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JUSTICE DAVID J. BREWER

Will Deliver the Law Commencement Address.

THE GOOD FORTUNE OF IOWA UNIVERSITY IN SECURING THIS EMINENT JURIST.

Although the Law Department has always been fortunate in securing able and notable Commencement orators, never in its history has such a privilege been offered to its graduates and to the University as a whole, as is the address that will be given at the Law commencement on the eighth of next June.

The Faculty of the Law Department has been successful, after negotiations extending over four or five months, in securing an acceptance by Justice David J. Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, of an invitation to deliver the Law Commencement address before the class of '98.

Chancellor McClain has just received a letter from this leading American lawyer and jurist, wherein he has formally expressed his willingness and intention to accept the invitation tendered to him by our Law Faculty.

Not only the Law Department, but the entire University and the visitors who fill Iowa City during graduation time, are to be congratulated upon the success of the Law Faculty's efforts in securing Justice Brewer. It is indeed an honor to the class of '98 to have such a man for their Commencement orator, but it is a greater and more signal honor to S. U. I. to have him employ his valuable time and brilliant talents for our benefit and in our behalf. Chancellor McClain and his colleagues have the thanks of every student, alumnus and friend of Iowa University for providing this unusual treat for graduation week.

Justice Brewer is so well known throughout the length and breadth of the land that any remarks as to his career are perhaps unnecessary. Following, however, is a short sketch of his life:

He was born in 1837 in Smyrna, Asia, his father being a missionary. His mother was a member of the famous Field family, and Justice Brewer is therefore a nephew of Justice Field, who has just retired from the Supreme bench of the United States, after the longest service on record in that court; he is also a nephew of David Dudley Field, the famous advocate in this country of codification, and one of our most eminent lawyers; Cyrus W. Field, the originator of the project of laying the Atlantic cable, is also his uncle.

Justice Brewer graduated at Yale and afterwards took his law course in the Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1858. He entered upon the practice of law in Kansas, and from 1870 to 1881 was judge of the Supreme Court in that state; in 1884 he was appointed judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the 8th circuit, and in 1889 was appointed to his present position as a member of

the Supreme Court of the United States.

He is one of the most popular of the Supreme Court justices, and is prominent as a public speaker; what he says is always such as to attract attention, and a notable and exceptional address is assured.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

A STUDENT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT PASSES AWAY.

The members of the Law Department were greatly shocked, yesterday morning, by the announcement of the death of Harry L. Gamble.

Mr. Gamble was taken ill only last Saturday, and although after a diagnosis of the case the physicians pronounced the symptoms that of appendicitis, it was not considered as especially serious. He was removed late in the afternoon to the new hospital, and his relatives notified.

The doctors decided upon an operation Sunday afternoon, which was successful, but a complication of appendicitis and peritonitis was noticed. His father and sister arrived in the city Monday, and did all in their power for his relief, but he gradually sank, until death relieved him of his sufferings a few minutes before nine o'clock yesterday morning. The report of his death has cast a gloom of sorrow over the members of the Law school and the University in general.

The members of the Senior Law class accompanied the remains to the depot at 8:48 this morning. The interment will take place at Perry, Ia.

Mr. Gamble was about 24 years of age, and leaves a sister and father to mourn the loss of a dutiful and loving brother and son, his mother having died a short time ago. In his short acquaintance in this city he impressed those with whom he came in contact as a gentleman of upright character, noble virtues, ever kind, genial and companionable, and in his death the class has lost one of its brightest members. The entire sympathy of the Faculty and students of the University is extended to the bereaved relatives.

The following resolutions were passed by the Law class of '98:

As the all merciful God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst Harry Lee Gamble, a dutiful son, an affectionate brother and a beloved classmate, we bow to his decree, and mourn the loss of him who has departed.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Law class of '98 of the State University of Iowa do extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved father and sister in their deep affliction, realizing that in him the class has lost a faithful and conscientious student, a noble and honorable member.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the father and sister of the deceased; that a copy be inserted in the University and city papers, and that they be spread on the minutes of the class record.

THOS. F. LEE,
CHAS. W. HACKLER,
E. FLOYD SHARP,
Committee.

THE CALAMITY HOWLER.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE BY PROFESSOR WILCOX.

A large crowd greeted the Professor of History at Close Hall last evening. This was the fourth of the series of lectures given for the benefit of the Public Library, and proved to be as instructive and interesting as the others.

Every man is more or less a fool except to himself. A person must look at himself or at others. If his eyes are turned inward, he forgets how large others are; if he looks only at others he forgets how small he himself is.

The world is full of men. The words of the calamity howler make the greater part of this noise. The calamity howler has always existed. Noah, Demosthenes, and Cicero were branded as howlers of ancient times, while Burke and Wendell Phillips are latter day representatives.

The calamity howler renders an actual service, although the grain is hidden in much chaff. The howler cries out against the failure of marriage. Men marry for money, for social position and—occasionally for love. Young people marry too young, and before preparing for a home. Divorces and separations portend naught but evil. The church is attacked as a place to wear good clothes, to keep sober, and to give money. But the ones who attend least, howl the most. The increase of the city population and the concentration of wealth in the hands of the few, are subjects for the "howler's" howl.

The economic basis of life is often underestimated or overlooked. The calamity howler emphasizes the bread and butter phase of life.

The calamity howler often charges evils to the constitution of the United States which are due to the constitution of human nature. He cries out that it is not our area and population but the character of our citizens that will insure the stability of our country. Mayhap our nation needs the service of the calamity howler, and it would be well to heed some of his advice and keep on the right track. Certainly grave evils confront us, but evils taken rightly work out for the good. The people are gaining in intelligence and prosperity. The net result of humanity's struggles are for the best.

FOOT BALL OUTLOOK.

CAPTAIN HOBBS' VIEWS ON THE COMING TEAM.

In the interest of the Athletic Union, the President-elect interviewed Captain Hobbs, who will soon leave the city, having finished his work, in regard to outlook for a winning '98 foot ball team. In response to the question: "What do you think the chances are for a winning 'Varsity team?" the new captain replied:

"My plan is to have all men return for practice as early as possible. I shall try hard to get out a large num-

ber of men to practice. I shall assure to every man a fair and equal chance to try for the team. Honest, faithful work shall be rewarded. It is my plan and desire to have the best team that has carried the old gold in many years.

"It seems to me," he continued, "that the chances are very flattering for a winning team. All the men who played on the team at the close of the season will return except Captain Walker and Joe H. Meyers, our famous half-back. These two men we cannot easily replace. They would be a great loss to any team. But there are several men of reputation who are expected to enter the University the coming year, and then the new men who entered too late to make the team this year will return early, determined to gain a position on the team. I feel certain, in looking over the field, that there will be no difficulty in getting out forty or fifty men to practice. If this can be done there will be no question about having a winning team. We do not lack material. What we do lack is the proper spirit. Our men are as large and strong as those on the eastern teams, and with the same determination and spirit we could play just as good foot ball.

"I have great confidence in Manager Munger. I believe that all the boys feel that he is the man for the place. I am certain that he will use every effort to secure profitable games.

"I hope that every student in the University will feel a personal interest in the team, and manifest this interest by watching the practice."

Such statements, coming from one of the experience of Captain Hobbs, are certainly gratifying, not only to the students, but to all who are interested in the athletics of S. U. I. We can see no reason why his expectations should not be realized and his hopes gratified. Our athletics are in the best condition that they have been in for years. It is true that we are still in debt. But the students have already contributed an amount sufficient to pay this year's deficit, which was over three hundred dollars. A greater interest is being taken in the 'Varsity teams, not only by the students, but by the business men of the city. This certainly augurs well for the future of athletics at S. U. I.

The lack of proper spirit, and the clouds of financial embarrassment which have darkened our horizon, are fast fading away before the dawn of a brighter day. Interest is aroused, and steps are being taken to meet all our obligations. Let us all labor faithfully to place our athletics on an honorable and permanent foundation.

Notice.

There will be an athletic meeting of the Freshman class at Close Hall, Friday, at 3:30 p. m. Important.

J. M. BROCKWAY, Mgr.

Keator, captain of the Yale base ball nine of last year, is coaching the Yale base ball candidates.

President McKinley will visit Carlisle during the commencement exercises of Dickinson College.

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Our Inter-Collegiate Debates.

It was not long since that we had prospects of holding four inter collegiate debates this year. The preliminary arrangements were made for contests with Wisconsin, Northwestern and Nebraska, while the annual Minnesota debate was a certainty.

After a long meeting of the Debating League last evening, it was decided to accept Wisconsin's terms, although they were very unsatisfactory, as they allow us but one week in which to submit a question, and they require three weeks to choose sides. But it was so late that it seemed best not to delay longer, and the debaters will accordingly submit a question.

In a recent number of the Northwestern the statement appeared that as it was so late in the season, it was probable that no debate could be arranged. A clipping from the Hesperian (University of Nebraska) printed elsewhere, states that the contest with S. U. I. will probably be declared off, as neither side will pay the expenses.

This will leave us with but two debates, and while we should be glad to meet our sister schools in the forensic arena, it would not be well to establish a precedent of holding debates with more than two or perhaps three schools a year. But it seems imperative that we make some definite arrangements for contests in the future, and form some kind of a permanent league for annual debates.

Popularity of Forensic Contests.

Never before has there been so much interest taken in the various literary contests. At the preliminaries the crowds were larger than in previous years, in spite of the fact that there is now an admission charged. At the inter-class debates the Halls



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are nearly always crowded to their utmost capacity. At the Oratorical Contest it is the first time for years that the participators have not had to speak over a dozen rows of empty seats.

It is certain that the student body, the Faculty and the citizens of Iowa City are all beginning to realize the importance of these contests, and the intense rivalry between the societies is always surity for thorough preparation and an utmost endeavor to win, which makes the contests both interesting and profitable.

Probably no full study takes as much actual time as the preparation for one of the big debates, and it is inevitable that some of the school work must be neglected, but for all this the debater receives no credit for his work. A number of Freshmen who entered last fall said that they came here because of the reputation the University had for doing fine literary work, and our victories over our sister institutions have done much to advertise "old gold." If for no other reason, the 'Varsity should recognize the debaters, and when it is necessary for them to slight other work, or take less than they otherwise should, it seems no more than just to them that they receive credit for their forensic work. This, moreover, would give an added impetus to the underclass work to excell in these lines. The school and students would both be benefited and neither would lose by such a move.

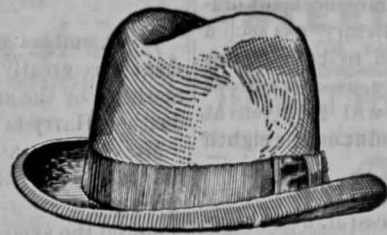
The Hesperian (U. of Neb.) says of the proposed Iowa-Nebraska debate: "The debating association met Wednesday to arrange for the final contests next Friday and Saturday. The matter relative to the debate with Iowa was considered. The prospects for a debate with that institution are not so favorable as they were some time ago. It seems that neither S. U. I. nor U. of N. is willing to bear the expenses incident to such a contest."

Farewell.
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FACT AND RUMOR.

L. A. Swisher has resigned from the Wisconsin debate.

The base ball candidates were practicing at the Athletic Park yesterday.

Professor Wilcox will give the first installment of his examinations to-morrow.

Companies C and D had guard mount yesterday, which was the last drill of the term.

Lieutenant Ely has been giving final examinations in tactics to his classes this week.

R. L. Hardy, L. '98, who has been absent during the winter term, has again joined his class.

A large number of students were in attendance at the lecture given by Professor Wilcox last evening.

We have now been authentically informed that the '99 Hawkeye will be placed on sale to-morrow morning.

Dr. Edward Decker, C. '95, M. '97, of Davenport, is visiting his brother Geo. M. of the Senior Dental class.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Shrader gave a reception to the students and Faculty of the Medical department last evening.

At the Athletic Union meeting at Grinnell, last Thursday afternoon, H. L. Shepard was elected as base ball captain for the coming season.

H. A. Fuller, L. '98, who has been reading law at his home at Mr. Ayr, Ia., during the past two terms, has returned to take examinations, and will remain during the spring term.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

A movement is on foot among generous and enterprising business men to aid the Athletic Union. They propose various plans towards raising money to liquidate a portion of the association's debt.

The many friends of Ned B. Reh-koff, '00, will regret to learn that he will not return to the University next term. Mr. Reh-koff has accepted an appointment as cadet at West Point, and will leave shortly for that institution.

W. I. Cain, a Sophomore, is dangerously ill at 432 South Dubuque St. His parents have been summoned from Algona. While playing basket ball at the gymnasium a few days ago, he scratched his foot. The wound was slight, but blood poison has set in and the limb will probably have to be amputated.

Following is the report of the Hellenic Whist Deague held at Delta Tau Delta, March 15th: Sigma Nu vs. Xi Psi Phi, Allen and Klingsberg for Sigma Nu, Lowry and Wilson for Xi Psi Phi, Sigma Nu winning by 8 points. Beta Theta Pi forfeit to Delta Tau Delta. Phi Alpha Gamma forfeit to Phi Delta Theta.

The La Vake Murder.

William O. La Vake, a graduate of the Law Department, and prominent in legal circles in this State, was shot down as he sat at his office desk. The crime was committed about 5:30 Tuesday evening. He was alone in his office at the time, and the details of the crime are surrounded in mystery. About six o'clock three men entered the office and discovered the lifeless body lying in a pool of blood. Four bullet holes, fired with unerring aim into a vital spot, indicated the manner in which Mr. La Vake met his death. Police were immediately summoned, and a large detail set to work, but even yet the affair is surrounded with mystery. One clue only has been found. A blacksmith was suspected, and upon investigation, blood spots were found on his clothes. A revolver newly reloaded was found in his room.

Mr. La Vake was a young man in the legal profession. He graduated from the Law School here in '95, and since has become quite prominent as lawyer. He achieved an enviable political reputation, and ranks high in the order of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. La Vake as a student was well known here, and took a prominent part in University work. He was a classmate of County Attorney Dutcher, and a few years ago entered into the practice of law, forming a partnership with State Senator Malloy.

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