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Iowa's New Building.

The new collegiate building, the need of which has so long been apparent at Iowa's University, was provided for by the 26th Assembly and since the first sod was turned in 1899 faculty and students alike have witnessed with impatience the slow progress made upon the foundation of the large structure. The contractors, Warren, Roberts & Company, have met with numerous hindrances since beginning work upon their contract, such as strikes and scarcity of iron, but the rate at which the large force of employees are now lifting the walls skyward is very encouraging.

Mr. Decker, the present manager expects, barring any unseen delay, to have the stone laid inside of thirty days. This will thus be completed before cold weather sets in and the building will then be roofed and enclosed at once and the inside work continued during the winter months. The contract stipulates that the building shall be completed before the first of September and every effort is being made to fulfill this contract.

The buildings when completed will be the first really great addition to our equipments an imposing structure in Colonial style and an entire departure from the plain and cheap buildings heretofore erected upon our campus. Covering 120 by 210 feet of ground and rising three stories and a basement in height it will contain ninety-two recitation rooms, besides a general lecture room and offices; will be built of Bedford stone, fire proofed throughout, lighted with both gas and electricity and furnished with the most modern equipments for heating and ventilation.

It is to be hoped that this is but one of the many steps to be taken in a course which will soon place Iowa among the foremost Universities.

Yale's New President.

Dr. Arthur T. Hadley in his inauguration address emphasized four problems,—those of entrance requirements, increased living expenses, athletics, and University organizations.

He was opposed to shortening the college course by giving another year to the secondary schools in as much as this method, not only left the character building too much in the hands of the secondary schools, but also tended to attain superior loyalty to them. He recommended that all financial aid be given either as prizes or for services rendered.

Dr. Hadley insisted upon the educational value of athletics, but deprecated such attendant evils as professionalism and especially that subtler professionalism which does not understand "the love of sport for its own sake" but which "regards athletics as a sort of competitive means for pushing the university ahead of some rival."

In treating of the internal rivalries and jealousies of a large university, he advocated the policy of open and frank discussion in a university council as a means to mutual understanding and concessions.

Owing to the failure to secure a West Point man to take charge of the military department, the university authorities deemed it wise to discontinue the exercises until such an officer could be procured. The department is inactive only temporarily.—DePauw Palladium.

Junior Class Meeting.

At the Junior Class meeting Tuesday afternoon, it was resolved to accept the challenge for a football game at Athletic park sometime in the near future. L. A. Birk was elected captain of the Junior football team and R. J. Bannister, manager. Mr. Birk was captain of the freshman and sophomore teams of the class and his re-election recognizes his efficient services of the next two years.

The class levied a tax of ten cents on each member for the support of the team.

They further resolved to place the individual pictures of the members of class in the annual. By a resolution of the class, all members should place their cabinet photographs in the hands of the editor of the Hawkeye by December 1st. The editor, Dan Fry Miller should be seen for further particulars.

The attendance seemed too small to warrant taking up the matter of a class party this winter. President Hanson hopes that at the next meeting of the class the attendance will be large and enthusiastic enough to take up the matter in the energetic manner which it merits.

Dental Convention.

The eleventh annual convention of the Eastern Iowa Dental Association took place at the Dental building yesterday. A goodly number of dentists from this section of the state were present. An address of welcome was delivered by President MacLean, of the State University of Iowa. The annual address of the society was delivered by the president, Dr. R. S. Bandy, of Tipton, and was so well received that a special request was made to have it delivered before the Iowa State Dental Association. Dr. C. N. Johnson, of Chicago, read a paper on "Practical Points in Cavity Preparation," illustrating it with drawings and models. In the afternoon session Dr. Brady, of the dental faculty, read a paper on "Some Practical Points in Regulating," also illustrating by models and charts. The afternoon was largely devoted to clinical demonstrations with the following clinical programme: "Restoration of a Crown by the Dento-Ceramic Art," by Dr. Palmer, of Newton; "Filling with Noncohesive Gold," Dr. Brady, of Iowa City; "The New Method of Bridge work and Attachment to Prevent Lateral Motion," by Dr. Fullerton, of Waterloo; "Preparing Models and Impressions vs. Vacuum Chambers," by Dr. Pherrin, of Central City.

Notice.

The executive committee of the regents having entered an order that all tuitions, unless otherwise provided for, must be paid on or before the first day of November, I must give notice that after the three days of grace have run, namely, after Nov. 3rd, students whose tuitions are not paid will have to be debarred from the privileges of the university until payment is made.

G. E. MACLEAN.

One Fare to Rock Island.

The B. C. R. & N. and the C. R. I. & P. railways have agreed on a one fare rate from Iowa City to Rock Island for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30th on account of the Iowa-Illinois football game.

The oldest College in the world is Mohammed College, at Cairo, Egypt, which was 1,000 years old when Oxford was founded. It has 11,000 students.—Ex.

Grinnell a Surprise.

Of the numerous surprises among the gridiron battles of last Saturday, none, save the defeats of two of the "Big Four," by teams that had been looked upon as entirely out of the championship race, is of important in the eyes of the average Iowan as the result of Grinnell's contest with Minnesota. There is a peculiar parallel in the fortunes of Cornell University's team and of the Grinnell team. Both began training late in the season. Both had many players injured in the practice games. Both lost relatively important games, Cornell to Chicago and Grinnell to Knox. Both have since exhibited remarkable proof of rapid recovery from the slump that was at first in the over-haste of the popular judgment, looked on as a permanent weakness in the teams. Cornell's defeat of Princeton makes the former a factor in the eastern championship contest, in that Princeton is thereby put out of the race.

What effect the rise in Grinnell's values will have on the Iowa championship is a matter of doubt. In seeking to solve the question we first inquire whether Grinnell's development of strength is but a lucky fluctuation or a permanent recovery from ill-luck. If the former, then the championship is assured to Iowa. If the latter, the championship, so far as it is decided by the trio of games between Iowa, Ames, and Grinnell, is not yet assured to any one of the three. Grinnell in tying Minnesota after the latter had defeated Ames showed evidence of strength that may defeat Ames. If Grinnell defeats Ames Friday and especially if the defeat is by more than a narrow margin, then it will be certain that Iowa will have to battle as she has not battled before this season to hold the honors she has all but won. And while we await the issue without fear, we feel nevertheless that our boys have got to play ball for old gold in earnest Saturday, November 11th.

Baconian.

At the regular meeting of Baconian, Friday evening, Dr. J. G. Gilchrist read an essay on "Some Recent Considerations of the Surgery of the Great Cavities of the Body." Among other things the speaker said:

"The two departments of medicine and surgery are often compared to the advantage of surgery. The advances in medical treatment are not believed to have kept pace with the progress made in surgical lines. Surgery was formerly entirely destructive, the removal of parts of the body without regard to future utility. Inadequate knowledge of physiology retarded the development of surgery.

The body is divided into four great cavities the pelvic, thoracic, abdominal and brain cavities. These viscera are surrounded by serous membranes. The viscera were formerly supposed to be free from surgical attack because surgeons feared injury to serous membrane on account of ensuing inflammation. The first attacked was the pelvic, secondly, the abdominal cavity, and thirdly, the thorax or thoracic cavity. Operations were preceded by accidents from which patients recovered, with sometimes an improvement in condition.

Later surgical operations are often supposed to have reduced frightful mortality to an almost infinitesimal proportion. Many statements in the popular

periodicals are false, regarding the ratio of fatalities in surgical cases. The actual reduction of mortality is much less than is generally supposed, and is due more to improvement in technique, rapidity and skill than to the introduction of new methods. The records of the early surgeons show results that compare favorably with those of modern operators.

The last cavity to be attacked has been the throat. Surgeons had found that the peritoneum and arachnoid membranes might be wounded without fatal results, but the heart and lungs were supposed impossible. The first great surgeons in this line were Italians, then English, French and Germans successively. Great battles and wars have much to do with progress in these affairs. Recently the Italian surgeons have made the greatest progress, having greater opportunities for thoracic surgery on account of the frequency of stab wounds in that country.

A popular impression prevails that lesion or injury of the heart is fatal instantaneously. The study of 11 cases of heart lesion shows that death was instantaneous in 18 per cent, 26 in less than one hour, 11 in 24 hours, 15 in one week, 23 from one week to one month, 12 in one month to one year, while five patients lived for several years.

When a person is struck with a heart wound, instant terror is produced and the subject is impelled to flee, and cases of extended locomotion are not unknown. Death will be due largely to character and location of the wound. The greater number are due to hemorrhage. "The blood is the life" when the blood is reduced, functional activities cease. Hemorrhage is not what is expected. The auricles are membranous, the ventricles muscular. When a lesion is made transversely to the muscular fibre, the hemorrhage may be restricted, but when the membranes of the auricles are wounded, the flow of blood is unrestrained. Clots, Nature's method of arresting hemorrhage are sometimes formed. Much depends upon the character of the wound. The least disturbing is the needle. Gun-shot wounds are irregular, and frequently carry portions of the bone and clothing, forming a ragged wound. Laceration by contusion and contusion may damage by shock, or by destruction of tissues.

Blood may be poured out in two ways, First, inter-thoracic, practically instantaneous. Second, when wound in pericardium is small, the cavity is filled slowly with blood, and when the limit of capacity is reached the heart ceases to act by reason of compression.

Foreign bodies allowed to remain in the tissues, may be disposed of in three ways: First, by encystation surrounded by a sac. Second, dissolved, and rough, will produce erosion or abrasion.

Nothing has been done in the way of pathology of the heart, because no cases are presented except in cases of accidents, where operations of magnitude are often performed. Three or four ribs may be removed and the pericardium opened and sutured. The toleration of the heart to irritations of needle and handling, is surprising. The following cases of heart lesion show that cases are frequently effected. Needle wounds, 23 cases, 9 cured; stab wounds, 90 cases, 11 cured; gun-shot, 110 cases, 4 cured. If they had not

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Caste in Universities.

The Statement made by President Hadley of Yale in his recent inaugural address that an aristocracy of wealth in the student body threatens some American Universities has called forth much popular and newspaper discussion. The Chicago Times-Herald of last Sunday devotes half a page to a symposium of the ideas of the Presidents of Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota Universities on the subject. It is the unanimous opinion of these men, who are certainly in a position to know of what they speak, and who represent the spirit of the central west in matters educational, that the misfortune Dr. Hadley fears is threatening some of the older institutions in the east is not even a remote possibility in the case of the western universities. As President Draper of Illinois puts it "The Western Universities are not so old as some in the east, and their people are not so many removes from the soil, and accordingly are more democratic and virile." According to emates of the above mentioned authorities from 20 to 24 per cent of the students in the seven universities earn the money with which they pay for their education. In several of these universities about 20 to 25 per cent more constitute the body of students who are not handicapped by want of funds, but who, on the contrary, are furnished with allowances larger than necessary. The remaining 40 to 60 per cent form the great middle class, whose average annual expense is \$250 to \$600 each. With so large a proportion living on allowances large enough to permit few luxuries and certainly no extravagances, it would seem that the conclusion drawn by the seven western presidents is sound, and that no aristocracy of wealth threatens the life in our western universities.

In the case of two of these universities, Michigan and Wisconsin, fraternities and sororities are mentioned as causes of an unfortunate growth in social distinctions. At Wisconsin these unfortunate distinc-

tions still exist. Here they recognize a difference between fraternities whose aim it is "to secure members who are distinguished in scholarship, athletic lines, or in literary work," and "another class of fraternities which are known as 'swell' and which are made up for the most part of students who spend considerable money and who belong to the set sometimes called fast." At Michigan, according to President Angell, "a dozen or fifteen years ago all class elections were the scenes of a rather bitter fight between the "frats" and the "independents." Today the lines are not drawn rigidly, and thus again is any tendency to make distinctions between the rich and the poor on the decline. Formerly the mere fact that a student did not wear a Greek letter was a bar to his attending the "J" hop. Today if he is a man of good character and a junior he never fails of a cordial invitation and a welcome."

Here at Iowa there is no "aristocracy of wealth." Few of our students are the children of wealthy parents. Many earn their own way and nearly all the others live on allowances not more than comfortable. The very few who are blessed with a surplus either have the good taste to make no vulgar display thereof, or popular criticism soon teaches them better manners. The fraternity problem presents itself only in a mild phase. Time was when fraternities dictated or attempted to dictate class elections and athletic affairs generally. Either from lack of ability so to dictate or from lack of desire so to do on the part of the fraternity men, the balance of power has come into the hands of the "barbs" and "non-frats." Fraternities at the University of Iowa are becoming more essentially social organizations. And as such, they stand or fall, not by the number of elections they carry, but by the impression made on the great body of students by their individual members. Iowa is in no danger from possible formation of a caste of any character. From President MacLean who is "heartily in sympathy with President Hadley's sentiments concerning the maintenance of democracy in University life" down to the humblest of the underclassmen there is no spirit that will tolerate even the idea of a division into caste.

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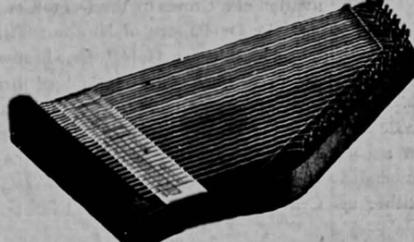


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FACT AND RUMOR.

The class of '01 have accepted the chal-
lenge of the seniors for a football game.

Attorney E. A. Work, ex-L. '99 of
Ottumwa, was in the city on business
yesterday and today.

Ivy Lane in a meeting at the home of
Miss Hess added the name of Miss Pon-
tius and Mr. Hess to its roll.

J. R. Frailey, L. '00 left Wednesday for
his home in Lee county where he will
campaign for the Republican party until
after election.

William Dean Howells who speaks in
Des Moines under the auspices of the
"Road Side Social Settlement Club" will
be introduced by Pres. MacLean.

Wm. Schroeder, ex-M. '01 who played
right end for Rush Medical in their game
with Wisconsin writes to a friend here
that Iowa could easily defeat Wisconsin.

Chas. M. Ducher, L. '95, Walter M.
Davis, C. '95, L. '98 and Hon. C. S.
Ranck are making speeches through-out
this county in the interest of the Republi-
can Central committee.

Hon. D. B. Henderson, of Davenport,
Speaker of the next house of Represent-
atives, spoke to a crowded house at the
Armory Tuesday evening. A large num-
ber of students were present and cheered
the speaker enthusiastically.

The Chicago papers figure that, in as
much as Chicago defeated the Cornell
team which subsequently defeated Prince-
ton, they are superior to Princeton. To
carry this one step further, Iowa virtually
defeated Chicago, so where are we to be
located.

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Rev. John Hanks, C. '97 of Wilton, Iowa, was in the city yesterday.

Charles Knox of Cedar Rapids spent Tuesday with Maxon D. '01.

A large number of students expect to return to their homes to exercise their right of suffrage.

The Irving and Zetagathian societies will, contrary to the report, present their usual programs Friday night.

J. B. Weaver, '82, will entertain President George E. MacLean and William Dean Howells at luncheon Wednesday, while the President will enjoy the hospitality of Ward Henry at dinner Wednesday evening.

The Senior Class at a meeting Tuesday voted to hold their first class social on November 9th and adopted the following yell:

Rickety! Rickety!
Rick! Rack! Raught!
Seniors! Seniors!
Naughty! Naughty!

Off For Nebraska.

The football team accompanied by enough rooters to swell the party to twenty-five, will leave over the Rock Island in a special car tomorrow morning at 4:35 for Omaha. The team will stop at the Grand hotel, Council Bluffs, and will practice tomorrow afternoon in the Driving Park where the game was played last Thanksgiving. This year the game will be played in the Y. M. C. A. Park, Omaha. Our lineup will be as follows: Waters, r. e.; Eby, Capt. r. t.; Brockway, r. g.; Baker, c.; Burrier, l. g.; Warner, l. t.; Williams, F. A., l. e.; Williams, S. C., q. b.; Edson, l. h. b.; Morton, Jr. h. b.; Griffith, f. b.; Howell, Stratford, Hoover, Little and Weiland, subs.

Baconian.

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been treated speedily, the patients would undoubtedly have perished. There is reason to hope that in future the ratio of mortality in cases of this kind may be still further diminished.

Incisions of the lungs are made for removal of foreign bodies, but few have heard of pneumonectomy, the removal of a lung. An actual lung or stomach has never been removed, but simply the pathological vestiges. Many organs of our bodies are duplicated, as a reserve for cases of emergency, and dissimilar organs may take up functions of each other. The stomach is essential to digestion, and can not be removed until it has lost most of its functions. The kidneys are the same. One would be overwhelmed if the other was removed, but if one kidney if gradually, it may finally be removed and the other organ will perform its functions."

After a short intermission, opportunity for questions and discussions was given

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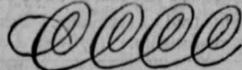
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