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The University.

The following appeared in the *Davenport Republican* of October 15th:

"A private letter from Dr. A. N. Carrier, Dean of the Collegiate Department of the State University states what the large number of alumni in this city will be glad to learn, that the school year has opened satisfactorily with an attendance mounting well up to 1,200, which figure was not quite reached during the whole of last year. The new professors and instructors, of which there are several, have been well received. The Board of Regents were in session last week formulating their request to the next legislature for increased facilities for the institution. All this is most gratifying to Professor Carrier, who has been a factor in the growth of the University almost from its beginning.

"The State University has long been with Iowa people the most popular institution for higher education, and the alumni has grown so strong and influential that only the most flagrant neglect on the part of the Legislature or the Regents could interfere with its growth. After the meeting of the last Legislature the Board was reorganized with the Hon. Al Swalm at the head of the executive committee, and it is expected by the alumni throughout the state that more effective methods of appeal to the legislature may be instituted than the ineffectual lobbying of the last few sessions.

"From personal observations the writer knows that the needs of the University are very great. Of class rooms and even of seats in crowded class rooms, there is in many cases a dearth. In many of the elective branches students are denied admission to lectures and classes because there is neither room nor apparatus at their disposal. Taken as a whole, the scientific and some of the professional departments are better provided for than the literary departments, though the museum is badly in need of room and contains many rare and valuable collections which are endangered by their position in a building not fire proof. The large department in Political Science that require a professor and several instructors are crowded into small and ill-ventilated rooms, and the large classes in History surge into the old brick 'south' building, which is scarcely considered safe. The Law school, whose chancellor, Emlin McClain, is an alumnus, as well as the newest professor, Judge Seeds, has entirely outgrown its quarters in the old State Capital. The library should have a fire-proof building as well as more room. These are only a few of the glaring defects which catch the eye of the most casual observer and which have been brought about by the pressure of students and the gradual enlarging of the curriculum and increasing of departments to meet the requirements of a modern university.

There is no probability that any one Legislature would provide for all the needs of the University. The plan of erecting by private subscription a large fire-proof building for history and political science in commemo-

ration of the life and work of the great war governor, Kirkwood, would have furnished for some years an outlet for several of the most over-crowded departments. This movement was endorsed by the Board of Regents and by the Alumni Association in session at Des Moines and by friends of the University in various cities of the state. But the people of Iowa City, who are directly benefitted by the University, are naturally looked to for the starting of the subscription. So far the movement languishes, though with the advent of better times the ball may be started rolling. To provide liberally for the University, as is done in adjoining states, would be a slight burden for the whole state. It is expected that the claims of the University will be so set forth by the Board of Regents and so strongly urged by friends of the University all over the state that some liberal provision will be made for this great school."

Baconian.

The regular paper of last Friday evening was given by Professor McBride on "The Forests of Iowa and their Distribution."

Forests in their distribution are governed by the same laws as all other plants; for instance, there are none where it is exceedingly cold or exceedingly dry. To illustrate how conditions of moisture affect their growth: In the vicinity of Puget Sound, where the rainfall averages about eighty inches, the forests are the heaviest in the world, but as you go south the rainfall decreases rapidly, the forests consequently thinning out until at San Diego, with a rainfall of but eight inches, there are none.

To come to Iowa—the average rainfall throughout the state equals from thirty to forty inches, to judge from which the whole state should be covered with forests. As to why this is not the case there are several theories based on the assumption of the former existence of such forests, and not of the former, there are those of the exhaustion of the soil causing timber and prairie grass to alternate upon it (the grass having its turn at the present time), and extermination through prairie fires caused by the Indians. Arguments against these theories are that there would still be some evidences present in charred stumps, etc. In the second place, those which hold that the forests have always been distributed as now—this ground is much easier tenable—that they have always followed the streams and did not grow on the prairies because they were too wet. Under this head comes the theory of Whiting that the distribution is due to difference in soil, prairie being on one kind and forests on another.

An Iowa man, Professor McGee, started on the solution of the problem by walking across the State, and came to the same conclusion as Whitney, but with a different explanation. He discovered soils of three different types; the Loess, the yellow clay exposed at Iowa City for example; the Drift, the soil of the prairies; the Alluvium of the river valleys. His theory is that the forests are distributed (not considering the alluvium of the

river valleys) with the depositions of loess, it being too poor to support much grass tree shoots were given a chance to grow.

While we believe that the forests are distributed with the loess for the reason just stated, we believe this is only a primary cause in consequence of which again they are caused to flourish on the loess only; that is to say owing to the luxuriant growth of grass on the fertile drift of the prairies, what tree sprouts may have sprung up among it were killed by the fires, while on the loess ridges the fires were checked by the sparseness of the grass and the greater growth of trees.

As to the alluvium—everyone is aware that rivers carry much sand down stream and are constantly forming new sand bars. These bars soon receive upon them a deposit of alluvium upon which trees such as the willow, cottonwood and maple, and an underbrush of weeds, creepers, etc., commence to flourish before the soil is rich enough for grass. Of this same nature are all the alluvium strips along streams; all are based on sand bars, and they acted as a check on fires in the same manner as the loess ridge forests. Open patches in the midst of loess regions are explained by drainage; having probably been the beds of ponds or lakes the soil was heavy enough to support grass.

In the discussion of the paper the point was brought out that, had it not been for the prairie fires mentioned, there is no reason why entire Iowa should not be covered with forests.

Medical Department.

Mr. Collins, M. '97, returned Saturday to continue his medical studies.

Mr. Edgington, M. '97, has been absent a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. A. G. Hull, M. '90, son of Congressman Hull, and a brother of John A. Hull, of our present Senior Law class, will be married in early November to Miss Elizabeth Hurley, at Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Hurley was for some time social editor of the *Daily Capitol*.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson has introduced a new and what will undoubtedly become a valuable feature in demonstrating his lectures in anatomy. The living model is used in illustrating all the important landmarks and muscular acts of the body. A member of the Freshman Medical class has kindly consented to serve as the model. As Dr. Hutchinson is now a resident of Iowa City he can more exclusively devote his attention to his chair here. Besides filling the chair of anatomy, the Doctor devotes a good deal of attention to scientific writing. Several very interesting articles have recently appeared in magazines from his prolific pen.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson opened a course of lectures on Hygiene in Close Hall last night for the Senior class. These lectures are very instructive and interesting, and are free to those who wish to attend.

The Medics are prone to have their "up and down." The other day a

few members of one of the Medical classes were, by special invitation, requested to have a few days "down," having passed some students "up."

Dr. Middleton in his lecture the other morning, said: "It should be the true ambition of both the Faculty and students to raise the Medical Department to such a high standard that it will be, without question, second to no department in the S. U. I."—a sentiment which we most heartily endorse. The Medical Department is growing, and its influence is felt throughout the State more vitally, perhaps, than any other. The higher the standard the more will our great State feel like doing for it. It is to be hoped its many urgent needs will not come before the Legislature without avail.

Mr. W. L. Dean, of the bacteriological department, was called, one day last week, to Riverside, to investigate an epidemic that has recently broken out among the cattle at that place. He investigated the matter very carefully while there, held several post-mortem examinations, examined thoroughly the sick cattle, prepared cultures and cover glass preparations, and also brought infected tissue back with him for a more thorough investigation. Since then he has microscopically examined the infected tissue and has now cultures growing. From his thorough study of the case he announces that without doubt the disease existing among the cattle at Riverside to be symptomatic anthrax. He further informs us that if the bacteriological laboratory were not so cramped for ready means, vaccine would be prepared and distributed among the farmers of the State, and thus save them annually thousands of dollars. A few dollars judiciously expended in this way would save thousands in return. Our laboratories are doing a great deal of valuable work and should have ample means to carry on the experiments so that the greatest good could be realized.

Base Ball.

The Medics and '97 Dents participated in a base ball game last Friday. The positions of the men were:

DENTS.		MEDICS.
Brownlie	c	Harrison
Matum, Capt	p	Kulp
Smith	1 b	Sigworth
Griffin	2 b	Smittle
Hood	3 b	Bellun
Hubbard	ss	McKone
Seggett	r f	Hull
Toney	c f	Scripture, Capt
Gilchrist	l f	Kranch

Umpire—Thomas, L. '97.

Score—Dents, 18; Medics, 0.

The feature of the game was Matum's pitching and the heavy batting of Matum, Hubbard and Smith. The attendance was about 250. In the sixth inning Toney had the right index finger broken. There were several home runs. A good deal of class spirit was manifested, and much good material was shown, which augurs well for next year's 'Varsity team.

The University of Missouri seems to have a winning team this year, and the prospects are that Kansas will have the best team this fall she ever had.

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It is gratifying to note the interest which the students are taking in the matter of formally discussing questions of the day. The various literary societies furnish excellent opportunities in this direction, and the benefit derived by those taking part is not easily overestimated. In no less degree, however, than these weekly debates, do certain other discussions deserve our commendation. The Democratic Club has taken the initiative in the matter of a political debate by challenging the Republican Club. The challenge was accepted and arrangements are being made for the discussion of state issues.

It is a fact which we have noticed many times that those who criticize the work of colleges and universities most severely base their disapproval quite as frequently upon the impracticability of the same as upon anything else. Whatever serves to bring into real practice the faculties which education is supposed to cultivate must be of great service in eliminating this objectionable feature. We know of no more valuable practice in this matter than a well arranged debate. Every attempt to make them more frequent should meet with the approval of all. The various inter-collegiate and inter-society debates will be announced from time to time, and we urge it upon all as a matter of serious importance to do every thing to aid their success.

Erodelphian.

Notwithstanding other attractions on last Saturday evening, north hall was well filled. This was their second program, and was a good one.

The piano duet by the Misses Hemmer and Perkins was the first number, and was much appreciated.

Miss Finch then read a selection entitled "Tom Buchanan's Ghost." This piece was very amusing and was well read.

The debate, "Resolved, that it was

a good policy for the University of Chicago to ask for Professor Bemis' resignation," followed.

Miss Elena McFarland opened the debate for the affirmative. She treated the subject from a financial standpoint, claiming that the removal of Professor Bemis meant thousands of dollars to the university.

Miss Otto, who spoke for the negative, showed a carefully prepared argument. She held that freedom of teaching should be allowed, and showed that in asking for Professor Bemis' resignation, the Chicago University professed to be ruled by monopolies.

In closing the debate for the affirmative, Miss May Henry, as usual, showed careful thought. She refuted to some extent the arguments brought forward by her opponent, and argued that Professor Bemis was not the man for the place.

Miss Ethel Charlton closed the debate. She answered her opponents arguments well, and showed how both from a financial and social standpoint it was not a wise policy to retain Professor Bemis.

The debate was won by the negative.

Miss Parsons gave a pleasing vocal solo which received an encore. This was followed by a declamation, "Suicide Ball," by Miss Hattie Riggs, which was delivered with much feeling, but was not quite loud enough.

Mrs. Weber's speech on "Affairs in Bulgaria," was well delivered. Next was a declamation, "A Russian Christmas," by Miss Adelaide Lasheck. Miss Lasheck has frequently appeared on Erodelphian programs, and it is needless to say that only praise could be given her last Saturday night.

Mr. Nappe then brought one of Erodelphian's pleasing programs to a close by a guitar solo. A hearty encore showed the appreciation of the audience.

After the program Erodelphian and its friends remained for an informal social time.

The University of Chicago has just received a gift of \$25,000 from Mrs. Mary Esther Reynolds.

Freeborn, tackle on the Cornell foot ball team has been elected captain of the Columbia track team.

The Freshmen and Sophomores of Dartmouth have had two rushes, both of which were won by the Freshmen.

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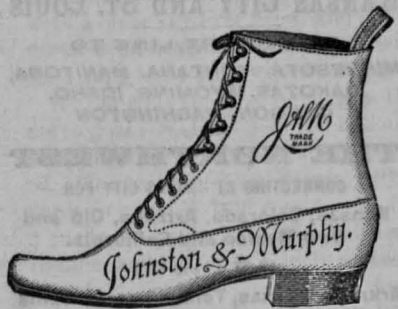
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Fact and Rumor.

Carr, '99, spent Sunday with friends at Cornell.

Zulema Kostomlatsky has returned to Waterloo.

Mable Foster, C. '99, is wearing a Pi Phi pledge pin.

Rita Stewart spent Monday with friends in Tipton.

The Kappas entertained a few of their friends Saturday evening.

Ferguson, C. '98, and Alderman, L. '97, joined the Phi Psi Saturday night.

Miss Rena Hubble, ex-'98, and her sister, both of Cornell, Mt. Vernon, now, spent Sunday with S. U. I. friends.

The enrollment at the University of Michigan is 2,708. It is expected that this will be increased to 3,000 before the end of the year.

By the Fayette Collegian we see that Bob Ingersoll, stumbling-block of last year's team, is playing right tackle with U. I. U. this season.

The debate on the issues of the day between the Republican and Democratic Clubs will take place at Close Hall, Thursday evening, Oct. 31.

The Senior class held an enthusiastic meeting yesterday afternoon. Among other business the following officers were elected: Marion Davies, Class Historian; Whit H. Clark, Capt., and James McCarren, Manager, of '96's foot ball team. A social committee consisting of Chas. Burling, Sam D. Whiting, James McCarren, Harriet Holt, Mary Barrett and Marion Davies was elected.

The "Black Crook" which is to appear at the Opera House to-morrow evening, is an organization numbering 60 people, with all the massive scenery and effects that go to make up a thorough production of this celebrated legendary spectacle. It is said to be perfect in every detail, and the patrons of the Opera House will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing this celebrated play at popular prices. Manager Clark guarantees the company a fixed sum for the night. We are promised the entire production without any curtailment in numbers or in scenery and effects.

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Foot Ball.

The first eleven went to Fairfield, Saturday morning, to test the strength of the Parsons College team. An account of the game by plays would be but a succession of gains for S. U. I., and at best would be but reading matter.

Parsons won the toss and took the west goal. Leighton kicked off for 25 yards, and the ball was carried back 10 yards. An offside play gave Parsons 10 yards, but they were unable to make 5 yards, and S. U. I. took the ball. By three line smashes from 3 to 10 yards each, and a beautiful run by Holbrook aided by fine interference, S. U. I. secured the first touch down in about 6 minutes after play was called. Hobbs kicked a difficult goal.

Parson kicked off and S. U. I. by successive line smashes, pushed the ball across the goal line, and Hobbs again kicked goal.

During the rest of the game Parsons secured the ball only once, and that on a fumble. They were unable to hold S. U. I. for downs, and only three or four times was there such a thing as "third down." Most of the gains were made by line smashes by the guards and tackles. The backs had their share and never failed to make gains, either through the line or around the end.

The game was devoid of interest, and had it been necessary the score could have been much larger. The only time the ball was ever in S. U. I.'s territory was on the kick off, and then only a minute or two.

For Parsons, Stett and Tallman did much the best work; it fact had it not been for them it is hard to tell how S. U. I.'s men would have been stopped at all.

The home team did good work. The line men secured considerable practice in running with the ball and improved perceptibly in their work. There was remarkably little fumbling—only one during the game. Considering that the home team was compelled to get up at three o'clock and rode all forenoon, they played with remarkable snap and energy.

The goal kicking was not up to the usual standard. Hobbs had a very bad ankle, and the wind made kicking no easy task.

Score—S. U. I. 28, Parsons 0
Goals—Hobbs 2.
Referees—Maines, Allison, Kepler.
Umpire—Jordan.
Linesman—Al Houghton.
Time—25 minute halves.

The second eleven won their game also, at Wilton, Saturday. The game was an exciting one. Score—Second eleven 12, Wilton 10. A full account of the game will appear in Thursday's issue.

The discussion still continues between Yale and Harvard concerning the foot ball trouble.

Notice.

Come to the meeting of the Republican Club this evening, Oct. 22, at 7 o'clock. There is a train load of us wanted at Cedar Rapids, Friday, Oct. 25. This will be a very important meeting.
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