in protesting Grinnell's men was not a matter left to their option, but was their duty. In view of this fact it is difficult to discern any practice so flagrant as to warrant the view taken by the gentlemen of the Faculty.

The injustice done the managers, however, is not the only evil which seems probable to result. The prospect seemed bright for victory, and victory would certainly have had a good effect on future athletics. To the students the action seems radical and unwarranted. As in other matters, however, the respect due the opinion of the Faculty should be sufficient to moderate the views of those who, though not less interested, are less favorably situated for cool and dispassionate judgment.

The criticism offered by the Quill of recent date regarding our appropriation of telegraphic news revives the controversy on plagiarism in which the same paper so characteristically distinguished itself some time ago. It would appear that this pragmatic individual has undertaken quite an extensive task when he endeavors to proscribe a practice which among newspapers is universal. What might otherwise appear as unpardonable ignorance on the part of this "abolitionist of bad practices among men" is in part explained, however, by the fact that his journalistic experience has been limited, probably, to duty on the Quill staff, and thus he has concluded that clipping locals from the VIDETTE-REPORTER is the only legitimate practice in that line.

Newspapers in general, as is well known, appropriate dispatches in the manner which has called forth the thunder of condemnation from the Quill, and it was thus in conforming to a legitimate custom that we reprinted the notice. There was no such thing as stealing any thought or any thing save the matter of news. We saw the dispatch; in our judgment it was well worded and properly punctuated, so we reprinted it as being a matter of interest to our readers. We are sorry it grieves the Quill, but it should be remembered that it was not our fault that we saw it ere the eagle eye of our friend discerned it.

We hope we will not seem disrespectful if we add that until further evidence be produced to prove the depravity of the practice, we expect, in common with other newspapers, to print dispatches whenever in our judgment they are of interest to the public.

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Fact and Rumor.
Psychology examination will be oral.
Ivy Lane is planning a picnic for to-day.
A. J. W. Lary, L. '95, is in the city on business.
Maines, C. '96, is enjoying a visit from his sister.
Paul Haddock, ex-'96, is visiting University friends.
Mrs. Stone, of Clinton, visited University classes this morning.
Mata Johnston, of Winterset, is visiting with her sister, Bird Johnston, '99.
Charlie Bloom entertained the Betas and their friends at his home last evening.
Miss Byrde McNally, of Cedar Falls, is spending a few days with Milfred Myers.
Miss Elizabeth Jones, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., is visiting our local association.
It is not generally known that Van Law fell into the river at the Hep-Zet picnic Tuesday.
Miss Alice Gears, of Knoxville, Tenn., will spend the summer with her cousin, Florence Ady.
The Y. W.'s will entertain the Senior girls at the home of Libbie Seymour to-morrow afternoon.
The next three or four days will be spent by the Psychology class in taking individual reaction time.
Mr. Howard Hughes, L. '97, received a visit from his mother and sister-in-law, of Keokuk, yesterday.

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Professor James A. Rohbach has been appointed as a member of the board of examiners to pass on the qualification of applicants for cadetship at West Point and Annapolis. The examination will take place at Davenport, June 16.

The Waterloo Chautauqua.

At Cedar River Park, that delightful and enchanting resort on the bank of the most beautiful stream flowing through our state, will be held the Fifth Annual Waterloo Chautauqua. The park, the great natural beauty of which has been enhanced by landscape artists, is located one and one-half miles north of Waterloo. Two steamers and countless row and sail boats ply to and fro from the park to the city, while several hack lines aid in the facilities of communication. An electric railway connecting the park with Waterloo, Cedar Falls and the State Normal School, is under construction, and it is expected that the line from the city to the park will be in operation with the opening of the Chautauqua. A large boat house with its toboggan adds to the aquatic sports of the park.

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