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## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

A UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY IN THE COLLEGIATE AND LAW DEPARTMENTS.

This year, for the first time in its history, the University of Iowa will observe formally Washington's birthday. A holiday has been declared in both the collegiate and Law departments, and all the students of the University have been invited to attend the exercises to be held in the Opera House, which will be as follows:

### PROGRAM.

Presiding Officer—Acting-President A. N. Currier.  
"Freedom's Flag" .....  
..... University Male Chorus  
Address..... Col. Charles A. Clark  
"Washington's Day and Our Day."  
"America". Audience, Chorus Leading  
These exercises will be held at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

## THE PAUPER.

"WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAUPER" DR. PATTERSON'S SUBJECT.

In the struggle for existence the strong win, while the weak fail, and poverty among a large class is the result. Poverty, however, is not pauperism, for while poverty is honest, strong and independent, pauperism is poverty in a dejected form.

What has robbed man of the highest ambitions God has given him, and placed him in this condition? One would find an answer in the land question, but while great wealth and extreme poverty are found together, poverty does not increase or decrease with the price of land.

The socialist thinks he is not paid for his labors, and seeks to place the burden on the capitalist, but capital is free, and anyone having ability may get it.

The temperance man finds in intemperance the great cause, but as a matter of fact, there is at least two-thirds of the pauperism to which we can neither directly or indirectly attribute intemperance as the cause. Others have thought that the increase in population was greater than the increase in production, hence some must starve, but we have passed the time when it was thought that nature is not sufficient to supply the needs of all.

In countries where the conditions are favorable, pauperism flourishes. When the English knights fed hundreds daily at their gates, paupers were plenty.

All paupers may be divided into three classes. First, the honest, self-respected man or woman who by unfortunate circumstances have been forced into their condition. Second, those of the first class who have drifted to such a depth and have become so steeped in pauperism that they cannot be helped. Third, the indolent, willful, pauper, and the criminal.

The only way to deal with the second and third classes is to place them in almshouses, for they must not be

left free to prey upon society. The first class we may help. They come from the common walks of life, and may indirectly hold us responsible for their condition. The placard on something cheap attracts the eye; we want something cheap. These cheap articles represent cheap labor, and by their use we agree that the sweat-house may continue. "All honor to the 'White List'," a class of merchants who agree not to handle any of the goods made at these sweat-houses.

The beautiful bird must be killed by the ugly boy to adorn the pretty girl's hat. Demand makes wickedness. Thus we are making paupers daily. Indiscriminate charity is another great mistake. Men are educated to become paupers, for if a man be paid to work he will work, and if he be paid to beg he will beg.

There is more to charity than alms. Love and help will bring them out of poverty. According to the Bible we are taught that the gleaners were to have certain parts of the harvest, but we are not taught that it was to be thrashed and sold, and the money given to them; they must do the work. We may help them to the advantages of school. Men who are willing to aid may give or find work. Give them an opportunity to get an honest living, but do not give alms without an investigation. Make active, honest, independent men and women, rather than indolent, lazy, dependent wretches.

### Philomathian.

The program Friday evening was opened with a well rendered declamation by Mr. Humphrey, entitled "An African Chief."

The descriptive paper by J. T. Edson was full of beautiful word pictures of the scenery of the Rocky Mountains. It was heartily appreciated by the audience.

The debate was on the question: "Resolved, that labor unions in the United States are of benefit to the laboring classes."

The question was affirmed by L. Henson and M. C. Warren, and denied by C. W. Soesbe and W. P. Hanson.

The argument was presented in a forcible manner, and each speaker did credit to himself and the society.

This was Mr. Hanson's initial appearance, and he proved himself a valuable member. The old members showed great improvement.

The oration on "The Daily Newspaper," by Mr. Baker, was well received by the audience.

The program was closed with two excellent extemporaneous speeches. Mr. E. J. Louis spoke on "The Value of Society Work," and Mr. E. E. Blythe on "The Present Situation in the Philippines."

### Notice.

All students desiring a copy of the oratorical number of the Cornellian will leave order with R. A. Cook or W. W. Loomis. Price is 15c a copy.

### Notice.

All old members of Co. I, and other students interested, are requested to be present at the public meeting, to be held in the city hall at 7:30 Thursday evening. E. E. HOBBY.

## SOPHS DEFEATED.

HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN THE VICTORS.

The Sophomore basket ball team went down before the invincible High School players Saturday afternoon. Both teams played hard and fast, and the game was fierce and spirited from the start. The High School plainly out-played the Sophs, their quick passing and goal throwing being particularly excellent.

The line-up was as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL	SOPHS.
Spinden rf	Anthony
Brock lf	Warren
Chas. Bailey c	Fred Bailey
Lewis rg	Griffith
John Bailey lg	Clyde Williams

Umpire—Calvin Jarvis.

Referee—Frank Manning.

Final Score—16-3.

## "CHRISTIAN SERVICE."

THE SUBJECT OF PROFESSOR WELD'S LECTURE SUNDAY EVENING.

Professor L. G. Weld's lecture, last Sunday evening, in the Congregational Church, on "Christian Service," was, as anticipated, exceedingly entertaining and instructive. The lecture was not only rich in thought, but the clearness with which the speaker presented his ideas was especially praiseworthy. The ideas presented were practical in nature, and showed broad and unprejudiced reasoning.

The speaker said that man was a social being, and he had risen from a lowly state, due to his social tendencies. Society has made language necessary, and this in turn has been the great instrument in progress.

Our moral code is the result of evolution. We are directly responsible to society for our conduct. Our every act is a social act, and as actors we each produce some effect in the drama of life.

Man is not merely a thinking being, but all humanity feels in addition a responsibility to God, and the duties prompted by this reverence for God are the same as the duties to society. Christian life is something more than fasting and prayer, it is a daily task. Faith is not solely theological doctrine or mere credulity; it rescues us from pessimism and a loss of courage in adverse times.

In a very beautiful closing the speaker compared human history to the weaving of tapestry, in which mortal beings, each doing his own little share, knows not of the great plan of the great artist, who is God.

### Notice.

To-morrow, February 22d, has been declared a holiday by the Faculties of the Collegiate and Law departments of the University, and to celebrate the day, they have invited Hon. C. A. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, to deliver an address at the Opera House, at 10 a. m. Students are invited and urged to hear this eloquent speaker.

AMOS N. CURRIER,  
Acting President.

## How to Judge a Debate.

A contributed article in the Ariel, on the topic, "How to Judge a Debate," will interest our readers:

"In athletic contests the referee is limited by very precise rules so that the opportunity for unfairness is reduced to a minimum. In debate everything is left to the judgment (I almost said to the prejudice) of the judges. This is not right. I believe that the decision of a debate, while not subject to such nice restrictions as the determination of a point in football, may to a certain extent be determined by rules which would prove a great aid to the rendering of a just decision.

"Take the Sophomore debate of last Saturday, for example. I asked a Senior of excellent judgment which side he would vote for. 'The negative,' he answered, 'because I did not think that the affirmative has proved their point.' Now I believe that this is the most pernicious rule that could be followed in awarding a decision. If the affirmative must prove its point to the satisfaction of the judge, the whole question will be as to how the judge stands on the question. For example: Suppose the question under discussion were, 'That the Republican policy of protection is right, as broadly as they apply it to-day.' If I should judge, guided by the above rule, the affirmative could not get my decision, even though it were upheld by the ablest debaters in the University against the weakest team we could find. I am so thoroughly satisfied that the Republicans protect many articles which no longer need protection, that the affirmative could never prove their point to my satisfaction, and must therefore lose, even though they debated all around their opponents. I could point to another case where one of the best known and most level headed professors in the University gave a palpably unjust decision simply because he left out of account the relative merits of the two sides, and demanded that the affirmative remove his own doubts. This is a case of judges vs. affirmative.

"Every one will agree that the judges should not debate against either side. The whole question is: which side put up the better debate? How shall we eliminate personal prejudice from our decisions? I have been experimenting lately with a system which seems to me an improvement. Let us again take the Sophomore debate to illustrate, letting A, B, and C be the affirmative, X, Y, and Z the negative debaters.

"After A had spoken and X had answered, I compared the two carefully, and determined that if the debate stopped there I should give it to the negative by a narrow margin. After B and Y had spoken I again decided that Y had been somewhat the better. This increased the margin of the negative. But after C and Z had finished, C was so unmistakably better that the margin thus created for the affirmative was sufficient to cover the two narrow credits for the negative and leave a surplus sufficiently large that in my opinion the affirmative undoubtedly won."

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### Judging a Debate.

We are printing from the Ariel (U. of Minn.) a number of articles upon the proper manner of judging a debate. We believe that the lack of a uniform basis for marking has caused many unsatisfactory decisions at our contests, and we give space to these articles, hoping that the Debating League may realize the necessity of adopting some uniform system to be used in the future.

### Hawkeye Out.

The Hawkeye is out—and at the time advertised. The managers may be congratulated upon the promptness with which they have gotten out the book. Superintendent Reddick, of the Job Department of the Republican Office, is largely responsible for this very early delivery, and he is certainly justified in pluming himself upon the neatness and dispatch in printing the Annual, showing, as it does, that it is not necessary to take job work, no matter how complicated, out of town. Although many of the students feel that the Hawkeye '00 is not what they were led to expect, yet they all appreciate the promptness of its delivery.

### Punctuality.

We have often before deprecated the lateness of the hour at which almost all popular entertainments begin in Iowa City. Eight o'clock the usual advertised hour, is certainly as late an hour as students could approve. Yet when from fifteen to forty-five minutes is consumed in examining the fringes of the stage-curtain before that essential to a well-conducted theatre deigns to rise, the result is frequently tiring in the extreme.

The same may be said of the dilatoriness of literary societies in beginning their programs, advertised to

commence at half-past seven o'clock. The time of the student is valuable and the average type can find plenty of opportunities for the bestowal of his leisure hours more to his liking than occupying a reserved seat during the prolonged intervals often thrust upon him.

One of the pleasant features of the course of entertainments given by Dr. Gilchrist was that the programs commenced promptly at the hour advertised. We hope that entertainments in the future will emulate the example.

### Oratorical Outlook.

The number of orations handed in this year is probably larger than ever before, and this is indeed encouraging. The interest taken in oratorical work has been slight, and the college papers have in vain exhorted the students to write. It is naturally discouraging when the students know that any special training in delivery must be gotten at their own expense. At every other school in the Northern Oratorical League there is a chair of oratory, and in many institutions credits are offered to those who get on the preliminary. No wonder that S. U. I. students are not anxious to enter a contest that is so expensive, and with such odds to meet in the N. O. L.

We are very glad to see that a large number of orations have been submitted, for there is no reason why we may not obtain a high mark on thought and composition. The big contest is to be held in Oberlin this year, and this means that three men will get a trip to Ohio—a goal well worth striving for.

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ing of the star and of the leading lady  
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ding much to the success of the even-  
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**FACT AND RUMOR.**  
Hear Dixon to-morrow night.  
Co. 1 is preparing to reorganize.  
Last lecture on the course to-mor-  
row night.  
Mr. Rall, of Fort Dodge, visited F.  
Hanson last week.  
Geo. Schoonover Sundayed in Du-  
buque with a friend.  
Professor Calvin went to Cedar Rap-  
ids Monday afternoon.  
C. W. Clark, L. '98, of Montezuma,  
Ia., is here visiting friends.  
F. P. Williams, '98, visited friends  
in the city Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. Briggs, of Penn College, Oska-  
loosa, is visiting University friends.  
The Junior social, which was plan-  
ned for to-night, has been postponed.  
J. O. Johnson, C. '00, was elected  
Editor-in-Chief of the Quill this af-  
ternoon.  
We learn with regret of the death  
of Miss Sullivan, sister of John Sulli-  
van, L. '00.  
The committee on secondary schools  
met at Professor McConnell's lecture  
room this afternoon.  
Remember the Washington's birth-  
day exercises at the Opera House,  
at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.  
The "Hotel Orleans," a number of  
the members of which are University  
students, has made a date at Wilton,  
Iowa.  
Judge Wade will lecture before the  
A. O. H. at Des Moines, St. Patrick's  
day, March 17, on the subject, "The  
Exile."

**LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.**

Geo. W. Egan to-day tendered his resignation as Athletic Editor of the Quill.

Polygon meets this evening with Miss Anderson. The date was changed on account of the lecture to-morrow evening.

In the local oratorical contest at the State Normal, first and second honors were won by Misses Bozarth and Poor respectively.

The trial of Andrews vs. Magnus, that has been attracting so much attention for several days, has resulted in a verdict in favor of the Professor.

On next Saturday, at 2 p. m., two games of basket ball will be played in Close Hall gymnasium, High Schools vs. Laws, and Medics vs. Laws. Admission free.

Dr. J. H. Waite, the father of Miss Lovell Waite, ex-C. '01, died at his home on Davenport street, in this city, Saturday night, and was buried this afternoon.

Lester C. Jackson, C. '96, who is now teaching at Clinton, Ia., was subpoenaed here as a witness on the Professor Andrews X ray case. He left for home last night.

Chancellor McClain leaves for Des Moines this evening, where he will deliver a Washington day address at Drake University. It is always with pleasure that the students of S. U. I. see the members of the Faculty honored in this way.

Professor Macbride lectured at the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, on the subject: "The Bankruptcy of Material Science." It is to be regretted that it was not announced in the College paper, so that more of the students would have known of it.

The basket ball game between S. U. I. and Cedar Rapids, advertised to be played here to-night, has been declared off. The game will take place Feb. 27, at Cedar Rapids. The S. U. I. team are practicing every day, and are getting in good shape for the game.

Professor Loos and Messrs. Angus, Dalbey, Ernest, Eaton, Carpenter, and J. O. Johnson returned Monday from Dubuque, where they represented the Y. M. C. A. at the Convention held in the Standt Auditorium. Professor Loos presided on College Day, last Saturday, and read a paper on "Bible Study" before the conference on Saturday evening.

It is encouraging to see so many taking advantage of the opening of the library from 7 until 9 in the evening. These extra hours are but an experiment at the present time, but the students, by showing their appreciation of this favor, will furnish proof that their plea for more library hours has well intended, and thus what is now an experiment will become a permanent feature.

The Superior Court of S. U. I. met Saturday evening in Prof. Loos' room. The case of John Doe vs. James Wilson was heard. Judge Carlson was on the bench. John Doe brought action for specific performance of a contract. Defence was drunkenness at the time the contract was entered into. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. Motion to set the verdict aside was made. The attorneys for the plaintiff were Messrs. Weed and Cray; for the defendant, Messrs. Weber and Taylor.

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