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LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Faculty Requests Regents to take Action for new Building—State will be Asked for Extra Appropriation

The faculty of the College of Liberal Arts at a special meeting last night passed a resolution requesting the regents to take some action to relieve the present congestion from room in the scientific departments.

"The probable action of the regents at their meeting on the 21st will be," said President MacLean, "to ask the next session of the general assembly to grant an extra appropriation that will enable the university to construct a new building. Something must be done to relieve the scientific chairs in the near future. There is no room for them in the new Hall of Liberal Arts nor in the rooms that will be vacated by the chairs that will go into that building. If we waited until the receipts from the building fund tax enables us to build a library and museum, we would not be able to construct one for at least six years. The Hall of Liberal Arts will cost about $200,000 when it is completed. It will require the proceeds of the state university tax for two or three years yet to pay for this building and the heating plant. Then the need for the university auditorium, gymnasium, and armory is so great that the regents have said that that building will be the next building constructed. The scientific chairs are already so cramped for that room that their usefulness will be much impaired if the present constriction is allowed to go on until the building tax would enable us to construct a museum and library building that would take the museum and the chair of Zoology out of the Science building and give each of the remaining chairs the room they need —a floor of the scientific building to each."

The university museum is much handicapped at present by lack of room that has kept it from using many of its best specimens for either general exhibition purposes or class work. There are now, stored away in the attic of the building and in out-buildings, valuable specimens that the curator of the museum is only awaiting room to place in position for use by the scientific classes and the general public. There is one group of walrus collected by Lieutenant Peary that the regents bought some time ago and which are only waiting a room for exhibition. Other large groups of polar bear, caribou, elk and deer are stored away waiting for the new museum that at one time was placed on the list before the Hall of Liberal Arts, the University Hospital, or any other building. The exhibits now in place in the museum make it one of the points of interest to every visitor to the city. The material value of the exhibits of the museum is easily over $70,000. The new museum would make a nice showing of the material. The large groups of musk-ox, walrus, caribou, elk, polar bears, etc., will be arranged in the lower hall, making one of the grandest exhibits.

The spot designed for the new library and museum by the university architects is on the campus opposite the the new Hall of Liberal Arts. This will, unfortunately, do away completely with any use of the campus as a battalion parade ground and with the memorial fountain of the class of 1890. It will, however make a nice arrangement of the university buildings in something of the shape of a grouping around the old Capitol as a center. The university armory, gymnasium, and auditorim will probably go down over the brow of the hill to the northwest corner of the campus, where it was proposed last year to construct the additional tennis courts.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Notice

Notice is hereby given to the members of the Athletic Union that there will be a meeting of the members at Close Hall this Tuesday evening at 6:30 sharp for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of said Athletic Union. All the members are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting.

GEORGE W. EGAN,
President of the Union.
Iowa City, Dec. 11, 1900.

Petitions for Change of Schedule.

Petitions to the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts regarding work for the winter term must be filed with the Dean or Secretary on or before 12 M. December 14. The classification committee will hold its ONLY SESSION for giving schedules for the winter term in Professor Loos' room in the Old Capitol, December, 15, from 10 to 12 M.

The attention of students is directed to the fact that the winter term begins on Wednesday, January 2, at 8 o'clock promptly.

AMOS N. CURRIER,
Dean.

Athletic Union Meeting

Acting as presiding officer of the athletic union in the absence of the president and vice-president from the city, I hereby call a meeting of the athletic union for Thursday evening, December 20th, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a president, a vice-president, a secretary, an assistant treasurer, and a manager of the football team who shall hold office from January 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902. All nominations for these offices must be made to me in writing by next Tuesday evening and all such nominations must be signed by at least twenty members of the union.

ROY A. COOK,
Secretary.
Iowa City, December 8th, 1900.

Amendment to Constitution

At the suggestion of President A. G. Smith and several other members of the board of control of athletics, the President of the Athletic Union proposes the following:

Amendment to Article IV. Substituted for section ten of the same and repealing all sections and parts of sections in opposition to this amendment.

Section 10 as Amended.

Only those persons are qualified to vote at the meetings of the Athletic Union who are members of the Union and who have paid into the Treasury the Constitutional dues and fees of the said Union or who are recognized members of some Athletic team of the university of Iowa. The membership of each individual on the athletic team shall be determined by the director of Physical Training.

Section 11. All sections and parts of section 10 as amended are hereby repealed.

The University of California has received, with the deeds to a block of realty in Oakland, gifts to the amount of $150,000 from Mrs Jane Sather.

A new club has been formed at the Michigan Agricultural College, called the M. A. C. Electric Club, and the members are mechanical students.

REGULAR WORK GOES ON

No Quarters at Ames—Parry Botanical Collection Saved—End of Dormitory System at the College

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 11, 1900. Special to the VIDETTE-REPORTER. Saturday morning at 3:45 the main building of the Iowa State Agricultural School was discovered on fire. The old building burned rapidly and the drafts up the stairways gave impetus to the flames in the roof. The fire originated in the boiler room of the heating plant in the basement of the north wing, catching in a heap of shingles, This was directly under the conduits through which steam pipes lead to the upper floor. The fire was sucked up to the top floor in an instant. A moment later the entire top floor was in flames By the time the alarm was given the top floor was a burning furnace and the flames were rapidly eating downward. Students rushed for the fire escapes half clad. That 250 escaped without one being seriously injured is miraculous. Many of the students lost everything except the clothes they had on, yet no one talks of quitting and the regular work will continue until the close of the term, December 20th.

The fire will seriously embarass the college work, as the building was largely used for recitation rooms. Work on the new engineering and science building is now in progress, but it will not be in condition to be used for months. The college has had a larger attendance this fall than ever before and has heretofare been crowded for room. The Parry botanical collection was saved, instead of being destroyed as at first reported.

The board of trustees meets this morning. It is expected that resolutions will be adopted calling on the state executive council for funds to immediately begin replacing the structure. The council has at its command funds for just such emergencies, and these will doubtless be granted and reconstruction begun with as little delay as possible, the classes finding other piaces for meeting.

All of the 250 students who roomed in the building were driven out even though their own rooms and personal effects were not burned, by the fact that it will be impossible to heat the remainder of the building at least for several days. The general feeling is that this fire ends the dormitory system here.

The Honor System

By a very decisive vote the students of Iowa college have decided against the Honor System Only 162 votes were cast, and of these 110 were opposed and 52 in favor of the system. In counting, only those straight ballots which both favored the system and promised to report were counted in the affirmative. while all split ballots which either favored the system but would not report, or would report but did not favor the system were counted in the negative. The vote is a disappointment in several respects. The small vote polled shows an indifference among the students, which in itself is fatal to the success of the system, while the fact that only 52 out of about 262 in the college department would actively support the system is certainly to be deplored. It was the almost unanimous opinion at the mass meeting that a two-thirds affirmative vote would be necessary for the best working of the system. The Honor System in examinations was inaugurated by the students, has been conducted entirely as a student movement, and this vote conclusively shows that the students do not care to continue the system any longer. The faculty have considered the vote decisive and hereafter they will bear all responsibility for dishonesty in examinations. —Scarlet and Black.

Whitney Scores Chicago

Caspar Whitney, the well-known football critic, has taken occasion to arraigne both Chicago and Wisconsih for violating the spirit of the athletic rules the past season.

He censures the former severely for allowing Atwood to play. He even advises "that the other middle western universities should decline to schedule Chicago until her sponsors show a willingness to play fair. That her team should have been thoroughly and repeatedly beaten this season appears retributive justice.'

This violation of the rule in playing the player mentioned can not occur again, however, because of the action taken by the representatives of the "big nine" at their recent meeting.

Whitney also criticises the University of Wisconsin but in less vigorous terms. He objects to the playing of Riordan, the badger guard, and acknowledged member of this season's All-Western eleven, who graduated in '98, and this year "his alma mater being in want of a good guard, he returns to supply her needs, and to flagrantly violate the spirit of college sport."—U of M. Daily.

An eastern exchange observes that fame has taken men from the forge and plowshare, but that she has never yet reached over a picket fence and yanked a dude out of a hammock.

Capt. John A. Lockwood, who was from 1884-87 professor of military science and tactics at M. A. C., has been retired from the Fourth Calvary, which has been in the Philippines for some time.

The university battalion, Major G. F. Harkness, went through battalion movements on the cam- yesterday in an excellent manner It was one of the last battalion drills of the term and showed that the battalion is at the end of the first term's drill in fine condition.

The faculty of the University School of Political Science and History will attend in a body the meetings of the American Economic and Historical Associations at Detroit and Ann Arbor during the winter vacation. Professor B. F. Shambaugh will read a paper before the American Historical Association on Early Iowa Land Grants and Claim Associations. Professor I.A. Loos leaves tomorrow for Madison, Wisconsin, where he will visit the University of Wisconsin before the Detroit meeting. From Wisconsin he will go to Chicago and Ann Arbor for short visits.

George W. Egan, L. '01, returned this morning from Washington, D. C., where he appeared before the river and harbor committee of the house to urge an appropriation for rip-rapping the banks of the Missouri river in Harrison county. The Missouri river is cutting away its east bank at a considerable rate in Harrison county and Mr Egan was chosen by the county to represent it before the house committee and endeavor to secure the appropriation necessary to remedy the matter. Besides making an excellent presentation of his case in Washington, Mr Egan visited many historic places in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and other eastern states.

ORATIONS, NOT ESSAYS

Professor Gordon Advocates a Change in the Judging of the Oratorical Contests—Delivery the Thing

Professor Gordon, of the chair of public speaking, is much interested at present in securing a better result from the university's competition with other colleges in oratorical lines than has been Iowa's reward in the past years. In speaking of a change in the method of judging the orations at the annual contest, he said:

"I think that a better method could be suggested than the one at present employed. When first I went to Colorado college a system about the same as that employed by Iowa was in use at the college and it was about the same sort of a success that this university's system is. Colorado college wanted to change the state league constitution so that all the judges on the oration would sit in the audience and judge on the thought and composition and on the delivery when the oration is really spoken from the stage Thus the oration is judged as an oration clear through instead of standing half on its merits as a piece of English and half as spoken essay. The state league laughed at us at first and turned us down. So the college withdrew from the league. The state colleges tried to get along without us for a year or so but gave it up and adopted our system. They found that it worked very well.

"I find that a great many of the orations delivered at this university are quite deficient in oratorical quality. They are written for judges that take them off for a week and think them over as a piece of English Now an oration is designed to have a certain effect upon a certain audience. It should move them because of its persuasive qualities. No oration that smells of the lamp will do this as it ought. I read over the other day an oration that was brought to me by a student. I am given to understand that it is ranks as one of the representative orations here. Yet that oration was just an essay, it was a skillfully worded appeal to three judges who would be cooped up with it for a week or so. The introduction was typical of the whole effort. It was so skillfully balanced in its phrases that it could have walked a tight-rope, so to speak. I told the man who brought it to me that it smelled so that I had to hold my nose as long as it was in the house. It smelled of standard oil like everything. The fellow didn't like it a bit and said that Professor Ansley thought it was a fine oration. That is just the trouble with the university's present system of judging orations: it makes the students write appeals to teachers of English instead of appeals to audiences.

"It was found at Colorado college that the adoption of the plan I suggested not only secured better results on the contest and fairer decisions but the students began to write much better orations as soon as they began to address themselves to the audience when they wrote the orations. The great trouble, too, with a judge who has to judge an oration on the English of it is that he does not know what a good oration is. There are much better results obtained by having all the judges mark from the oration as spoken on the stage."

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EDITORIAL.

Sympathy at Ames

The heartiest sympathy of the entire university is extended to its sister institution, the Agricultural college, in the destruction by fire of a part of its main building The university is glad to know that the loss was not as bad as at first reported and that the college work will be continued as usual. The saving of the valuable Parry botanical collection is an occasion of rejoicing to those here interested in scientific work. It is a pleasure to us all to know that everyone at Ames is now provided for, the citizens, faculty, and more fortunate students doing everything possible for the homeless ones.

Earlier Hours

While not at all inclined to be unreasonable about the matter, many university people feel that the hours for social affairs, and for the large parties particularly, should be a little earlier than they have been during the past calendar year. It would not be a puritanical exaction, if an hour should be lopped off the end of these parties and added on to the beginning. It could be done easily if all would see its desirability and it would mean much for the students the next day. It would not be an impossible thing for the social functions of the university to begin soon after eight o'clock instead of there being a considerable period of time between the hour mentioned and the hour when everyone has arrived.

The winter term will be a season of considerable social activity. The first universify party of the college year will be given on January eighteenth. It would be well for all, both managers and guests, before the day of its occurrence arrives, to pause and see if earlier hours could not be observed at it. A little improvement along this line would be welcomed by all.

A Mistake

"The athletic council of nine of the leading schools of the middle west have decided that these leading schools should discourage athletic contests with the smaller schools. We presume that this means there will be an aristocracy among colleges" — Collegian Reporter, Morningside College.

The able editor of the Collegian Reporter, an excellent exchange, has a mistaken idea of the action of the conference colleges that should not be allowed to pass unchallenged. The athletic council of these colleges has not decided to discourage athletic relations with smaller schools. The conference has adopted certain rules for the furtherance of purity in inter-collegiate athletics which it will enforce among its members. To secure the further observance of them, it passed a resolution to the effect that the conference colleges should discourrge athletic relations with colleges which do not live up to these rules

The Collegian Reporter's suggestion of an aristocracy among colleges is an excellent one. An association of the best colleges for the purposes of enforcing in its highest sense the true spirit of amateur sport—an aristocracy of this kind will be desired by every friend of higher education and intercollegiate athletics. An aristocracy of this kind will not be limited in its membership to either small or large colleges. Colleges who could not be admitted to it are to be found today in both classes of colleges. Those who would make up its membership are not determined by their enrollment but by the spirit of their athletic policy.

An Excellent Amendment

The proposed amendment to the constitution of the athletic union printed in another column will if adopted, make a much needed increase in the membership of the union The members of the Varsity teams make enough sacrifices for athletics without paying a dollar membership fee to belong to the union The present membership of the union is so small that the election of officers by it to fill the student athletic offices would be a sort of a farce The addition of the members of the university teams will make the union something of the electorate that it should be. It is felt by many that the time when every university student will be ex-officio, a member of the union is coming soon Until then the proposed amendment will revive an institution that has this year seemed upon the verge of extinction—the athletic union—at the time when athletics needed money, a body which everyone gladly joined, but now that athletics Are on a prosperous financial basis, a body in which the membership even of its officers has at times been questioned

The amendment suggested by President A G Smith, President Egan, and others, should be passed by the meeting of the union this evening and its final incorporation into the constitution of the union made the first order of business for the meeting of the union on Thursday, December 20.

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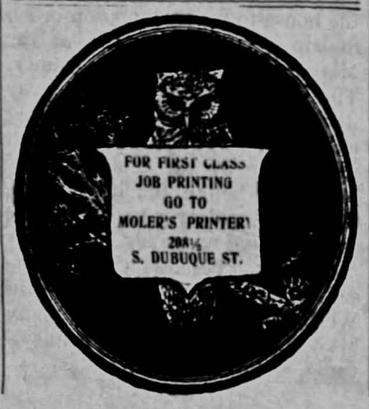

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