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THE TRIBUNE ANSWERED

THE OPINIONS OF LEADING AMERICAN SCHOLARS ON THE LAST UNIVERSITY BULLETIN

The Chicago Tribune recently attacked the studies in the Politics of Aristotle and the Republic of Plato, written by Professor Isaac Alhous Loos, Professor of Political Science, which was issued last month by the university press. The Tribune's article was in fact an attack on classical study. It depreciated the value of Professor Loos' researches and was certain that the last word had already been said on the subject. The attack, while not taken seriously by any one, was something of a surprise in university circles, where Professor Loos' bulletin is esteemed as among the most valuable original work that has been done by university professors.

The opinions of some of the leading scholars of America on the work is best shown by extracts from letters written by them after reading the work which, in many instances, had been sent them by special request:

George P. Fisher, Professor of History in Yale University and editor of the Historical Review, writes that the book is the "fruit of thorough investigation, of laudable painstaking and of penetrating analysis of these immortal productions."

"It seems to me that you could not have performed a better service for us all than by writing this book," wrote Professor William F. Blackburn, editor of the Yale Review.

"I congratulate you on the appearance of the Iowa studies in political science as an indication of the work in the political science lines at your university."—Professor David Kinley, Dean of the College of Literature and Arts of the University of Illinois.

"I wish I could have had it or something similar at an early stage in my career."—C. Caverno, D. D., formerly of the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

"I shall certainly use the work as collateral reading in my graduate courses."—L. S. Rowe, Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania.

"I see that you have regarded politics in a well rounded psychological and philosophical manner, rather than in a meagre fashion. This will also add to the timeliness of the book, taken in connection with the growing interest in this country in the thoughts of Plato and Aristotle."—Edward Franklin Buchner, Professor of Philosophy in the University of the City of New York.

"In connection with my classes I have made use of your article on Aristotle published in the Annals, and I shall now be glad to use the larger work, including Plato as well."—Samuel M. Lindsay, Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

"I regard it as a valuable contribution to the rather slender literature of that particular subject."—Noah K. Davis, Professor of Psychology, University of Virginia.

Eugene Wambaugh, Professor of Law in Harvard University, and James Macy, Professor of History in Iowa College, wrote enthusiastic letters of congratula-

tion to Professor Loos. Professor Wambaugh said that he was glad to see this further evidence of the extraordinary development of Professor Loos' work at the University of Iowa. Professor Macy called the studies "an enduring piece of work."

These extracts from the authorities on the subject in the United States show that Professor Loos has taken a field not much worked out, and has developed it in a fresh, scholarly manner that fills a gap in the literature on the subject. The demand for the work by an graduate schools of the country will exceed the supply and this is sufficient excuse for the publication of the work. The success of Professor Loos' Studies in the Politics of Aristotle and the Republic of Plato is such as to reflect credit upon the university. The Tribune's attack upon his work will only add to the sympathy and regard of the universities of the country for such endeavor as finds expression in the studies. The VIDETTE-REPORTER is glad to see that its prediction that the book was "one that will be received with pleasure by the scholars of the country," is being so fully and heartily fulfilled. That is the audience to which it is addressed.

Debating Questions

The Pennsylvanian calls attention to the fact that the subjects for debate taken by the various colleges for their annual contests show the trend of interest of the college man in public affairs. Each year the questions are but reflections of those topics which are occupying public attention, and this year the subjects, in that they treat of questions arising from the formation of trusts, the acquiring of our new possessions, and the South African war, show that more than ever are real live topics chosen for debate.

Following is the Pennsylvanian's list of the more important meetings and the questions discussed:

Harvard-Yale—Resolved, That Porto Rico should be included in the customs boundaries of the United States.

Wisconsin-Iowa—Would it be politic for the United States to take direct action which would effect a substantial increase in her Merchant Marine?

Harvard-Princeton—Resolved, That England's claims in its controversy with the Transvaal are justifiable.

Pennsylvania-Michigan—Resolved, That the formation of Trusts should be opposed by legislation.

Columbia-Chicago—Resolved, That the national regulation of corporations tending to capitalistic monopoly is unwise and inexpedient.

California-Stanford—Resolved, That in France the Ministers should be responsible to the President.

Brown-Dartmouth—Resolved, That it is the duty of the United States to accord complete independence to the Phillipine Islands as soon as it shall be consistent with their permanent welfare.

The tennis courts are ready for playing and this afternoon will see several of the enthusiasts wielding the racket. The manager is contemplating renting some ground to the south of the present courts for the construction of new courts.

SPRING PRACTICE

GRINNELL'S VIEW OF THE VALUE OF SPRING TRAINING FOR ALL FOOTBALL CANDIDATES

Of late years, it has become the custom of almost every school which makes a pretense of supporting a football team, to require spring practice of the football candidates, on the theory that work taken at this time will be found valuable when hard training is begun the following autumn. In fact, Princeton, because of the wretched physical condition of her football players last fall, established a system of indoor gymnastic training for the candidates for next fall's team, which continued all winter. The number of schools which have adopted this preliminary practice is steadily on the increase and the idea has been received with favor everywhere. The same system might well be adopted here in Grinnell. As yet no definite call has been issued for spring football practice, but this fact should not hinder every old football player, and every man who ever intends to play football, from getting out and taking systematic and faithful work with either the base ball or track team, in order that he may gain added strength to endure the hard knocks which will be his portion next fall. We have had too many evidences in past years of the weakness of teams which were unfit physically to endure a hard game, no matter with what spirit and desperation they played, and in direct contrast we have the physical condition of our last season's team which was the envy of every team in Iowa. We have good reasons to see to it that the same shall be true of Grinnell's team in the future.

Scarlet and Black would urge that every football candidate be willing to devote some part of his time this spring term, even though it be at some little personal sacrifice, to exercise which will make his work all the more efficient and telling on the field next fall. The fact that several of next season's important games will probably be played early only makes the need of preliminary training the more imperative, and the call to every individual player more urgent.—Scarlet and Black, Grinnell.

New Junior Laws

The men who have enrolled as Juniors in the law department, are:

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T. A. Kingland, J. H. Hildebrand,
F. J. Clark, J. O. Stevenson, Jr.,
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A. J. Barker, F. A. Preston,
L. W. Owen, J. W. McBurney,
F. C. Smith, C. H. Dayton.

The interfraternity baseball games will be a pleasurable addition to the home schedule.

University Co-operation

The announcement that a Stanford professor is to be one of the lecturers in our summer courses bespeaks the advancing intimacy existing between the two universities. We have noted with pleasure the spirit of mutual regard and intercourse in other lines and it is gratifying to observe that it flourishes as well between the respective faculties. As the only institutions of learning of the first magnitude in the far west, California and Stanford, are ideally situated to gain the best advantage from their inter-relations. The field is ample for the fullest usefulness of both, and they are mutually helpful to each other both in their emulation and co-operation.

It may be also that these two are destined to work out some of the dreams of higher education recently suggested in the Chicago conference. This may be the first step in a system of migration of professors from university to university on the lines of the present migration of graduate students. The University of California it was which called the recent conference of universities, and in working out the suggestions there brought forth we would gladly continue the teachers of the East.—The Daily Californian.

Among the Exchanges

A student's total expense at Yale average from \$850 to \$1,000 a year.—Collegian Reporter.

In the annual Yale-Harvard debate held at New Haven last Friday, Harvard was victorious. The debate was upon the question, That Puerto Rico should be included within the customs boundary of the United States. Harvard affirmed.

Lloyd McCutcheon of Hudson who will be remembered as having written a communication in the Record last fall, calling attention to the record of Iowa's football team, is mentioned by the Normalcy as a former student at the state normal school who is attending the University of Chicago.

Grinnell college has asked for a base ball game with Wisconsin this spring and also for a football game to be played next season.—The Wisconsin Cardinal.

According to reports the University of Minnesota has entered a new field. Until this departure on the part of Minnesota it has been thought that these contests in debate between schools were to be fought out by honest study and the result a certificate of the merits of the contesting parties. Minnesota wishes to change this and make it a contest of trickery. If she wins even in trickery she will have to act with more discretion than she displayed at Iowa City.—Collegian Reporter.

The University of Chicago Weekly is one of the ablest edited college weeklies upon the exchange table. Its prose and verse are both good and worthy of remark. The improvement of the paper this year has been noticeable. A cut of the editorial board appears in the current issue.

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CAPTAIN BROWN of the track team is especially desirous that all men in the university who will train for the track or field events to report at Athletic Park every afternoon from 2:30 on. The importance of beginning early and of training regularly every afternoon cannot be too highly emphasized.

THE Philomathean — Chrestomathean contest at Grinnell last Saturday evening appears to have been an excellent thing for the two societies who engaged in the debate. The best of spirit prevailed throughout and the banquet at the Metropolitan parlors was the scene of much commendable society spirit and enjoyment. Scarlet and Black, the Grinnell college paper, says of the debate that, although it is an intersociety contest and not in either case representing the institutions from which the societies come, "we cannot but regard it as another bond which will bind more closely the friendly feeling now existing between the two institutions; and as such it is to be hoped that it will be made an annual event."

The Minnesota Debate, and Other Matters
If any action is taken by the debating league on the Caldwell affair, it will doubtless occur at the meeting of the league tomorrow night. The style and manner of President MacLean's answer to Minnesota's letter, published in last Thursday's VIDETTE-REPORTER, has received much attention and is highly complimented by the officers and members of the league. The letter is a very

able expression of Iowa's position on purity in debate. That President MacLean filled most successfully the chair of English at the University of Minnesota — one whose place Minnesota was some two or three years in filling upon his resignation to accept the Chancellorship of the University of Nebraska — adds much to the interest of the letter. The fact that a letter so completely destructive of Minnesota's position, yet styled in a cultured manner absolutely void of offense can come out of such a small place as Iowa City must be a surprise to Minnesota.

Later. An unofficial letter received this morning by a member of the debating team announces that the authorities of the University of Minnesota have withdrawn Caldwell from the debate. This action, if true, is a graceful acknowledgment of the strength of Iowa's position on the debate and indicates a desire to continue the relations which had been most cordial and satisfactory before the unfortunate incident. We are glad to see the manly stand which has been taken by Minnesota and hope that the receipt of official intelligence of the removal of Caldwell from the debate will close the incident for All Time. Iowa and Minnesota have interests too much in common to be other than the best of friends and endeavorers in the promotion of a pure and healthy intercollegiate harmony and the uplifting of higher education in general.

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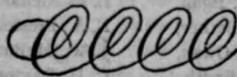
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FACT AND RUMOR
Earnest Jackson visited in Grinnell last week.
L. A. Wells '00, returned to the city Tuesday noon.
There is always room for one more at the Junior Prom.
The University News Bulletin Number 10 was issued today.
Moss was practicing his curves at the athletic park yesterday afternoon.
Professor and Mrs I. A. Loos entertained friends Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
The best orchestra in the state will be here for one night only at the Junior Prom, April 20.
Roy D. Weld, '99, who has been teaching in the Missouri Valley high school is visiting university friends.
Forty candidates for the base ball team and thirty-two for the track team were practicing at athletic park yesterday afternoon.
A. R. Scales, '01 has reentered the university after spending a year as superintendent of the Emmetsburg electric light plant.
The political science club met Monday night with Professor and Mrs Shambaugh Judge Wade read the paper on regulation of trusts by law.
The board of control will take up the matter of awarding last fall's I's to the football men at its meeting next week. Manager McCutchen is the chairman of the committee on I's.

The Wisconsin Cardinal, the official paper of the University of Wisconsin, publishes a list of base ball games to be played on the home grounds at Madison, Wisconsin, on which Iowa appears for May 1.

The board of control approved Tuesday Manager McCutchen's contracts for base ball games with the State Normal school at Iowa City, May 12, with Cornell at Mt. Vernon, April 21, with Upper Iowa University at Iowa City, April 28.

There will be a practice base ball game Saturday between two nines picked from the candidates. The game will begin at 3:30. Admission will be free and all visitors are requested to sit in the grand stand. This will enable both the audience and the audience and the team to enjoy the game.

President and Mrs MacLean left last evening for New Orleans where they will spend some two weeks. The regents at their last meeting asked the President to take this vacation in order that he might recuperate his health which had been somewhat broken down by his hard work for the university during the past winter.

At a meeting of the senior class day committee some excellent selections were made for the class day exercises. Mr H. C. Saunders was chosen class historian and Miss Gail Sweney, class poetess. Mr A. P. Speers will give some good advice to Underclassmen, or Things to do and Not to Do. The class breakfast will occur June 7 at the Minnehaha. There will be seven speakers from the class who will make speeches of from four to seven minutes in length addressed to the faculty. Seven representatives of the faculty will respond. Mr George W. Egan is chairman of the class day committee and will preside at the breakfast.

The citizen's banquet at the St. James last night in honor of the closing of Father John O'Farrell's pastorage was an excellent affair. Judge J. J. Ney presided as toastmaster, Dean Amos N. Currier, Dr J. G. Gilchrist, Professor Shambaugh, S. K. Stevenson, '97, and George W. Egan, '00 were the university people responding to toasts. President MacLean was to have responded to a toast had he been in the city. Father O'Farrell, was much moved at the testimonials of high regard in which he was held by both city and university. Father O'Farrell during his stay in Iowa City, built St. Brendan's hall for the use of the young people of the city and has in many ways been helpful to the students of the university, irrespective of religious belief. He is especially admired by university men for his strong temperance stand and for his interest in higher education. He leaves a blessed memory behind him as he goes to his new field in Ottumwa.

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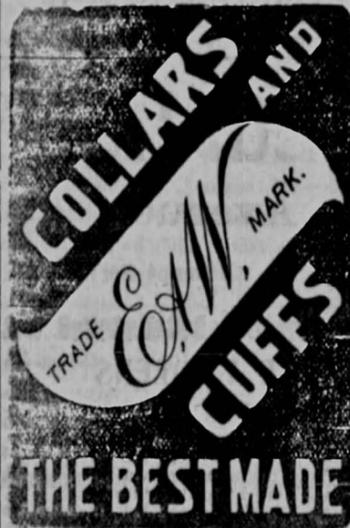
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