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## Hammond Law Senate.

The program of the evening was opened with a song by the Hammond Quartette, entitled "She Sleeps, My Lady Sleeps." The large audience cheered zealously for an encore, but the quartette seemed to have adopted Trilby's motto and remained silent.

Senator Munger, in his carefully digested essay on "The Spirit of the Times," pointed out the power of public opinion, and suggested the possibilities which lie before us, as a people.

The subject of "Women and the Ballot" was very ably and pleasantly discussed by Miss Evermeyer. Her argument in favor of the extension of the franchise was enforced by logic and history in the most convincing manner.

In his brief extemporaneous speech, Senator Wagner discussed the question, "Are great men made by opportunities, or do great men make opportunities?" The Senator eloquently contended for the latter proposition.

Then followed the arduous retrospective "Biography of Senator Wyckoff," by his former friend and associate, Senator O'Connor. The latter Senator explained that he was dealing with a live subject, and then proceeded to handle it in his usual dull and disinteresting style.

The instrumental duet of Mrs. Popham and Miss Howell was thoroughly appreciated and heartily encored.

The debate which followed was upon the following question: "Be it enacted by the Hammond Law Senate that the presidential electors be elected by congressional districts, except two from each state which shall be elected at large." The question was affirmed by Senators Beard and Hanley; denied by Senators Miskimmins and Weaver.

The closing number of the program was a vocal duet by Misses Ainsworth and Williams, entitled "Love's Awakening." The charming little encore which followed was pleasantly received.

## Another Princeton Expedition.

J. B. Hatcher, curator of the department of vertebrate palaeontology in Princeton University, sailed for South America Nov. 6, to continue his investigation into the palaeontology and geology of Southern Patagonia, begun some two years ago.

The main object of the present expedition will be to complete in so far as possible the collections of fossil birds and mammals already secured from the tertiary deposits of Patagonia. Collections will be made especially from the pyrotherium and Santa Cruz beds and also a series of dinosaurs from the cretaceous deposits.

## Changes in Athletic Rules.

Last week there assembled in Chicago the chairmen of the athletic councils of seven of the middle-western universities to discuss changes in the rules governing athletic contests.

Several changes seem to have been decided upon, among them the limiting of an athlete's membership upon a single team to four years, instead of

six, as is now the custom; the debarring of preparatory students from college athletics, and the discouragement of "summer nines."

A committee was appointed to define the term "college student," and another to recommend changes of some sort in the rules of football play tending to eliminate its roughness. Further efforts will be made to guard against professionalism and additional restrictions will be placed around practice games.

All this is to be done independent of the eastern colleges who, however, regard the action favorably, and will quite likely adopt similar rules for themselves.

## Philomathean.

The Philo program opened last night with a mandolin solo by Mr. T. W. Hickenloper. This was highly appreciated and received a hearty encore.

A declamation was then rendered by Mr. L. A. Hunter; subject, "Early Rising."

Next came the debate on the question: "Resolved, that some system ought to be arranged by which the degree of A. B. might be obtained from colleges in three years."

The debate was spirited throughout, and the question was ably discussed on the affirmative by Messrs. T. M. Baker and W. G. Humphrey, and on the negative by Messrs. W. T. Beard and J. E. Jorgenson. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. H. A. Angus gave an oration on the subject, "International Arbitration." This was an excellent production, but not as well committed as it might have been.

"An Irish Set er" was the title of a humorous declamation by Mr. C. W. Jarvis.

Another mandolin solo was rendered by Mr. Hickenloper, which closed the program.

## Yale Wins.

The Yale-Harvard debate held last evening in New Haven resulted in a victory for Yale, she securing the unanimous decision of the judges. Chancey M. Depew presided and introduced each of the speakers, each of whom had twelve minutes in opening and five in rebuttal. The question was "Resolved that the United States should annex Hawaii," Yale holding the negative. The teams were, Jump, Clark, and Fisher for Yale, and Morse, Keith and Gulk for Harvard, the latter being an Iowa man. This is the third time Yale has won out of eight contests.

A party from the Lick Observatory sailed last week for India, to observe an eclipse of the sun, which will occur January 21, 1898.

The two sons of the late Hon. B. W. Sage have deeded to Cornell University a large brown stone mansion in Ithaca, to be used as a students' hospital.

Prior to this year Johns Hopkins University has never possessed a college paper. The board of trustees has recently authorized the publication of a college paper by students.

## Zetagathian.

On account of the state of the weather the audience in Zet Hall last evening was small, but the usual good program was given.

The first number was a guitar solo, which was heartily encored.

The first literary number was a declamation by I. G. Hawk entitled "The Potency of English Words." It was an excellent selection and the rendition was on a par with the piece itself.

"Scholarship and Progress" was the subject of an oration by J. A. Lynch. It was one of Mr. Lynch's best productions, and was well presented.

The debate was on the subject: "Resolved, that the Senate was justified in rejecting the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. Lingo and Weldy supported the affirmative, and Lovell and Copeland the negative. Each of the debaters acquitted himself with credit and the debate was one of the most interesting features of the program.

R. G. Anderson's oration, the next number, was a very rare treat. The thoughts were good and were expressed with much force.

J. T. Ogden closed the literary program with a declamation, "Pyramus and Thisbe." Mr. Ogden sustained his usual good appearance.

A piano duet closed the program. The debate was decided two in the affirmative.

Anti-Foot Ball Legislation:—Forasmuch as sundry complaints are made that several persons have received hurt by boys and young men playing at foot ball in the streets; these are therefor to injoyne that none be found at that game in any of the streets, lanes, or inclosures of this town, under the penalty of twenty shillings for every such offence.—(Boston Town Record of 1657.)—Cornell Daily Sun.

Eastern colleges are coming out in favor of open play in foot ball tactics as advocated by the conference of western colleges held in Chicago last Friday. The stand which was taken at this conference in favor of absolute amateurism has created much comment in the east. The evil of summer nines is more widespread in the east than in the west, and it is this fact that is drawing the attention of the east to any action the west may take. Judge Henry H. Howland, of New York, President of the Yale Alumni Association, said that he was in favor of Yale doing away with mass plays, and playing an open game. Head Coach Frank Butterworth, of Yale, has also expressed himself in favor of a revision of rules. Captain Jim Rodgers is also in favor of such a revision. The University of Pennsylvania also received the action of the Chicago conference with unanimous opinions of approval.—U. of M. Daily.

## Notice.

Any organization or association not recognized in last year's Hawkeye, and not yet called upon by a representative of this year's Board, will confer a favor by communicating with the present Board through the Editor-in-Chief, P. O. box 1875.

## College Notes.

The University of Michigan's total registration is 5,007.

The graduating class at Ames on Nov. 10th numbered 225.

Harvard's total registration is 3,739, a gain of 149 over last year.

Yale began its 198th year with 2,890 students, two hundred more than last year.

Columbia has challenged Brown to a track meet to be held in Providence next spring.

Joe Jefferson is to speak at Michigan, Dec. 13, upon the relation of acting to oratory.

The athletic authorities of the University of Pennsylvania will erect a memorial tablet to Osgood, Pennsylvania's former half-back, who was killed while fighting in Cuba.

Harvard has set a new precedent in athletics of a very doubtful expediency. In view of the 0 to 0 score against Yale, which Harvard regards as practically a defeat, the "H's" have been removed from the team's sweaters in token of the disapproval of the college. This seems to be a fair sample of Harvard's spirit in athletics, and nothing more adverse to her success in the future could well be devised.—U. of M. Daily.

The Regents of Harvard University have recently decided to build a new base ball cage for the Harvard base ball teams. The building is to cost \$15,000 of which \$12,000 will go toward the actual building and \$3,000 will be spent on steam heating and necessary fittings. The cage will be 150 feet long by 60 wide and 30 high. This will permit of a throw from home plate to second. It is expected that the building will be completed by Feb. 1, when practice will begin immediately.

Foot ball originated among the Greeks and Romans, who had a sport which consisted in kicking about a ball under certain general rules. Its development through the centuries was upon somewhat uniform lines until, finally, the Rugby and Association games were evolved. The former was introduced at Yale in 1871, and since then has spread all over the country. The regular intercollegiate matches were started in 1873, when a convention between Columbia, Princeton, Rutgers and Yale was held.

## Michigan's Library.

The librarian of the University of Michigan has recently rendered an extensive report of the condition of the library of that institution. According to the report there are at present 113,190 volumes, 17,555 pamphlets and 1,275 maps distributed among the various libraries on the campus. In addition to these, 625 of the most important literary and scientific periodicals are regularly received. There have been added to the library during the past year 6,419 volumes. The Morris Philosophical Library has been steadily increasing, and now numbers 1,340 well selected volumes. According to the report this institution possesses the most extensive Shakespearean library in the country, there being 3,454 volumes.

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"The Iowa University foot ball captain is against any change in the rules, declaring the game is not brutal as played now. That fellow ought to be pulled out of college and used as a bumping post in some railway yard." To say that the above appeared in the Cedar Rapids Gazette makes further comment unnecessary.

### Future Debates.

Several weeks ago we noted that Wisconsin had declined to join the debating league being formed by Michigan, Chicago and Northwestern, and suggested that Iowa should apply for membership. From modesty, it is to be presumed, we made no effort to seek such admittance, and now Minnesota has been admitted to its membership. In view of the fact that Minnesota and Chicago have repeatedly fallen before Iowa in debate, it would seem that we would have been thoroughly eligible to membership in that league if we had desired it. The league, however, is now firmly established, and we may now expect Minnesota to decline debating with us as soon as the present agreement expires, and Chicago will very likely follow suit.

In view of these prospects, it would not be out of place if our local debating league were to see what could be done toward forming another league. Wisconsin, Illinois and Oberlin would seem to be available.

### A Song Book.

On the occasions on which we have felt especially happy of late, and in the excess of our joy burst into song, it was noticeable that we had nothing appropriate to sing. "Hot Time in the Old Town" was frequently pressed into service, but while that makes a fairly good time to march to, its

words are so utterly ridiculous as to make the singing of it on the occasion of a jubilee a perfect farce.

Other schools of equal, or even of much lower standing than S. U. I., have not one, but many songs, with which the students become familiar by singing under the leadership of the glee club occasionally, and in the ordinary ways in which the so-called popular songs are learned.

Minnesota and Beloit are publishing song books this year, and Chicago is accumulating a fund for that purpose. The VIDETTE-REPORTER will be glad to assist anyone who will make an effort to supply the needs of S. U. I. in this particular.

The Senior class at Wisconsin is about to publish a song book as a memorial to the University. Perhaps our Seniors will see fit to follow this most laudable example.

### Foot Ball Honors.

The students at Harvard were very much disappointed that their foot ball team did not win from Yale. With their team on Yale's 4-yard line a score of some sort was felt to be assured, and the failure to score under these circumstances was regarded by the student body as a disgrace to the University. So strong was this feeling that the H's were removed from the sweaters of every man who played in the game. A surer way of discouraging the players could hardly have been devised, and the fit of petulance was soon regretted.

In contrast to this treatment was that received by the players on the Yale team, who, having done no better than the Harvard men, were nevertheless recognized as having put forth their best efforts for the institution they represented, and granted the honor they had worked so hard to win.

We trust that the efforts of our own team will be likewise rewarded. The constitution of the Athletic Union provides, we understand, that eighteen men shall be given the honorary initial, and while our team did not win the pennant, the individual men who spent time and energy to uphold the honor of S. U. I. on the gridiron should have their reward.

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Crary, L '99, spent part of the week in Mt. Vernon.

Dr. W. E. Harriman, of Ames, is visiting Dr. J. W. Harriman.

Come out and enjoy the special program given by the Heps to-night. Admission free.

Major Ely acted as judge in a competitive military contest at Cornell during the week.

The "most versatile and entertaining orator of his time," at the Opera House, Dec. 8th.

W. B. Ketner, of Denver, Colorado, a graduate of S. U. I. a quarter of a century ago, is in the city.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity gave a party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will McChesney last evening.

Joe Meyers gave a dance at the A. O. U. W. hall, Thursday night, in honor of Coach Wagenhurst.

Professor J. W. Ruggles celebrated his sixtieth anniversary, Thursday, entertaining a few of his friends.

The Des Moines Leader says that Fred Brasted, C.'93, has been appointed requisition clerk by Governor-elect Shaw.

Dr. J. W. Harriman has purchased the property recently owned by Rev. Dr. S. N. Watson. The consideration was \$3,000.

Don't fail to hear the great lecture on "Wisdom's Jeweled Ring," given by J. R. Hedley at the Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

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The men's meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Close Hall will be led by Mr. Dorcas.

Ex-Senator C. E. Whiting, formerly a Regent of the University, died at his home in Whiting, Iowa, last Wednesday.

Professor W. C. Wilcox delivered his last lecture but one in the history course at Cedar Rapids last evening. The subject of his lecture was "The European World Civilized."

We are informed by intimate friends of the Junior Law referred to in the columns of our last issue that the shooting was entirely accidental, and the statement as to there being a love-affair as no foundation whatever.

The following officers for the ensuing term were elected by the Zets last evening: Pres., Hollingsworth; Vice-Pres., Veblen; Rec. Sec., Brush; Cor. Sec., Klinker; Treas., Lorenz; sgts.-at-arms, Kittermarn and Converse.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Coast gave a delightful reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McChesney, last Wednesday evening, from 8 to 11. The occasion served as a happy reunion for the bride and a few of her many University friends of other days.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Watson left Thursday night for Chicago, whence they will go to their new home in Chillicothe, Ohio. The best wishes of hundreds of warm friends go with them. The Doctor is a graduate of the Homeopathic Medical Department.

The new play by Instructor George C. Cook, of the University, and Chas. Eugene Banks, of Davenport, entitled "Hampton Roads," will be presented in that city December 7 and 8. Photographs showing interesting scenes in the play, appear in Hohenschuh & Wieneke's window.

Fatal accidents in different branches of sport since 1894: Swimming, 1,350; Boating, 986; hunting, 654; bicycling, 264; horseback riding, 333; ice boating, 22; base ball, 6; tennis, 4; golf, 2; foot ball, 11.—The New York World.

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