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THAT SCRAP.

AN EXCITING CONTEST WITH THE FRESHMEN AS VICTORS.

There was no mistake—the Freshmen had called a meeting. The notices were posted where all might see—“There will be a meeting of the Freshman class at Close Hall, Friday, 4 p. m. Bring schedules with you.” The question arose as to whether the Sophomores would interfere. The consensus of opinion was that last year's experience would be a lesson to hold the Sophs in check. But no, a hurried meeting was called at 12:45, in Irving Hall. Was it all a bluff? No one knew until members of '01 appeared a little later in sweaters and old clothes. Groups began to gather in the neighborhood of Close Hall. Word was sent to the VIDETTE-REPORTER that it might be well to have a reporter upon the scene. But our special war correspondent was already on the field, and hence we do not rely for our reports upon the Associated Press dispatches. It began. A little before four o'clock the Sophomores took their stand on the steps of Close Hall. In imitation of their Spanish friends in the late war, heavy wires were stretched across every avenue of approach, and two policemen, were there to display their stars and authority. The Sophomores were “closed en masse” behind their wire fortifications. On came the freshies—but the policemen, rising to the occasion, wielded their clubs unmercifully upon the heads of the attackers, and finally arresting a Senior, who had become unduly concerned for the Freshmen, they marched triumphantly to the City Hall. The battle went on. The officers did not again interfere—probably fearing that some one would step on their toes or disarrange their toilet. The Freshmen retreated to the opposite corner of the street and held a hasty council of war. The breastworks, must be taken, and amid the shouts of hundreds of spectators another charge was made. A pair of wire cutters had been obtained and an opening was made. The lines closed in and “fought hand to hand.” The attacking Freshmen were hurled from the steps only to rise and rush up again—this time to return with a Soph in their arms. At first the members of '01 held their opponents at bay, but soon there was but a struggling, swaying mass of students, so closely packed together that they could do nothing but push and perspire. On the wings, however, it was different. Those from below would rush up the steps, tackle the enemy by the most available limb, and aided by the force of gravity, drag them bumping and thumping down the stone steps. Coats were torn to shreds. Hats were trampled under foot and mutilated beyond recognition. The remains of numerous sweaters were left upon the field. But the struggling continued. It seemed as if the Freshmen could never force the door, but at last it gave way. There was a shout and a rush. But no. Victory was not yet. The officers of Close Hall quickly appeared and kept the combatants

outside. The participants, locked in each other's arms, rested for a moment. Exhausted they leaned against the railing, and talked the prospects over with their friends, the enemy. It chanced that a number of Freshmen had attended afternoon classes in the Leisure Room, and had remained in the building and were now imprisoned—unable to reach their friends. A party was sent out to reconnoiter. It was deemed possible to scale the wall and enter through the window, and with the aid of several Medics and Laws, a number of Freshies were hoisted up to the arms of friends who pulled them in. The VIDETTE-REPORTER's correspondent was allowed access in this way. The Freshmen now poured in through every window. On the west side a convenient roof aided the last to enter, and the fort was taken. Old Close Hall rung with their shouts. Bruised and sore, excited and triumphant, they filed into the auditorium.

Macy—he of foot ball fame, was the first to enter, and Wilson, the runner, was the first to be hoisted through the window.

DeKay called the meeting to order, and upon motion of Stork, Miss Moler, of Iowa City, was appointed chairman. She took the chair and officiated in a manner befitting a Senior. A discussion arose as to whether or not they should elect officers before they had a constitution. It was unanimously decided that a constitution could be adopted afterwards, and that officers be elected at once. McCabe suggested that they needed a secretary pro tem. He at once received the nomination. The nominations for president were Fred S. Berry, of Sioux City, Frank Eberhart, of Newton, C. J. Elller, of Pekin, Ralph Williamson, of Iowa City, and F. S. Cummins, of Des Moines. Upon motion the candidates took seats upon the platform, and truly it could be said “some in rags, some in tags, and some in beggar's gowns.” But full dress suits were not required, and their dishabille but added merriment and interest to the occasion.

Currier and Emery were appointed as sergeants-at-arms, and proceeded to collect the ballots. Each nominee received a large number of votes, but Berry having a plurality, upon motion was declared elected. He addressed the class in a few enthusiastic remarks, and the applause which greeted him sent chagrin to the discomfited Sophs on the street below.

There was a little trouble at this time over two suspected Sophomore girls. Alice Howard and Maud Kingsbury were requested to show their credentials. Upon their protestation that they were Freshmen they were allowed to remain until some one produced a writing from somewhere to the effect that they were Sophomores, and the ladies were requested to retire.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

Wilson, Stork, Cummins, Brackett and Miss Lodwick were placed in nomination for vice-president, and Cummins was finally elected. For the position of secretary, Butler, Lake, Fitz and Miss Moler were placed in

nomination, but upon motion of C. McCutchen, Miss Moler was unanimously given by acclamation. Macy, of Adel, was elected treasurer, and Call and Wilson were selected sergeants-at-arms. Butler was elected athletic manager.

A motion was made and carried that the president appoint an executive committee of five to draft a constitution.

The first meeting of the class of '02 was successfully held. It adjourned amid deafening hurrahs and shouts—the only thing wanting was a class yell. Good feeling and friendly rivalry prevailed throughout the fray. Sophomore and Freshman walked home together and discussed the events of the afternoon.

The Sophomores were greatly outnumbered, and credit is due to their determined stand. They blocked the entrance, and few, if any, entered the door. On the other hand the Freshmen started out to hold a meeting in Close Hall—and they held it. Although aided by some Professional students they accomplished their end, and carried the day. May this class spirit, enthusiasm and determination characterize them throughout their college career.

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Know all men by these presents, that we, John W. McKee, as principal, and E. R. Lacey, as sureties, all of Louisa County, Iowa, are held and finally bound unto George W. Egan, President of the Athletic Association of the State University of Iowa, and Professor A. V. Sims, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of the State University of Iowa, in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and assigns, firmly by these presents.

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A. V. SIMS,
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Extra Papers.

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Alumni.

Complying with your request in a recent issue of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, in regard to alumni news, I shall hereby give a few notes from this section of the state:

At a recent canvass made in the city, I found that there were between sixty and seventy persons, who had been students at one time or another at the University, representing all the learned professions. Space will forbid mentioning all these, so I shall mention only a few.

Among the dentists can be mentioned Dr. DeFord and Jessie Ritchie DeFord, Conn, Clark, Booth, Hasek, Hollenbeck, Miller, and McClelland.

Among the druggists can be named Boyson, Listebarger, Shomler and Skvor; and of the physicians who have been students and professors, Cogswell, Dalbey, Carroll, Lynn, and Crawford.

The bar has always been well represented by University students, and at present both the opposing candidates for county attorney, Crosbie, '91, and Clemans, '88, are Law graduates, the others being Bingham, '83, Kratz, '92, Mekota and Runkle, both '93, Hall, Tourtellott and Holbrook, '97, Troy, Clark and Frank Smith, '94, Rothrock and Grimm, '90, Reed, ex-'86, Drabos, '83, while '98 can boast of no less than three, Hering, Watt, and Tyer. W. R. Boyd, for several years editor-in-chief of the Republican, a member of class '89, is now connected with Coe College, besides his duties as assistant editor, and Camburn, '96-'7, is in the High School doing good service.

With one of the Regents residing here, and with such a number of students and alumni, we are now talking up the idea of forming a University center, with a view of keeping up college interests, and above all having the good will of the University at heart. Such an association could accomplish a great deal of good, and we sincerely hope that such organization can be formed.

B. L. WICK, C. '91, L. '93.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Junior Laws Elect.

The Law class of '00 held their second meeting in the Law lecture room yesterday afternoon.

Temporary chairman Heibel called the assembly to order, and the report of the committees on constitution and by-laws was read and adopted.

Holsteen, Howard, Perry, Miss Hubbard, Walsh, Burt, Swisher, and Saylor were placed in nomination for president. Howard was elected.

The following officers were then chosen: Vice-President, Holsteen; Secretary, Miss Howard; Treasurer, Robinson; Sergeants-at-arms, Wright and Sullivan.

Notice.

All students desiring to become members of the Mandolin Club are requested to call at Close Hall on Monday, or Tuesday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock.
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We are very glad to see that so many students are beginning to send in locals. That is what we want. We try to get the news, and need your co-operation. We wish to request, however, that items be sent in early in the forenoon of the day of issue. Several times we have printed duplicate locals and incorrect items because they were handed in after the proof had been read and the editors had gone.

The Literary Societies.

Last night the various societies held their first programs of the year, and the Freshmen who are interested in this line of work were popular, as they never were before. The greatest interest was displayed in their welfare, and many kind offers of assistance and aid were made by upper-classmen, only to be followed by "Can't I propose your name to-night?" The rivalry between the different organizations is excessive at this time of year, and it is next to impossible for the new men to obtain a correct knowledge of the comparative merits of the societies.

The habit of "spiking" new students is unfortunate. The rush for desirable candidates is so great that men do not have an opportunity to take their bearings, and the societies must go more or less by chance in electing members.

Notwithstanding these methods, the societies are equaled by few, if any, in the West. The work in forensic lines at S. U. I. has been a source of pride to the institution for years. Not alone in the contests that are won, but in the men who are sent out from the halls, to reflect credit upon their Alma Mater in later years.

The various literary organizations are important institutions of the Uni-

versity. Nearly three hundred students are connected with these societies, and do work along forensic lines.

It may be of interest to the new students to know that the three Collegiate societies carry on the Oratorical Association and send representatives to the Northern Oratorical Contest. The Irvings and Zetagathians have charge of the Debating League, which holds debates with other schools each year. They also control the Lecture Bureau, which furnishes a course of lectures and entertainments every winter. All this is done by the students without the aid or council of the Faculty. Hundreds of dollars are handled each year, but debts are paid and without the assistance of subscriptions and donations. The efficiency of the societies methods, and their great work on forensic lines, are a credit and honor to the University.

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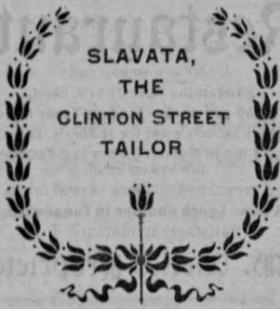
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Norval Ham is still very sick.
Robinson, L. '00, is pledged to the Sigma Nus.

The Sigma Nus gave a party yesterday evening—

The Seniors are trying to organize a foot ball team.

Mr. Robertson, Medic, is sick with typhoid fever.

The Mandolin Club met Thursday evening. They will organize soon.

Annabel Collins, of Iowa Falls, was married to W. T. Coe, of Minneapolis, Tuesday.

Mr. Fellingham will address the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon in behalf of the Bible class.

H. F. Wagner, Senior Law, will be married to Miss Lillian Updegraff, Oct. 12, at Martingburg, Iowa.

“Tommy” Tompkins, ex-'99, of Sioux City, is in the city for a few days. He is a corporal in Company L, 52d Iowa.

Dickinson and Culman, of the Senior Law class, went to Mt. Vernon this morning to look after their interests at Cornell.

Professor Macbride's botany class will not recite until Tuesday. Meantime the class will prepare an essay on Compositae.

Mr. William F. Morrison and Ned Rehkoph, are cadets at West Point, New York. Both were Sophomores in S. U. I. this year.

Messrs. Rahl, Randall, Tuttle, Hunt, B. J. Lambert, Goldsmith and Rich were initiated into the Zetagathian society Friday evening.

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The Bible class had its first meeting last night. Mr. Hawk will lead the course in the Apostolic Age, Mr. Feltingham the course in "The Life of Christ."

The Y. W. C. A. will meet Sunday p. m. at 4 o'clock at Close Hall. It will be led by Agnes Safley, the subject being "Bible Study." Miss Lydia McCutchen will give a talk.

The Natural History Bulletin will appear in a few weeks. It will contain "Sedges of Iowa," by R. I. Cratty; "Uredmeae," or "Rusts in Iowa," by Messrs. Holway and Arthurs. Both subject will be illustrated. The latter one is a continuation of work begun about two years ago.

We learn with great pleasure of the nomination of J. R. Fralley as clerk of the courts of Lee county. Mr. Fralley, who has been a lieutenant in the 50th Iowa Volunteer Infantry at Jacksonville this summer, but a short time ago returned to his home in Fort Madison. The Republican convention met at Donnellson, Sept. 28. Mr. W. C. Blood, of Keokuk, a comrad of Lieut. Fralley's, presented his name as a candidate for clerk of the courts. He was at once nominated by acclamation. Last year "Joe" was the most popular student in school, and his many friends will learn with pleasure of his success. In the University, Mr. Fralley had an enviable reputation. He stood high in his class. His faculty as a speaker and debater was the admiration of all. As Editor-in-Chief of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, President of the Athletic Union and of the Senior class, his great capacity and ability made for him a name that will long be remembered and respected at S. U. I. In behalf of the students we extend congratulations to Mr. Fralley.

The Hesperian (U. of Neb.) devotes space in its last issue to items from S. U. I. It prints among other things the VIDETTE-REPORTER'S recent editorial on the abolition of drill.

We welcome to our exchange table the Collegian Reporter, from Morningside College, Sioux City. The last number gives a notice of Dr. Knipe's beginning work as coach at S. U. I., and a schedule of the games we have with other schools.

Scarlet and Black clipping: "At a meeting of the Tennis Association, Thursday, it was voted to accept the proposition of Iowa City for a dual tournament. The date of the tournament has not yet been determined upon. This is in return for the dual tournament held here last spring, and the Association will probably send four men."

The Scarlet and Black (Grinnell) gives a notice of President Schaeffer's death, and his great work at S. U. I., closing as follows: "In behalf of the students of Grinnell College, Scarlet and Black extends sympathy to the Faculty and students of the State University in the time of their great loss." We appreciate this kind expression of interest from our rival school.

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