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## HAMLET GETS NEW TRIAL

### DEEMER GRANTS MOTION OF DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL

State will not Prosecute Prince Hamlet Further—Resume of the Famous Trial

Hamlet has been granted a new trial.

Justice H. E. Deemer, presiding judge in the case of the state of Iowa vs. Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, today granted the motion of attorney Whiting, Linville and Brown for a new trial on ground of errors committed during the trial.

The chief assignments of error enumerated by the defendant were the misconduct of the jury in separating from four o'clock Friday morning till eight in order to sleep, and the pressure put upon them by the presiding judge to reach a decision.

These errors were committed with full explanation by Judge Deemer that they were not regular and were the only things done during the trial which were not strictly in line with the Iowa criminal code. The defendant's attorneys did not agree with them and Judge Deemer granted a new trial, saying that the defendant had a hung jury save for the pressure for a verdict and Prince Hamlet should not be sentenced under such a verdict.

The state of Iowa will not prosecute Hamlet to another trial of the famous case, and the Danish Prince will therefore be at liberty to continue king of the stage and hero of literature instead of occupying a prison cell at Ft. Madison.

#### THE LAW'S DELAY

The trial of Hamlet in the University of Iowa junior law court was begun under the indictment returned by the Iowa grand jury, Feb. 28, 1903, being therefore one of the most notable instances of the law's delay on record. The Iowa law admits of no statute of limitations on crimes involving the lives of persons and Judge Deemer instructed the grand jury that it was important that such a famous crime should no longer go unpunished.

The trial lasted two weeks and was conducted with great earnestness by counsel, witness and jurors, all of whom were chosen from the members of the class. The defendant by procuracy, Roy A. Cook of Independence; the state's attorneys, J. E. Cross of Newton, W. K. Herrick of Cherokee and Merritt Brackett of Iowa City; the attorneys for the defendant, S. D. Whiting of Iowa City, G. P. Linville of Carson, and A. A. Brown of Storm Lake; the sheriff, Colonel G. R. Burnett, and the clerk, Ralph A. Dunham of Manchester, were appointed by Judge Deemer to conduct the case.

The jury selected to try the case was: R. L. Bergman, of Newton, R. C. Gray, of Rockwell City; C. R. Sutherland, of Center Junction; J. L. Meighen, of New-

ell; A. E. Miller, of Denison, J. L. Norton, of Des Moines; W. R. Law of Waterloo; H. M. Mercer, of Fort Dodge; J. F. Kirby, of Marengo; W. E. Kahler, of Traer; and W. B. Ridgeway, of Winfield.

The jury deciding the case numbered ten, counsel consenting to such reduction of the jury. W. R. Law was excused by the court and H. M. Mercer, absenting himself to go duck hunting was tried for contempt of court by Judge Deemer.

On the question of mental condition, the state contended that the best evidence was Hamlet's words and thoughts, that the philosophy he gave the world is some of the best ever written, that his treatment of Ophelia is to be accounted for as the actions of a man in love, which men do not always require to be those of a cool and sober business man, that Hamlet did not see a ghost of his father in his mother's room but only apostrophized his father's picture for effect on his mother, that Hamlet's remembering the incidents of his alleged insane and excited acts and his doubting his delusions were evidences of sanity, not of insanity.

## WOMEN'S EDITION

Y. W. C. A. to Issue the Daily Iowan for April 7, 1903

The Daily Iowan for April 7, 1903, will be a special women's number. It will be issued under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. However, it will be a strictly co-ed special. Every phase of woman's life at the university will be treated. The literary, social and athletic, all will be described. A prominent place will be given the alumnae, so that it will be of interest to all the old students. The plans of the future will not be left out and future students will know what to expect.

The size of this edition will be the regular IOWAN size. It will consist of twelve pages of heavy white paper. The cover page which will be white, will be illustrated by Miss Annie Felkner '06. The price of this splendid issue will be fifteen cents.

All regular subscribers of the IOWAN will receive a number without extra charge.

The varsity basketball team defeated Western college at Toledo, Monday, 26 to 14.

## BACONIAN

Some Elementary Methods and Results In Statistical Anthropology

At the last meeting of the Baconian club, Prof. Smith discussed methods of statistics as applied to zoology especially anthropology. C. B. Davenport in a paper read before the meeting of the American association at Denver said the time was not far distant when our texts on zoology would look less like a dictionary and more like a table of logarithms. To arrive at such mathematical results it is important to make careful measurements and classifications.

The skull of a skeleton will not itself tell us to what race the individual belonged. The nasal index however seems to be marked in different races. From a series of measurements the mathematician first finds what he calls the mean square error, and the mode or class of greatest frequency. These form the keynote to the remaining observations. Most observations came very close to the mean. The theoretical results do not agree with the practical in the extreme cases. There seems to be more extremes actually found than the theory would indicate. Out of a series of measurements of the height of a class of individuals there was found one fifty-five inches high. Theoretically there should have been none of this height in the class. From a theoretical point of view, the tall individual who appeared on our streets a few days ago should have only fourteen more of his height in the U. S. From a practical standpoint there would probably be from twenty to twenty-five. Middle classes are the most frequent in any set of observations. There are as many above average as there are below average. This is true when a stable condition is reached. Several years ago Prof. Smith made observations of the markings on examinations of our university students. The curve was not systematic. Such a curve indicates change or evolution. Observation on English skulls show that they are becoming shorter and broader. The cranial capacity of the English criminal is less than that of English university students while the cranial index of the 17th century Englishman is still greater.

Dr. Whiteis gave a talk on "Children's Diseases of the Eye, Ear and Throat" before the department of education today.

Mrs. Stanford is preparing to surrender her control of Leland Stanford University into the hands of a board of trustees.

Prof. F. E. Bolton is attending the Central Teachers' association at Carroll today. Dr. Bolton will lecture on the "The Best Things Education can Give a Child" at Scranton tomorrow evening.

# INDOOR MEET TONIGHT

## In Regard to Faculty

At the meeting of the executive committee the following provisions were made in regard to the faculty. Professor Van Steenderen was granted leave of absence to attend the meeting of the Federation de L'Alliance Francaise which is now in session in New York City, and Prof. Leona Call's absence to attend the National biennial convention of the Y. W. C. A. in Wilkesbarre, Pa., on April 15 to 19th, was also authorized.

Geo. C. Gorman, L. '05, was appointed an assistant in the law library. The teaching corps of the summer session was reinforced by adding Miss Helen Eddy as an assistant in Latin and Charles Allyn Williams as assistant in German. Mae E. Blank was appointed assistant to superintendent Elva M. Dunham of the homeopathic hospital.

Dr. E. W. Rockwood was authorized to order in advance

the chemicals for next year's work which have to be purchased in Europe. Arrangements were made for supplies for the power house.

Sadie Jacobs, L. A. '05, was initiated in Pi Beta Phi last night.

F. Appel M. '03 is at home owing to the sickness of his mother.

Prof. Littig has returned from Anamosa where he has been acting as expert witness.

Creswell M. '93 is attending classes again after an absence of a few days on business.

Sophomore medics had an examination in Materia Medica Thursday under Prof Chase.

At the regular joint debate held last night between the Hammond Law Senate and the Philomathean Society the latter succeeded in carrying off the honors at both places.

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Calendar for the Week.

March 21—Indoor Field Meet, Armory.  
March 25—Assembly 9:45 a. m.

Women's Edition

In this issue appears the announcement of the WOMEN'S EDITION of the IOWAN. This is a regular feature of the dailies of many universities and is no new thing in this institution. This edition of the IOWAN is under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., the editorial board is elected by it and the profit if any goes to the support of that worthy organization. The date selected for this special edition, April 7, is most fortunate. It will be the last before Easter and with its showy cover and brilliantly illustrated pages, will present a gayer appearance on that glad day than a church full of milliners. The regents have endorsed the woman's edition, the merchants of the city have shown a disposition to support it generously, and its merit will gain it the favor of the public. The editorial board is an able and energetic one and we predict for the WOMEN'S EDITION every shape and form of success.

It is a subject of congratulations that Dean Gregory is to speak at the International Law Association in Antwerp. The

Dean is to be congratulated on account of being honored with a request to address this gathering of eminent jurists. The college of law is subject to felicitations by reason of having a member of its faculty selected for such an honor. The International Law Association on its part is fortunate to secure Dean Gregory for an address.

By an error in shipping, a very poor grade of print paper came in the last consignment for the IOWAN. The error was seen and another order placed at once and the change will be for only a few days.

Everyone rejoices in the self won success of the school of engineering. The true growth that it has made and the prospects for greater things for it in the future are a source of pleasure to every Iowan.

Shall we expect a bunch of Dutch matriculants in the law college after the Dean's invasion of the Netherlands.

Poor old Hamlet may be sent to prison. The public might approve the sending of some of his actors there.

Those predictions of the IOWAN about the indoor meet may not be right. Go and See.

Trinity Episcopal Church—Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cornell, rector in charge. Services tomorrow. Holy Communion 8 a. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon 10:45 a. m. Vespers 5. p. m. All are cordially invited.

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*Amusements*

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Regarding Hi Henry's entire new minstrels, the New York City "Telegram" says: "The entire program was of special merit. The first part the finest ever seen." This star organization will appear at the opera house on next Monday, March 23. They carry eight comedians, twelve singers, twenty-five orchestral musicians, fourteen brilliant vaudeville feature and character dancers. Their olio consists of the marvelous song bird imitator, J. A. Probst; cornet solos by Hi Henry, and the wonderful athletic and acrobatic feats by the Renzeatta Troupe of Acrobats, the great character artists Corri-gan and Dove, the great European sensation, the marvelous exhibition of physical culture, by the Lotey Brothers.

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Hazing has been made a criminal offense by the legislature of Illinois. The penalty is a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for six months.

Congregational Church, George Luther Cady pastor. Sunday School at 10. Morning services at 11—subject of the sermon "The Heritage of Heroes." Young People's meeting at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30—subject "Merlin and Vivien" or "The Way of Sin" from "The Idylls of the King."

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The Iowan board will meet in the usual place at 1:00 p. m. Saturday.

Seniors meet in the auditorium Friday, March 20, 4:30 p. m. A class pin will be selected.

G. E. Creene, President.

Those selling tickets for the indoor meet are requested to turn in their unsold tickets at the ticket window before 7:30 Saturday night.

A last term of ten lessons in special class of physical training will begin Wednesday, March 25. Classes meet on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p. m.. Any member of the university who wishes to join may do so by applying to Dean Young.

President Harper has suggested that the University of Chicago provide dwellings for Greek letter societies.

**All Souls Church**

Topic at 10:45 a. m. "The First School of the New Methods in America—What we did and how we did it." 6:30, Miss Rundell will speak to the Y. P. R. U. 7:30, Illustrated sermon; "Story of the English Bible, going back to the days of St. Patrick and Gregory, the beginning of the cathedrals, Bede and Alfred the Great, John Wiclif and itinerant Friars, Caxton and Tyndale, Henry VIII, and Elizabeth, Hampton Court and James I."

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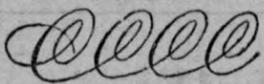
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