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Baconian.

The regular paper last Friday was by Professor Nutting on "The Origin and Significance of Sex."

The beginnings of sex are found in the very lowest types of animals, such as the Amoeba, and with it we will begin. Its reproduction consists in a dividing of the original cell into two similar cells in which can hardly be seen any element of sex. In the grade next higher we find the same kind of division, but an additional feature; after many divisions and re-divisions, some times two cells come into contact, their protoplasts mix, and we have conjugation. In another type the division is longitudinal; again after many divisions one of the small cells swimming off comes into contact with a larger, literally penetrates into and becomes a part of it—this is the highest form of sexual conjugation among single celled animals. In still other types the division takes place internally instead of externally.

In attempting to give a philosophical explanation of these phenomena we must commence with some individual cell, as the Amoeba, and follow out its history. Necessarily the growth of a cell is limited. We may divide its activity into two classes—the anabolic, or building up, and the catabolic, or breaking up. The anabolic process must have a limit due to the mathematical principles that mass increases in a different ratio from surface, and the limit is reached when the mass becomes too large to admit of the physiological functions being carried on by the surface. The limit reached, the cell has then three possibilities, viz., death, a stationary balance (but such an actual equilibrium is contrary to nature), or catabolism. If the latter prevailed, if not stopped it would cause the cell to disappear; or anabolism would again commence, in which case there would be a rhythmic alternation between anabolism and catabolism—this would destroy the theory of sex. Let a thousand or more divisions continue dividing, there would come about a considerable difference between them; one kind would be large, anabolic, inactive, and become more and more so until its functions would cease altogether; the other catabolic, tending to decrease and become more active until its expenditures would finally bankrupt it. Taking the two kinds, we see one needs activity and division, the other nourishment and growth. Conjugation would therefore effect a beneficial interchange.

Passing now to the consideration of the other great division of the animal kingdom, many celled animals, we find no break in its explanation of sex. Examining the Hydroid we find within its branch tips cells like the Amoeba, which divide in the same way. If we follow their history we see a tendency on their part to break out through the branch wall, which taking place, a reproductive organ is formed. The cells continue to divide within this new branch until they finally develop into the smallest and most catabolic cell, the male spermatazoa. This is in the case of a male colony. In the female colony we at first see no difference, but after a

while the cells commence to grow larger and larger, instead of the reverse, as in the male colony. They also break through the branch wall, forming a reproductive organ. Here they continue to grow larger and rounder until we have the largest anabolic cell. These two cells, male and female, uniting, the catabolic imparts to the daughter cell activity, the anabolic growth.

With regard to the significance of sex—it may be for the propagation of the species but we think it has a greater. Firstly, the advancement and improvement of the species. Secondly, what seems to us a fact of the greatest significance, we cannot see how altruism can exist without sex—the first time anything had any regard for anything but her self was when the mother cared for her offspring. By an extension of this, we think, developed what we now call altruism.

Freshman vs. Juniors.

The second of the series of inter-class games was played Tuesday afternoon between the classes of '97 and '99. The first half of the game was very interesting, neither side scoring. But the team work of the Freshmen shined in the second half, when about ten minutes before time was called Chase was shoved over the line for a touchdown. The Freshmen failed to kick goal. The rest of the game was played in Freshman territory. Score—Freshmen 4, Juniors 0.

The best work for the Freshmen was done by Bowman, Chase and Moulton.

For the Juniors, Willis, Middleton, Budrow and Wilkins did excellent work.

Burge played the most phenomenal game of the day.

Hughes, captain of the Freshman team, had his collar bone broken during the game.

Following is the line-up:

FRESHMEN	JUNIORS
Rogers.....c.....	Hewitt
Brown.....rg.....	Resser
Kellogg.....rt.....	Wilkins
Hull.....re.....	Sears & Freeman
Sigworth.....lg.....	Burge
Williams.....lt.....	Foster
Hughes, Capt.....le.....	Willis
Miller.....qb.....	Hetzel, Capt.
Chase.....rb.....	Middleton
Bowman.....lh.....	Hanson
Moulton.....fb.....	Budrow

Medical Department.

The Johnson County Medical Association recommends that \$1,000 be asked by the Board of Regents of our next Legislature to be used by Professor Biering for the manufacture and distribution of anti-toxine. Professor Biering is an investigator of no ordinary pretensions, and whatever is placed in his hands will be used to the best advantage.

Dr. Shrader is still confined to his home on account of sickness, and has been unable to meet his classes for a couple of weeks.

The matter of a Medical hospital is receiving much attention, and the matter will be brought before the Iowa people in such a way as to win at least some favorable notice by the next honorable legislative body. The

need of the hour is a hospital, and we ought to enter into the matter with all the power we can muster to obtain the necessary appropriation.

Hammond Law Senate.

The program of the Senate last Friday evening was a great success. A good sized audience was present. The newly elected officers were installed as follows: President, D. J. O'Connell; Vice-President, Edward M. Corbett; Recording Secretary, George C. Lawrence; Corresponding Secretary, L. C. Rinard; Treasurer, Will L. Ryan; Sergeant-at-arms, Fred M. Curtiss; Executive Committee, Keeler and Bates.

The program was opened by a well-written essay by Senator Gilmore on "The Development of Law." The Senator should warm to his work a little more on delivery.

W. L. Ryan's oration upon "Rufus Choate," was in its author's usual happy vein, and merited the close attention and hearty applause which it received.

The regular discussion followed. The bill of Senator Rinard of Nevada, providing for granting right of suffrage to women, was on motion taken up and was thoroughly discussed, the speeches of Senators Corbett and O'Connell in opposition to the bill being particularly forcible, flowery and effective. The vote on the passage of the bill was 10 yeas and 9 nays.

The University of Pennsylvania has had an exciting experience with a few of her students who thought they were Rajahs by divine right, and proceeded to exercise their sacred functions of hazing the lower classmen. It has been customary in that institution for the higher classmen to usher the incoming Freshmen into college rank through the mysterious portal of initiation. Under presence of persuading these innocent and verdant Freshmen in their innocent and verdant Freshmen, in their pin-feather stage, to nurture college pinions strong to soar, the Sophs and Seniors led forth their "goat" with philanthropic tyranny, forced the "Freshies" into the "Ancient Order of the Seven Mummies," or some kindred imaginary organization, and then pronounced them worthy to wear college honors. But there were two brothers who refused the dignity of membership in such a worthy order and eluded all attempts of the higher classmen to entrap them. Then these moguls of college life, feeling slighted and ignored, proceeded to the home of these two doughty Freshmen. The Sophs and Seniors secured a cannon used as an ornament for the university campus, loaded it with sand, dirt, stone, tomato cans and the like, and then demanded the surrender of the Freshmen who were secreted within their rooms, at the home of a citizen. The boys, like the boy upon the burning deck, refused to go. The landlord also, flatly denied the request for surrender. With lighted match the cannon was fired into the house, with the result that windows were shattered and furniture was broken. Then the landlord and one of the boys sallied forth from the house each with a double barreled shot gun in his hands.

The crowd quickly dispersed. But the fun did not stop here. The president of the institution now became quite interested in his nowlike family and administered justice by expelling two of the ringleaders of the disgraceful affair, while several were suspended. —Ex.

The Thanksgiving Day Game.

The following appeared in a recent number of the Omaha Bee, and may prove of interest:

From present indications the crowd at the Thanksgiving Day foot ball game between Nebraska and Iowa State University teams will be the largest ever gathered at an athletic exhibition in the west. An athletic exhibit all the big tallyho outfits have been engaged and the Harvard boys will try to outdo themselves as well as everyone else. The Omaha Medical students are going out for a time and have already planned to have eight horses hitched to two rigs fastened together and will make people know that Omaha had a medical college. Additional bleachers will be built by the University club and everything done to add to the convenience of the spectators. No criticism is made on the way things were handled at the last game, as the crowd was kept back from the field and all had an excellent view of the whole game, especially those on the tallyhos. Last Thanksgiving Day these two teams attracted a crowd of 5,000 people to the park, and considering the fact that the general interest in the great college sport has been largely augmented this season it is reasonable to expect that this really enormous attendance will be surpassed on the 28th. It is not only the college alumni and school boys who are enthusiastic over the game this year, but it exists throughout all classes and conditions, from the arab on the street to staid business men who seldom give time to any amusement save that derived from figuring up the profits of the day. Everywhere men congregate you hear foot ball discussed, and speculation is now busy over the outcome of the all important Thanksgiving Day game. Last year Nebraska kicked the everlasting day-lights out of her opponents, the band from the land of prohibition, 36 to 0 being the score, and the vast crowd that looked on went wild with excitement. Again will the Howans be the prairie state's antagonists, and again will they strain every fiber and every muscle to repeat the dose of '94. Anyway, they will spare no effort to win, but whether they will be able to again shut out the sturdy Hawkeye athletes is a question. Some say Iowa is much weaker and Nebraska much stronger, but, like base ball, the sport is an uncertain one and it takes a wise man to pick a winner out of two teams evidently so well matched.

The trustees of Columbia College have voted to make the two sons of the late Professor Boyesen, now at Berkeley school, wards of the College, the cost of their education to be met by the College.

Mayor Sutro's gift to the University of California, including the Sutro library, is over \$1,000,000.

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Next Monday evening occurs the second entertainment provided by the Lecture Bureau. No doubt the excellent reputation of the Redpath Grand Concert Company will secure a large audience. No one can afford to miss any of these entertainments, and this one will be especially fine. We question whether any better satisfaction could be given than the lecture course promises to give this year. The Bureau deserves special thanks for securing this coming attraction. The lectures that will follow will also be of undoubted merit, and we urge it upon the attention of every one, especially students, that no matter in the entire university life is likely to prove more beneficial to those who take advantages of the opportunities here offered.

We observe that our good friend of the *Unit*, whom we have finally located as leader of the body he terms "Grinnell's ardent supporters," has worked himself up into a state of mental excitement which we do much fear will prove detrimental to his health. The drift of his remarks so far as we are able to determine accuse us of sarcasm. Now this is a serious charge. No doubt this supporter has good grounds for his charge or he would not make it, for he seems very honest. Whether we were sarcastic or not we disremember, but for the sake of vindicating this young man's reputation for truth we will not deny the charge. If he changes his mind and concludes we were not sarcastic we shall also plead guilty of not being sarcastic; anything to firmly establish his reputation. We hope this somewhat liberal declaration will be sufficient to please the writer in question, for in truth he seems inclined to be what we ordinarily term a fussy individual.

Thus setting his mind at rest by admitting what he charged, and making provisions for another, we have little

more to say. So far as we know facts have not materially changed since our last article on this subject, and we shall not repeat them. Of course we are not responsible for the apparent change of sentiment on the part of the Faculty at Grinnell nor the final action of our own Faculty. All we stated in our former issue regarding the matter seems quite as well to the *Unit* as to ourselves, so even that journal, whom we fear our "sarcasm" undoubtedly wounded, is in no need of further enlightenment.

We fear that we should inflict even a deeper wound and sacrifice more-over what claim we have to generosity if we failed to commend the latter part of the *Unit's* recent editorial which so well exemplifies oratory of the impassioned variety. "Poor old S. U. I.!" breaks out this enthusiast, then follows with other like brilliant and thrilling exclamations. Of course these exclamations don't mean much but they redeem the production from the serious defect of jointlessness by introducing a series of exclamation points. Truly our friends enthusiasm over football is only excelled by his inventive genius.

College Notes.

The University of Pennsylvania will debate with Cornell University on February 21, 1896.

Athletics at Harvard are governed by a committee of nine members, three being from the Faculty, three from the graduates, and three from the undergraduates.

The University of California athletic team was away from home two months on their Eastern trip, and traveled many thousand miles. The cost of the trip was \$3,800, which was met by the gate receipts.

The *Review of Reviews* for November contains a half-dozen interesting portraits of the great Pasteur, and presents an account of the illustrious French chemist's life work, given by Professor Percy Frankland in his address before the British Association, together with the late Professor Tyndall's estimate of Pasteur's discoveries - the whole forming a unique contribution to popular knowledge of the great scientist's personality and public services.

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Fact and Rumor.
Joe Allen was in the city yesterday. H. F. Dorcas, C. '95, is visiting friends.
J. S. Burgess, of Georgetown, Kentucky, is in the city.
Mr. Cook failed to meet his English class Tuesday morning.
The Freshmen are reported to have postponed their banquet.
The classes in Biology were entertained with a quiz yesterday.
Hattie Holt missed her recitations Tuesday on account of illness.
Rita Stewart was out the early part of the week on account of trouble with her eyes.
Hughes, '99, was so unfortunate as to have a collar bone broken in Tuesday's class game.
Florence Ady leaves Friday for an extended trip through the south; she will not return this term.
Geo. Price was absent from his classes Wednesday, attending the wedding of his brother Louis.
The match game of basket ball between the Juniors and Sophs of the ladies gymnasium class will occur next Thursday afternoon.
The neat little pamphlet on "Minor Tactics," compiled by Lieutenant Vogdes for the use of Juniors and Seniors is now on sale at the book-stores.
Mr. Noos, the new instructor in Mathematics, has arrived. He comes to us from the Chicago University. The room he will occupy is the one formerly occupied by Miss Call in the Y. M. C. A. building.

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There was no drill Wednesday on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The following is from the Lincoln (Neb.) News: "It is very evident that even the most casual observer that the foot ball team which is this year advertising abroad the educational advantages of the University of Nebraska is not near so good as last year's team. In a game at Butte, recently, they succeeded in disabling only one of the opposition. Only one casualty out of eleven chances is likely to ruin most any foot ball team's reputation."

Simpson College is enjoying great prosperity. It has now the largest enrollment in its history. Professor Sedgwick, for five years connected with Central Tennessee College, has been elected to the chair of mechanical and electrical engineering. A new building giving a floor space of 50,000 feet is being erected, and by January there will be \$30,000 worth of machinery and apparatus placed in it.

Yale has 2338 students this year, not including the Art School. Last year it had 2387, while six years ago the total was only 1633. If the Art School was included the total this year would be greater than last year or any previous year.

Mr. Mark Strauss, a wealthy citizen of Elyria, Ohio, has presented to Oberlin College an entire hotel block at Oberlin, valued at \$50,000.

Review of Reviews.

This magazine for November publishes for the first time a curious pen sketch of the late Professor Huxley, drawn by himself in 1848. The face is said to be an excellent likeness. It was drawn by Huxley in Sydney, New South Wales, when he was surgeon to H. M. S. "Rattlesnake."

The recent progress of Italian cities is ably described by Albert Shaw in this number. The improvements of the past twenty-five years in Italian city government, sanitary and building regulations, and various arts of civilized life, are sketched in detail, and the showing that is made for Rome, Milan, Genoa, Turin, Florence, Naples, Palermo and Venice, is truly a remarkable one. This study of Italian city renovation is full of suggestion to our American municipal reformers. The article has especial timeliness in view of the recent celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Italian unity.

An article by Henry W. Lanier, on international sports, calls attention anew to the proposed athletic meeting at Athens in 1896, which is looked forward to as a revival of the Olympic games. Preparations for this important contest are said to be actively going on.

Foreign affairs naturally have more than usual prominence in this issue of the magazine. In the "Progress of the world," the department of that periodical in which the editor rapidly reviews the events of the preceding month, the possibilities of war in the far east are pointedly set forth. Another theme suggested in the same connection is the progress of Christian missions in the Orient. The prospects of Japan and Russia as eastern powers are tersely discussed. The editor also comments briefly on the relations of Russia and France, the Italian celebrations, the French victory in Madagascar, the Cuban situation, and British policy in Venezuela.



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