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THE CONCERT.

A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY NIGHT.

The second concert of the season was given Monday evening, to a good sized and very enthusiastic audience. This entertainment in every way equaled the first, and reflected equal credit to the S. U. I. Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

We print below the program as given:

PART I.

1. Searcher March Rosey Mandolin Club.
2. Sextette—from Robin Hood..... De Koven Messrs. Morriss, Brockway, McKee, Wheelock, Clark, Bailey.
3. "True"..... Robyn Mr. Wheelock.
4. Waltz Medley..... Arr. by Weaver Whistling Solo—Mr. Weaver.
5. Mazurka—Whistling Obligato..... Shepard Mr. Weaver and Glee Club.

INTERMISSION OF TEN MINUTES.

PART II.

1. "Stars and Stripes"..... Sousa Mandolin Club.
2. Violin Solo..... Prof. Toll
3. "Will You Love Me Sweetheart When I am Old"..... Peters Mr. McKee and Clubs.
4. Sea Fairies Waltz..... Preston Mandolin Club.
5. Fly Ye Black Birds Fly..... Johnson Mr. Weaver and Clubs.
6. Waltz Song..... Vogel Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

Nearly every number was encored, and several times the audience would not be satisfied until it was favored a second time. Special mention of each number is unnecessary. Suffice it to say the members fully maintained their reputation.

Mr. Wheelock was as popular as ever in his solos, and "Will You Love Me Sweetheart When I am Old," by Mr. McKee and the Clubs, was one of the features of the evening.

The violin solo by Prof. Toll offered a pleasing deviation from the regular numbers, and was highly appreciated by the audience.

The "inimitable Weaver" was called back time and again, first in his whistling solos, and later in his impersonations. The "trick dog" Nellie also added to the merriment of the entertainment.

Great credit is due to the leaders and members for their persistent work in perfecting the Clubs, and it is safe to say that if they take the trip, now contemplated, in the spring vacation, it will be even more successful than the last.

Baconian.

The paper at Baconian to-morrow evening will be given by Dr. Seashore, subject, "A Study in Psychological Measurement." Professor Nutting will also give a report, illustrated by stereopticon views of Havana and its harbor.

State Conference of Charities and Correction.

Students of applied ethics will be glad to hear of a proposed convention of the organized and unorganized charity workers of Iowa, to be held March 17, 18, and 19, at Des Moines. It is hoped by those interested in the meeting that the workers in this field of endeavor may realize the needs of a state conference, and that such an organization may be effected and become one of the permanent institutions of the state.

H. H. Hart, Secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, will be in attendance, and speak on state boards, and others prominent in the work have signified their intention of coming. Some of the subjects for discussion are: charity organization, care and treatment of insane and criminal classes, reformatories, and child saving. The program is to be issued in the near future.

With less illiteracy, and apparently less of a pauper problem than other states, Iowa has been slow to awake to the fact that her growing and heterogeneous population has brought here the misery of chronic poverty, and that the methods in vogue are inadequate to deal with it. The states around us, especially east and north, have moved rapidly forward, and have organized conferences whose aim is investigation and eradication of the evil. The efforts usually result in the establishment by the legislatures of State Boards of Charity, with investigative and advisory features. In view of the probable passage of the Board of Control bill, and other laws of vital importance in an economic and social sense, it is indeed a timely movement for the workers and students to meet and deliberate upon the ever present problem of the poor.

HORACE S. HOLLINGSWORTH.
Des Moines, Feb. 20.

Athletic Union Notice.

Owing to the fact that some of the nominations for the coming election were not placed in both college papers as demanded by the Constitution, the election will be postponed one week, and will therefore take place at Close Hall, Saturday evening, March 5th, at 7 o'clock sharp. All having nominations to make are cautioned to see that the above constitutional provision is observed.

J. R. FRAILEY,
President Athletic Union.

Oratorical Contestants.

Following are the successful candidates and the subjects of their productions, in the Oratorical Contest. This refers only to thought and composition:

- G. W. Egan—"Oliver Cromwell."
- J. J. Lambert—"Robert Lincoln."
- W. W. Loomis—"A Champion of the Lost Cause."
- F. P. Williams—"On the Suppression of Crime."
- W. M. Lingo—"The Progress of Civilization."
- G. A. Lynch—"Scholarship and Progress."

SENIOR SOCIAL.

THE O. H. N. O.'S ENTERTAIN THE SENIOR CLASS.

Tuesday evening the Senior class participated in another of its series of socials. This one was given by the O. H. N. O., the mysterious secret organization of the ladies of the class. That it was a success under such circumstances is, of course, self evident.

Each person attending bore with himself or herself the symbol or representative of the title of some book. Every one was then supposed to guess what everyone else's enigma stood for. Some did and some didn't. Mr. F. P. Williams having "stabbed" successfully at the greatest number of titles, was awarded the connoisseur's prize, an elegantly embossed and illuminated specimen of early English literature—a most appropriate award.

Next followed the treat of the evening, a farce rendered by the O. H. N. O. Society. Following is the cast of characters:

Students of Ladies Seminary—Annie, Nettie, Julia, Belle.

Miss Praxis Preceptress of School
Sourtop Matron
Mrs. Gushover Belle's Mother
Bridget—

Annie Ora Horine
Nettie Maude Humphrey
Julia Mary Lytle
Belle Clara Gonwick
Miss Praxis Lillian Hulsebus
Sourtop Mary Hornbrook
Mrs. Gushover Della Northy
Bridget Martha Emry

This clever bit of acting was a rousing and unqualified success, and kept the audience laughing from beginning to end. Every part was almost perfectly portrayed, and could not have been improved upon. It is impossible to make any special individual mention, as every participant is equally entitled to praise for augmenting the pleasure of the evening.

Following the farce a unique and very acceptable Mexican banquet was served. The remainder of the evening was devoted to songs, music and social converse, and at last with the yell of '98, the class adjourned, not sine die, however.

Homeopathic Medical Department.

W. A. Kauffman, class of '98, who was home on a visit, has returned.

Mr. Snitka, class of '01, has gone home to spend Sunday with his wife.

The Seniors had their final laboratory examination in Pathology, Monday.

Dr. Humphrey, of Montour, Iowa, was a visitor at the eye and ear clinic Tuesday.

There will be a meeting of the Hahnemannian Society next Friday. An unusually interesting program is promised.

The paper at the Johnson County Homeopathic Society meeting Wednesday evening, was by Dr. Gilchrist. The subject of the paper was "The Strength and Weakness of our Materia Medica."

Hammond Law Senate.

The Senate was well attended, as usual, last Friday evening. The program was opened with a vocal solo by Miss Williams, entitled "Soloejg's Lied." The selection was rendered so felicitously as to call forth a hearty encore, in response to which "Alone" was sung.

Senator Korp's declamation, "Phillip Barton's Death," is a splendid illustration of those noble, self-sacrificing lives whose worth is truly shown only in the hour of danger. The delivery was quite pleasing and effective.

"Tramps and their Migrations" was the topic of an entertaining speech by Senator Hoag. The Senator thought their increasing prevalence was a source of danger to the State, and suggested the town work-house as a remedy.

"The Maine Disaster and our Relations with Spain," formed the subject of the extemporaneous speech by Senator Miskimens. The main question was wisely and delicately handled, and side issues only lightly touched by the Senator.

In his carefully digested oration, Senator Allen demonstrated the nobility of political ambitions, and spoke eloquently of the need of genuine statesmen to deal with the perplexing and important questions of the day.

Senator Hughes, in his pleasing way, delivered his declamation—a story of life as compared with nature.

The question for debate turned out to be one that came close home to many of the Senators, and the general discussion which followed was lively and interesting. The bill was: "Be it enacted by the Hammond Law Senate that immigration be further restricted." Affirmed by Senators McBeth and Moothart; denied by Senators Weaver and Wagner.

The program was concluded with a piano solo by Miss Donohue, "Godard's Second Waltz." The player was promptly encored, and responded with "The National Two-Step."

Harvard is to have a new \$160,000 dormitory.

John D. Rockefeller has recently donated half a million to Des Moines College.

The W. C. T. U. of Warrensburg, Mo., has offered a series of prizes for essays on temperance subjects, written by students of the State Normal at that place.

Explorer Nansen gave a lecture at Madison, Wisconsin, recently, under the auspices of the athletic association of the University, from which a net sum of \$332 was obtained.

The entire collection of the Cyrus W. Field papers, relating to the laying of the first Atlantic cable, has now become the property of the National Museum in Washington.

Professor Gates, of the Smithsonian Institute, has made the startling statement that all crime will eventually be stopped by science. He thinks that if a man has a desire for stealing or murder his brain may be cut and the portion containing this desire taken out.—Brown and White.

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The Gazette on the "Soul."

The Cedar Rapids Gazette, of last Thursday, works itself up into a passion of righteous indignation, because, as it purports, the "Iowa City school" desires an appropriation to study the "soul." So far as its attack upon the University is concerned, no one is in the least surprised. Nothing else is expected of it. Notwithstanding the onslaught, however, the University is still daring to eke out a tenuous and miserable existence, and even fondly hopes to continue so to do until a more definite mandate is promulgated by the Gazette.

As we have before remarked, this attitude of the Gazette's is nothing startlingly new, and for that reason demands no special notice. However, the vast degree of ignorance it has exhibited, and the mass of delusive misinformation it has permitted to creep into its columns is at once interesting and amusing. For a journal claiming to represent "thirty thousand readers," it is alarming, not to say pathetic.

The editor, as usual, "smells a rat." He has discovered the Ethiopian in the wood-pile, and thus proclaims it: "The one point to be considered is that the State University desires the money for some purpose that the managers do not care to make public and it was thought that the legislators would cough up when they were told that unless the money was forthcoming there would be no effort made to study their souls." Evidently the editor's conception of the word "soul" is limited by very narrow personal confines. And what led the Gazette to unearth this deep laid plot of the "managers?" Did they attempt to rob the state treasury, or did they try to vivisection the soul of the Gazette man? Not at all; our department of abnormal psychology is about complete. The Gazette's entire disquisition on the soul resulted from a modest demand on the part of the University for about two thousand dollars to build up a psychological laboratory that has existed here for ten years, and that, hampered as it is, has now a national reputation, impossible as this may seem when the Gazette has never heard of it.

Will the Gazette pardon us in our insignificance for offering it a suggestion. Would it not be well to know what "psychology" means before thus arraigning it? Would it not be beneficial to know that every great university in America and Europe has an important department in psychology to-day? Is it not of interest to ascertain that this department has existed here for years, and has now a national fame? In short, is it not at times advisable to know just what you are talking about before enunciating an ultimatum?

The latter part of the Gazette's remark, accusing the "managers" of using the idea of a psychological department to surreptitiously obtain money for other purposes, is a sad commentary on a policy of state "economy" advocated by it. It has indeed come to a pretty state of affairs when even her enemies thus recognize the crying need of Iowa's University. When even they thus involuntarily admit the urgency of her unfilled and necessary demands, it is almost time for something to drop.

The Gazette man probably has a soul. Most people are said to possess one. Granting the proposition to be true, it is at once apparent that his is in immediate need of ventilation. It ought to be unrolled, unkinked and opened up to the sunshine of knowledge and the light of truth. If the soul editor would only honor S. U. I. with a visit, we would do our best to demonstrate to him that a psychological laboratory actually exists here; to explain to him what it really is, and endeavor to convince him that his own immortal soul would be spared and is not as yet demanded for our experimental purposes at Iowa University.



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FACT AND RUMOR.

Bishop Vincent lectures to-night.

The State Oratorical Contest will be held at Indianola this year.

Yule, '99, is receiving a visit from his brother.

The Hesperians are to present a farce at their hall Saturday evening.

Ames will lengthen its college year to nine months, as in other colleges.

W. W. Loomis, '99, left to-day for a short visit to his home at Clermont, Iowa.

Bishop Vincent will be entertained during his stay in the city, at the home of Dr. McCord.

Nebraska celebrated "Charter Day" Feb. 15. President Draper, of Illinois, delivered the oration.

Mrs. Emlin McClain entertained the members of the Law Faculty at tea, last evening, in honor of Chief Justice H. E. Deemer.

R. W. Hall, D. '98, entertained the members of the Xi Psi Phi at the Reddick residence, 313 Washington St., last evening.

President and Mrs. Schaeffer, assisted by Miss Chase, entertained the Glee and Mandolin Clubs after the performance Tuesday night.

J. J. Louis and C. A. Jarvis were umpires, and F. W. Bailey, referee, at the basket ball game between Muscatine and Cedar Rapids at Muscatine Tuesday evening. The state championship went to Muscatine by a score of 17 to 15.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

G. B. Rigg, C. '96, now principal in the Calhoun County Normal School, visited here Tuesday and Wednesday.

The S. U. I. delegates to the Student Volunteer Movement Convention, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, this week, L. A. Swisher, M. Weldy and Miss Lydia McCutchen, left Tuesday.

Bishop John H. Vincent is a vigorous and thought-awakening speaker or he is nothing. His characteristic aggressiveness, choice diction and wonderful harmony of gesture and sentiment, make him an attractive and appetizing orator.—Ohio State Journal Hear him lecture on "That Boy," at the Opera House to-night.

The Phi Delta Phi added another of the Professors of the Law Department to their honorary membership, last night, in the initiation of Judge Edward P. Reeds. M. B. Williams, '99, was also introduced into the mysteries of the Greek letters. Chief Justice Deemer, with the other honorary members assisted in the ceremonies. A sumptuous repast was afterwards served in the hall.

Oberlin College, Ohio, was the first college in the United States to admit female students.

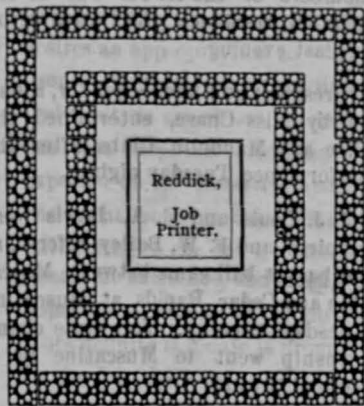

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