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CONVENTION ECHOES.
STATE MEETING OF THE Y. M. C. A.
REPORTED AT CLOVER HALL SATURDAY.

An excellent audience of young men gathered at Iowa Hall auditorium present at the meeting of the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. which was held at Marshalltown, Feb. 17-20. The delegate who attended from the University was Professor Love and Mr. Prior from the Faculty; and the following student: C. F. Kellogg, H. A. Angell, J. C. Pratt, L. T. Hawn, J. J. Lockett, E. H. Downing, J. K. Fellingham, K. R. Schaefer, J. O. Young and B. B. Stanton.

From the reports the following facts are gleaned:

The convention was the largest that the Y. M. C. A. has ever held in the state.

Rev. Franklin Pierce, mayor of Marshalltown, introduced the delegation that the city was there, and that they could have anything that they could carry away.

Dr. Keats, of Des Moines, spoke up in the theme of "Spiritual Power." His subject was "the church." He said that the spirit of Christian service prevails in Protestant states are saved by faith but the spirit of the world in concluding, he exhorted the young men to live from worldliness. The effect of a worldly life, said he, is like that of the electric currents which saturate the inside of the galvanometer, and from which the current is sent with a galvanometer.

The state committee's report showed that there were 21 Iowa Y. M. C. A.'s in cities, 21 railroad stations, and 21 college associations. During the past triennium there were 7,000 new members in the Y. M. C. A. of the state has increased 100 per cent; two association buildings have been erected, and more than 5,000 men have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour through the instrumentality of the association.

The lecture by Rev. Franklin Bristol was one of the rare treats of the convention. His subject was "Shad." Prof. Longfellow, of the State Normal, impressed the delegates with the efficiency of the system of higher study used at the State Normal at Cedar Falls. A close aural when Mr. Sinton announced that a larger percentage of students are enrolled in volunteer Bible classes in the State Normal than in any other institution in the world. Of about 200 students now enrolled, over 70 are in Bible classes.

The events of the State Athletic Contest were shot put, jump, rope single, pole vault, disc, and eton hop. Cedar Rapids has won the state cup twice, and was after it again for permanent possession; but the Dubuque boys captured it this year, the Drake University boys being the next best.

Friday evening was devoted to the railroad men, with the exception of Gett, State's address. The audience was considerable.

BACONIAN.

AN INTERESTING ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

By Dr. Hammond.

"Some Studies in Psychological Experiments" was the subject of the lecture given by Dr. Hammond. The paper was quite extensive, and illustrated by a number of charts showing the result of a great amount of original experimental work carried out by the subject, both in the psychological laboratory here and in other institutions.

The subject dealt with was "happiness," and more especially the "in-weight illusion." In general there are a number of recogized elements which make up illusions of this nature that:

(a) An object seems lighter when lifted in the most convenient position.
(b) By continued holding, a light object becomes firmer and a heavy object lighter.
(c) The rapidity with which lifted.
(d) The temperature of the object - a cold object seems warmer than a warm one.
(e) The lightness of grasp.
(f) Order of lifting.
(g) Contrast — whether with a lighter or heavier object.
(h) The amount of motor energy, spent out.
(i) Material of object lifted that is suggested by association.
(j) Size of object — of two objects of the same weight, the smaller seems heavier.

The Doctor explained the apparatus used in the experiments. One set of objects varying in size but the same in weight. The other series varying in weight but of the same size. The subjects, or observers, were University students and largely graduates. Some were shown, by the charts, the curves were very regular and constant, and ran to great extremes in each direction.

Strange to say, the illusions do not appear by practice, but did improve in prominence and rapidity of the illusion itself.

Strange to say, the illusion does not disappear even after being explained in full, but is less marked.

It does not tend to become educated.

Another series of experiments and results were given, which involved direct and indirect vision, and absence of sight entirely, but in each case the illusion remains, varying in degree. The experiments were also carried on by western men carrying in his hand a dead man's will to be broken. The Senator assured the delegates that both the will and client would be broken.

The illusion on "Civil Liberty" is a splendid composition, eloquent in diction and powerful in thought.

The vocal solo was a happy selection.

The debate brought forcibly before the Senators one of the leading questions — the "Thirty-third Amendment." And since the afternoon session at the close, was shown to be one worthy of careful investigation.

The session was greeted with a warm reception, and forced to respond to an encore.

CITY.

Clay Excerpt.

To Iowa City and the University was given last evening an opportunity of hearing one of the most perfect character comedies on the American stage. Mr. Clay Clement and his company presented that most wonderful play, "The New Dominion," whose every performance seems to add to its value, and whose charm and high spirit of honor and hospitality that ever before has been accorded to an actor in Virginia, is patriotic in a large degree, in spite of the fact that the hero is the misfortune not to be of Virginia origin. Its "conversion" to the true faith, however, through a flower of the "Old Dominion," is under the control of the plot.

The piece abounds in a bright dialogue and gives frequent opportunity to the hero, Baron Hohentaufer, to ingratiate himself in the favor of the audience by his timely and pertinent remarks.

Mr. Clement's presentation of the Baron, who is a German, with the accent of the Fatherland, is scholarly. The Baron, of course, is a man, having "the fact that he is heir to a college man, having attended the old Chicago University before, as he expresses it, that institution became dependent upon perpetuity. His original intention was to study law, but the love of the stage soon forced him to abandon that field. He is a scholar of the highest sort, but his birthplace being in our neighboring state, Illinois.

In addition to being a university man, Clement represents the college fraternity. He is a Phi Kappa Psi, and presents that of the various clays to which he addressed himself, the Phi Kappa Psi annual.
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G. M. Thompson, post-graduate, started for his home at Jefferson, la., last night, being called there by the sad news of the death of his mother.

Bishop Church Smith, ex-IA, is re-attained to acquaintances about the Varsity. Mr. Smith is now a Senior Engineer at the University of Illinois.

At a special meeting of Irving, this afternoon, the following Probation were elected for the coming season, Debates, Biddy and Section: Oration; Merri-

The Young Men's Christian Asso- ciation held its annual election of officers at City Hall Saturday evening. The following were chosen: President, J. J. Louis Vice-President, M. M. Moseley; Recording Secretary, C. C. Converse; Treasurer, L. A. Swisher.

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