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FORENSIC SOCIETIES

IRVING

The Irvings will present the following program tomorrow evening in North hall:

- Music
Speech..... J. M. Brockway
The Chicago Drainage Canal.
Declamation..... Merritt Brackett
How the Old Horse Won the Bet.
Debate
Resolved, that municipalities should furnish work to the unemployed.
Affirmative— Negative—
C. H. Laartz A. L. Remley
J. W. Kindall F. S. Berry
Oration..... W. J. Springer
Robert Ingersoll.

ZETAGATHIAN

The Zetagathians will present the following freshman program tomorrow evening in South hall:

- Declamation..... Mehaffy
A Sleeping Car Experience.
Oration..... Harry Fitch
Roman Tendencies in American Life.
Debate
Resolved, that the present method of electing United States Senators tends to secure the best men.
Affirmative— Negative—
W. P. McCulla W. C. Edson
H. C. Saunders R. D. Ogden
Oration..... J. W. Morse
The Value of an Ideal.

Junior Laws Petition

The junior law class held a meeting in the law lecture room yesterday and adopted a petition of grievances against Theodore Anderson, the law librarian. The petition adopted reads as follows:

Because Mr. Theo. Anderson, the law librarian, is so unfair and partial in his official capacity; because he is so disregarding of our rights and privileges; because while we are pursuing a given course he arbitrarily withholds from us the text books on the subject; because he frequently refuses us books giving excuse that they are out when in fact no one in the room is using them; because it is in defiant violation of our rights thus to deny us the use of the books for which we pay our money; because he unreasonably and continually fails to accord to us gentlemanly and civil treatment in numerous other ways; to redress all of which we do urgently petition that the rights and privileges to which we are all entitled may be speedily and permanently secured to us by such action at your hands as will seem expedient.

Messrs. Tamisea, Kugler, Kaiser, L. A. Warner, Engle, Moulton, Mosnat, Edson, Redden, Morse, Struble, and McCarthy of the junior class made remarks in favor of the adoption of the petition, which was read by McFarland. Messrs. Scully and Hughes of the senior class made remarks in favor of it. No one spoke against the petition.

Mr. Tamisea, in the opening speech on the petition, was very much in earnest. He said in part:

"Mr. Chairman:—There may be occa-

sions when to speak would give better joy more heartfelt satisfaction than under the present circumstances; however I have not heard of them. I fully believe that the righteous cause for which we are here assembled is the greatest that ever contemplated the mind of man. When, one hundred and twenty-five years ago our heartburning, angry, sunburnt sires met to draft a declaration of their uneasy afflictions"—A point of order was made that the speaker confine his remarks to the points at issue, and president Noland requested him to do so. Mr. Tamisea protested that he desired to reach a statement of his grievances in the most propitious light. Continuing, he stated, among other things, that to his questions, Mr. Anderson had given him "no answer or with insolence that would disgust a dog."

It was brought out in the discussion that Mr. Anderson was unpleasant in his dealings with law students. Specific charges were made that he discriminated against students using the library in order to encourage the sale of law books. The most serious charge was brought by Mr. Kaiser who said that on February 2, he had asked for Tiedeman on Sales. Librarian Anderson said it was not in the library, Mr. Kaiser then requested a senior, Mr. F. Crary, to ask the librarian for the book; he did so and it was given him within thirty seconds of its being refused Mr. Kaiser.

The petition was unanimously adopted; it had 80 signatures when read and the class decided to present it to the law faculty, after being circulated for more signatures. Chancellor McClain was present at the meeting by request of the class and, after the adoption of the petition, was called upon for remarks. He said that the expectation of the faculty was absolute impartiality on the part of the librarian that he was at the command of students during his regular hours and should be of the greatest assistance to them during that time. He had heard no word of complaint until two days ago when a student had said that he was not able to get a particular book. He expressed the interest of the faculty in seeing that the students enjoyed the best possible library facilities, and said that the faculty had supposed that Mr. Anderson was enabling them to do so. The charges against Mr. Anderson would be carefully investigated. He could hardly believe that Mr. Anderson used his position of trust in the way described; the actions, if true as charged, were atrocious. He would prefer that the students bring any complaints to him or some member of the faculty as cause for them occurs: the faculty had ever the best interests of the students at heart and would always investigate the complaints promptly and carefully and take such action as would seem justified.

The law librarian is given charge of the sale of books to students so as to save to them much of the charges which book-sellers make. The librarian is allowed a small commission on books sold. The law department is the only one in the university, it is believed, which thus enables its students to buy books on the co-operation plan which is universal at many universities.

Miss Allin, D. '02, was called to her home in Pennsylvania Tuesday by the death of her father.

Men's Glee Club

The Men's Glee Club of the University in its concert at the opera house next Monday evening promises to give an excellent program. The club is composed of sixteen of the best singers in the university, chosen by competitive test and under the direction of a competent paid instructor. They have been practicing assiduously for some time upon a program of five and varied selections which they will present Monday evening. A large number of university and city people are expected to be present to hear the concert which has been highly complimented by excellent judges who have heard the rehearsals of the club. "Too much praise cannot be given the young men for their fine singing and general musical execution," said one of these persons.

- Following is the PROGRAM.
Part I.
1. Hunter's March..... Kosehat Glee Club.
2. In a Gondola..... Meyer-Helmund Mr. Hall and Glee Club.
3. Elegie (Violin)..... Ernst Mr. Goodsell.
4. Tom, the Piper's Son..... Kendall Glee Club.
5. The Muleteer of Tarragona..... Henrion Mr. Fred W. Bailey.
6. Remember Now Thy Creator. Rhodes Glee Club.
Part II.
1. Theresa Waltzes (Faust)..... Peuschel Glee Club.
2. Magic Song (Violin Obligato)..... Meyer-Helmund Mr. Hall.
3. Tear..... Witt Glee Club.
4. Medley..... Glee Club.
5. Fantasie on Scene de Ballet. DeBeriot Mr. Goodsell.
6. Good Night..... Buck Glee Club.

Junior Annual Board '02

Meeting of the '02 Junior Annual Board at Close Hall, Saturday, February 10th, at 11 o'clock.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

Professor B. F. Shambaugh will preside at the Hesperian-Philomathean intersociety debate at Mt. Vernon, March 9.

The Wilton College basket ball team will play the university team in the Close Hall gymnasium Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The sophomore collegiates will play the high school team the same afternoon. Admission to both games twenty-five cents.

At the joint session of the legislature Tuesday the following regents were elected, all succeeding themselves, with the exception of Carroll Wright, '75, who succeeds J. D. McCleary, of Indianola. Judge W. I. Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, from the first congressional district; Wm. D. Tisdale of Ottumwa, from the sixth district; Geo. W. Cable, of Davenport, from the second district; and Carroll Wright, of Des Moines, from the seventh district.

THE RUSSELL LECTURE

DR FRANK RUSSELL LECTURES UPON THE SNAKE DANCE OF THE MOKI INDIANS

Dr Frank Russell, '88, instructor in anthropology in Harvard university, lectured in Close Hall last evening, describing the snake dance of the Moki Indians of northeastern Arizona from personal observations made during his anthropological investigations among the that interesting people. The lecture was copiously illustrated by stereopticon views of the mode of life of the Mokis and surrounding tribes, their villages, pueblos, and customs.

The Moki snake dance is a dramatization of the adventures of the mythical snake hero of the Mokis who is said to have descended the Colorado river from the original seat of the tribe to the sea, passed through the under world, and learned from the Moki deities the ceremonial observances and songs which are still perpetuated in the snake dance.

The snake ceremony is essentially a religious ceremony, a prayer for rain. The prayer of an agricultural people living in a dry, barren land, it is the result of their environment. The snake dance is participated in by all, even infants must take part in the ceremonials of the elders of their particular gens or clans. The dancers are painted in a prescribed fashion with striking color effect, the symbolic markings representing an appeal to the thunder clouds.

The ceremony occupies nine days. The rattlesnakes and other reptiles are brought in from the surrounding fields and mesas and confined. Elaborate colored sand mosaics are made upon the floor by the priests with much formality, the reptiles are washed and hurtled upon the sand mosaic. The actual dance takes place at sundown of the ninth day, in the center of the plaza, and only occupies about half an hour.

The dancers form a procession, and march four times around the plaza, and await the coming of the priests, singing the weird songs, in a humming tone at first, which gradually rises. The priests divide into groups of three and also make four circuits carrying the reptiles in their mouths. After the conclusion of the ceremonies the snakes are picked up and carried back to the fields to carry the petitions for rain to the under world.

Some of the snakes used are harmless, but about one-half are poisonous rattlesnakes, which have not been doctored. Testimony is conflicting in regard to whether the dancers are bitten by the snakes. A secret remedy for snake bites is cherished by the priests of the Mokis, which they will divulge to no one.

After the dancing ceremony is over, the participants sit down to the concluding feast, which is greatly relished after the four days' fast. The participants were very solemn and reverential throughout the whole course of ceremonies. The study of the customs of this kindly and hospitable people is of great interest to the ethnologist as the race and their ceremonials are gradually vanishing.

Miss Beebe, '03, is having a visit from her father, a prominent railroad man of Mason City.

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tween an article appearing in an 1897
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On a Matter

Pertaining to the Profession

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the side. This is wrong and can be
easily remedied by stitching from the
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Jewell Student to mention the matter
just at this juncture. We hope that such
of our contemporaries as may feel the
need of side or back stitching will con-
sider it and take a few wraps around their
backbones while the opportunity offers.

The Russell Lecture

The auditorium of Close Hall was the
scene last evening of a lecture of more
than ordinary attraction to those whose
tastes lie along literary and scientific
lines. The lecturer, Dr. Frank Russell,
'88, M. S. '95, is a prominent graduate of
the university and a man of authority in
his profession. The lecture dealt with
the snake dance of the Moki Indians, a
subject concerning which little is gener-
ally known except that it is one of the
interesting pagan ceremonial survivals
that will too soon be a thing of the past,
a theme which was rendered most inter-

esting by the speaker's vivid presentation
of the scene of which he was recently an
eager spectator on the cliffs of that Moki
village in the southwest wonderland. It is
just such a lecture as this, comprehensive,
lively, real, which the man of culture de-
sires to fill out the frame-work of an edu-
cation built up by the regular course of
university studies.

The Desirability of Having Some Spanish Cannon on the Campus

Since 1870 it has been the custom of
the decade classes of the university, on
being graduated, to leave upon the cam-
pus some substantial token of their pre-
sence there for four academic years, a
monument which alumni and future
classes seeing shall exclaim upon the
virtues of a class that was worthy of its
alma mater's precepts and training. We
presume that this year's senior class in-
tends to leave some memorial. The cus-
tom is a beautiful one and it would be
a matter of regret if it should fall into
desuetude.

We have noticed in our exchanges
that several institutions have mounted
upon the college grounds Spanish can-
non from Manila, Santiago, and Mon-
tejo's and Cervera's fleets—queer, inter-
esting old cannon, too, they all are, many
of them being said to date back to the
times of the inquisition and the world-
empire of Charles V. The class of nine-
teen hundred could hardly leave behind
it a better monument than one or more
of these mementos of a struggle in which
the university's sons volunteered and
fought and died.

It should not be a difficult thing to do.
Other colleges have obtained them; their
sons and daughters are proud that they
rest upon the college grounds and draw
many a patriotic lesson from them, many
blessed memories are gathered about
them as at Princeton they have clustered
about the old revolutionary cannon back
of Witherspoon. The class of '00 is a tal-
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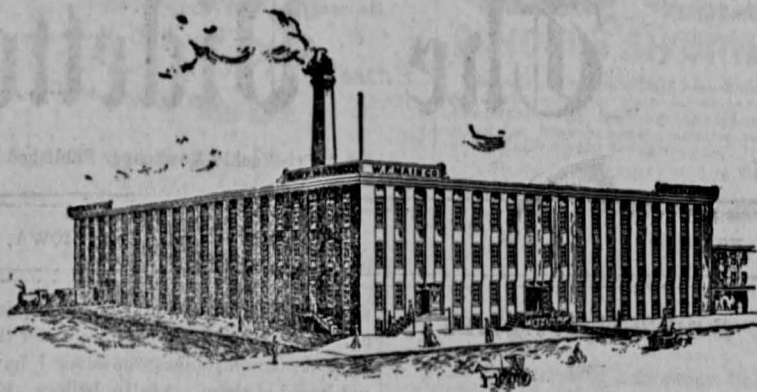
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FACT AND RUMOR

J. H. Fellingham has the mumps.
Koontz, '99 is visiting university friends.
Ivy Lane met with Miss Jasper '03 last evening.
N. B. Barber, '99 is in the city for a few days.
Cogswell, M. '02, received a visit from his father yesterday.
Judge H. M. Remley, '70, of Anamosa, is visiting in the city.
H. W. Fisher, of Cornell college, visited friends in the city yesterday.
Zeta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi will give a party at the armory Friday evening, February 23rd.
Mr. Downing, of Wellman, visited his sons, H. B. and R. V. Downing the first of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clapp of Shelby, Iowa, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Tanner.
Rev. W. Bayard Craig, '74, now Chancellor of Drake university, is visiting university and city friends.
Lloyd Howell injured his ankle in the Iowa-Minnesota basket ball game and is temporarily confined to the house in consequence.
Mrs. Milton Remley and Miss Baughman, C.'00 went to Des Moines, Monday evening where the latter, as representative of the Iowa Confederation of Women's Club, will present the advantages of Compulsory Education before the senate committee. Miss Baughman returns today.

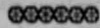
Dental Department

A brother of Dr Brady from Aledo, Illinois is visiting him for a few days.

Goodenough, '00 has returned from a business trip in the northern part of the state.

Fifty couples participated in the annual dental dance last Friday evening.

Brockway, ex-'00, of the 51st Iowa band attended the senior lectures Monday. He intends to enter the department this spring. Mr. Brockway played in the band at its recent concert here.



Medical Notes

Gray, '00, expects to spend the latter part of the week in Chicago.

Miss Long and Miss Howie, after several weeks absence have returned to their posts in the hospital.

Miss Daly, '01, has been absent from classes several days.

Copeland, '00, gives the characteristic symptoms of favus as a "mouse co'rel odor."

Puleston, '01, is much interested in the Boer-English war.

Dr Pence, '98, was shaking hands with old friends last week.

All the freshmen are now at work upon dissection—some are nearly through and some just beginning.

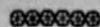
Laboratory examinations in Histology is due in a few days and some of the freshmen are spending a little time looking at their work.

Dr Chase was unable to meet the sophomores Wednesday morning due to business preventing his coming down the evening before.

Dr Harriman is endeavoring to enlighten the sophomores on the intricacies of the human brain.

A freshe launched the remark the other day that the seniors were nearly as noisy as freshmen.

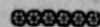
The juniors soon begin laboratory work in bacteriology.



Amusements

JOE FLYNN IN HOGAN'S ALLEY

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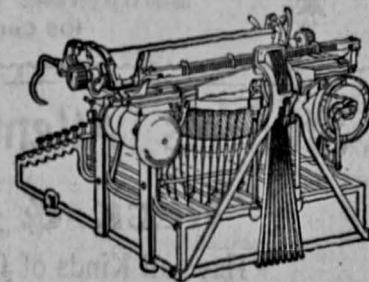
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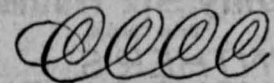
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