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DR. SEASHORE TALKS ON GEOMETRICAL ILLUSIONS

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. Seashore. Subject: The principal Type of Normal Illusions in usual Perception of Geometrical Forms and Figures

All persons are subject to visual illusions under certain conditions. Geometrical forms were discussed in this paper because the purest forms of illusions are found in perception of these forms. These visual illusions have been arranged in four classes which were illustrated by a large number of charts, plates, and diagrams, exhibited by the speaker.

1st. Class. Reversible perspective illusions. The drawing of a number of blocks, the number of which is indeterminate, owing to the almost instantaneous change of perspective under a steady gauge, is a typical example of this class. The explanation is found in eye movements. The nearest point is looked at first. In normal vision the eye is never at rest, but is constantly measuring distances. The movement of the eyes causes a rythmical variation of vision, depending somewhat upon the temperament and habits of observation.

2nd Class. The variable line, angle and direct illusions with single perspective as secondary effect. Linear spaces interrupted by dots appear longer than open spaces of equal length, because eye movement over a restricted space requires more effort than movement in a clear space.

3rd Class. The constant line, angle or direction illusions. This was displayed in diagrams of the vertical line, the parallel line, and the indirect field. This illusion is believed to have been known to the Ancients, and to have been exhibited in vases and cornices of the Parthenon.

4th Class. The association illusions. Figures assume apparent variations in form by means of contrast, confluence and irradiation when placed near dissimilar objects.

The discussion tended to prove that the human eye is not always correct in judgment, and erroneous impressions are frequently conveyed. Artists are accustomed to allow for the effect optical illusions upon their pictures. The paper was discussed further by Professors MacBride, Nutting and Patrick.

Professor Veblen performed a novel practical experiment to demonstrate the curvature of a base ball in flight. As the ball moves forward with a twirling motion, the air pressure is diminished on one side causing it to curve. By means of a light, around which a rubber band was tightly wrapped, causing a rotary motion of the ball when released, the professor caused the curvature of the flight to be plainly seen by all.

## Iowa in the Century

Under this head the Chicago Times-Herald, of Dec. 31, 1899, gives an account of the history of the state with pictures of the governors of Iowa. Prominent among these are Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Iowa City, governor from 1860 to 1865

and from 1876 to 1878, who generously remembered the University of Iowa in his will, and Frank D. Jackson, '74, governor from 1894 to 1896.

Some of the paragraphs on the University of Iowa are interesting:

"The University of Iowa was definitely located and established by an act of the first general assembly of the state in 1847. The state buildings and the lot on which they were located and two townships of land were granted to the university. The university had two branches, one at Fairfield and one at Dubuque, but the latter was never operated. There were normal schools, branches of the university, at Andrew and Oskaloosa. These were continued but a short time.

"The total appropriations from the state for buildings have amounted to \$528,000; for repairs, \$130,700; for support, \$1,074,957.

"Though the University opened its doors to students in 1856, very little was accomplished until the re-organization in 1860, which is now regarded as its real beginning. The faculty of the first year consisted of six departments, philosophy and rhetoric, ancient and modern language, chemistry and physics, mathematics and astronomy, natural history, theory and practice of teaching.

"Amos N. Currier, Dean of the Collegiate department, came to the university in 1867 and has served continuously since that time. He is one of the most capable and beloved men in educational work in this state. Samuel Calvin, professor of geology, present state geologist, came to the university in 1874. Thomas H. MacBride, professor of botany, has been in the university since 1878.

"During the first twenty years the natural sciences were less emphasized in the way of appliances and teaching force, but in the last twenty years they have been decidedly favored in buildings and means. It is quite certain that in the immediate future the humanities—history, political and social science, and language, literatures and philosophy—will receive the larger attention commensurate with their importance."

The article frequently acknowledges indebtedness to Professor B. F. Shambaugh for valuable help and references and speaks highly of a large original history of the state upon which Dr. Shambaugh is now engaged.

## A Class in Journalism

A course of instruction in journalism will be started this term under the instruction of Mr. Sam B. Sloan, assistant to professor Ansley. This class will meet for the first time next Friday at 1:30 and on that day and at that time thereafter for the winter term only. The instruction will be open to students who have at least one year of college English or of some experience in journalism. The work will be entirely practical.

The fact that it will be given by Mr. Sam B. Sloan, one of the two brilliant assistants which Mr. C. F. Ansley brought with him when he came from Nebraska to take the chair of English here, is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the course. Mr. Sloan is a journalist of wide experience and is able to set those in his classes far on their way through the easy paths of journalism.

## RECOGNITION

IOWA AND CHICAGO ARE CREDITED WITH THE LEAD IN WESTERN FOOT-BALL FOR '99

In Harper's Weekly of December 23rd, Casper Whitney devotes his write-up on Amateur Sport to a review and judgement on western foot-ball during last season. Casper Whitney chooses annually the All-American team and is credited the best foot-ball authority in the United States. Pictures of Warner, tackle, and our backs, Williams, Morton, Griffith and Edson appear in this article

Of Iowa foot-ball, her team and players Mr. Whitney says:

"Certainly Chicago, by winning over Wisconsin, established a clear title to a place alongside of Iowa as one of the two leading western elevens of this season. There is no other team in the Middle-West to approach them. Only one other eleven shares the honors of the Middle-Western first-class with Chicago, and that is the team which A. A. Knipe, now athletic director of University of Iowa, built up at that rapidly rising institution of learning at Iowa City.

"Its claims to prove ranking were disregarded in the West even after it overwhelmed by a score of 58-0, on Thanksgiving day, the University of Illinois, that Michigan had barely beaten 5-0 and Wisconsin defeated 23-0.

"Good team work was the strong feature of the Iowa eleven; as might be surmised by the fact of its members being mostly Freshmen and Sophomores, averaging about nineteen years of age and about 166 pounds in weight, with a back field averaging only 155 pounds. Yet this eleven played a modification of the Pennsylvania guards back, and played it so well as to cross Chicago's goal line for the first time this season, and to defeat Nebraska 30-0.

"Besides a sharp, hard attack, its defensive game was so strong that its goal-line was not crossed at all during the season—which cannot be said of any other team in the same region. The only score against Iowa was made by Chicago, on a placed-kick field-goal from the 25-yard line.

"The least that can be said is that Iowa, who formerly played in the Trans-Mississippi league has earned the right to be considered this year with the very best of those in the Middle-West. But a college cannot be finally classed on one season's work, and it will require at least another year to determine if this year's classification is to be permanent.

"Quite the most satisfying impression Iowa has made this year, however relates to the eligibility qualifications of her players, which are measured, I am told, by a strict scholarship rule, as well as the usual ones relating to amateur status. If the faculty at Iowa will maintain a high ethical standard, the playing one will follow surely.

"Warner of Iowa is almost as good as Curtis (Wisconsin) and altogether the best of the others.

"Kennedy was not a good field general and if such a man as C. Williams, quarter-back of Iowa, were on a team, Kennedy would properly go back to half. Williams was, in fact, the only good all

round quarterback and field general in the Middle-West this fall.

"Several full-backs can be named who are of more all-round service to their teams than O'Dea—notably Griffith of Iowa and Johnson of Illinois.

## Amendment Adopted

The Athletic Union met last evening at Close Hall, at 6:30 pursuant to the call of the president. On motion of J. R. Frailey the amendment to § 6 of Art. 6 of the constitution, proposed by the board of control, granting the board power to employ a general athletic manager, was adopted.

§ 6 of Article VI. of the constitution of the Athletic Union, as amended reads as follows:

§ 6. The Board of Control shall have power to employ a general manager who shall have charge of all schedules and contracts for games or contests subject to approval by the Board of Control; and who shall perform such other duties as the board of Control may from time to time prescribe.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

HEADQUARTERS  
UNIVERSITY BATTALION

December 16, 1999.

General Orders,  
No. 10.

Theoretical instruction will be given in Professor Loos' lecture room.

1. In Infantry Drill Regulations, U. S. A., for all Sophomores in the battalion not having credit in this course. First session Thursday, January 11th, 1900 at 3:30. First lesson beginning with definitions and take to Par. 59: p. 25.

2. Notes on Minor Tactics, by Lieut. Vogdes, U. S. A., for all Juniors not having credit in the same. First session Wednesday, January 10th, 1900. First lesson beginning with definitions and take to supports, p. 8.

By order of  
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M. L. FERSON, Maj. and Com'dr.  
1st Lieut. and Adj.

## COMING EVENTS.

January 15—Dr. Gilchrist's Lecture on Westminster Abbey.

January 18—Freshman Collegiate Class Meeting.

January 19—Sophomore Cotillion.

January 21—Vesper Service, Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

January 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31—Jane Addams.

January 24—Elbert Hubbard.

January 29—George Kennan.

April 20—Junior Promenade.

June 11—July 20—University Summer Session.

Dr. Gilchrist will lecture on Westminster Abbey at Close Hall, January 15th. Proceeds for the benefit of W. W. C. A. and the Episcopal church. Admission 25 cents.

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Our Yelling

Haw—Haw—Hawk,  
Hi—Hi—Hi,  
Hawkeye—Hawkeye,  
U. of I.

This is the University of Iowa yell. It would seem that some students are not aware of this fact or, if so, that they are reluctant to join in the yell when it is being given at a propitious time. At the convocation Thursday several attempts were made to give the yell. They were successful only so far as the people making them were concerned. In spontaneity and heartiness they were greatly deficient even to the extent that this was remarked upon by President Gates. A University convocation is essentially an assemblage of the student body and here especially Iowa's yell should be frequent and enthusiastic. If we are truly a loyal student body it will not take a spectacular run in foot-ball, a pretty catch in the field or a brilliant dash on the track to call forth our yell, but on occasions where we are assembled as the student body of the University of Iowa, this yell would never lack in volume and spirit. If we cannot yell from the heart let us yell from the mouth and in time we shall find our efforts repaid by a spontaneous and hearty

Hawkeye—Hawkeye  
U. of I.



In The Meantime

Get an Ax!!

The new oratorical association concerning which we have heard for some time as being about to come up out of the west, is going to run up against some pretty serious difficulties if it doesn't mend its ways. The December number of the William Jewell Student (William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri) contains an editorial that is calculated to make the

venturesome projectors of the scheme look out for meat-axes and sharp things of that sort. The article is headed, A New Movement, and reads as follows:

A matter that the students of colleges in central western states should watch and consider, is the movement recently set on foot by the Nebraska State University to organize a new oratorical association. It seems that Nebraska State University considers that she has cause for complaint, in that, while she bears her pro rata share of the expenses of the existing oratorical association, certain departments of the university are barred from competing in state contests.

Therefore, a committee has been appointed to promote plans for organizing a new oratorical association consisting of the universities only of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and one or two other states.

Those who are aware of the financial condition of the present oratorical association, know that, until last year it was always very difficult to make both ends meet. This new organization would, for a time at least, be likely to weaken the old; therefore, the students of colleges that belong to the present oratorical association should carefully consider this matter, and, when the time comes, be prepared to act unitedly.



Because She Loved Him So.

The New York comedy success, Because She Loved Him So, which is said to be the best farcical play William Gillette has ever written will be seen at the Opera House next Thursday night, Jan. 11th. Mr. Gillette is fast making his way toward the head of the adapting profession. From the foot to the head of that class—say from Mr. Augustan Daly's habitual deformations to such a complete masterpiece as Mr. W. S. Gilbert's Wedding March—is a long distance; but Mr. Gillette now stands very near the head. His Too Much Johnson, of two years ago was a gem in its way; Because She Loved Him so is even a finer piece of work. The plot of this play has quite a literature of its own; it has pervaded the serio-comic drama in wellnigh every country. Sale of seats opens tomorrow morning.



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**FACT AND RUMOR**

President MacLean was in Des Moines Saturday.

Murphy, L '01, spent Sunday at his home in Vinton.

A. G. Scale, '02, will not attend the university this term.

Ivy Lane will meet with Miss Roach, '02, tomorrow evening.

The debating societies will hold their first program Friday evening.

The Pi Phi's had a theater party Saturday at My Friend from India.

The Betas entertained Mr. Walter Perkins at dinner Saturday evening.

Ned Middleton, M '02, of Davenport will not be in the university this term.

A meeting of the Freshman Collegiate class is called for Thursday, January 18.

Harriet Goody, '01, visited Miss Jessie Davis in Des Moines during the holidays.

G. S. Manatt, leader of Grinnell's '97 glee club has entered the Law department.

Miss Ann Hull Dey, '00, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Craig T. Wright, '93, of Des Moines.

J. F. Miller, '99, was married on December 26th to Miss Hutha Sign, at Fayette, Iowa.

John Nixon, ex-L '99, was married to Miss Mayme Harmer at Dixon, Illinois, January 1st.

A number of out of town girls will attend the Sophomore Cotillion on the nineteenth.

Lieutenant Governor Milliman has appointed F. C. McCutchen, '00, his private secretary.

Miss Houston of Denver, Colorado, is visiting Emma Reppert, '02. and Henrietta Plock, '02.

Ed L. Sabin, '00, has a poem on The Wild Goose in the current number of the Saturday Evening Post.

Charles Bloom, '97, is home for a three weeks' visit. Mr. Bloom is in business at Deadwood, South Dakota.

The funeral of Mrs. W. C. Kingsbury occurred yesterday morning from the Trinity Episcopal church of this city.

Austin Cass, C '00 will be in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, during the winter term, but will return and enter the university in the spring.

The university is distributing a large card showing scenes about the university, gotten out by the Kenyon Printing Co. of Des Moines.

The Senior hop committee consists of E. R. Mitchell, chairman, Eugene F. Consigny, Gordon Harkness, P. J. Klinker and S. S. Stockwell.

W. Y. Dilly, L '99 has located at Spencer, having bought out Turner, L '99. Mr. Turner will go into the real estate business in Western Minnesota.

Major General Lawton, who was killed at San Matio, P. I., December 19th, was a former student at Harvard, being an ex-member of the Law class of '68.

Die Germania elected officers last evening for the winter term. Henrietta Plock, '02, will act as president. John R. Howard, '00, as vice-president and Minnie M. Balle, '00, as secretary.

Casper Whitney, who has been the foot-ball authority and reporting editor of Harper's Weekly for so long, has severed his connection with that paper and will start a similar publication for himself.

Geo. W. Egan, '00, spoke before the Ancient Order of Hibernians at St. Brendan's Hall, Sunday evening on the Centralization of Capital and the Masses. Mr. Egan's address is highly spoken of by the daily papers.

George Kennan will lecture in Iowa City under the auspices of the University Lecture Bureau, Monday evening, January 29th. The change from the 24th, the date at first announced, to the 29th, is due to a mistake of the Chicago bureau.

John A. Pickler, '70, formerly member of Congress of South Dakota, and well known during his course in the university as one of the greatest wits and practical jokers that ever attended Iowa, has abandoned politics and taken up stock-raising in South Dakota.

Professor Harris' prose translation of Goethe's "Hermann and Dorothea" is for sale at Lee & Ries' Bookstore for 45c. It gives an accurate rendition of the work.

Iowa Historical Record

The January issue of the Iowa Historical Record contains several interesting articles on the early history of Iowa. "The Earliest Scandinavian Settlement in Iowa," by B. L. Wick, '97, of Cedar Rapids, is one of the most important. He finds that the first settlement was made in 1840 by Kleng Peerscn and companions at Sugar Creek, about twelve miles northwest of the city of Keokuk.

A clearly outlined article is one by Professor Benjamin F. Shambaugh, on "Iowa History From 1689 to 1821." Ex-President Pickard contributes an article on "Keokuk in Early Days," showing painstaking original work.

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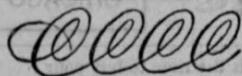
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