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BATTALION ELECTS ITS MAJOR.

THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

The Battalion yesterday afternoon completed its organization by electing our present commandant, Lieutenant H. E. Ely, 22d Infantry, U. S. A., as its major in case it is called into active service.

As matters stood, the battalion, after volunteering, still lacked a commandant, since the movement on the part of the military organization was wholly voluntary and outside the domain of strict University authority. Major Ely commanded the battalion as the Military Department of the University, but not as an independent and volunteer organization for war purposes. Hence it became necessary to elect a major for this "extra-constitutional" organization.

The election was only a formal way, upon the part of the battalion, of expressing the confidence and trust that it has reposed in Major Ely ever since it was fortunate enough to secure him as its commandant. Each company in the battalion voted on the proposition separately, and in every case absolute unanimity and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

After the result was made manifest the captains moved their companies into battalion formation, and on the part of their respective companies tendered Major Ely the new command. In his acceptance the Major made a speech that was received by the 200 soldiers with continued applause and prolonged cheering—another attestation of the popularity of Major Ely, and the enthusiastic support that he may look for in the battalion.

If the time does come when Iowa may see fit to give her student-soldiers a chance, she may leave them in the charge of this commandant, resting assured that he will give full and satisfactory account for them and their actions.

The following petition was sent to Governor Shaw by the several captains as representatives of their respective companies:

ARMORY S. U. I. BATTALION, April 1st, 1898.
To His Excellency, Governor Leslie M. Shaw:

SIR.—We the undersigned officers of the State University of Iowa Battalion, do hereby respectfully petition your excellency to request the Secretary of War to assign Lieutenant H. E. Ely, 22d Infantry, U. S. A., now in command of said Battalion as its Major, in case it is called into service. In making this request we express the sentiment of our respective commands, as ascertained by a unanimous vote this day.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. SOLEMAN, Capt. Co. A.
J. R. FRAILEY, Capt. Co. D.
GEO. H. CARTER, Capt. Co. B.
A. R. DENNY, Capt. Co. C.
F. S. HOLSTEEN, Capt. Battery.

Senior Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Senior class at Close Hall, Tuesday, April 5th, at 4:30 sharp. Committees please be ready to report.

J. R. FRAILEY, Pres.

Hammond Law Senate.

The Senators gave their initial program for the term last evening, and although a number have not as yet returned to school work since vacation, a good sized audience greeted its rendition.

As a preliminary to the literary productions, the newly elected officers were duly installed with the usual senatorial formality, after which the incoming president, Senator Wagner, made some very appropriate remarks.

Senator Johnson recited a patriotic recitation in his impressive style.

"Novels for Lawyers" was the theme for a well written paper by Senator Eaton. Miss Eaton's review of the various novels adopted particularly to legal readers, certainly merits special mention as both entertaining and educational.

Senator Popham's oration on "Lincoln" received deserved appreciation.

A well executed instrumental solo by Miss Donahoe was heartily encouraged.

The debate for the evening was carried on in an exceptionally animated manner, the leading disputants on both sides evidencing careful preparation. The proposition discussed was whether "party allegiance is preferable to independent action in politics," Senators Johnson and Bliven supporting and Senators Long and Meister denying. The resolutions carried by a small majority.

Senator Havener acquitted himself satisfactorily in an extemporaneous speech on the rather difficult question propounded as to the relative moral effect and influence of the law and ministerial professions.

Following are the officers for the spring term:

President—Senator Wagner.
Vice-President—Senator Keota Williams.
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Corresponding Secretary—Senator Tyer.
Sergeant-at-Arms—Senator Liffing.
Membership Committee—Senators Long, Havener and Shark.
Member of Executive Committee—Senator McBeth.

The Cuban crisis naturally demands more space in the editorial department of the American Monthly Reviews for April than any other single topic. The whole matter is reviewed in the light of the latest and most authentic information received up to the time of going to press. The Review is convinced that the country desires and will demand intervention in Cuba, that the real question at issue is the relief of Cuba, not the settlement of the "Maine" incident, and that Spain's final withdrawal from the Western Hemisphere will be the only satisfactory termination of the present trouble. The principal principal contributed article is entitled "Political Germany," and was written expressly for the Review by Dr. Theodore Barth, the eminent German publicist, leader of the Liberals in the Reichstag, and editor of the Nation. Dr. Barth is well known in the United States, having frequently visited here,

HONOR THE NATION'S DEAD.

A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO ERECT A MONUMENT TO THE MARTYR'S OF THE "MAINE"

The following letter, received by the president of the Senior class, is self-explanatory:

NEW YORK, March 23, 1898.

Dear Sir.—The National Committee of the Maine Monument Fund desires the aid of the colleges throughout the Union in collecting a sum adequate to a suitable memorial to the brave fellows—officers as well as seamen and marines—who lost their lives in Havana harbor on the night of Feb. 15.

If patriotic spirit abides anywhere, it is in the colleges. Men of national—and in the cases of many world-wide—renown, who are members of this committee, cherish among their best possessions diplomas from American colleges. Those who are now pursuing the courses of study requisite for degrees should also enroll themselves in this cause.

Will you not, as presiding officer of the graduating class, see to it that the subscription lists, which are expressed to you to-day, are placed in the hands of the Presidents of all the classes, in all the departments, and by them, in whatsoever way seems best, submitted to every undergraduate. Lists may also be placed at the disposal of the Faculty, and should have every name from president to the newest tutor. No matter how small the amount of the subscription. Let everybody make a contribution.

Every subscription list will be placed underneath the corner-stone of the monument. It will be a memorial to the future of those who help to build it as well as to those whose martyrdom it is meant to commemorate.

The lists, when completed, and checks for the amounts subscribed, should be forwarded to George J. Gould, Treasurer, 195 Broadway.

Very Sincerely,
PAUL LATZKE,
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This matter will probably be laid before the several departments and the classes therein during the next few days.

University Regents.

The joint caucus of the General Assembly has selected the following Regents for S. U. I. All the selections were made by acclamation:

Second District—George W. Cable, Davenport, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of F. W. Mahin, of Muscatine.

Fifth District—M. A. Higley, of Cedar Rapids, to succeed W. R. Moninger, of Marshall county.

Sixth District—W. D. Tisdale, of Ottumwa, recently appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel A. W. Swalm, of Oskaloosa.

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Ninth District—Shirley Gilliland, of Mills county, to succeed himself.

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The following persons have enrolled in the Junior Law class:

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The Maine Monument.

In another column we reprint the patriotic appeal that is to-day being circulated throughout the length and breadth of the nation. Patriotism with the people of the United States is not an idle sentiment lightly expressed and as lightly regarded. With us it is neither the effervescence of hysteria nor the cant of vapid sentimentalism. With us, it is the very heartblood of all that we hold true and dear and priceless in our nation's life. When the time to talk has past and when the time to act has come—then it is that the patriotism of the American people is made manifest and is expressed.

That time has come to-day. We are now in one of the most critical crises of our history that has ever demanded a solution at the hands of the people of the United States.

It is a time when the truest patriotism of America is required; it is an epoch when all that is best in our nation must stand forth undaunted by "business interests" or self-seeking sordidness, for all that is best in American politics and American morality. No better expression of this exalted patriotism could be well imagined than that existent in the appeal sent forth by the national committee of the Maine monument fund.

Victims to the world-old history of Spanish treachery, martyrs to the unappeased diabolism of Spanish hate, sacrifices to the quenchless fury of Spanish rage, the brave and simple men of the Maine died in a brave and simple faith. That they have not lived and died in vain is fully attested to in this mighty movement that is now agitating every state in the Union. What could be more fitting, what nobler, than to raise to these brave Americans sleeping to-day be-

neath an alien soil an immutable monument to the matchless valor of American hearts and the deathless glory of American arms?

Back of this sacred tribute to Americanism stands all that is best, all that is grandest, all that is most potent in American citizenship. The very names of the national committee eloquently express this fact. All America unites as one, dissolving and obliterating the narrow bounds of party, creed and class to drop a tear of homage to the memory of our martyred dead.

To-day this consecrated patriotism appeals direct to the students of Iowa University. In the next few days every student and every member of the Faculty of the University of Iowa will be given an opportunity to offer up his mite to those who died in the faith and fealty of the stars and stripes. Nothing exorbitant is asked or demanded, for behind all is the inexhaustible resources of a great people. Rather is it a privilege and an honor for any man to add his mite to this momentous symbol of an Americanism, true, simple, undaunted and unconquered. In this prospective fame to our deathless dead may Iowa University deem it a favor and a boon to blend her offerings with the soulful tributes of a grateful and an unforgettable nation.

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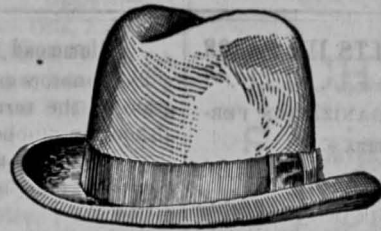
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Welty, L. '98, has returned to
school.

Arthur Bailey, '97, visited in the city
this week.

Miss Lindler has entered the Uni-
versity this term.

McCutchen, '00, has again taken up
work in the University.

The Hesperians will entertain the
Zetagathians this evening.

Macomber, L. '98, is back to school
after being absent the winter term.

The Freshmen Erodolphians will
give a special program next Saturday
night.

A letter from F.C. Beckman C. '97, says
he is with the New York Life Insur-
ance Co.

Miss Jennie Bishop, ex-'98, who is
now teaching school in Marengo, is
visiting friends in the city.

Inaugural program of the Y. M. C.
A. at Close Hull, to-morrow, at 4 p.
m. Come out and hear the plans for
the coming year.

Professor Macbride delivered his
lecture on "The Life and Death of a
Tree," in the University Extension
course, at Humboldt Thursday night,
and at Estherville last night.

The students of Cornell College held
a Cuban mass meeting, Wednesday
evening, and addresses were made by
prominent members of the Faculty.
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President Schaeffer has gone to Philadelphia to spend a couple of weeks on business.

To-morrow evening, at the Congregational church, Dr. Bullock will preach upon "Our National Crises," or "Is the United State Justified in Declaring War Against Spain." In these days this is certainly a topic of vital interest to every one, and given by Dr. Bullock the worth and value of the address is assured.

The following officers have been elected by the Homeopathic Alumni Association for the ensuing year: President, Dr. A. S. Hansen, Cedar Falls; First Vice-President, Dr. Fred C. Skinner, Rock Island; Second Vice President, Dr. A. L. Pollard, Iowa City; Secretary, Dr. Elmer J. Lambert, Ottumwa; Treasurer, Dr. Leora Johnson, Iowa City.

At the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Alumni Association, held Wednesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Joe W. Breen, Iowa City; First Vice President, J. H. Vosmek, Cedar Rapids; Second Vice-President, Miss Zada Cooper, Quasqueton; Corresponding Secretary, W. L. Watters, Wellman; Treasurer, C. W. Miles, Charles City; Member of Executive Board, C. G. Park, Wilton.

A recent Wisconsin Cardinal says: "We regret the sudden cessation of negotiations with the Iowa State University regarding the proposed intercollegiate debate. It appears that the delay occasioned by Iowa's dilatoriness made a mutual agreement impossible. We are glad that the gentlemen of Iowa are anxious to open negotiations for a debate next year, and if circumstances will permit, Wisconsin will be ready to accept the challenge and measure its strength upon the debating rostrum."

Much inquiry and not much certainty has been expressed of late in regard to University appropriations. As near as can be ascertained they stand as follows: Besides the regular annual appropriation, we have received for the biennial period an extra general appropriation of \$31,000. In addition to this, and of more moment, the five year building tax has been extended one year to replace the library. This means about \$55,000 for that purpose. Considering the retrenchment policy adopted by the present legislature, and the appropriations given other state institutions, S. U. I. has no reason to complain.

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