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BASE BALL PROSPECTS.

THE PLAYERS — A NUMBER OF GOOD GAMES.

Regular outdoor base ball practice will begin within the next few days, or as soon as the weather will permit. The boys have been in training indoors for some time, and are now in good condition to commence hard practice at once.

An abundance of candidates will compete for places on the team, among whom are the following, whose names have been handed to Capt. Lowry:

Catchers — Deems, Luckey, who played with Highland Park last year, and Yates and S. C. Williams, S. U. I.'s '98 team.

Pitchers — Hughes, Berry, C. '02, Moss, C. '01, Birdsell, L. '00, and Reynolds and Hurst, of the '98 team.

Joe Warner, Al Remley, and J. D. Lowry (Captain), will manage the first bag.

At second will be Cuxen, L. '00, Moser, from Cornell, and Amor Sargent of the '98 team.

Reynolds, Moss, and Jim Remley will appear at third.

Oakey, L. '00, Williams, and St. Clair will play shortstop.

Among the outfielders are Murphy, L. '00, Goodenough, M. '01, Yates, Hurst, Storey, C. '02, and Lendall.

From Manager Mitchell we learn that an attractive schedule is in prospect. Besides the regular league games with Ames here, Grinnell at Grinnell, and Cornell at Mt. Vernon, there will be exhibition games here with Ames, Cornell, and Grinnell, the latter on Decoration day. Knox and Nebraska may also meet the Hawkeye team. Two good trips are among the possibilities, one to include Chicago, Beloit, and Dixon,—the other State Normal, Luther College, and U. I. U.

Altogether the prospects are flattering for a successful base ball season for S. U. I.

"WASHINGTON'S DAY AND OURS."

COL. CLARK THE SPEAKER OF THE DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY EXERCISES.

Washington's birthday was observed at the University of Iowa, yesterday, by a holiday in the Collegiate and Law departments, optional attendance to classes in the other departments, and exercises in the Opera House. Acting-President Currier was the presiding officer at these exercises, and he introduced the speaker of the day Col. Charles A. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, who addressed the large body of students, gathered in the seats before him, on the subject, "Washington's Day and Our Day."

The speaker said in part: "The effect of a monument depends on its setting. The character of Washington looms up to-day as one of the great examples that are looked to by his countrymen for inspiration. He met hard and bitter conditions successfully; our conditions are much

more favorable. More shame to us if we do not meet them victoriously.

"The great trouble in the days of the Revolution was the continental currency. This was so depreciated that it took a load of paper money to buy a load of provisions. French aid won us Yorktown, and Yorktown our independence, but the greatest danger still threatened. The Articles of Confederation contained the seeds of their own dissolution. There was no head to the government, the Articles did not purport to speak for the people, they stood for the state. Poverty and distress was steep and wealth not universal. No trade or commerce existed, and manufactures were almost extinct. There was not a soldier in the standing army, and no money to pay one if there had been. Public credit ceased to exist.

"Even the shadow of commerce and manufactures remaining was attacked by the people, because they thought that through them the little currency was drained from the land. States became involved in commercial wars and made embargoes against each other.

"These misfortunes came through paper money, and one would think that the people would have had enough of that. But the states took up the craze and issued limitless paper money.

"With all this impending anarchy and ruin around him, Washington saw the need of a strong federal government. The states determined to have a federal convention. The spectre of anarchy was more patent than the spectre of centralized government.

"George Washington, the foremost spirit of this convention, was made its chairman. 'Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair,' were his words to the convention, which ought to be remembered by every citizen. The presence of Washington in that convention was better than any other aid."

The speaker then showed the questions before the conventions—over-eghty, slavery, suffrage, currency, standing armies, and depicted the influence of Washington in reaching safe conclusions.

"The standing army," the speaker concluded, "is of great interest to us at present. Washington was of the opinion that if the United States wishes peace, it must at all times be known that we are ready for war. Washington to-day would favor our retaining that advanced position which our industries and our needs would dictate.

"We are bound by our position to keep step with the music of progress and advancement. Let us not dishonor the clarion words of Washington. 'There is a rank due to the United States which would be absolutely lost by the imputation of weakness.'

"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest may repair.' The event rests with God."

The audience listened to Col. Clark with attention, and all found some parts of interest to them in the address of one hour and three-quarters. The speaker was several times applauded.

THE DIXON LECTURE.

LAST NUMBER ON THE LECTURE COURSE A RARE TREAT.

The most interesting, if not the most highly instructive lecture that has been given in Iowa City during the present season, was the last number on the lecture course. For two hours Rev. Thomas Dixon, of New York, with his lecture "Fools, or the School of Experience," held his audience as if spell-bound. The depth of his thoughts, the force and clearness with which they were presented, the vividness with which he portrays his life pictures, the unconscious ease and precision with which he abandons the role of the lecturer to assume that of the fool, these can but style him at once not only a master of oratory, but a man of the deepest thought and meditation.

The lecture was not, as is too often the case, a long catalogue of historical data, made tolerable by silver-tongued oratory, but rather was the conclusion drawn after careful study and research, spiced with well-timed jokes, and presented in the most pleasing manner.

The Bureau is to be thrice congratulated for having secured such a man for a place on the course. It is the lectures of such men that fix the popularity of the lecture course.

ERODELPHIANS ENTERTAIN.

AN OLD-FASHIONED COLONIAL PARTY.

Tuesday evening North Hall was the scene of an old-fashioned colonial party, tendered by the Erodorphians to their brother Irvings. The decorations were varied and appropriate. Two large flags were draped over the doorway, and inside the hall the eye met a veritable profusion of flags. From the pillars to various points in the rooms, beautiful bunting was artistically draped.

The guests were met at the entrance by Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Lafayette, and other colonial dames of repute. Each guest was presented with a hatchet, upon which was written the name of some noted character of the Revolutionary period.

A sewing contest among the gentlemen was the next part of the evening's program. After three minutes of excitement it was found that F. C. McCutchen had won first prize with a record of thirteen buttons, and Leslie Switzer the booby prize, with one button.

The company was then favored with a series of shadow pictures representing cake walks, love scenes, promenades, and rainy days. As the shadows passed the screen the company was asked to identify the party.

Cards were passed around to the guests, who were requested to write upon them the name of the lady, with the most beautiful and appropriate costume. The decision was in favor of Miss Foster, who represented "Martha Washington."

After dainty refreshments, served by the committee in charge of the so-

ciable, the company was entertained by a cake-walking contest. Judges were chosen, and the contestants immediately began to display their ability to "trip the light fantastic." The judges were unable to reach a decision, and decided that they should retain the cake for their own gastronomical benefit.

Minuets and Virginia reels were interspersed through the enjoyable program.

The sociable was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the guests fully appreciated the efforts of their Erodorphian sisters to make the evening a memorable one. No pains were spared by the Erodorphians to make the evening an enjoyable one, and the singular appropriateness of the decorations and costumes only served to make the event more lasting in the memory of all present.

Medical Department.

Dr. Hoag, of Garner, Ia., was a visitor at clinic, Tuesday morning.

Dr. Dean has been having a series of experiments for the physiology classes.

Dr. Littig failed to make connections with his class in Physical Diagnosis this week.

The Sophomore and Junior classes were treated to another written test from 4 to 5 on Tuesday. This is to be the last until the final.

Dr. H. C. Finch, of Lynville, Ia., and Mr. Guthrie, father of our genial professor, were visitors during the lecture on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Burgman, General Agent for the Keystone View Co., and who is now canvassing the students of the University, was a visitor at anatomy lecture Friday.

Dr. Biering was called to the Court House Saturday on the Andrews-Magness case, and before he could get back to the building the class in Pathology went home to dinner.

This week will practically finish dissection for this year. Neither students nor demonstrators seem at all sorry to think it so near completion. It has been a long hard "pull."

We have been asked several times why the students of the Medical department were not given a chance to subscribe for the Junior Annual this year. We were unable to answer the question, therefore will somebody please offer an explanation, just to satisfy curiosity, if nothing more?

On Saturday evening, at the home of Mr. Hender, '01, occurred a social party, composed mostly of Medics. For the entertainment of those gathered, Mr. Puleston, '01, gave an interesting talk on his sojourn in Africa; He began with a trip from England, noting points of interest on the way. Then he took his hearers across the continent of Africa, explaining the habits, customs and laws of the different tribes, as well as their methods of warfare. Knowing these things from personal observation, Mr. Puleston can speak not only entertainingly, but instructively upon the subject.

Dartmouth has been asked to withdraw from the triangular league, and Wesleyan has been asked to take her place.

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Charged with Plagiarism.

Members of the literary societies have been much excited over a charge of plagiarism on one of the orations in the contest. It is a grave charge and it is to be hoped that it is not true. The unpleasantness began when a couple of members of the Executive Committee refused to allow the matter to be submitted to the President according to the rules of the Constitution. But rather than have the subject laid before the student body, the committee has finally reconsidered the subject. This seems the only satisfactory thing to do, for it gives the accused an opportunity of clearing himself. This is the first time that such a charge has been made in many years, and we hope, for the sake of the man and for the University, that a verdict of "not guilty" may be rendered.

How to Judge a Debate.

A communication to the Ariel (U. of M.) on judging a debate, is here given: "The novel plan previously proposed for deciding a debate, in a neutral community, might work for an interstate debate, but is impracticable for our debates in the University for the reason that we cannot emigrate to the neutral community. A preceding writer thinks that you could not compare the first two speakers, because the first speaker on the affirmative must spend much of his time introducing the subject and explaining the matter; while the first speaker on the negative could annihilate his opponent's argument in a few minutes and could spend all the rest of his time building up new ones. Now, for my part, I believe that one of the advantages which the affirmative has, to offset the disadvantage of having the burden of proof, is this very fact that they have the first statement of the question and can thus create a first impression, favorable to the affirmative, which is very hard to remove. If the first affirmative speaker, in stat-

ing the question, does not throw in some of the best argument of the debate, he has done his work very poorly.

"The question is, who put up the best argument in the best way. He makes a plea for the present method of making no decision until all is over. But like the rest of us, he can't tell how to give such a decision—on the spur of the moment or after deliberation. In one place he lays down the rule: 'Have some real grounds or reasons for giving a decision, and not just on general principles.' This would mean a careful weighing of the arguments, delivery, etc., and a decision after full comparison of the two sides. But he changes his mind later, for he closes with a plea for a snap-shot judgment on the spur of the moment. He says: 'The first impression is the right one, whereas if you stop to review the debate you will lose your first general impression and cannot make a fair judgment. This is just what I object to in the present method of judging. There is too much room for sentiment and prejudice in these judgements by general impression. I distrust judgements reached by jumping at a conclusion.'

Another contributor says:

"Without stopping to criticize previous articles as to how to judge a debate, I wish to propose a new plan for deciding debates. To correct evils in judging debates, I propose the following plan:

"First, I would appoint three judges who should decide upon the merits of the debate, as under the present system, their decision to count five points in the final decision. Second, I would take a ballot vote of the audience as to the general impression produced, this to count two points in the final decision. Third, I would taken a stenographic report of the debate, have this report put in printed form and submitted to a committee of higher critics for decision, which shall count three points in the final decision. Thus the total number of points to be gained would be ten, of which the judges would cast one-half, a plurality, the audience one-fifth, and the committee on manuscripts three-tenths. The decision coming from three separate sources would certainly be more just and democratic in principle.

"This plan presumes that the decision would have to be postponed for some time, say a week. There would be a little extra expense, but is it not worth a little more to have a debate decided right? This method would be fruitful of good results. In the first place, it would call out a larger audience. The debate would be a live issue with them, and hence they would be interested. It would place upon them a certain degree of responsibility which is commendable."

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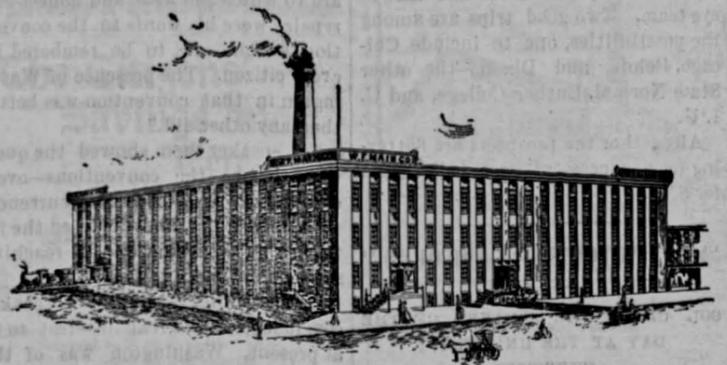
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FACT AND RUMOR.

The Phi Psis gave a dance Tuesday
evening.

The Betas will give a party on next
Saturday evening.

The Phi Deltis will give an informal
party Friday night.

The Sigma Nus will give their an-
nual banquet Friday night.

O. D. Stotts, Phar. '00, will not be
in school for the remainder of this
year.

Miss Parker is enjoying a two weeks
vacation from her duties as assistant
librarian.

The Wagner Ladies' Quartet will
give a recital at Close Hall, Saturday
evening. Invitations have been issued
to members of the Y. W. and Y. M. C.
A. to the members of the Hesperian
and Erodolphian societies, and to
members of the Faculty and their
wives.

Sunday afternoon the Y. M. and Y.
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Professor Van Steenderen gave a lecture before the Century Club, Monday afternoon, on the subject "Holland."

The Stanford-California debate, on the question: "Resolved, that it is for the best interests of France to form a close alliance with Italy." Mr. John E. Springer, ex-C. '00, who last year represented the Zetagathian society on the Sophomore debate at S. U. I. appeared as Stanford's leading debater. The Daily Californian says of his appearance: "Shortly after eight o'clock Professor J. C. Branner, of Stanford, stepped forward, and, after a few introductory remarks, introduced as leader of the affirmative Mr. John E. Springer, of Stanford. Mr. Springer's argument was clear and logical, and his delivery was good."

Dental Department.

Decker, '98, of Davenport, was in town last week, to attend the Phi Psi banquet.

Mitchell, '98, was here last week.

There are about eight six-months course students who will graduate in March.

The Juniors did not have their anatomy quiz, Saturday morning, as expected, Dr. Harriman being subpoenaed in the Andrews-Magness trial.

The clinics were closed yesterday on account of Washington's birthday.

McCartney is sick to-day.

The Dental building looks very busy now, as the Hawkeye is on sale here.

Notice.

All parties desiring copies of the contest number of The Cornelian containing the orations delivered to-day at the State Contest at Mt. Vernon, will leave order with W. W. Loomis or R. A. Cook. Price is 15c per copy.

Baconian.

Professor Calvin will lecture on "Geological Walks About Iowa City." This topic will be of great importance to those interested in local nature studies

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