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THE X-RAYS RAISE HAVOC.

SO SAYS THE PLAINTIFF IN A UNIQUE DAMAGE SUIT.

A damage suit of more than ordinary interest, both from its subject matter and the fact that it concerns one of S. U. I.'s professors, has been commenced in the Johnson County court.

W. H. Magness, a local plasterer having recently suffered peculiar pains, attributed to the X-rays that were applied to his person, and consequently sues Dr. Andrews for \$3,000 damages. His petition reads as follows:

On and prior to May, 1897, the defendant held himself out to the public as a skilled and competent person in the operation of the instrument commonly known as the X-ray.

The plaintiff went to the laboratory or office of defendant at Iowa City, for the purpose of having the defendant locate a certain piece of foreign substance then located somewhere in the left hip of plaintiff.

"The defendant thereupon represented to plaintiff that there was no danger of injury from the operation and use of such X-ray instrument, which the plaintiff believed.

"Thereupon the defendant used it, and carelessly and negligently operated it, by placing it too close to the person of the plaintiff without having all the parts attached, and by exposing plaintiff to the rays of the instrument more than one time, and for such length of time and in such manner as to burn and injure the flesh and person of plaintiff by the penetration of the rays reflected by the instrument.

"By reason thereof the plaintiff was made sick, sore and lame and the flesh of his person at the points where such instrument was used was burned, injured and became inflamed and sore, and by reason thereof he suffered pain and mental anguish, was confined to his home, lost time and was put to great expense for nursing, medicine and medical care—all to his damage in the sum of \$3,000.

Hammond Law Senate.

The Senators gave a pleasing program at their meeting last evening, opening with an instrumental solo, well executed by Miss Howell, following which Senator Green read a paper on "Rail Road Pooling." The Senator's treatment of this vexed question was instructive.

Senator Meister then rendered a declamation.

Senator Ashe, in his biography of Cicero, showed good preparation.

"The Reliability of the Average Newspaper Report" was the subject propounded to Senator Williams for his extemporaneous speech. The Senator doubted its reliability.

Senator Myers delivered a well written oration on Thomas Jefferson.

Owing to the illness of one of the leaders of the regular debate, the following resolution was substituted: "Resolved, that it be advisable for Senator Wagner to go to the Klondike immediately after graduation." The various remarks of the gentlemen were highly entertaining, and

as was expected, very amusing to the audience. The Senators who waxed truly eloquent in arguing the subject were Senators Harrington and Tyre for, and Wyckoff and Herring against. The resolution passed by a good vote.

Appropriation Bills for S. U. I.

Last Wednesday bills for appropriations for the University were introduced into the Senate and House. The first bill is for the purpose of making good the loss caused by last summer's fire. The second is for a general appropriation for the different departments. The two bills call for \$129,100. They were introduced by Representative Edwards and Senator Ranck, both of this city, and graduates of the University Law department, and were referred to the appropriation committee in the Senate, and the University Committee in the House, of which Mr. Edwards is the chairman. A friendly feeling seems to prevail toward the University, and it is probable that a liberal appropriation will be allowed.

Irving.

A large and attentive audience listened to a well rendered program at Irving Hall last evening.

A vocal solo by Miss Broek was a very suitable opening.

Mr. Boddy then gave a declamation entitled "Waiting." Although Mr. Boddy has been in the society only a short time, he has impressed everyone as possessing exceptional literary abilities.

The third number was a speech by Mr. Holbrook on "Pension Reforms." Mr. Holbrook very clearly showed the evils in the present methods of legislating on pension reform.

The debate of the evening was spirited and interesting throughout. The question discussed was: "Resolved, that a property qualification should be required in municipal elections."

On the affirmative were Messrs. Remley and Curtis, and Messrs. Spriner and Mantz upheld the negative.

The affirmative brought forth strong points to show that municipal government is a failure, and offered a property qualification as a substitute.

The negative, on the other hand, pointed out the chief features in the municipal system.

The question was decided two in favor of the affirmative.

Immediately following the debate, Mr. Rue delivered a well composed oration on "Sympathetic Inclinations."

The last literary number of the evening was a declamation given by Thos. Kingland, his subject being Corwin's Speech in Congress on the Dismemberment of Mexico." Although the selection was rather long, Mr. Kingland held the closest attention of the audience till the close.

Unfortunately the last music number failed to appear.

According to the biographical statistics in the United States the college graduates who have become distinguished outnumber those who are not college graduates in the ratio of 250 to 1.

SOPHS SUSPENDED.

THE FRESHMEN BANQUET ENDS IN GRIEF TO THE SOPHS.

There has been no little commotion lately in regard to the action that the Faculty would take in the abduction of the Freshmen. The incidents connected with this "scrap" turned out to be regarded in a more serious light by the powers that be than the affair of last year.

The investigation has been going on quietly during the last few days, and for that reason the parties concerned were in doubt as to the attitude of the Faculty. It is reported as we go to press that the Faculty has reached the following decision: All those persons who were directly concerned in the trip to Oxford and Amana are suspended indefinitely, and can be readmitted only on vote of the Faculty. They cannot, however, return during the present term. Also those connected with the unfortunate accident of Miss Cushing are suspended and conditioned the same as above.

We regret very much that the Faculty was compelled under the circumstances to reach such a decision, and hope that future affairs of this nature may be judiciously avoided.

Judge Wade's Lecture.

In speaking of Judge Wade and his lecture, recently delivered in that city, the Creston Daily Advertiser says as follows:

"Judge Wade, of Iowa City, where he is a member of the Faculty of the Law department of the State University, in addition to his position on the bench of the district court, delivered his lecture, 'The Law of the Land' at Patt's Opera House last night, before an appreciative and intelligent, though not large audience. Judge Wade is a man of fine physique and splendid appearance, and has this in his favor when on the platform. The line of argument he followed in his lecture was calculated to disabuse the common mind of the erroneous impression it has of the law, the lawyers, court and court proceedings, and to impress that mind with the necessity of a wider knowledge of the law, and a higher regard for it. He spoke of the modern tendency toward much study of theologies and isms, with too great a neglect for the common things, such as the law. Not that it is necessary for every man to be a lawyer, but a knowledge of the law always makes a man a better citizen of the country. Many people, said the judge, act on the theory that they have no use for the law, because they say they never have any law suits. They regard law, lawyers and the courts as a menace to society. Such notions, however, are usually the product of the lawyer, of the stage, or of fiction. Law is the rule of conduct, which implies obedience, and why is not an enlightened and intelligent obedience, better than a dark and ignorant compliance? The people of the land should know the law, and feel it, and learn to rely upon it. The virtues of civic character are love of the law and liberty, and how can there be such love without knowledge of the law and liberty?"

Law originally was simply the development of the customs of the people themselves, and was for the curtailment of natural freedom only to a sufficient extent to guarantee to all equal rights." All law has its source in the Mosaic canons, and has a view to the moral right and wrong of life, but at the same time does not attempt to govern the morals of the people. The complexity of the law is some times the source of a great deal of complaint from the people."

Zetagathian.

A very entertaining and instructive program was presented in Zet Hall last evening.

The opening number was a declamation, "Cataline's Defiance," by H. B. Downing. Mr. Downing appeared very much at ease before his hearers, and made his delivery besit the production.

H. B. Gray followed with an oration "Night Brings Out the Stars," which was marked by originality and skill of composition.

The debate of the evening was: "Resolved, that territorial extension is a good policy for the United States to pursue." It was affirmed by Messrs. F. Hollingsworth and J. J. Sharpe; denied by C. W. McCord and W. B. Brush.

Suffice it to say that the affirmative employed the tact and skill characteristic of them, while the negative were very aggressive, and made victory for their opponents no easy matter. The decision was two for the affirmative.

J. E. Gow followed the debate with an oration "The Man and the Gentleman." This was Mr. Gow's initial appearance on the Zet program, and was certainly very creditable. The production was clothed in excellent language and filled with thought equally good.

The literary program was closed by a declamation, "Apples," by Mr. Vanderkast. The gentleman in his first appearance showed himself a worthy Zet. The production rendered was of the humorous type and of high order.

Annual Convention.

The twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Iowa will be held at Marshalltown Feb. 14-20. The Annual Convention has not been so conveniently located for the different colleges for many years.

Among the foremost speakers are Dr. Frank Bristol, of Evanston, who becomes President McKinley's pastor next month; Rev. E. L. Eaton, D. D., the eloquent pastor of First M. E. Church, Des Moines; Rev. Wm. Bayard Craig, D. D., LL. D., Chancellor of Drake University; Hon. L. M. Shaw, Governor of Iowa; Professor Loughridge, of Cedar Falls, who has one of the largest Bible classes in the world; C. C. Michener, College Secretary of Y. M. C. A. of North America; E. L. Hamilton, Railway Secretary; A. M. Benner, Assistant State Secretary of Illinois, and John W. Hansel, General Secretary of the Western Secretarial Institute.

Discus throwing will doubtless take the place of the mile walk in the future games of Syracuse University.

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Athletic Union Meeting.

To-night at seven o'clock the Manager of next year's foot ball team will be elected. Every member of the Athletic Union is entitled to a vote and ought to be at this meeting to cast it. Three excellent nominations have been made for manager, and all that remains to now be done is to hold the election. The responsibility for its outcome rests entirely in the student body, for it is only by their presence and active participation in those matters affecting our athletics that we can maintain a sound and solid athletic footing.

Through the efforts of the Treasurer and his assistants, enough pledges have been collected to place the Union in a better condition than it has ever before enjoyed. The reason for this is easily explained. It is because the students of S. U. I. realize that it is only by their own activity that athletics can be made a success. But the good work should not end with mere membership in the Union. It is every student's duty to see that proper officers are elected to control athletic enterprises. Every vote in the Union should be cast for some candidate to-night.

Tennis.

Perhaps the drifts of snow bring to the mind anything but the subject of tennis, yet the snow will soon leave the courts ready for the "net and racket." It has been suggested that the Association arrange a winter court in the armory, so that the players could keep in practice. It was but last year that we were admitted to the State Association, and this coming spring the State meet is to be held at Iowa City. It is especially

desirable that we not only make a good showing, but if possible win the meet. To do this means work, and hard work.

A lesson for athletes could well be drawn from the methods of the debating league, where a long series of society and inter-class contests lead up to the preliminaries and finals. The story of Success is work, work. If the tennis enthusiasts hope to win laurels this spring it is necessary that they begin work as early as the weather man will permit, and still better if they can defy him by making an indoor court and beginning practice at once. A large number have signified their intention of entering the contest, and would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of exercising the muscles and practicing their fancy "cuts" in the armory.

Cuba, Hawaii, and China furnish the principal topics discussed editorially in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February. There are also a few paragraphs of pointed comment on current domestic politics—the factional differences among Ohio Republicans and the swelling tide of Crokerism in the Democratic party. The editor gives his views on Tammany's attitude toward the New York rapid-transit problem, and on the reckless expenditure of canal-improvement funds by the Republican bosses of the State. The editor's monthly resume of "The Progress of the World," opens with a presentation of the Cuban situation at the present moment. "Autonomy" is exposed as a farcial makeshift, which deceives nobody and only serves to irritate both parties in Cuba—the insurgent and the Spanish Conservatives.

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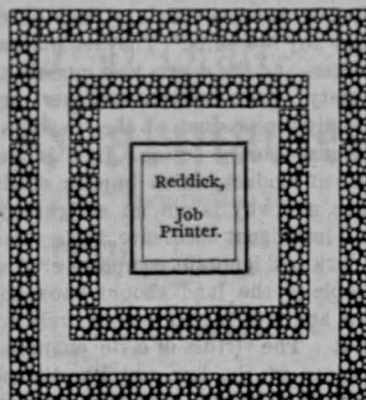
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Invitations are out for a Senior social.
Fletcher, '00 will spend Sunday in Cedar Rapids.
Regent Pickett is here attending to his official duties.
Della Northey enjoyed a visit from her father Friday.
The Delta Tau Delta fraternity gave a party last night.
The Phi Psis held an informal dance and party Thursday evening.
The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents is now in session.
Phi Delta Phi initiated Sargent and Fee, both of the class of '99, last Wednesday.
A. E. Carroll, L. '94, of Davenport, was in the city yesterday on legal business.
Miss Elizabeth Jones, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., is expected here next week.
The members of the Y W C A enjoyed a very pleasant social evening at their room in Close Hall Friday.
Melvin L. Sears, '91, who has been practicing law in Omaha, is now with the West Publishing Co., of Minneapolis.

At the old-fashioned spelling bee, given by the Epworth League, Tuesday night, Mr. Barner, of the Junior Law class, won first prize. The booby emblem was awarded to a Medic who naturally enough spelled "dock" without a "k."

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Mrs. Barrett will lead the Y W C A meeting Sunday afternoon. All young women are cordially invited to be present.

Judge Seeds has gone to Manchester, where he will spend Sunday with his family. Professor Rohbach will fill his hour on Monday.

The Erodophians will entertain the other literary societies of the Collegiate and Law departments, and the members of the Faculty, this evening.

Harry Richard, C. '92, and also a graduate of Harvard law class of '95, is visiting in the city. He is now engaged in the practice of law at Ottumwa.

Rev. H. P. Williams, C. '95, who is conducting the meetings at the Christian Church, will address the young men at Close Hall to-morrow at 4 p. m.

A meeting was held at the Sigma Nu halls Thursday evening with the object of organizing a whist club composed of the fraternities of the University.

Miss Haughman, ex-'99, who is teaching in the Jefferson City schools, went to Sac City, Friday, to act as a judge on the debating contest in the Sac City College.

The joint meeting of the two Christian Associations, Thursday evening, was well attended. Secretary Moore, of Cedar Rapids, spoke very earnestly of the Association work in colleges.

Bussard, L. '98, has gone to his parents' home in Indiana for rest and recuperation. The gentleman's many friends hope to hear of his speedy recovery, and welcome his early return to his work.

Miss Bessie Parker, a former Hesperian, will give a recital in South Hall next Saturday evening. Miss Parker, who will be remembered as taking a prominent and pleasing part in amateur entertainments while in the University, has since spent several years studying in the east.

East to Revise Rules.

Representatives of the large universities will meet at the University Athletic Club in New York, on Saturday, February 19, for the purpose of again revising the foot ball rules.

Some time ago those interested in the game at the various universities in the east recognized that some action was necessary, and requested the University Athletic Club to call a meeting. Harvard, Princeton, Yale Cornell and Pennsylvania have been invited.

It is very likely that the same men will be called upon to serve as representatives on the rules committee as composed it at the last two meetings, when the following were the members: Walter Camp of Yale, Alex. Moffatt of Princeton, J. C. Bell of Pennsylvania, Joseph S. Sears of Harvard, L. M. Denniss of Cornell, and Paul Dashiell of the United States Naval Academy, as delegate at large.

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