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ATHLETICS.

A SURVEY—SOME IDEAS ON AMATEURISM AND FINANCES.

For a number of years past athletics has held a definite, recognized place in the life of the leading educational institutions in Iowa. The days of one old cat and town-ball have long been past,—so long as almost to have been forgotten. The history of late years, especially of the half-dozen next preceding, has been one of scientific organization. In every important institution in the state, all branches of athletics—foot ball, base ball, tennis and track,—have been, or are, pooling issues. Efforts have been directed toward organization, and the establishment of a system of finances upon a sound basis. Hand in hand with this movement has come a spirit demanding purity in college amateur sport. With the two has come an intensified interest in athletics upon the part of the better people in the state, and a consequent increase in gate receipts at the games. For instance, S. U. I. hires no base ball pitcher, and yet the people go to the games. They are interested not so much in seeing an exhibition of high professional skill, as in seeing what our own boys, our students, are able to do.

Here in Iowa, perhaps, the most serious problem in the past has been how to make gate receipts cover expenditures. The question of professionalism has never given serious trouble, has never arisen save on two or three unimportant occasions. And in each and every case the individual in question has been dealt with fairly, as might best conserve the interests of pure amateurism in University sport. But the question of finance—that has long been the vexed and vexing question. It now seems possible to those who are best informed on conditions, that the problem is in a fair way to solve itself, and not through the agency of benefits and subscription-lists either. These are well enough in their way, but should not regularly be resorted to—they should be reserved for emergency cases. The permanent solution of the problem must ultimately be reached through a permanent increase in gate receipts. And it is coming, too. There is perhaps no better nor more liberal class of citizens anywhere on earth than right here in Iowa City. They are gradually becoming interested in athletics of such a character as this University now insists upon, and their interest is one that will be permanent. The interest and financial support of the students must necessarily be transient, unless such an example shall be set by the upper classes, that each new generation of students shall, as a matter of course, become enthusiastic lovers of pure amateur college sport.

Interest in athletics, and consequent attendance at games, can be built up only gradually. But when thus built, it becomes permanent, and the income may be regarded as fairly certain, barring bad weather. We can see no reason why such an interest and such attendance can not be built up here in Iowa City, as well as in any other city of equal population. We predict that within the course of a very few years, what with the combined interest of the stu-

dents and of the citizens of Iowa City, and their attendance at the games, we shall be in a position to bring such teams as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and others, here to contest on our home grounds, and that we shall be able to clear more profit on the season than we now do with cheaper games.

The State University of Iowa is the leading institution of learning in the State. As such she leads, or should lead, in the movement to put athletics upon a sound and a pure basis in this state. This does not mean that she should assume a position of autocratic dictatorship. Quite the contrary. The success, athletically speaking, of the other universities and colleges of the state, adds infinitely to the success of the University. A paradox? Not at all. In competition lies the development of the athlete. And does not the University draw largely from the other state and local institutions of the state? And lastly, the general interest created in athletics by the success of this department of education in the other institutions, but serves to increase the local interest in the same department here in Iowa City. Possibly the University may be in a position to exert no little influence over athletics in the State of Iowa, and, to some extent, owing to her peculiar geographical position over athletics west of the Mississippi. No little wisdom and perseverance is demanded that this influence may be wielded to the best interests of all concerned.

Track Meets.

The fact that we have several good meets in prospect is creating a lively competition among the track team. Over thirty-five men are now at work, with the avowed intention and determination to win each a place for himself on the team. In addition to the Minnesota meet at Minneapolis, for May 19, Manager McDonald hopes to secure a dual meet with Grinnell on May 6. Nebraska has already accepted May 19, the date which would have gone to Grinnell but for the difficulty which arose over the agreement in regard to location of the Dual League meet.

Punting Contest.

The rules for competition in the punting contest for the Morgan cup have been adopted, and will appear in Saturday's issue of the University papers. There will be two meets, one in May, and in November. Thus those who do not have work in the 'Varsity in the spring term need not be deprived of competing for the cup. The spring meet will probably be held on some day during the second week before the spring examinations.

The foot ball boys, about twenty-five strong, met with Dr. Knipe at the Central building, last evening, to talk over plans for spring work. The meeting was a lively one, and the old foot ball yells rent the air again and again.

The Maxim guns "Eli" and "Handsome Dan," which were presented to the United States cruiser "Yale" by the alumni and under graduates of Yale University, are now in New Haven. They arrived a short time ago, and were at once taken to the Yale gymnasium. The guns are complete with their original mountings, and will be set up precisely as they were on the cruiser Yale.

S. U. I. vs. CEDAR RAPIDS.

THE INITIAL GAME OF THE SEASON 5 TO 3 IN FAVOR OF CEDAR RAPIDS.

Base ball fans predict a winning team for S. U. I. as the result of the good game put up with the professionals from Cedar Rapids yesterday.

Five to three is the way the score stood at the end, and for the first three innings the Cedar Rapids men never got past second base, while the home players raced around the diamond twice. It was a perfect day for base ball, except for an east wind that made it difficult for the batters to place their hits, as the sun shone warm and bright from a cloudless sky. Captain Lowry may well feel proud of the work of his men, as they have had practically no practice before this week, the weather having been too cold for out-door work. Usually it takes two or three games for the players to limber up and feel at home on the diamond, but every one of the S. U. I. men were as easy and sure of themselves as though they had been in training all winter.

Only one or two slight errors were made by the 'Varsity team, while the professionals threw wild, muffed flies, and in various other ways showed that they needed the practice which they came to Iowa City to obtain.

Cedar Rapids tried several pitchers, but they were struck hard, though but three safe hits were made off of them. For the most part, they are the same players seen here last year, but Andrews, last year's genial shortstop, is missing, as is also the Indian pitcher, while Shaffer is a new and noisy man on first, and Brashear, pitcher, and Collins, catcher, are also strangers to Iowa City.

Moss, the Freshman Dent who pitched for Iowa, bids fair to outshine Hart, who pitched such great ball for us last season, as he is cool and nifty, as well as a good infielder, which Hart never was. Though the visitors made seven hits off from his delivery, it was all done in two innings, as he managed to keep them scattered at other times, and one of the so-called hits by the umpire was without doubt a foul, and a costly one it was, letting in two runs and winning the game.

Yates had the distinction of bringing in the first run for S. U. I. this season, as well as going excellent work behind the bat. His work is to be commended, in that he improves with each game.

Lowry, Sargent, Williams and Moser make an infield hard to equal on any Iowa team this season. They moved like so much clock-work, Williams' picks being clean, and his throwing to first accurate. Sargent and Lowry's good work is always to be depended on, while Moser, Cornell's last year's second baseman, made a creditable showing at third.

Undoubtedly Iowa has a star player in the person of Story, who covers left field. He made two beautiful long running catches, yesterday, and his work with the stick, and base stealing, won him the lasting regard of the Old Gold's supporters. From now on he will be a favorite with the crowd.

"Hal" Reynolds, in center, is a "sure thing," as when there's a ball knocked into that territory, the man is out, and

'Hal' usually lines them out when he comes to bat, while his partner in right field, Murphy, is equally as sure, both in the field and at the bat.

S. U. I. is to be congratulated on her work with the stick yesterday, as usually the players are good fielders, but poor hitters. But if yesterday's work is any criterion, she will have the hardest set of hitters seen wearing the Old Gold for many a long day.

For the first three innings the visitors went out in one, two, three style, and then in the fourth they took a brace. F. Glade and Strang each touched up Moss for two baggers, and Shaffer, Donnelly and P. Glade for singles, although these five hits only netted them two runs.

In the sixth Captain Hill and Shaffer knocked two-baggers, and three other hits made them their other two runs.

In the next two innings they never got a man past first base.

S. U. I. played in poor luck, as they would knock the ball right into the arms of a fielder, while the visitors would make safe ones. Both sides hit the ball enough, giving the fielders a lot of practice, but to little purpose, as there were few errors made.

Six men from the home team got to first base on balls, while not a single Cedar Rapids man walked. Moss struck out three men. The league pitchers struck out but one of our players.

The game all through was free from any wrangling between the umpire and the players, a feature much appreciated by the crowd. The same teams will play to-day and to-morrow.

The batters and their positions were:

IOWA.	CEDAR RAPIDS.
Reynolds, cf	Fisher 2b
Sargent 2b	Shaffer 1b
Lowry, 1b	Donnell rf
Murphy rf	McKibben cf
Gates c	P. Glade lf
Moser 3b	Strang ss
Williams ss	Hill 3b
Story lf	Collins c
Moss p	Brashear p
Subs.	Subs.
Okey, Hurst,	Landers, F. Glade,
Hampson.	Mahaffey.

The score by innings:
S. U. I. 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0—3
Cedar Rapids 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 0—5

The girls of '99, organized as the O. W. L. S., entertained the other members of the Senior class last evening. A farce entitled "The Secret's Out," was given in a very entertaining way, after which a general social time was had. A "tree similis" contest was held, with very interesting results. So many happened to attain a perfect mark in the contest that lots were cast to decide. J. Wesley Holt was picked as the winner, and the prize, an O. W. L., was awarded accordingly. A large attendance and excellent spirit mark this as the most successful sociable yet held by the class of '99.

Notice.

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A Winning Team.

The result of yesterday's game gives great satisfaction to many who have been prophesying in a quiet way that S. U. I. was to have a winning nine this season. In this initial game the fact has been thoroughly proven that there are men at S. U. I. who know how to play base ball, and who have the energy and spirit requisite to make their powers of use for the glory of their school. Under the direction of a skilled captain these men have been placed in their proper positions, and the strong support and harmonious working of the various parts, so much in evidence in yesterday's game, are proof of the careful thought and planning on the part of the captain.

S. U. I. is fortunate also in having a pitcher from the class of 1902, who is as sure and steady as a professional. He, with a catcher that catches everything that comes his way, form a battery that will bring sorrow to many a heart when S. U. I.'s opponents shall contend with us on the diamond. In case the opposing team does get a hit or two, there are men in the field who know their duty thoroughly well, both in a theoretical and a practical way. The men on the bases, like the men behind the guns, are to be depended upon.

Base ball spirit has had a remarkable growth in the last few days, and large crowds of students and friends are ready and willing to co-operate with the men of the nine in making Old Gold triumphant. The sweet strains of music from the band, the superb weather, the enthusiasm—everything is helping on to this great end. Let no one falter, but press on until the goal is assured.

Spring.

"With what a glory comes and goes the year."

It is here—we can feel it—that blithe season of the year when the robin seeks

his mate, and the young man takes his his best girl—or some other fellow's—canoeing. The wakening season, when the heart of the lover swells with joy and pride, and he longs to enfold the whole world in his embrace—likewise the heart of the onion set. The glad-some season when the small boy lies in wait with willow rod and bent pin for the nimble fish—only the law is on now—and the youth sits on the maiden's doorstep and improperly wishes the hammock was up. The boy wants to start going barefoot, and the youth sighs for a plunge in the river—it really wouldn't be very cold, do you think? We rise as early—sometimes—as seven, drink sassafras tea, and do a turn about town before breakfast. The thrifty farmer mends his fences. So does the politician. We rake and burn last fall's leaves in the front yard, and putter about the garden, wondering which way to make the rows run this year. The ball crank takes to bat and mit, and the Latin student forsakes his Livy. The heart of the poet stirreth and bubbleth like boiling soft soap—yea, and the grass of the lawn waxeth exceeding verdant. It is that bewitching season when there is a pleasant fulness in the air, and the gliding brooklet—and in the un-wary drinker of Schlitz and eater of pretzels. It is the entrancing season when a song bird is in every treetop and a fairy in every drop of dew. It is the season of promise—promise of a good oat crop this summer, corn-husking in the fall, pumpkin pies next winter, another spring—but we anticipate. All the world is waking up after its annual hibernation. Spring, blithe, gladsome, wakening, bewitching, entrancing spring, the spring of promise, is upon us.

Baconian.

The meeting to-morrow evening will be devoted entirely to voluntary reports by the associate members of the society.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

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Rev. L. A. Swisher, C.'97, now located at Dubuque, is at home for a few days.

C. W. Bingham, L. '83, of the Cedar Rapids bar, is in the city on professional business.

Eldon Orton, of Princeton, Missouri, a graduate of the Law department, is visiting in the city.

The second annual Sophomore Cotillion will be given at Smith's Armory, Friday evening, April 14th.

Professor Veblen will deliver his lecture on "Finger Prints," at Carlton College, Northfield, Minnesota, to-morrow.

The Chicago Chronicle publishes a portrait of a former S. U. I. boy, Dr. David Fairchild, who is now a most popular surgeon in the 51st Iowa.

Professor C. C. Nutting will probably spend the summer with a dredging party composed of government scientists. The field of work will be on the Atlantic coast.

"Senator" Egan, well and favorably known here as one of our Normal graduates, captured the first prize for oratory at Iowa City, last week, and will represent Iowa in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Oberlin, Ohio, in May. "Sen's" many friends are heartily appreciative of his success and rejoice in his good fortune. Mr. Egan wins his way by hard work, and more than ordinary ability, and deserves all the honors that he wins.—Woodbine Chronicle.

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The class committee have spared no pains or money, doing all in their power to render the cotillion enjoyable to all who attend. The decorations promise to eclipse anything yet seen in Iowa City. The well-known decorator, Claude Holt, has been given carte blanche by the committee, and it is safe to say that the armory will present a fairland of delight to the eyes of those who enter the building on that evening.

Last year's Cotillion is remembered as one of the most enjoyable affairs that have been given in Iowa City. This year's Cotillion expects to increase the reputation which clings to this event. The committee feels especially the need of the hearty co-operation of the members of the class of 1901.

Subscriptions for the floor will be received at the door, or, before Friday evening, by members of the committee. Tickets to the gallery will be on sale at the door.

A track meet will be held between Kansas and Nebraska on May 5th.

Professor Edward Snyder, formerly professor of German in the University of Illinois, recently gave that institution \$12,000 for a fund to assist needy students.

Freshman Hesperian Special.

The Freshman Hesperians will present the following program, Saturday evening, April 15th, at 8 o'clock, in South Hall:

PART I.

Farce—"Choosing a Bride."

CAST.

- Madam Lebrun Emma Johnson (A milliner.)
- Rose Imo Moler (An apprentice.)
- Kitty Podgers Maud Lodwick (An apprentice.)
- Mrs. Merriton Lillian Chantry (A rich customer.)
- Miss Castlemere Laura Peterson (Another customer.)
- Miss Pry Anna Borschel (A gossip.)

PART II.

Farce—"The Snow-Cap Sisters."

CAST.

- Mother Snow Clara Whitmore
- Ella Cute Snow Imo Moler (An elocutionist.)
- Dummy Snow Laura Peterson
- The Twins, Grace Switzer, Maud Lodwick
- Patti Lind Snow Mary Fitz (The warbler.)
- Susan Deplora Snow Lillian Chantry (Mourns a lover.)
- Johanna Snow Stella Tuttle (Woman's righter.)
- The Late Departed Decca Lodwick (Wax figure.)
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