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## THE FRESHMEN FEAST.

CLASS OF 1901 MAKES ITS DEBUT AT THE ST. JAMES.

Light blue, old gold and black were displayed in profusion in the banquet hall of the St. James, Tuesday evening, as about fifty young ladies and gentlemen of the class of 1901 gathered about the board.

Not all were there for whom the cloth was laid, for the wily Sophomore, aided by his numerous friends, had placed and held two gentlemen in captivity. Placed three, in fact, but held but two. For escaping, in the darkness of the night, the vigilance of his captors, Mr. Holbrook started afoot from Oxford Monday night, reached here about daylight Tuesday morning, and was indeed the hero of the hour at the banquet hall that evening.

By half past nine all had arrived save the two gentlemen before referred to, and one young lady whom an accident detained. Then the viands on the menu were partaken of, while a trio from the Mandolin Club discoursed music.

### MENU.

New York Counts. Celery.

Consomme in Cups.

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Sweet Bread Patties.

Cold Beef Tongue. Sliced Ham.

Corned Beef.

Saratoga Chips. Chicken Salad.

Buttered Sandwiches.

Salted Wafers.

Mapolitan Ice Cream.

Assorted Fancy Cake.

Selected Fruit. Layer Raisins.

Coffee. Lemonade.

As Miss Barrett aptly said in introducing her toast:

"There's a thorn on every rose.

There is fuzz on all the peaches,

There never was a banquet yet

Without a lot of speeches."

But the speeches of this banquet were certainly the best part of the feast. Mr. Chas. MacDonald, as toastmaster, discharged his duties gracefully and felicitously.

Mr. Donald McClain told of the "Trials of a Freshman Class President," of the strategy required to insure his presence at the banquet, of the difficulty of maintaining order in the class meetings, and above all, of the agony of being subjected to the gaze of all the Freshman girls at once.

Miss Anna Barrett, in toasting "S. U. I.," paid a fitting tribute to the old University.

Mr. Daniel Fry Miller, Jr., responded to the toast "America and Education," a theme which he treated most entertainingly.

Mr. Robert J. Bannister had been expected to toast "The Soph," but, as was announced by the toastmaster, he had started out to collect material on the subject Monday afternoon, and had not returned in time to take his part.

Then followed Miss Helen L. Carder, who announced that though they had failed to hear a tribute to the Sophomore, she proclaimed one might-

ier than he—"The Freshman;" and recounted the doughty deeds of valor in which Freshmen took a part.

A prospect and retrospect on the subject "Looking Backward," excellently given by Mr. Ralph W. Downing, closed the list of toasts.

Dean Currier and the representative of the VIDETTE-REPORTER were then called upon for a few words of greeting, the former expressing fittingly his devotion to its welfare.

Being called upon by the toastmaster and the Dean, Mr. Holbrook told briefly of his experience with the sixteen Sophomores; how he enjoyed their company for a whole half-day; how the series of calamities so recently fallen upon the tillers of the soil just west of town prevented any of them from assisting him to return to Iowa City; and how, through the dark watches of the night he struggled the puzzling country highways of the west of Johnson county, returning to the city just at the break of day.

The banqueters then adjourned to the parlors till the hall was cleared, and then dancing cards and social conversation furnished pleasure until the wee small hours.

The class of 1901 is to be congratulated upon the success of its first important social function. May it live long and prosper.

## Basket Ball.

There will be a lively time at the Close Hall gymnasium next Tuesday evening. The basket ball team of the Y. M. C. A. at Independence is the victim of a strange notion. Because of some recent achievements in their line, they believe themselves able to defeat any team in the state. Accordingly, they are about to start on a triumphant (?) tour of the Eastern Iowa Associations. They will find themselves in trouble when they get to Iowa City. The S. U. I. team will demonstrate for them next Tuesday evening that, if all their notions are like their basket ball notions, they had better return to the state institution at Independence. Admission to the game only 25 cents.

## Nomination.

We the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, present the nomination of Joe H. Meyers for the office of President of State Athletic Association.

GEO. W. EGAN, and 14 others.

The Harvard - Pennsylvania dual track games will not be held this year.

Chicago University is planning the construction of a new gymnasium to be 100 by 800 feet.

The Harvard Athletic Association membership fee is \$5 for the whole course of four years.

Princeton is urging gifts from its alumni to pay for the gunboat "Princeton" now being built at Camden.

George W. Orton, the well known runner, against whom charges of professionalism have been pending, has been acquitted of the charges.

## A NEW PRIZE.

THE ROBERT TILLINGHASS FRENCH MEMORIAL MEDAL.

A gold medal, in memory of Captain Robert French, of Davenport, who died last November, is offered by a friend of his, a graduate of this University, for the best short story written, under the conditions given below, by an undergraduate of S. U. I. A brief sketch of Captain French will appear in this year's "Hawkeye." In his twenty-seventh year at the time of his death, he was already becoming a beneficent power in the industrial development of our section. He is a brother of "Octave Thanet," the well loved writer of Iowa, and he himself, while at Harvard, published short stories of merit.

The conditions under which the prize will be awarded are these:

(1.) Competitors must be undergraduates in good standing of some department of the State University of Iowa, or resident graduates working for an academic degree.

(2.) There must be at least seven competitors.

(3.) The best story must, in the opinion of the judges, be really worthy of the prize.

(4.) Manuscripts must be in the hands of the judges on or before May 10th, 1898. Each manuscript must be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the title of the story and the name of the writer.

(5.) The judges are Professors Reeves, Weld and Patrick.

(6.) Stories already published are not eligible.

(7.) The length of the story should be between three and six thousand words, but this point is not vital.

(8.) There is no limitation as to subject.

(9.) If in number or in quality the stories are deficient, the medal will be withheld till the first year in which the conditions are met.

## Homeopathic Medical Department.

The Faculty will hold a meeting tomorrow.

Miss Hone has entered the Sophomore class.

There was a Senior class meeting last week. They are becoming quite a frequent occurrence lately.

Preliminary examinations in Materia Medica have begun, and the Seniors realize that finals are not far away.

Dr. Mercer, of Belle Plaine, brought a patient to clinic Saturday. The Dr. also spent some time visiting the various departments of the University.

The following program was given at the meeting of the Hahnemann Society:

Music.  
Declamation.....H. Carver  
Reading.....E. Abbott  
Society Paper.....Miss Coleman  
Music.  
Report on Typhoid Fever.....  
.....Mr. Evenson  
Lecture.....F. C. Skinner  
"Pernicious Anemia."

Hostility to foot ball is the latest of Bob Ingersoll's ideas.—Ariel.

## The A. A. U. Conference.

An the conference called at the Astor House, New York, recently, important matters were discussed, and a line of policy settled upon as to the participation of the A. A. U. in the conduct of the proposed world's championships to be held at the Paris Exposition in 1900 under the auspices of the A. A. U. and its allied associations.

In connection with the world's championships at Paris, Colonel L. M. Hamburger appeared before the conference. It was decided after hearing his views to appoint him special commissioner representing the A. A. U. at Washington, for the purpose of advocating an appropriation on the Paris Exposition bill to be used for the conduct of the world's championships at Paris in 1900 in connection with the exposition.

The Chicago Athletic Club will probably send a strong team, and it is certain that the New York and Knickerbocker Athletic Clubs will send their best men. Rush, the Chicago Club athlete; J. H. Maybury, of Wisconsin, and B. J. Wefers will probably be among those who will go.

This will be the greatest athletic meeting ever held in the world, and although it is some distance off, the runners, jumpers, weight-throwers, and hurdlers of the world are discussing it and longing for the day to come when it will be a reality. The A. A. U. will use its efforts to get Congress to make a special appropriation for this meeting.

It is almost certain that the largest number of athletes ever sent abroad will go to the exposition. There is much interest in the games to be held then, and every athlete in the United States who has a desire to be a world's champion will go to Paris.

The Virginia Senate defeated an anti-foot ball bill by a vote of 21 to 12.

The question of sending an inter-collegiate track team abroad is being discussed at Harvard.

At the University of Pennsylvania there will be three contests held this winter in throwing the hammer and putting the shot.

The Yale basket ball team will play about twenty games during the season. The team will probably take a trip to the south.

The patriotic girls of Yankton College gave a three days' carnival and netted \$150 for the gymnasium fund. Such loyalty is to be commended.

F. R. Nourse, '99, has been appointed manager of the Harvard foot ball team for next year, subject to the approval of the athletic committee.

The University of Pennsylvania has already succeeded in raising, by subscription, half of the \$60,000 needed to erect the new club house and gymnasium.

The University of Pennsylvania recently applied for admission into the intercollegiate chess league composed of Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Princeton. The request was refused on the ground that the tournament would be too protracted should five colleges take part.

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**'The Press' Prattlings.**

The Iowa State Press, purporting to be a newspaper published some place in Iowa City, in burning philippics proceeds to arraign the student body for the recent "Cherry Sister disturbance." To the few persons blest with a knowledge of the existence of the above entitled sheet, it is also known that its "polley," if it is pardonable to apply such a term to its vertiginous vagaries, is to oppose and combat the University and its interests so far as it is in its petty power to do so. If any one were so ingenuous as to take this publication seriously, or regard it as anything other than a melancholy spectacle of disconsolate journalism, it might possibly do S. U. I. some harm. As it is, however, the Iowa State Press, said to be printed on Dubuque street, has long since come to be regarded, as are all venerable and decrepit remnants of better days that have outlived their era of usefulness. But this latest freak of its erratic fancy is such a pathetic example of unappeased "sore-headism," such a specimen of downright misrepresentation and deliberate falsification, that its exposition is only just to the student body of the University.

The plaint of the Press is prefaced by the declaration "that individually most students are gentlemen, collectively a mob," which in itself is a gratifying statement. Hereafter all students will know just where they belong. It then proceeds, in the delirium of detail to charge the student body with organizing the mob on Monday night, furnishing its leaders, instigating and executing its actions, etc., etc. In brief, all these hydrophobic statements are bare falsehoods—to use no stronger a term. This information is for the benefit of those unac-

quainted with the eccentricities of the Iowa State Press (of Iowa City, Ia.). For others it is unnecessary.

It is indeed strange that the students of S. U. I. could form a "band of ruffians" and at the same time attend a lecture and completely fill the Opera House; it is somewhat remarkable that of all the arrests made Monday night only one was a student, and he an innocent spectator, whom the police with their usual disgusting blustering and cowardly discrimination, arrested "to make an example of;" it is quite incomprehensible that a body of students, instructors and professors, most of them returning home from a lecture, should suddenly organize into a band of "law breakers" and "rioters."

It is with regret, but with perfect frankness, that we admit that a very small minority of this mob was composed of students, who so far forgot that they were gentlemen as to mingle with the rabble of Monday night—composed principally of the Press' henchmen. But the vast majority of the students who were on the streets that night were there merely to observe with what an intellectual zest a certain class of the natives of the "Athens of Iowa" could disport themselves, to observe how some of her citizens "got even" with their friends the police; to observe the gallant fire department in its unsurpassed and unequalled act from the drama, "What We Can do When We Try," or "How We Put Out Library Fires." In short the entire riotous program was carried out by the "bum element" of Iowa City. The arrests prove it; the action of the mob itself proves it; and we defy any one to contradict it.

The "bum element" is further commended for aiding the police by fighting the students. We are not surprised that they did; when they sufficiently outnumber the students nothing pleases them better than a fight. This element appears to be very large, for what does the following statement from the Press mean: "Fifteen or twenty citizens then volunteered to be deputized." Followed by this—"what is usually called the bum element of Iowa City volunteered unani- mously to assist the police." Now does the Press mean that both classes volunteered, or was there only one, or does it draw no lines of discrimination between them?

In conclusion the Press observes that the students are in the habit of "usurping privileges in Iowa City." Incidentally it might be remarked that also constitute about one-fifth of the town, and pay something like \$50,000 a month for the privilege of such usurpation, granting that any exists; that outside the revenue derived from students at the State University of Iowa, there is not one first-class industry adding to the wealth of Iowa City to day; that the Press itself was a beneficiary of that very revenue until, for obvious reasons, it was withdrawn—hence its present pathetic spasm.

As between the student body and the better class of Iowa City's people, her real, substantial and influential citizens, the utmost of good feeling prevails. Each class understands the other. As to the opinions of another class, very well typified in the tirade of the Press—few people know and less care. In printed form, however, they are worth perusing as journalistic curiosities, and as an indication of the extent to which jealousy, misrepresentation and falsehood can go.



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The Glee and Mandolin Clubs are contemplating another tour.

Miss Fannie avis has secured a position as a teacher in the Zanesville, Wis., High School.

The topic at Baconian next Friday evening will be given by Dr. Gilchrist. Topic: "Physiological Compensations."

The Delta Gamma fraternity will informally entertain the Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Phi fraternities at the home of Ruth Hobby, Saturday afternoon.

The call for candidates for the track team at Harvard brought out an astonishingly large number of men. Nearly 250 men handed in their names and the squads have begun exercising.

The following members of the Law class of '98 passed the recent Supreme Court examinations and are now ready to receive prospective clients: Davis, Rominger, Marquis, Morgan and Warner, and Blood and Marks of last year's class.

Hon. Frank Nelson, C. '92, of Lindsborg, Kansas, is making a canvass for the nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Nelson has been at the head of the Normal Department of Bethany College, at Lindsborg, for five years, and is considered a man of excellent abilities and special qualifications for the office to which he aspires.

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Mearl Clark, '00, of Tipton, is again in school.

S. G. Mayer, L. '97, is located at Winterset, Ia.

J. G. McAlvin, M. '97, is visiting friends in the University friends in the University.

E. Babcock, M. '01, was called to Maryland yesterday on account of the death of his brother.

The Board of Regents are in session at the Central Building, to-day. Plans for the new Collegiate building will be adopted.

H. C. Beard, L. '98, is reading in the law office of Henry & Spence, at Mt. Ayr, Ia., during the winter, and will join his class again in the spring.

F. P. Truax, D. '98, received a telegram, yesterday, announcing the serious illness of his father at Maquoketa, Ia. He left for home as soon as possible, but his father had passed away before he arrived.

At the invitation of the Johnson County Homeopathic Medical Society Professor Houser delivered a lecture before that organization last evening. His subject was "Some Chapters in the Ancestral History of the Vertebrates." It is needless to say that such a topic was of exceeding interest to the physicians. The lecturer was tendered a vote of thanks at the close of the address.

The work on the new base ball cage at Harvard has been delayed by the failure of the steel companies to fill their contract on time. It is still too early to say when the cage will be completed.

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