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Choose the Affirmative.

OUR DEBATERS WITH MINNESOTA WILL ADVOCATE POPULAR SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

Our debaters have chosen the affirmative of the question submitted to them by Minnesota for the annual joint debate. The question submitted was "Shall the United States Senators be elected by direct vote of the people?" This is a live, up-to-date question, and its discussion here in April should arouse great interest in local literary and political circles. Our United States Congress has already seriously considered the change proposed by the above question, and it is not at all unlikely that our citizens will ere long be called upon to express their opinions upon this matter. To these the debate will afford an opportunity of securing a thorough and accurate knowledge of all that the proposed innovation involves.

Chicago's Claims Disputed.

The University of Michigan thus expresses her views of Chicago's claims to the championship: "In view of the existing condition of foot ball matters all talk of the Western champion is rather tiresome. Chicago's claim is like an overburdened fruit tree—needs something to prop it up. Following the line of thought of the writer of the Chicago University article, Wisconsin seems to have much the better of the argument. 'Chicago bases her claim on the fact that the team that was beaten by Wisconsin was not the same team that beat Northwestern 18 to 6, and later Michigan 7 to 6.' If this is the only foundation Chicago has for her claim she is building upon sinking sand. Grant that it was not the same team, it was the one that represented the University at the time, and it was the best the University could then produce. Chicago has not played Wisconsin since that defeat, and there is some slight reason for supposing that Wisconsin's team also is not the same one that it was then. The only way of settling the matter would have been a game between Chicago and Wisconsin. So the championship question is still open. If such arguments as the above are to be allowed, all that a defeated team will have to do, in the future, will be to wait until a few good men grow up and enter her ranks or until all the good men of other teams die. Then two or three other teams can be defeated and the claim set up that this victorious team is not the one that was previously defeated. Chicago's arguments do not hold water."

In a review of the foot ball season in the league of which Minnesota is a member, the Ariel says: "As to the western championship we cannot speak definitely. The season ended in Chicago on Thanksgiving day with two of the greatest exhibitions of the season. Before this day's game, Chicago, Northwestern, Wisconsin and Michigan were in the race for the pennant. If the last two had won, the championship could have been easily settled; but when the games resulted as they did: Wisconsin 6, North-

western 6, and Chicago 7, Michigan 6, it leaves the championship undecided, though the Badgers claim the best right to the pennant. Wisconsin's prospects are fine for next year. Atkinson, who played tackle this year, is captain for '97, and most of the team will be back next year."

Phi Delta Phi Banquet.

The fourth annual banquet of McClain chapter of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity occurred at the New Saint James last evening. The following disciples of Blackstone were in attendance: Chancellor Emlin McClain, C. '71, L. '73, Professor Samuel Hayes, Hon. M. J. Wade, L. '86, Professor James A. Rohbach, N. D. Ely, L. '94, of Davenport, A. E. Walsh, L. '96, of Clinton, E. H. Burton, L. '95, C. M. Dutcher, L. '95, L. C. Rinard, L. '96, C. W. Holbrook, J. J. Brown, Albert Wakefield, C. H. Washburn, Alfred C. Mueller, Chas. G. Burling, Isaac Petersberger, Edmund Pendleton, Fred A. Harriman, B. C. Keeler, U.S. Alderman, J. A. Devitt and W. A. Graham of the class of '97, and G. E. Hilsinger, of the class of '98.

After some time had been spent in "swapping" stories which form part of every lawyer's fund of information, the was led to the banquet hall, which was most artistically decorated with ferns, potted plants, cut flowers, and bunting. Everywhere the fraternity colors, scarlet and blue, were conspicuous. Mine Host Little had prepared an elegant nine-course repast, in which all the delicacies of the season were represented.

Toasts were responded to as follows: Our Brothers in Practice..... C. M. Dutcher
..... J. A. Devitt
Foot Ball and Law..... J. A. Devitt
Our Standing in the Greek World..... Professor Jas. A. Rohbach
Our Fraternity Initiations..... Edmund Pendleton
First Impressions of Phi Delta Phi..... G. E. Hilsinger
Law as a Profession..... Chancellor Emlin McClain
Future of Phi Delta Phi..... Professor Samuel Hayes
The Recent Campaign..... N. D. Ely
Thoughts Upon Phi Delta Phi..... A. E. Walsh
Hon. M. J. Wade proved himself to be an ideal toastmaster.

The banquet was the finest and most elaborate affair of the kind ever given in Iowa City. Expense and labor had not been spared to make it the complete success which it was.

A member of the Missouri Legislature has drawn up a bill which will place foot ball on the same level as prize fighting. The bill, if it becomes a law, makes it a misdemeanor or a felony to play the game any where in the state. Although the proposed legislation is severely criticised over the entire state, those introducing the bill are confident of its becoming a law. A bill was also introduced in the Georgia legislature last Monday prohibiting the playing of foot ball in that state.—Ex.

Twenty-six American women have matriculated for the new term of Berlin University,

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Fair Iowa, fragrant and fresh be thy heart,
As the dew up the pasture at dawn:
Ah, nourish, make flourish sweet science and art
In a race great of brain and of brawn!

CHORUS:

Fair Iowa, lift up the souls of thy youth,
And fill them with sweetness and light:
In peace be they foremost for beauty and truth,
In war be they foremost in fight!

CHORUS:

OPSARTUTES.

The above appropriate hymn is contributed by one of our readers, in response to our recent editorial on the subject of selecting a University hymn.

Dental Department.

Dr. Fleenor delivered two very interesting lectures last week on Orthodontia to the junior and senior classes.

Driggs, salesman for S. S. White Dental Co., was in the city last Friday, shaking hands with the boys.

During last week the new Columbia chairs were set up in the north clinic. Those in that clinic wore pleasant smiles for a day or so.

Countryman and Weikert, Juniors, are among the mandolin players in the S. U. I. Mandolin Club.

H. D. Keeler, Jr., sprained his ankle while in the gymnasium, consequently he wears a cane at present.

The Seniors had the pleasure of hearing Dr. W. G. Clarke, from Cedar Rapids. His lecture was on Continuous Gum and Porcelain Work.

"Dad" Holenbeck is enjoying a visit from his friend, Mr. Taylor, of Cedar Rapids.

About fifteen of the Juniors who have finished their laboratory and operative technic work had their tools "checked" up Wednesday and went to work in the clinic Thursday.

The following "In Memoriam," on the death of W. D. Osgood, who was shot while serving as a volunteer in the Cuban army, appeared in a recent issue of The Pennsylvanian, he being a graduate of the U. of P: "The Herald correspondent writes from the headquarters of the Cuban army at Guaimora, Camaguey, under date of Oct. 29th, that Winchester D. Osgood fell during the siege that preceded the capture of that place. On the second day of the siege, as Major Osgood, under heavy fire from the Spaniards, was training one of his pieces on the forts, a Mouser bullet struck him in the forehead. The news of his death deeply impressed President Cisneros and the commanding officers all of whom had great regard for the American officer. A few months after his graduation, in 1895, Osgood, whose sympathies had been excited by the news of the struggle in Cuba, bade farewell to friends and family and

joined one of the expeditions from this city for the little island. His proffered services as a volunteer were gratefully accepted by the leaders of the insurgents, to whom his knowledge and ability as a civil engineer, no less than his personal bravery and in-born capacity for leadership, soon rendered him of the greatest value. He served with distinction in many engagements, and his promotion was rapid, he having attained the rank of major but a short time before his untimely death."

College Notes

There are thirty-five members in the University of Chicago Glee and Mandolin Club. It is considered one of the finest organizations in the country.

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, in an interview, said recently that he had never seen but one game of foot ball, that at Princeton this fall, when they played Virginia, and that he thought foot ball both brutal and stupid.—Ex.

During the past five years the University of Chicago has been given over \$14,000,000.

Garret Cochran, '98, has been re-elected captain of Princeton's foot ball eleven. He plays tackle and led the Princeton team to its splendid series of victories this year.

A very interesting game of foot ball was played at Harvard last week between teams composed of the editors of the various college papers. The game was won by the editors of the Harvard Crimson, who defeated a team made up of the editors of the Lampoon and the Advocate.

At the recent meeting of Chicago alumni of the various colleges and universities comprising the Western Inter-collegiate Athletic Association it was decided to take steps towards transferring the control of the annual meet of the association from the Chicago Athletic Club to an alumni committee of ten members, one from each of the ten institutions scoring highest at the regular annual meet. Iowa was represented at this meeting by Earl Meyers, '93.

The Nebraskan made the following comment on Holbrook's work in the Thanksgiving day game: "Holbrook, the colored half-back, did the best individual work for Iowa. He is one of the speediest men in the west, and he starts so quickly that it is hard to bring him down before he has made a gain. He was frequently given the ball on the third down, when Iowa had as much as four yards to make, and he made them just as frequently."

The Mandolin Club, under the efficient direction of Wm. A. Graham, is now doing hard and systematic work. There is excellent material for a good club and their work for the past few weeks has shown great improvement. We hope to be able to give a write-up of the clubs in the near future, but can assure all that we are to be represented by excellent clubs. The men on the two clubs have not been definitely chosen, but all that wish to try for places on them should see the leaders at once.

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There is no feature in our college life of which we may be more proud of than the number of our literary societies and the quality of the work that is being done in them. This is especially true in the line of debating in which our University has made such an enviable reputation. The literary societies contribute to a considerable extent to the rank which our University holds among sister colleges; for the school is always judged by the men calling her alma mater. Those having taken work of this kind always express themselves as having derived great benefit from their society work, and that it was of great practical use to them when they left the "classic halls of learning and were thrown out into the cold, cruel world;" as the commencement orator quite aptly puts it.

But all cannot but recognize that one defect of a college education at the present time is lack of originality. Too much stress is often laid upon the study of text books, while the development of the reasoning powers of the individual student are often neglected. The student often relies too much upon the text book, upon the result of the labors of others, instead of giving the investigation, the original research, the individual thought to the subject which is necessary to the broad minded, accurate and thorough student. We often laugh when we hear it asserted that the college man of the beginning of the century was a better equipped man for life's duties than the college graduate of today. But is this merely an idle dream? True the student of a few generations ago did not have the extensive libraries, the finely equipped laboratories, etc., that the student of to-day enjoys—but on the other hand he was taught the great lesson of depending on self, of originality. This is not a mere assertion of the college

man of years ago, for it is abundantly supported by the fact that the college men of those days are in many cases the most illustrious of those in the history of our country.

We believe that we are correct in saying that good hard work in a literary society is of as much benefit to the individual taking a college course as any one of his studies. The student here learns to apply the knowledge acquired in the lecture room and in his debates is taught to be original. The literary societies furnish the practical training that the student needs. They here learn to create; not merely to have their minds trained to grasp ideas that have originated in other men."

We are promised a glee club this year, which promise if fulfilled will be the realization of hopes long years deferred, success to efforts whose only reward heretofore has been failures. The crying need of an organization of this kind has been so often wailed into our ears that to call attention to it again seems almost unreasonable. But nothing succeeds like persistence and it is a matter of congratulation that the enthusiasts in this purpose have at least made a beginning. We have seen the fact demonstrated that success in any organization of this nature is not attained in a day demonstrated at S. U. I. often enough that we are at last learning the lesson of concerted and continued effort. We have seen success in literary and athletic lines achieved only after years of experience and discipline. How then can we expect to have a successful glee club without the same honest endeavor? Such an organization to be efficient must exist from year to year; the training of one season must remain as a nucleus for the next year's work. The endeavor must be sustained for more than one year if ever we are to be represented in this phase of University culture; spasmodic and temporary effort will never bring the reward. Nothing is clearer than the proof of this fact. Several years ago S. U. I. had a fair beginning in this direction. Our glee club attained considerable success and a limited tour was taken during the spring vacation. If the beginning then made had been sustained we would without a doubt have been successfully represented long before now. But the effort was allowed to drop and S. U. I.'s glee club is yet to appear. Grinnell on the other hand has gone forward perfecting her organization until she has achieved marked success. For several years they have made annual tours and arrangements for their coming trip are rapidly being completed. Shall we be content to do without this feature of University life which can easily be supplied. The material is here; we can obtain the results with reasonable effort.

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Our Holiday handkerchief sale begins next Tuesday—Gramling Bros.

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Plank Bros. for sterling silver novelties.

Everybody is invited to visit A. M. Greer's new store at 104 Clinton St., one door south of Johnson Co. Savings Bank.

Just received, a fine line of pocket books of all kinds at Whitacre & Foltz.

A fine line of home made candles made fresh every day at Mongene's Bakery, 14 Clinton street.

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Special holiday handkerchief sale begins next Tuesday at Gramling Bros.

Jos. Slavata is still in the lead for tailor-made pants.

Fine stationery and fancy mirrors at Lee & Ries, 117 Washington St.

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Fact and Rumor.

EDITORS.—Louise Boesche, Edmund Simmons.

E. E. Hobby was in Des Moines Friday.

Irving initiated Thos. Kingland, '00, last evening.

Ensign will lead the young men's meeting Sunday.

The Senior Laws had their picture taken Thursday.

The battalion had their last dress parade yesterday.

Psychology classes will have a review Monday morning.

Bertha Remley, ex-'98, is visiting here until the end of the term.

Miss Given, of Des Moines, is the guest of Miss Anna Edwards.

Hesperians will present a special program to-night, "Old Maids."

Phi Delta Phi fraternity had their picture taken for the Annual yesterday.

The battalion officers, nineteen in number, sat for their pictures yesterday.

N. D. Ely, L. '94, of Davenport, was up to attend the Phi Delta Phi banquet.

L. A. Roberts, L. '96, has opened an office in the McManus building in Davenport.

W. H. Brunn, L. '96, now located at Reinbeck, Ia., was in the city a few hours yesterday.

John Hull, L. '96, of Des Moines, was in attendance at the leap year party last evening.

Professor Loos has issued a printed syllabus of his work for next term to his Economics class.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

Polygon sat for a photo to-day.
 Marcia Jacobs will lead the Y. W. C. A. devotional meeting Sunday at 4 p. m. All University girls invited.

At the meeting of the foot ball men yesterday, "Dad" Walker was chosen for captain of the team next year.

Dr. Patrick will deliver a lecture Sunday evening at the Unitarian church on the subject of "Pessimism."

Instructor Merrit gave a very interesting lecture on Commercial arithmetic to Professor Loos' Economic class.

A. E. Walsh, L. '96, of Clinton, Ia., is visiting in the city, and was in attendance at the Phi Delta Phi annual banquet last evening.

Mr. Consigny, '00, who was called home on account of the illness of his brother, will return Monday to take his examination.

Polygon elected the following new officers for the winter term: President, Martha Emry; Vice-President, C. O. Giese; Secretary, Edna Page; Treasurer, H. H. Lancaster; Scroll Keeper, Daisy E. Hatch.

Mr. C. W. Studd, the ex-champion cricket player of England, will address the young men and young women Tuesday evening from 6:45 to 7:45. This is a good opportunity to hear a good man.

Hesperian elected the following officers for the winter term: President, Lillian Hulsebus; Vice-President, Nannie Carroll; Rec. Sec., Georgia Adams; Cor. Sec., Lillian Jones; Treas., Agnes Safley; Critic, Jessie Colson.

During the winter term all afternoon recitations and lectures of the Collegiate department will begin one hour earlier than during the past term. This change is due to the change in the hour for military work from 1:15 to 4:30.

The Des Moines Leader says: "Coach Bull, of the State University foot ball team, has returned to Pennsylvania. Those who have studied Mr. Bull's career, will have little doubt that whenever he goes after a tooth, a break in the rush line of the maxillaries will be certain."

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