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Our Seaboard Universities.

The benefactions which the colleges have received within the last generation have frequently taken the form of new buildings, and the external aspects of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania, have been completely changed. Unfortunately, most of this new architecture may be termed spasmodic. Each building is put up with very slight respect for its neighbors. One is costly, one inexpensive; one is in this style, one in that; one in brick, and one in stone; one extremely plain, one rich in its ornamentation. The symmetry of classical architecture is wanting, and the beauty of Gothic adaptation is not often visible. Nevertheless, the College street facade at New Haven, the campus in Princeton, and separate structures like the law school at Cambridge and the Harvard Memorial Gateway, are admirable. Columbia now has a rare opportunity to construct its group of buildings on a plan well thought out, like the plans of "the White City," by a commission of qualified architects. If the library building, of which the beautiful designs have been made public, can be constructed, as the center of academic life, and if it can be surrounded with the symmetrical halls that have been projected, American collegiate architecture will make a great advance, and the city of New York will have a group of buildings as worthy of our metropolis as those in Vienna are worthy of that great capital, and as those in Athens, lately constructed by wealthy merchants, are worthy of that city.

The devotion to athletics shown in late years by the historic colleges of the seaboard has undoubtedly promoted manliness. Gymnasia, athletic fields, boats, later hours for rising, better food and better sanitary arrangements have improved the physique of students. But close observers are already lamenting that mental gymnastics, literary contests and scholastic exercises are undervalued by the undergraduate of the day. The excessive excitements of intercollegiate games have already aroused the hostility of public opinion, so that some existing usages will undoubtedly be modified before long. To perpetuate what is good and eliminate that which is objectionable in athletics, is the problem that now confronts both faculties and students.

There is one aspect of our seaboard universities which is only seen on the inside and that is the good will that subsists between the students and their instructors. Far greater familiarity is now allowed than would have been permitted in former years—and this familiarity does not breed contempt. On the contrary, it promotes genuine respect and affection. If the word "tutor" carried with it in days gone by the idea of night watchman, the modern word "adviser" carries with it the idea of a friend.—*Harper's Weekly.*

Professor Hollis, of the Lawrence Scientific school, at Harvard University, has devised a machine for accurately testing the energy expended by oarsmen.

Hesperian.

The program Saturday evening was given by the Junior members of the Hesperian society.

Miss Beulah MacFarland opened the program with a vocal solo. Miss Fannie Davis then introduced the president for the spring term, Miss Gertrude Howell, who responded with a few appropriate remarks.

Ella Jones next gave a recitation. Her manner was graceful and easy, but the delivery of the piece might have been improved had she spoken a little louder.

Miss Zimmerman followed with a recitation. This was of a sober character, and was delivered in a pleasing, polished manner.

The last recitation, entitled "Midnight on Shiloh," was given by Nannie Carroll in a sympathetic voice, well suited to the pathetic character of the selection.

A very enjoyable vocal solo by Miss Agnes Bowen filled the next number on the program.

"The Bewitched Clock" was the title of an amusing shadow pantomime which came next in order. The part of the lovelorn damsel was acceptably filled by Marion Davies, while Harry Keefe acted well his part of the late caller who was obliged to take refuge in the tall clock upon the unexpected appearance of the irate father, impersonated by O. C. Anderson.

The program closed with a very pleasing song pantomime entitled "Over the Garden Wall." The osculatory portion of this number brought forth well merited applause, being exceedingly realistic and true to life. The characters were taken by O. C. Anderson and Helen Stewart.

Irving.

The Glee Club opened the program with an excellent selection, which was vociferously encored. This was one of the most pleasing musical numbers that have been rendered in North Hall for some time.

Mr. Kiser next delivered an oration on Napoleon which was quite an unique production, but its delivery was somewhat marred by hesitancy.

After this came a declamation, "The Classmates," by F. R. Hubbard. A little more animation would have improved his delivery.

The debate of the evening, on the question, "Resolved, that the President's term of office should be extended to six years, and that he be ineligible for re-election," was opened by J. W. Seaman. The speaker talked quite fluently, and presented good argument. His effort evidenced careful preparation.

C. H. Stemple made the first argument for the negative. Some of his assertions were too strong, but Mr. Stemple's appearance last evening shows that he is improving in debate.

T. J. Hutchinson closed for the affirmative in a well prepared speech. Mr. Lawrence in closing the debate made the strongest speech of the evening. The speaker's delivery was pleasing and forceful, and he brought out strong points well arranged.

The debate was followed by impromptu speeches. M. E. Lumbar gave an interesting talk on "The re-

cent decisions in regard to the income tax." "The Kirkwood Memorial Building," the subject of the next speech, was excellently treated by Mr. Whiting.

A violin solo by Master Hemmer closed the program.

Zetagathian.

The first number on the program was an oration entitled "The Onward Sweep of Nations," and was very well delivered by Mr. Brock.

Walrod next delivered a declamation in his usual style.

The debate was, "Resolved, that the present jury system in civil cases should be done away with."

The question was opened by Mr. Veblen. This was Mr. Veblen's first appearance on the debate in Zet, and he did remarkably well. Mr. Farwell opened for the negative in a well chosen speech. Kinmonth closed for the affirmative in perhaps the strongest speech of the evening. Clark closed the debate.

Mr. Eby's declamation, though perhaps not quite animated enough, was very well received.

Mr. Popham's oration, "The Political Shakespeare," was written with great care and very well delivered.

The program closed with a vocal solo by Mr. Cochran, which was heartily applauded.

Faculty Control at Pennsylvania.

A change has been made in the Faculty government at Pennsylvania. The old Faculty Athletic Committee has been dissolved by the Board of Trustees, and the deans of the respective departments asked to appoint from their respective faculties professors to compose a new board. This has long been the desire of the present committee. Under the present regime they had absolutely no power to enforce obedience should the athletic authorities see fit to resist their ruling. They could merely advise the adoption of certain measures. By the new plan greater powers are granted to the new board. The trustees have entrusted the regulation and restriction of athletics to them, and they will now exercise the full power of the trustees.

The new board will be practically the same as the old. It will be composed of three members of the collegiate faculty and three each from the law and professional school faculties. From the law school, George Tucker Bispham and George Wharton Pepper, the law school's present representatives, will comprise two of the three. Dr. J. William White and Dr. Horatio C. Wood and Dr. John W. Adams will probably represent the medical schools; and Dr. Edgar F. Smith and Professor Simon N. Patten will be two of the college representatives. Deans Fullerton, Marshall and Patterson have not as yet announced their selections.—*Courier.*

The following local, which appeared in Saturday's *Breeze*, will perhaps be of interest to our students: "E. C. Wheeler, '94, who has been studying medicine at Chicago during the winter, is now taking special work at Grinnell. He will try for the base ball and track teams there."

Chicago University's Orator May Not Speak.

The following news item was clipped from the *Chicago Sunday Tribune*:

"H. F. Atwood, the University of Chicago representative to the Northern Oratorical League Contest, which will take place in Iowa City, Iowa, the first week in May, is in Hays City, Kansas. In the quarterly batch of 'flunk' notices sent out by university officials at the beginning of the spring term there is one which bears the 'varsity orator's name. This bars him from the contest. A committee of the University Oratorical Association waited on Dr. Harper yesterday regarding Atwood's case and were told his college work would have to be made up, and that the rule would be enforced. The work in question represented a course in political economy. Atwood is also attacked by a ruling in the Northern Oratorical League constitution, which provides that 'only persons pursuing undergraduate studies at the time of the contests of this league, and who have not received academic degrees, shall be admitted as competitors.' The subject of Atwood's oration is 'Reasons for a New Political Party.' In case he is ruled out by the enforcement of the university rule, E. C. Sherman, who received second honors in the March contest, will represent Chicago, his subject being: 'Gautama the Buddha, and Jesus the Christ.'"

Harvard Inter-Class Field Meet.

The Sophomores of Harvard University won the prize cup in the annual inter class championship games which were held at Cambridge, last Friday afternoon. This is the second year that the cup has gone to this class. The records in the various events were as follows:

- 120 yard hurdle.—J. L. Bremer, '96, time 17 2-5 seconds.
- 100 yards.—F. H. Bigelow, '98, 10 2-5 seconds.
- Two mile bicycle.—W. R. Brinckerhoff, '97, 6 minutes 4 seconds.
- One mile walk.—C. D. Drew, '97, 7 minutes 21 4-5 seconds.
- 440 yards run.—W. H. Vincent, 51 1/2 seconds.
- One mile run.—G. Newell, '98, 4 minutes 38 1/2 seconds.
- 220 yards hurdle.—J. L. Bremer, '96, 56 1/2 seconds.
- Half mile run.—E. Hollister, '97, 2 minutes 13-5 seconds.
- Running broad jump.—E. H. Clark, '96, 21 feet 9 1/2 inches.
- Throwing hammer.—F. G. Shaw, '97, 90 feet 5 inches.
- Running high jump.—C. Paine, Jr., '97, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches.
- Putting shot.—C. J. Paine, Jr., '97, 36 feet 3 inches.
- Pole Vault.—A. B. Emmons, '98, 9 feet 11 1/2 inches.
- Total points, Class of '95, 3; '96, 32; '97, 60; '98, 31.

Notice.

Those desiring Commencement invitations will hand their names to J. H. Allen or W. L. Mason at once.

The University of Michigan began the base ball season by defeating Albion 21 to 3.

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Mrs. Partridge informs us that preparations are being made for holding the annual Freshman girls' declamatory contest during Commencement week. Fifteen or more of the Freshman girls have decided to enter the preliminary contest so that it is very evident that the final contest will be of that high order which has characterized these contests heretofore. We can see no reason why the Freshman boys could not hold a similar contest. It always has been the custom for them to hold one in the past, and there seems to be no reason for abandoning this custom. Too often the students do not realize the good which they can obtain from preparation for a declamatory contest, and not unfrequently we hear someone remark that it would be useless for them to enter the contest, as they could not win a place. Those who enter these contests should not consider their chances of winning as the prime object for entering. Those who have never prepared for a contest can not realize the benefit to be derived from such preparation; they look too much at the honor of winning a place. While there is considerable satisfaction in winning a place yet those who do not win often derive as much benefit from the training as any of the others. We hope that as many of the girls as can find time will enter the preliminary contest, for in this way they can make it a first class entertainment.

Seminary in Railway Economics.

The meeting Monday evening was made much more interesting owing to the presence of Hon. P. A. Dey, who gave to the members many of his own ideas, which he had acquired not only by extensive reading, but through practical experience as a railroad commissioner in this state. Mr. Dey was a member of the first commission and continued in the service until last January. The students of the seminary are certainly very thankful to Mr. Dey for giving them his practical

ideas upon this important subject. J. L. Kinmonth concluded the paper which he had begun last Monday evening, after which W. M. Davis read a paper on "Early Attempts at Railway Control with Special Reference to the Granger Movement." The following is an outline of the paper:

- Introduction: The development of railroads in the west.
- A. Causes which led to legislative enactment.
 1. Too rapid construction at the expense of the people.
 2. Unjust practices on the part of the railroad companies.
 - B. Various legislative acts.
 1. Maximum rate law.
 2. Pro-rata law.
 3. Granger laws.
 - a. In Illinois.
 - b. In Wisconsin.
 - C. Results of the Granger legislation.
 - D. The establishment of commission systems.
 1. Massachusetts commission.
 2. Iowa and other state commissions.
 - E. Attempted legislation by Congress up to 1885.
 1. The Regan bill.
 2. Nature of all proposed legislation.
 - F. Legislation in Iowa up to the establishment of the commission system in 1878.
- Conclusion: Effects of early legislation upon the railroad companies and upon the people.

Base Ball.

Captain Hopkins has the base ball men out every day during the fine weather, and is working them into condition as rapidly as could be expected. There are fifteen or sixteen candidates from whom it is believed a university team can be picked. We would suggest that the men be placed in their respective positions as soon as possible, in order that they may have plenty of time in which to practice team work. The time for the first game is fast approaching. The necessity for constant practice, especially in team work, cannot be overestimated. It is to be hoped the men will continue to hustle so that S. U. I. can win the first game, and the next, and the next, and the championship of Iowa for the season of 1895.

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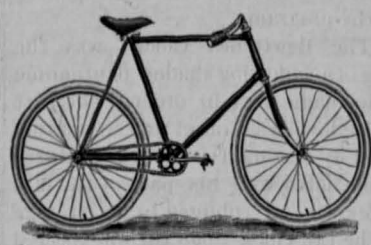
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 Waterloo and will remain until June.
 C. W. H. Smith, of Burlington, is
 visiting old S. U. I. friends in the city.
 Miss Alice A. Close, ex-'96, has re-
 turned from a protracted visit in Chi-
 cago.
 Senator Harper, of Burlington, visit-
 ed the Junior Law class yesterday
 morning.
 The W. I. L. U.'s entertain the
 O. Y. E. S. and O. N. O. societies to-
 morrow evening.
 Eli Grimes, M. '97, left this morn-
 ing for Des Moines, where he will
 spend a week.
 The Sigma Nus have laid out a ten-
 nis court at the corner of Dubuque
 and Market streets.
 G. B. Thompson, '89, L. '92, now
 practicing in Omaha, is visiting old
 S. U. I. friends in the city.
 Vincent Zmunt, L. '94, of Cedar
 Rapids, was in the city on legal busi-
 ness several days last week.
 Bonar & Fellows, L. '94, Algona,
 with a branch office at Wesley, have
 about all the law work they can han-
 dle.

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Chancellor McClain did not meet his class in Constitutional Law last week on account of trouble with his eyes.

Dr. R. S. Swain, D. '92, was married to Miss Price at the home of the bride's parents, Marengo, Wednesday, April 10.

St. Katherine's Guild will give another of their enjoyable parties at the armory on April 23. Schillinger's Orchestra will furnish the music.

E. W. Mahood, P. G. last year in Philosophy, has returned from his home near Toronto, Canada, to pursue special work under Professor Patrick until June.

The Freshman members of Irving and Erodolphian will give a joint program the first Friday in May. The chief feature of the program will be the presentation of the amusing farce "Snowball."

The class of '97 met at Close Hall Saturday, at 9 a. m. B. F. Thomas was elected Assistant Business Manager of the Hawkeye Board, Ike Petersberger having resigned. The Social Committee not being present could not report.

The A. O. U. W. halls were the scene, on Saturday evening, of a very pleasant dancing party. Among those present were Misses Corlett and sister, Pile, Boesche, Hubbell and Remley, and Kostomlatsky, and Messrs. Kaye, Coppel, Engstrom, Eversmeyer. Spe's orchestra furnished the music and excellent refreshments were served.

The following changes have recently been made in the battalion: In Co. A, E. G. Decker appointed 1st lieutenant; Allen transferred to Co. D; Corporal Larrabee transferred from Co. D to A. In Co. B, Corporal Swineheart transferred to Co. D; B. F. Thomas appointed corporal. In Co. D, Corporals Schaeffer and Sears having received the highest mark in tactics were appointed as sergeants, and privates Budrow and E. F. Smith appointed corporals to fill the vacancies and Corporal Watkins transferred from Co. A to D.

College Notes.

The cost of the first twelve new buildings of Columbia College is to be \$3,100,000.

The Yale campus is to have a memorial gateway erected by the heirs of the late William Walter Phelps.

The University of Pennsylvania foot ball practice has commenced, as the authorities have decided against summer practice.

Most of our colleges are attempting to drive out the professional athlete. Blackburn University, of Carlinville, Ill., however, proposes to hire a team of professionals to compete for them in intercollegiate games. Various efforts were made to secure prominent professional athletes to enter into the scheme, but as yet it has been unsuccessful. This may well call to our mind again that oft repeated question, "What is the purpose of athletics in colleges?" If it is to develop the students we fail to see how this plan will succeed.

Prof. Ritter, of Germany, an eminent European scholar, says that Americans have outdone Europeans in the field of technological education, at least as regards its practical bearings. The technical branches he believes to be less complete in the United States, but he sets opposite this inferiority the truly grand achievements in engineering and machine construction.—Ex.



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The paper last Friday given by Professor Weld subject "Some Mathematical Applications of the Doctrine of Continuity" After a few introductory remarks some geometric illustrations he proceeded to soon forsake the diagram and everything is referred to. There are many different of continuity to suit different Any function, as $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ ample, in passing through another passes through number of values, the station of which is that moves in such a way as at all times to satisfy the $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$. There may one route between two points or more; such functions are called as single, double, etc., circle is an illustration of a valued function. In this sense, however, any function is valued.

In such functions as can readily see that the along without any points of chief interest, in those which constitute as for example: $y = \frac{1}{1-x}$ ted gives an hyperbola producing curves crossing and running out to plus infinitely; $y = \sqrt{\sin x}$ closed curves on the axis ring at regular intervals entirely disconnected. Ho parent discontinuity in to be explained, and how from any one point to out a break? These questions pliable by the theory of and infinities.

To begin with imagine shall we interpret $\sqrt{-}$ is based on the significance minus sign itself. The notion of a negative quantity in the common schools is less than zero. This is a minus quantity is not plus. The sign is merely indicates direction, point, Multiply a repeat, and the result, fact being to give the opposite direction. He ply quantity by $\sqrt{-}$ change the direction a tion of multiplying by cated by a rotation through the introduction of simply means that the measured in another direction plane 90° away — and curve is discontinuous not real but lying in a

The second doctrine of infinities. We will speak of lute infinity, and begin ratio. Taking two fixed and B, and a movable them. The ratio of from the fixed points of movable point: when it is between A and B the ratio when at A, zero. If we pass beyond first A and the direction from both in either case, will be the ratio plus. Continuing direction the ratio n