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## The Astronomical Program for 1895

The astronomical program of the year, so far as it is a matter of prediction, offers nothing of exceptional rarity or interest. The number of eclipses is somewhat larger than usual, but three of the five are only small, partial eclipses of the sun and are all visible in the United States. The two eclipses of the moon, however, one of which occurred on March 10 and one to occur September 3, are both total, and both visible in this country from beginning to end. This year, also, the moon every month passes over the Pleiades, and their occultations possess the same value if observed at widely separated stations.

The sunspot maximum was reached two years ago, and the activity of the solar surface is now declining, so that there is no reason to look for any phenomena of special interest in that quarter for the present.

As for the planets, Mars is already far away, and for more than a dozen years will not again be as favorably situated as he was last autumn. Saturn is far to the south, and even at his opposition in April and May will be too low down for satisfactory observation. During the first three months of the year Jupiter, on the other hand, was admirably placed, and monopolized the interest of observers; and during the spring and summer Venus will be splendid in the evening sky.

The only periodic comets whose return is due this year are Encke's and Brorsen's. The former, which completes its orbit every three and a third years (the shortest comet period known), came in sight early last November, but did not reach its perihelion until February, and is still under observation. It is very faint, seldom becoming visible to the naked eye, and the chief interest that attaches to it lies in the strange continual shortening of its period, a phenomenon which still remains without any certain explanation, though very generally supposed to be due to its collision with some invisible meteoric swarm. Brorsen's comet, which made its last visit in 1890, and has a period of five and a half years, is due again next summer; but it is unfavorably situated, and will be so faint that it may very possibly elude observation.

Of course, it is perfectly possible, and much to be desired, that some great comet may appear entirely unannounced, or that some "new star" may unexpectedly burst into brilliancy; but such phenomena do not come within the range of our prediction.

Probably before the close of the year the immense forty-inch telescope of the Chicago University will be erected in the magnificent observatory now building for it at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; and it is possible that by that time the great instrument now being constructed for the observatory of the Cape of Good Hope may also be mounted, so that hereafter the southern hemisphere may possess at least one instrument comparable in power with those that are now so numerous in the northern. And yet, after all, the real progress of astronomy depends more upon the unobtrusive, faithful, laborious work

of the mathematicians and routine observers than upon big telescopes and sensational discoveries.—C. A. Young in *Cosmopolitan*.

## Athletics at Grinnell.

The Grinnell Athletic Union has secured the services of Trainer Greiner who will from now on take charge of track athletics at Grinnell. Mr. Greiner comes from Northwestern University, and has had ten years of experience as a trainer.

Grinnell athletics have perceptibly "picked up" since the arrival of the trainer, and active work has been commenced.

At a mass meeting of track men, last Wednesday, Mr. Greiner delivered a short address, in the course of which he said: "Each member of the team, who does his best, has an equal share in the victory, whether he wins one point or not. A man should work as faithfully for a second or third place as for a first. The third place may win the cup."

These remarks, intended for Grinnell men, are equally applicable to our athletes, and should ever be borne in mind by them. Although third places may not secure great personal glory for those who win them, they nevertheless count one in the final score, and are of the utmost importance. One point has more than once decided victories.

Twenty-six candidates are in training for the base ball team and systematic work has been carried on for some time. The *Scarlet and Black* published in Saturday's issue the batting and fielding averages of the men so far this season.

Captain Cray last week resigned the Captaincy of the football team for next year owing to expected absence from school. H. G. Willard, '96, was elected to fill the vacancy.

## High School Field Meet.

At a meeting of representatives of several of the Iowa high schools, held at Tipton, last Saturday, definite arrangements for holding an inter-high school field meet were decided upon. The event will occur at Muscatine on May 25. The rules governing the contest are similar to those in force with the Iowa Inter-Collegiate Association. Points are scored as follows: first place counts five; second, three; third, one.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the first three places in each event, and a trophy of some sort to the winning team. In deciding upon the list of events to be contested for a great deal of disagreement arose. After an all-day's session the delegates fixed upon a list of eighteen events in which the hammer throw, an event usual in such contests, was omitted, and a base ball throw and half-mile walk inserted. Judging from the spirit manifested in Saturday's meeting, we may expect an exciting contest. Ben Swisher represented the local high school.

A movement is on foot to combine the Allopathic and Homeopathic Schools of Medicine at Ann Arbor, on account of the expense of running them separately.

## Republican College League.

The fourth annual convention of the American Republican College League met last Friday in Grand Rapids, Michigan, fifty colleges being represented by full delegations. The greatest interest of the convention centered about the election of president for the coming year. There were three candidates: E. J. Henning, of Wisconsin, L. B. Vaughan, of Chicago University, and W. D. McWilliams, of Kalamazoo College. Of the three candidates, Henning had the strongest following, but before the convention met Vaughan and McWilliams pooled their forces, and the Chicago man was elected by a vote of 25 to 22. The other officers for the year were: First Vice-President, T. B. Deberville, University of Vermont; Second Vice-President, B. E. Johnson of Nebraska; Third Vice-President, C. E. Cosands of Earlham College, Colorado; Secretary, F. L. Edinboro, University of Michigan; Treasurer, L. L. Twichell, University of Minnesota; Vice-President of the National League, J. H. Frye of Princeton.

McWilliams was elected representative of the League to the National Convention of Republican clubs. Minneapolis was chosen as the next meeting place of the annual convention.

The platform adopted declares for protection and favors bimetallism, the annexation of Hawaii, and the construction of the Nicaragua Canal under government supervision. A resolution offered later favoring the annexation of Cuba was adopted.

The principal address of the convention was delivered by W. W. Tracy. At a banquet in the evening other addresses were made by Senator Burrows, Warner Miller, Senator Foster, and Ex-Senator Patton.

## Erodelphian.

The Erodelphian society was called to order last Saturday night by Eleanor Dubal, president for the spring term.

May Otto opened the program with a declamation, "The Fashionable School Girl." An extemporaneous speech on "The Political Outlook of Today," by Mary Colson, followed. This is a new feature in Erodelphian work, and the successful efforts of Saturday night show that much may be done in this line.

Following an instrumental solo by Miss Cook was the debate, "Resolved, that the High School course should be arranged without regard to preparation for College."

Miss Rose Henderson opened the debate. She claimed that as only a very small per cent of the high school pupils ever go to college, the course should be arranged for the many, not the few.

Mae Henry was the first speaker for the negative. She showed that the high school, by fitting the pupils for college, encourages them to seek a higher education.

In closing the debate for the affirmative, Zue Kostomlatsky brought out the strongest arguments. She claimed that the best preparation for life is the best preparation for college.

Miss Alford closed the debate. She showed how a college education is be-

coming more and more necessary for everyone, and that for this reason the high school course should be arranged to prepare its pupils for higher work. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

An instrumental solo by Miss Barrett won hearty applause. Then followed an extemporaneous speech on "The Tendency of Modern Fiction," by Adelaide Lasheck. Miss Lasheck handled her subject in an easy manner.

Miss Lowman's declamation, "Lady Wentworth," was well delivered. Her voice was very good, but her gestures somewhat set.

The music by the Erodelphian quartette, composed of the Misses MacFarland, Elena MacFarland, Kriebbaum and Barrett, was perhaps the most enjoyable feature of the program, and well merited the encore which it received.

## Base Ball.

The affairs of the Iowa Inter-Collegiate Base Ball Association are not in a very satisfactory condition. From all present indications it is not at all probable that the schedule arranged early in the spring will be carried out. The manager of the Drake University team, in a recent letter to the officers of the Association, says:

"Under the existing conditions it is necessary for us to cancel all our dates and to withdraw from the Base Ball Association."

Cornell College has as yet sent no word to the Association to signify its intention of playing the scheduled games, and the report is abroad that they will not play their games at all this year.

The affairs of the Association should be definitely arranged as soon as possible. If Drake and Cornell cannot keep up their membership insist upon their permanent withdrawal. The remaining colleges in the league, J. C., I. A. C., and S. U. I. could then either continue the old association, or form a new triangular state league; the latter plan would perhaps be best.

Some action of this kind should be taken; the sooner these delinquent and inactive members are disposed of so that in the future they will cease to be a source of trouble, the better it will be for base ball in the remaining colleges of the league.

## Home Field Meet.

Captain Crum, of the track team, has chosen Saturday, April 27, as the date for our annual Spring Field Meet. This meet promises to be the best home meet in the history of our University athletics. Larger numbers of men than ever before have sifted their intention of entering, and the contestants will undoubtedly be in first class condition for active training has already begun.

The elegant silver cup will be awarded again, and class officers should stir up their classmates in order to put strong class teams into the contest.

The necessity for building with the future in view is seen in the fact that the Fogg Art Museum is already too small for the collections at Harvard, and some professors are complaining bitterly about it.

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There is a spirit, which is apparent at times in nearly all the classes of the University, which should certainly be discouraged. We refer to the willingness, which constantly manifests itself, to laugh at the blunders sometimes made by fellow classmates. This tendency to laugh at anything and everything is quite pronounced, and it is against this tendency that we protest. We do not mean that no levity should be indulged in while in the class room, but rather that this privilege should not be abused. If we were to judge the breeding of those students who so often laugh at the expense of others, we would be inclined to conclude that it had not been of the best. Such, however, is not the case, for thoughtlessness must be assigned as a cause of their ill manners. In short, we realize that thoughtless laughing is detrimental to all concerned, and should, therefore, be discontinued. Let each one do his share towards its abolition.

In another column we give the program of the Zet-Irving Freshman contest. In a previous issue we gave the program of the contest which is to take place between the Sophomores of the same societies. These contests will be held sometime during next month, and judging from the members who will represent the societies both will be spirited contests. An effort should be made to have a large attendance at these two contests, as the boys will work hard on both sides and need encouragement. Such contests are of immense value to develop good literary men, and so long as we are a member of the Northern Oratorical League, and hold an annual debate with the University of Minne-

sota, we want to develop the best literary ability we have at hand. We think it would be well if some means could be devised whereby we could have a greater number of intercollegiate contests, as they not only are a good advertisement to the University, but the contestants derive an immense amount of good in preparing themselves for the final contest.

**Irving-Zet Freshman Contest.**

The annual Zet-Irving Freshman contest will be held about May 25th. The program which will constitute the contest will, in its nature, be identical with that rendered by the societies at their open sessions.

Irving's representatives are: W. C. Keeler, orator, Milfred M. Stull, declaimer, J. B. S. Shorett and Joseph Frailey, debaters.

The Zets will be represented by Chas. E. Luse, orator, Wm. M. Barr, declaimer, Frank Hollingsworth and Wm. M. Plum, debaters.

The question to be debated is: "Resolved, that in times of commercial depression municipalities should furnish work for the unemployed." The Zets have the negative, and the Irvings the affirmative. This contest will be full of interest, for it will be, for many of the contestants, the first opportunity for publicly exhibiting their latent powers.

**Zetagathian.**

The program Friday evening was fairly well attended, and was opened with an oration by Barth, on "William Lloyd Garrison," which was well written, but the delivery could have been improved by careful training.

The debate was the most interesting part of the program. Messrs. Patterson and Guthrie appeared for the affirmative, and Messrs. Moon and Pratt for the negative. Both sides discussed the question in an able manner.

The program was concluded with a declamation, "Life Photographed," by Walrod, which was well delivered.

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**Fact and Rumor.**

The class in Morphology had a quiz  
yesterday.

The Sigma Nus have had their pic-  
tures taken.

Stella Graves, '93, has been suffer-  
ing with the quinzey.

A. L. Lawrence spent Sunday at his  
home in Cedar Rapids.

Sophomore German classes have be-  
gun Schiller's "Jung Frau Von Or-  
leans."

Professor Weld gives his lecture on  
"The Planet Mars," at Close Hall this  
evening.

The Phi Delt's gave a party last  
Friday evening.

Mrs. Pascal, nee Rees, '93, of Des  
Moines, visited Stella Price the last  
part of last week.

Nan Shepard, '89, a teacher in the  
Oskaloosa High School, visited Uni-  
versity friends last week.

The O. H. N. O's entertained them-  
selves last Thursday evening at the  
home of Miss Mattie Dunham.

Miss Abbie Safford has been obliged  
to leave her work in the University  
this spring on account of her eyes.

It is reported that "Collegiate '98,"  
the well known dog belonging to the  
Freshman class, has been stolen.

W. E. Carpenter is the latest vic-  
tim of the measles. His mother has  
come to wait upon him during his ill-  
ness.

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Annabel Collins, '94, after a week's visit with her many friends, left last Saturday morning for her home at Iowa Falls.

Dr. and Mrs. White left this morning for their home at Urbana, where they will spend a short time before departing for Europe.

Judge Wade began his lectures before the Junior Laws on Evidence yesterday. The hour for the class has been changed from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Mary Barber Ely, of Fort Pembino, N. Dakota, is visiting her father and sister. She was called here by the serious illness of her grandfather, Mr. Brainard.

We are in receipt of an announcement of the courses of instruction in the President White School of History and Political Science of Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y. Among the names of the graduate students pursuing work in that institution we notice the name of Frank E. Lodeman, A. B., (Indiana University) 1888, A. M. (Iowa State University) 1892. Mr. Lodeman was former instructor in German here.

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**Sophomore Meeting.**

At a meeting of the sophomore class, held at Close Hall last Saturday morning, the action of the committee on class and department colors was ratified. In the future apple-green will serve to distinguish Sophomores. Harry H. Hutchinson was elected manager, and Robert L. McCord captain, of the base ball nine. Arthur J. Barker was elected manager, and Samuel W. Hobbs captain, of the track team. The resignation of I. Petersberger as assistant business manager of the Hawkeye was accepted.

**Base Ball Games**

The following are the scores of some of the opening games of base ball played by college teams Friday and Saturday of last week:

- Yale, 5; New York League, 7.
- Rush Medical, 9; St. Ignatius, 7.
- Univ. of Mich., 21; Albion, 3.
- Pennsylvania, 4; New York League, 21.
- Princeton, 18; Union, 0.
- Univ. of Illinois, 5; Wabash, 0; two innings.
- Northwestern, 13; Evanston High School, 7.

While Dr. John Peate is getting ready to grind his great lens for the telescope of the American University, it may be well to remember that Galileo made with his own hands the telescope with which he climbed the tower of St. Mark's Cathedral and discovered the satellites of Jupiter and the planet Venus, while Venice slept around him. The poor, unknown Herschel ground two hundred specula with his own hands to get a perfect one, and made the telescope through which he discovered the star Georgium Sidus, its orbit and rate of motion, as well as the satellites and rings of Saturn. There may be surprises yet in store as great as that which fell upon the Royal Society of England.—*University Courier.*



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dar Rapids and Clinton, 10:30 p.m.  
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**Baconian.**

The paper was read by Mr. Bacon on "The Cleavage of the Egg." The essayist first discussed the body. It was formerly believed that all parts of the body such as the eye, etc., were contained in the undeveloped state, as are the flower in the bud.

Cleavage was first observed in the egg of the frog, where attracted by the furrows which appear upon its surface in its development. Schwann recognized it as a cell. It is, in fact, a simple cell.

The cleavage of almost every egg has been studied, and the scientific investigation, though not until of late years, has interested in this knowledge.

The interest in the subject centers around three points: the fact that the primitive cells do not arise in the same manner in different animal kingdoms; the discovery that the egg is isotropic body, and thirdly, the fact that by destroying one of the meres of a frog's egg with a half tadpole may be developed other equally startling results.

The phenomena of cleavage studied in those eggs which are in water, especially those of animals, such as fish and the chin.

The essayist proceeded to discuss the structure of the egg cell, the urechin and the various stages of cleavage. He also explained the differences in the case of the fish, and set forth the peculiarities of cleavage are constant in a kingdom. This fact is of use to biologists.

Cleavage is liable to modification by various physical causes, pressure, etc., but these early changes appear to have little effect on final development. It is an experiment that, although the environment and physical conditions under which a sea urchin, for example, is developed, the character of its cleavage may be changed, yet the final result is never anything but a sea urchin. The theory formerly upheld, that the cell of the cleaving egg has relation to some particular part of the body, is thus overthrown by experimental demonstration.

After a brief discussion of the paper, Dr. Gilchrist offered a vote of thanks on a very interesting contribution of two trunks of the nerve which had recently come to his notice.

The paper of to-morrow will be read by Professor "Some Mathematical Illustrations of the Doctrine of Continuity."

The Yale spring regatta will place at Lake Whitney on Monday. Vassar students are reported that not one of their graduates ever been divorced.—*Ex.* Their opportunities have been