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Trains for Cedar Rapids, Earl Falls & Waverly, 12:05 p.m.  
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Trains for Cedar Rapids, and St. Paul; also for Burlington, 9:30 p.m.  
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## Col. Gatch's Lecture

Our students should feel themselves under obligations to Chancellor McClain for his instrumentality in inducing Col Gatch, of Des Moines, to lecture before them last Tuesday evening. Col. Gatch is a man of state wide reputation, and his extended experience in his profession—law—and in the practical work of legislation have well fitted him to discuss political and social questions.

Those who attended the lecture were well repaid for the hour and a quarter's time that they listened to Col. Gatch. As announced, the subject of the lecture was "Our Government, its Strength and its Strains." In the course of his talk Col. Gatch brought out clearly some of the great dangers that lie before us, and suggested means of escape from their more evil consequences. The appended report of the lecture is not a verbatim report, but a synopsis of the thoughts presented:

Our government in the past has well withstood the storms that it has undergone, and we point with pride to its record. But while the past is secure, there is much apprehension as to the future. Two widely diverse positions are held as to the welfare of our nation in the years that still lie before us. To the question "Is our government in danger?" the pessimist quickly replies, "Yes;" the optimist is just as quick to answer "No;" while the careful and thoughtful man hesitates long before making reply. Viewed from the present standpoint, the thoughtful man must admit that there is some cause for apprehension in the future. The old strifes and conflicts may give way to new ones. The optimist who is wont to repeat those famous words of Garfield: "God reigns and the government at Washington still lives," should also remember that "Whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap." The forecast of the future presents much that should cause us concern if not fear; there are perilous days ahead.

Of the causes of future danger to our republic, one is especially great: the inequality in the distribution of wealth. One per cent of our people own as much of our wealth as the other 99 per cent. 4,047 men control seven-tenths of the national resources and only 21 per cent of this number have build up their fortunes in competitive industries. There is a cruel wrong and inequality here, and there is a constantly increasing divergence between the rich and the poor. How long this can continue without serious trouble is a grave question. The gulf between employees and employers is also constantly widening; there is no longer a personal relation between the two. The trust or corporation is rapidly becoming a heartless taskmaster, and the laborer a mere tool, worth so much money per day.

Our legislation, too, has of late been more in favor of the rich trust and corporation than the laborer. Indeed, every man has a right to take advantage of such legislation, but the opportunity of doing this comes only to the rich.

These two great factors, capital and labor, should be at peace, and when

they go hand in hand our political sky will be brighter. Both are absolutely essential to the development of our nation; as enemies they are self destructive, as friends, powerful allies. The hope of the future lies in a wise adjustment of these difficulties, and in a more personal and friendly relation between employer and employee. The unrestricted immigration also threatened the stability of our republic. Too many of Europe's vicious and ignorant classes have already landed on our shores. They crowd our great cities and form a dangerous element. Good, honest aliens are always welcome, but all others are undesirable.

How are these ever growing evils of our society to be corrected? How are we to become a great, prosperous and enlightened nation? We can bring about reform only by means of the ballot and sound legislation. No worthy reform was ever brought about by strikes, mobs and the torch. Moreover, such methods will not be tolerated by the great body of the American people. We may do a great deal of wrong thinking, but our hearts are usually right, and in our patriotism, latent at times, lies the hope of the future.

To correct the growing evil due to inequality of wealth, we must appeal to reform in our laws of taxation. By careful adjustment of the inheritance taxes, and income taxes, by exemption of homes from taxation, the burdens of government will be placed upon shoulders that can bear them.

To secure better citizens, give our youth a better civic education; teach them patriotism, honesty and integrity, and they will better perform the duties devolving upon them.

Our caucus and convention systems ought to be entirely transformed. As they stand to-day they do not serve to give an expression to public opinion, but are the machines of demagogues.

Above all else we need statesmanship in control of our government; we want men of carriage, ability and integrity in our future struggles. We want men who understand the sacredness of office and who will be true to a public trust. We want such men of noble character as were Senators Grimes, Trumble and Fessenden—men who live up to the dictates of their consciences. With such statesmen at the helm our future is secure, and we need not fear the storms that await us. "May God give us a race of such statesmen."

## Field Day Entries.

We give below a list of the entries for the field day events and a list of the officers of the day. It is requested that any person who can't fill the office assigned to him will notify the captain or manager of the track team. The first event will be called at 2:30 sharp, and as much delay as possible will be avoided.

50 yard dash—Crum, Saylor, Kulp, Smith, Hobbs, Curtiss.

Shot put—Leighton, Collins, Smith, '98, Littig, Donohoe, Kepler.

Running broad jump—Virtue, Gibbs.

100 yard dash—Crum, Saylor, Kulp, Smith, Curtiss.

Half mile bicycle race—Garrison, Bloom, Vorhees, Gibbs.

880 dard run—Clark, Van Epps, Gray, Toll.

220 yard dash—Crum, Kulp, Smith, Merriam, Herrig, Hull, Kepler.

High jump—Hobbs, Dey, Moore.

Hammer throw—Leighton, Collins, Smith, Mullin, Donohoe, Burge, O'Conner.

Mile walk—Allison, Smith, Moore.

120 yard hurdle—Robinson, Hobbs, Howell.

Pole vault—Ende, Howell.

440 yard run—Merriam, Dey, Kulp, Smith, Palmeter.

Hop, step and jump—Gibbs, Virtue.

Mile run—Gray, Toll, Knox, Clark.

2 mile bicycle race—Garrison, Bloom Vorhees, Gibbs.

220 yard hurdle—Robinson, Hobbs, Crum.

Following are the field officers:  
Announcer—Fred M. Irish.

Clerk of Course—Walter M. Davis.

Scorer—John A. Hull.

Judges of Finish—Chancellor McClain, W. L. Mason, Professor Currier.

Time Keeper—Ed W. Moulton.

Field Judges—G. G. Davis, F. Hutchinson.

Marshalls—Joe Allen, W. L. Ryan.

Starter—H. F. Kallenberg.

Referee—J. G. Lindsay.

## Erodelphian.

The Erodelphian program Saturday evening was opened with a piano solo by Della Rittenmeyer. This was followed by a declamation, "Mona's Waters," by Maud Butler. She spoke with good expression and articulation.

The next was a declamation by Ethel Charlton, "Thoughts for a Discouraged Farmer." She seemed very much at ease while speaking, and spoke in a pleasing manner.

The debate was opened by Mabel Cook, the question being, "Resolved, that the literature of the present day is elevating in its tendencies." Miss Cook spoke especially of realistic novels.

Grace Finch took up the negative. She criticized the newspapers and some of the magazines of the present day.

Miss Blakely answered several arguments made by her opponent, and compared the literature of the present day with that of former times, saying that the writings of such authors as Riley, Hamlin Garland, Conon Doyle and others were elevating in their character.

Abby Boals closed the debate with good arguments. The decision of the judges was for the affirmative.

Mr. Kallenberg then sang a solo which was heartily encored. A declamation, "The Wolves," by Hattie Riggs, followed this, and the program was closed with another declamation, "Little Orphan Annie," by Lulu Holson. This was well rendered.

## University of Chicago's University Press.

Unique as the University of Chicago is in many ways, there is perhaps no feature more original in conception and more ambitious in execution than its University Press. There are, it is

true, many university presses, but none of these have so organic a connection with the university proper, or are developed upon the same lines.

The Johns Hopkins University Press was the first university press organized in this country, and it still leads in bulk and importance of publications. Its printing is done by contract with firms outside of the university. Columbia's publications are in the hands of Macmillan's. The *Quarterly Journal of Economics* and Haggard's other publications are issued for and not by that university.

Here at Chicago, the University assumes the responsibility for the management, the distribution and the printing of its six journals, its books and pamphlets, and its other publications. The composing is done upon the campus. For a university, the output must already be considered very large. The grand theory upon which the University of Chicago is based is the investigation and propagation of truth—a propagation which makes full use of every available agency, including not alone the classroom desk, but also the university extension platform and the printing press.

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The University of Chicago Press is still an experiment. Its success or failure lies with the future. It may, and probably will, be necessary to modify the present system in some respects. But the experiment is being tested in no half-hearted fashion, but upon a magnificent scale. There have, indeed, been complaints. The machine is still new, and does not yet run altogether smoothly. The force of employees is too small, and the accommodations inadequate to handle satisfactorily the enormous work of the department. But when the University of Chicago Press is housed, like the Clarendon Press, in its own magnificent building, with its large force of employees fully organized, and its vast work completely systematized, it will then be known far and wide as one of the great institutions of the world.—*U. of C. Weekly.*

## College Notes.

The trip of the University of Chicago's eleven to California last fall cost \$3,100.

The students of Brown University have just been favored with a lecture on "Trilby;" next.—*Cardinal.*

The *Harvard Crimson* has been enlarged to six pages, and is now the largest college daily in the country.

"Resolved, that United States senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people," is the subject for joint debate between Wisconsin and Minnesota. Wisconsin has selected the negative.

Yale will have a new literary course entitled the "Modern Novel" next year.

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We give in another column a list of  
the entries for the events of to-mor-  
row's field day. The meet this  
year promises to be one of the closest  
and most interesting that has ever  
been held here. It is also very prob-  
able that some of the state records  
will be broken. The officers of the  
association have worked hard to make  
it a successful meet, and it is the duty  
of every student to be present and  
assist the association in a financial  
way as well as to encourage the con-  
testants. The success of our team at  
the state meet will depend not a lit-  
tle on the encouragement which the  
boys receive at their home meet. The  
Faculty have granted a half holiday  
to-morrow so that every student in  
the University will be given an oppor-  
tunity to attend.

It should not be forgotten that the  
opportunity of attending the Oratori-  
cal Contest is one which to the aver-  
age student of the University comes  
but once in six years, and as the ma-  
jority stay less than that time, they  
do not even get that chance. There  
should be no necessity of urging every  
student to attend, for each one should  
consider his presence at the opera  
house on May third as much a matter  
of course as at recitations. It is true  
that there may be some who take lit-  
tle interest in this or any other con-  
test not involving physical exertion,  
yet even these should bear in mind  
the fact that as students they owe it  
to the University to do what they can  
for the success of all the matters in  
which it is interested. In the past  
there has been a lamentable lack of  
interest shown by the students. It is  
true the contest of the Oratorical As-  
sociation has not been held here be-  
fore, but in the various other con-  
tests it has been of almost invariable  
occurrence that the house is not half  
filled. It seems a severe criticism up-  
on the students of the University to

attribute this lack to a want of ap-  
preciation. Yet in default of a more  
charitable reason we are compelled to  
assign this one, and conclude that the  
reason a ball game attracts so much  
more attention than a contest where  
brain as well as muscle is requisite is  
that so many are educated up to the  
standard of appreciation of a ball  
game and no farther. But no matter  
what has been the case hitherto, we  
urge upon every student the fact that  
he will not only be doing his duty, but  
what is often somewhat pleasanter,  
will be most thoroughly benefitted  
and entertained by going to the con-  
test. Let nothing prevent the at-  
tendance of every student in the Uni-  
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### Baconian.

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ing of the year will be devoted to vol-  
untary reports.

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"A letter received by Whitley states that Crum, S. U. I., will not take part in the State Meet to be held here May 24, having decided to enter the events at Mott Haven, which occurs the next day. This will be a source of disappointment to the students here, as Grinnell prefers to win back the cup with all S. U. I. present to witness it"—Scarlet and Black. It is a little early for us to speculate as to who will win the cup, but the editor of the Scarlet and Black need entertain no fears, S. U. I. will endeavor to have a creditable representation on hand to enjoy the sport, which ever way it goes.

**Seminary in Railway Economics.**

The paper Monday evening was read by Harry Plum on "The Commission System." The following is an outline of the paper:

- I. Introduction.
  - a. General growth of the railroad system.
  - b. The demand for State legislation.
  - c. Gradual development of the commission system.
- II. The various systems compared.
  - a. The Massachusetts system as representative of the 1st class.
  - b. The Illinois and Iowa systems as representative of the 2nd class.
- III. The work accomplished by the Iowa system and by the Inter-State Commission.
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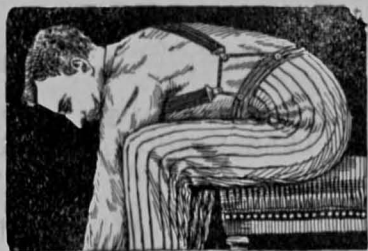
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**Sixth Annual Spring Meet**

NOT VERY SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

Friday always was an unlooked for day, and yesterday proved a disappointment as far as our sixth annual field meet was concerned. The day was far from ideal for track contests; towards the middle of the afternoon the temperature cooled and the chilling wind blew hard down the stretch. The track was in fair condition, but a hard day.

Much complaint could be heard to the general management of the meet; for some reason or other, not very extensively advertised, consequently the attendance was considerably smaller than usual, about 450 tickets being sold. The arrangements at the meet were also faulty; no tents were provided for the contestants, and forty or fifty men were crowded into a small 10x10 room for dressing, etc. The officials failed to keep the track clean, and inevitable small boys proved an annoyance to the spectators.

With two or three exceptions, the program of events proved to be listless and uninteresting. The records made were abominable. We must secure more money for the events; it is absolutely necessary for us to enter a full dual meet or the contest will be to Grinnell. Third places were well as seconds and firsts, suit of the meet will undoubtedly depend on them to a large extent.

The most interesting event of the afternoon were the half-mile race, the half-mile run, the mile run and the mile walk; good were made in each of these events. On the whole the meet was not very satisfactory, but must surely "brace up" in a few weeks in order to win with Grinnell.

The first event scheduled for the program was the 50 yard dash. There were five participants: Leighton, Colton, Donohoe and Kepler. The first was with a put of 34 feet 3 inches. On second, Kepler threw 34 feet 3 inches. The fact that none of the contestants have been training for this year, this record is quite good. In order to get places at the meet, however, they must not rely on their ability alone. The program in this event will be interesting.

The hundred yard dash was the next sent off. The start was the same as those in the 50 yard dash, started from the scratch.