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## The Military Ball.

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## Athletics.

President Eliot, of Harvard, in his annual report, says in regard to athletics: "The evils of the intercollegiate sports, as described in the president's report of last year, continue without redress or diminution; in particular, the game of foot ball grows worse and worse as regard foul and violent play and the number and gravity of the injuries the players suffer. It has become perfectly clear that the game as now played is unfit for college use. The rules of the game are at present such as to cause inevitably a large number of broken bones, sprains and wrenches, even during trial or practice games played legitimately, and they also permit those who play with reckless violence or with shrewd violations of the rules to gain thereby great advantages. What is called the development of the game has steadily increased its risks, until they have become unjustifiable. Naturally the public is losing faith in the professed desire of coaches, captains and promoters to reform it. It should be distinctly understood, that the players themselves have little real responsibility for the evils of the game. They are swayed by a tyrannical public opinion—partly ignorant and partly barbarous—to the formation of which graduates and undergraduates, fathers, mothers and sisters, leaders of society, and the veriest gamblers and rowdies, all contribute. The state of mind of the spectators at a hard fought foot ball match at

Springfield, New York or Philadelphia cannot but suggest the query how far these assemblages differ at heart from the throngs which enjoy the prize fight, or which in other centuries delighted in the sports of the Roman arena. Several fatal accidents have happened this year to school boys and college students on the foot ball field; and in every strenuous game now played, whether for practice or in an intercollegiate or other competition, there is the ever present liability to death on the field. It is often said that by employing more men to watch the players, with the authority to punish instantly infractions of the rules, foul and vicious playing could be stopped. The sufficient answer to this suggestion is that a game which needs to be watched is not fit for genuine sportsmen. Moreover, experience indicates that it would be hard to find trustworthy watchers. Extravagant expenditure for the teams throughout the season, and by the spectators at the principal games, continues to disgust the advocates of simple and rational manly sports."—*Brown and Black.*

## President Eliot Criticised.

The Harvard *Crimson* says editorially in regard to President Eliot's recent report:

"Popular attention will focus upon that portion of the President's report which deals in athletic. This portion of the report is a surprise. Last year the President recommended a number of changes which he considered would aid in reforming college sports. This year, after the comment on college sports and foot ball especially has been more unfavorable than ever, the President contents himself with a general survey of the field, passes his judgment on desirable and undesirable features, and says nothing as to what is to be done or even what he thinks ought to be done. The questions about President Eliot's course of procedure, which have been plenty ever since the Springfeld game, must therefore remain still unanswered.

The President's position on athletics has become well known, and there is nothing in this report to indicate that he changed his position. He believes that the university ought to turn out men serviceable to the community; that, for this purpose, athletics are a necessity; that intercollegiate athletics are justifiable only as affording a needed stimulus to athletics as a whole; and that now 'this stimulus is too dearly bought.' In a word, President Eliot would like to reduce—and reduce immensely—the relative importance of the athletic contests, for he evidently considers the undue importance attached to the result of these contests to be the root of the evils in them.

Now with few exceptions, students are ready to recognize the good sense of this ideal; they are ready to recognize also that the contests do at present assume too much importance. But the great questions are: What are the practicable reforms? How can the sport be reformed without being killed? To these questions we expected President Eliot would make some answer. Why has he not? While

his course is a surprise, it is a pleasant surprise. The President is very decided in his views, goes much farther in his ideas of needed reform than most students, and the expression of his ideas is liable to arouse the students in opposition. With all deference to President Eliot, we consider his conception of the ideal college athletics as composed of 'running, walking, tennis, etc.' to be impracticable of realization. The happy means lies somewhere between the present state of affairs and what the President would like to have. All circumstances together, therefore, the President's abstinence from recommendations is matter for congratulations. It is needless to say, on the other hand, that reform must come from some source. The President's disgust with the present state of affairs is not concealed.

The manner in which the President compares the foot ball games to bull fights, and also suggests the ever present liability to death, is distasteful. There is some foundation for such statements, but they exaggerate the truth of the matter."—*Daily Cardinal.*

## Association of Western Institutions.

At the last meeting of the Schoolmaster's Club a resolution was passed calling a meeting to consider the advisability of organizing an association of colleges and secondary schools of the Northcentral states. In accordance with this resolution President Angell is sending out circulars to the heads of the universities, colleges, scientific schools, normal schools and academies in the designated territory.

The meeting will be held in the office of President Henry Wade Rogers, of Northwestern University, March 29 and 30. A number of questions will be considered relative to the formation of the association.

It is proposed after completing the organization that steps be taken to co-operate with the similar associations of the New England and Middle States. The requirements for admission to college in special branches, the best method for examination for admission to college, and the modifications which should be made in the courses in secondary schools, are questions which will be discussed.

The call announcing the meeting is signed by President Angell, President Henry Wade Rogers, of Northwestern University; President Charles K. Adams, of the University of Wisconsin; President William R. Harper, of the University of Chicago; W. H. Butts, Principal of Michigan Military Academy; W. A. Greeson, Principal of Grand Rapids High School, and R. G. Boone, Principal of Michigan Normal School.—*U. of M. Daily.*

Next fall the University of Wisconsin will be able to offer her students a course in music. It has been decided by the board of regents that a conservatory of music should be added to the college. There will be no charge for instruction in harmony, choral practice, musical theory and in counterpoint, save the incidental fees of 'Varsity.

## Hesperian.

The attendance at the Hesperian program last Saturday evening was exceedingly small, owing to "Merchant of Venice" at the Opera House.

The program was opened with an instrumental solo by Miss Georgie North, which was well deserving of the applause it received.

The first number on the literary program was a declamation by Jessie Corlett, entitled "The Actor's Story." Miss Corlett declaimed in her usual graceful manner, but the effort was somewhat marred on account of having to be prompted several times.

Miss Lolah Ozias followed with a humorous declamation entitled "Mitas." This selection is almost entirely of negro dialect, which Miss Ozias maintained perfectly throughout. Her manner upon the rostrum is easy, graceful and pleasing.

The debate, upon the question "Resolved, that the statesman is more necessary to the well-being of mankind than the poet," was affirmed by Lydia McCutcheon and Lillie Hulsebus, and denied by Gussie Gray and Margaret Van Metre. Good points were produced on both sides. There was some lack of animation in setting forth arguments. Miss Hulsebus made the strongest argument, and the decision of the judges was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

The next number was a piano solo by Gertrude Howell, which was followed by a declamation by Charlotte Hartley, entitled "St. Martin and the Beggar." This was Miss Hartley's first appearance on the program of Hesperian Society, and very creditably did she acquit herself.

Miss Gertrude Howell read a paper entitled "Acadie," the interest which it had for the audience being attested by their careful attention.

The new girls, by whom a large part of the program was furnished, again deserve special mention for their careful preparation and good delivery.

## The Course in Debating.

When the course in debating was inaugurated last fall, it was doubtful whether or not it would be successful. There is now no longer any doubt, for the course has accomplished all that it started out to do. As a rule excellent debates are held every week. There are four speakers on each debate, and five minute speeches at the close of the debate, by the other members of the course.

Last Thursday the debate was on the the question, "Resolved, that strikes are on the whole beneficial to the laboring man." The question was affirmed by Keefe and Mason and denied by Bowersox and Pratt. The debate was won by the affirmative.

Professors Hale, Loos and Patrick have the course in charge. These gentlemen deserve great credit for their efforts in making this course the success that it is.

There is great rejoicing among the Beloit boys these days. The college trustees have voted to admit women to college classes after this college year. For fifty years this college has been for men only.

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One very commendable feature of the debate last Friday night was the manner in which the one society accepted defeat. This has been noticeable in every debate which has been held in the past, and we are glad to see that the members of neither society feel that it is any disgrace to be defeated by the members of the other. Neither society need be ashamed of the manner in which their representatives presented their side of the question last Friday night. It was very evident that all of the gentlemen had given the question careful consideration, and that each side made a strong effort to win. In such debates as these there is too often a tendency to feel that a loss of the decision of the judges is a loss of all honor. The debaters should feel, however, that the decision of the judges deprives the defeated men of none of the good which they have obtained in preparing for the contest. It is true that it is much more pleasant to win than lose, but it is only too often that the difference is looked upon as entirely too great. If a person shows that he has studied his question carefully and has put forth his very best efforts, he is sure to command the respect of his hearers regardless of what he may think of his argument as compared with that of his opponent. Of the debates held between the two societies in the past the honors have been very evenly divided, and it is well for both societies that it has been thus; it keeps up the interest and is an incentive for both sides to do good work, and it has been very evident that the men have done themselves justice in every debate which has been held in the past.

Huel, Pennsylvania's center rush, has been elected captain of the crew in place of Wagonhurst, who was forced to resign by the Faculty.

The Nebraska State Legislature is about passing a bill providing a half mill levy for its University. If Iowa will give her University one-fifth of a mill levy, the loyal friends of the institution will see to it that Iowa's University will soon be in the front rank, not because of fine buildings, but because of a great institution of learning. Buildings alone do not make a great school, but without fire-proof buildings, libraries, museums, etc., can not safely be houses, and without class room, laboratory, library, hospital, etc., students can not be accommodated. In this year of depression, 1894-5, there would be 2,000 students in Iowa City if accommodations were ample.—*Republican*.

The prudential committee of the Yale corporation has decided to accept the plan offered by the trustees of the late William Walter Phelps, Yale '60, for the erection of a memorial gateway on the campus between Welch and Lawrence Halls. Above the gateway there will be a building which will contain recitation rooms. The building is to be higher than the adjoining buildings so as to dominate that section of the quadrangle, and it is expected that it will be of great architectural beauty. Mr. Haight, the architect who drew the plans for Vanderbilt Hall, has been retained to make the design for this memorial structure, and the fund which is made available by the Phelps will be used in its erection. The gateway will be about twenty feet high and the building ninety feet or more. This will give needed space for recitation rooms. Now that the matter has been decided upon, the preparations will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and it is hoped to be able to begin work in three months.—*Princetonian*.

The leading colleges of the central southern states have completed the organization of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. The following colleges are members of the association: University of Georgia, University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Georgia School of Technology, University of the South, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama and Johns Hopkins University.

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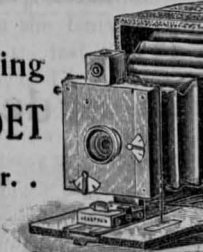
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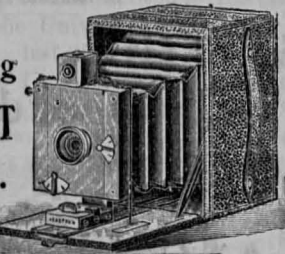
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The Gorman Brothers, old-time  
black face artists and comedians, are  
producing this season, a farce-comedy  
entitled "The Gilhoolys Abroad."  
The comedy is thickly veined with  
spicy humor, and many good things  
come off on the stage.

The ladies of the company are espe-  
cially well clothed, pretty, and not  
only delight the audience by their ap-  
pearance, but compel the people who  
listen to comment them by their artis-  
tic powers.

George Gorman is, as he always was,  
good. He says a lot of funny things,  
and like his brothers, is original. Miss  
Lettie LeVyne is very good. Her  
physical charms call for consideration  
and when she leads the unique march  
by the girls in red there is a decided  
sensation. Geo. S. Trimble, a nice  
looking fellow, possesses an admirable  
tenor voice, and plays his part fairly  
well. Miss Vevie Nobriga, who takes  
the part of Mamie Foley, "terror of  
the household," is all right. She is  
clever and one of the pleasing people  
of the company.

At the Opera House Thursday, Feb.  
14.

Fact and Rumor.

O. C. Anderson is able to be out  
after a week's illness.

Miss Addie Gray, of West Liberty,  
spent Sunday with her sister, Gussie  
Gray, '98.

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Miss Alice Chesboro spent Sunday at home.

E. W. Connor, of Burlington, spent last Thursday with his daughter, Kathleen, '98.

Rodney Aery has been obliged to go to his home at Cedar Falls on account of sickness.

L. J. Rowell has returned from Ames, where he was attending a meeting of I. N. G.

Misses Kleckner, Converse and Calvin visited the class in England History Monday morning.

Maj. R. J. Gaines, Law '96, left for Ames, yesterday, to attend the school of instructions under Gen. Lincoln.

C. S. Aldrich was recently elected 1st Lieutenant of Co M., I. N. G. of Tipton, and Frank Gunsolus, ex-'95, was elected 2d Lieutenant.

The ladies' gymnasium class have organized four basket ball teams, with the names "B. B. C.," "A. T. O.," "O. K.," "X. L." The first match game was played Saturday evening.

The joint debate between the Sophomores of the Irving Institute and Zetagathian Society, will be held the fore part of the spring term. The question for debate is as follows: "Resolved, that cabinet officers should have a seat in Congress and a voice in debate." Messrs. Morrison, Petersberger and Prichett, of the Irving Institute, will support the affirmative, while Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Hanson and Van Law, of the Zetagathian Society, will support the negative.

Foot ball in the form of a Rugby game has taken a strong hold on France. Some twenty clubs belong to the Union des Societies Francaises des Sports Athletiques. There are a dozen clubs in Paris, and others in Bordeaux, Marseilles, Lyons and Havre. The lycees in Paris and the provinces have Rugby fifteen. The association game is confined to Paris and a few places in the north of France, the clubs being composed mainly of English residents.

**Max O'Rell**

The S. U. I. Lecture Bureau begs to announce that it has engaged the distinguished author, lecturer, and satirist, Max O'Rell (M. Paul Blouet), in his world renowned comedy lecture, "Her Royal Highness, Woman." Of this lecture, Mr. George Augusta Sala, in his journal writes: "This perfect comedy lecture is delightfully witty and a great lesson in tact."

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Seats will be reserved Friday morning at Lee Bro's, at 7:30 p. m. Admission 50 cents.

N. B.—This is a special attraction and is not included in the regular course.

The candidates at the University of Minnesota for the eight-oar crew have begun work in the tank at St Paul. There have been three crews organized from which two will be selected. A course will be measured and laid out on Lake Minnetonka as soon as the weather will permit.



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