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## TRACK ATHLETICS.

THE TRACK TEAM HAS SETTLED DOWN TO WORK.

Down at the Athletic Park affairs are fast assuming a business like aspect. Our athletes,—or a number of them, at least,—have settled down to steady work with a determination, evident in their every movement, to win,—if to win by faithful effort and close application be possible.

Probably never since the day when Iowa's wonderful sprinter raised the banner of Old Gold before the eyes of the entire world, has such athletic enthusiasm and confidence pervaded the atmosphere about Iowa's campus, as is manifested every hour of these April days, on the campus and in the Park—wherever students congregate. It may be the fact that the man in charge, who "discovered" and trained our Crum, has much to do with this feeling of confidence,—maybe not. At any rate it exists. We breathe it in at every breath; and as we breathe we smile softly to ourselves and with satisfaction murmur under our breath: "Let Grinnell look to her honors this year."

Everybody is enthusiastic, everybody confident that "our boys" will win. This feeling is not without its effect on the men now at work, and should be instrumental in bringing out dozens of other candidates for fame and glory on the field.

It is impossible, at this early date, to make any prediction as to who will probably be Iowa's representatives in the several events at the State and Dual Meets. Indeed, no one—or at least not more than one or two—of the men already at work, is certain of a place on the team. New men are entering the lists daily, and it will be far from surprising if some of these, at least, do not give the veterans the inspiration of some very close competition.

Not a few are working with no thought of winning any special honors, but simply for the physical benefit they may derive therefrom. None are more gladly welcome at the park, and none show more attention than these, for they seek that for which athletics primarily exist, and the more workers, the more enthusiasm,—and the more enthusiasm, the greater our hope of victory. And who knows if the keen eye of "Dad" Moulton may not pick a winner or two from among the modest ones.

Among those who will probably be after honors on the team, and who are now in training, may be classified the following:

For the sprints—Prall, Chase and Anderson, C. '99, Gulliver, L. '99, and Allen and Long, L. '98.

Runs—Brown, Mantz, Davies, Louis, and Berry, C. '01, Gray and Reid, C. '00, Barber and Yule, C. '99, and Meister, L. '98.

Shot and Hammer—Brockway, C. '01, Blackmore and Kingland, C. '00, Chase and Neal, C. '99, Myers, L. '98, Pain, Bernard, and Johnson.

Jumps—Louis, Freligh, Neal and Hull, C. '99, and Williams, Freeman, and Thompson, C. '01.

Pole vault—Shaver, L. '99, Hecht and Mason, C. '00, Neal, C. '99, and Pain.

Hurdles—Kitterman. Walk—Williams, C. '99, Bailey and Brackett, C. '01, Humphrey, C. '00, and Walker, L. '99.

Bicycle—Brockway and Holson, D. '01, Tellus, D. '99, Koontz, C. '01, Whitcomb and Harvey, C. '00, and Roach, C. '99.

### Erodelphian Special Program.

The following special program will be given in North Hall by the Freshmen Erodelphians, Saturday evening. Admission, 10 cents.

#### A MOUSE TRAP. (Wm. Dean Howells.)

Willis Campbell ..... Will Loomis  
Mr. Somers ..... Ethel Hathway  
Mrs. Curwen ..... Selma Daum  
Mas. Roberts ..... Loulu Mann  
Mrs. Miller ..... Alice Howard  
Mrs. Bemis ..... Rita Kelley  
Jane—a maid ..... Helen Carder

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Norah ..... Floris Spurgeon  
Mrs. Glynn ..... Edith Cushing  
Stella Glynn ..... Mildred Hershire  
Ed Asbury ..... F. C. McCutchen

### Resolutions of Sympathy.

At a meeting of the class of '01, on Tuesday, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, our fellow classmates, Harold B. and Ralph V. Downing, have been bereaved in the death of their beloved mother, and

Whereas, it is meet that we, the class of '1901, should express our sympathy in their affliction, therefore be it

Resolved, that, bowing before the will of the Supreme Ruler, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our dear friends, and pray that in their bereavement they may find consolation in the Great Comforter of all. And be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our classmates, that a copy be spread upon the records of the class, and that they be published in the University papers.

ROY A. COOK,  
JANET GILCHRIST,  
GEO. R. ALLIN,  
Committee.

### Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Hawkeye Board of the class of '00, at Close Hall, Saturday, April 9th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

GEO. W. EGAN.

### Baconian.

Professor Smith will read the paper Friday evening. Subject, "Variable Stars."

### Notice.

Hereafter class work in the gymnasium will be held only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4-5 p. m. Ladies classes unchanged.

F. W. BAILEY.

## JUNIOR PROM.

THIS IMPORTANT EVENT TO BE HELD APRIL 29TH.

Although it may seem superfluous to the older students to comment to any extent upon an affair which has become so firmly established in the social calendar of the year, as is the Junior Promenade, yet for the benefit of the uninitiated it is only proper to call attention to the great popularity and success of the Annual Junior promenades that have been held in the past. But elaborate as have been past efforts, the class of '99 in completing arrangements has plainly outstripped all former competitors. Strasser's Orchestra, of Davenport, has been engaged, and over four hundred invitations issued.

In addition to University people, large numbers from surrounding towns have expressed their intention of attending, thus evincing the interest shown even outside of the University, and assuring a large attendance.

But especially should it be borne in mind that this is peculiarly an entertainment given by the class of '99, and under the direct control of a committee appointed by the class. Since this is so, it devolves in particular upon Juniors to attend and make the event both in name and reality a JUNIOR Promenade.

### Nebraskans Have a Time.

The last Nebraskan contained a lengthy account of an exciting time which the students of the University of Nebraska had by means of a dummy: Following is an extract from the article:

"Yesterday was a day of excitement in the University. It developed from a few students gathering on the campus at noon into a howling mob which paraded the streets in the evening.

"The first visible signs of the excitement that was to be, were discovered by the janitor in the basement shortly before noon. The germ of the whole affair was contained in two gunny sacks. The janitor, however, did not realize their significance and took no action in the matter. During the noon hour these two gunny sacks, together with their contents, developed a remarkable affinity for one another, and in the hands of unknown students they quickly materialized into a good looking dummy or effigy. It was secretly carried into the tower of the main building, and the first that outsiders knew of the affair was when what seemed to be a man was dangling from the flagstaff with a rope around his neck. Beneath the figure was placed a large sign which read: "Down With Spain."

"Meanwhile the affair was arousing a great deal of interest and excitement, as the man on the flagstaff could be seen all over the city. He flapped his legs in the wind in a most despondent sort of way, and looked absolutely dejected. Whether it was intended to represent Sagasta, Weyler or Blanco, could not be determined by the features of the effigy. About one o'clock King came along. He saw

the dummy and his duty at about the same time, and consequently he went up and hauled the dummy down."

The article goes on to say that the students, not being satisfied with the affair thus far, proceeded to make a determined effort to obtain the dummy in opposition to the University authorities. Forming a flying wedge the students made an assault upon the attic in which the object of their search was concealed. The doors, however, were locked, and guarded by the janitor. He, in an evil moment, thoughtlessly stepped into the chapel gallery and was instantly made a prisoner by closing the door, which the students did, and at the same time calling their confederates to hurry up the work of removing the screws from the door of the room. In this way a narrow entrance was pried open and a slim youth introduced whose duty was to throw the dummy to the ground below. Two other janitors, suspecting something of the sort, declared for "armed intervention," and by this time had gained entrance by other means. Finding the intrepid youth who was "just lookin' around," they arrested him with great pomp and took him to headquarters. After being found guilty of being in the attic he was released with a few words of advice.

The affair was apparently ended, but in the evening an immense crowd of students was drawn together by an article in an evening paper which stated that the students had hung President McKinley in effigy. They emphatically declared the charge was false. Suddenly the effigy mysteriously appeared in their midst. Carrying it as a representation of the editor, with language neither poetic nor polite, the students marched through the streets cheering McKinley and consigning Spain and the editor to lower regions. As a final and fitting climax the effigy was burned by the Nebraskans.

A graduate from Cambridge loses his degree and his name is stricken from the alumni roll, if he commits any crime.

A bill relative to a National University is now under consideration in Congress and is meeting with favor, except in the Senate. Opposition of ecclesiastical origin has occurred in the committee.

Harvard will begin at once the erection of its new boat house. It will cost \$25,000, and will be 30x20 feet in dimensions, with six racks for shells and a tank 65 feet long. On the second floor will be the rowing apparatus.

The Yale crew has received an invitation from the Allgemeiner Allster Club, of Hamburg, to take part in the international regatta to be held in Germany next July. On account of previous arrangements Yale will be unable to participate.

The chief mathematician of the observatory of the University of Paris is an American girl, who with three men assistants, makes the complicated calculations for astronomical observers. She has taken degrees in mathematics and astronomy, and obtained her position by superior merit.

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**Chapel.**

It is semi-publicly announced that chapel exercises will be held in the near future—not held regularly, but once and once only—the occasion being the yearly pilgrimage of the denizens of the second floor of the Central building.

**The New Building.**

Before many weeks work will be begun on the new Collegiate building, which promises to be one of extraordinary beauty and grandeur. When it is considered that its cost will be \$150,000, while that of the new Hospital was but \$50,000, its size may be conjectured.

In addition to this the plans were endorsed by one of the foremost designers in the United States, by a man whose success at the World's Fair was excelled by none.

Suffice to say the completed building will fill a long felt want, and will be an object of pride to the institution and to Iowa City.

**Our Debates.**

Although at an earlier time in the year it appeared as though S. U. I. was to greatly increase the number of her intercollegiate debates, holding three and possibly four such contests, yet one by one the number has been decreased until at present the schedule consists of but a single number—S. U. I. vs. U. of M.

This may appear somewhat immaterial to many, but to the careful student of the records and standing of our University, it is significant beyond measure.

Excepting debate, our literary record has been far from enviable; again and again we have seen ourselves outdone in oratorical lines by men whose only prestige was by their superior advantages of training. In debate, and in debate alone, where we were placed

on an equal footing, have we continually been victorious.

Although we confidently expect a repetition of our former feats in our Minnesota team, yet one victory brings but small glory compared to two or more.

In the interest of the literary societies, in the interest of the University at large, let negotiations be completed this year for at least two debates in 1898-9, and our only stronghold of favorable comparison with other similar institutions be at least maintained and not allowed to decay.

A movement for the erection of dormitories has been started at Cornell.

The annual dual track meet between Illinois and Purdue will be held May 7 at Champaign.

Stanford University is to have a new training house for its track team which will cost about \$1,500.

It is announced that an Australian crew has entered and will compete in the Henley regatta this year.

More than \$3,000,000 has been pledged to the University of California to be expended on buildings.

Professor E. B. Frost, of Dartmouth College, has been appointed a member of the staff of the great Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago.

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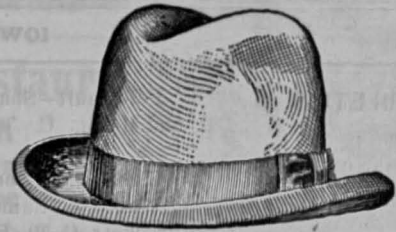
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**FACT AND RUMOR.**

Dean Currier is quite sick.

Inez Mortland has left school.

Phi Deltas give a party Friday night.

Wm. Eberhart fell off his wheel and was slightly injured.

Margaret Safford returned last night from her vacation.

Remember the Erodolphian special program Saturday evening.

Dress parade to-morrow followed by a concert by the band.

Mrs. Lien and daughter Agnes, are visiting with Miss Slater, '00.

Professor Van Steenderen has started a new Spanish class of twelve members.

Robert L. Reilley, of Wapello, enrolled in the Law department this week.

Frank E. La Force, C. '97, has just completed his first year at the Keokuk Medical College.

Work, L. '99, has entered for the Spring term's work, after being out of school for some time.

The State L. A. W. meet is to be held in this city July 4 and 5. It promises to be a great success.

Howard D. Gray will be here a few days next week. He then goes to Chicago to continue his medical studies.

John Prall has placed at the disposal of the public library reading room the representative weekly publication of the Young Men's Christian Association of America, entitled Men.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

Owing to the improvements being made in South Hall, there will be no Zetagathian program Friday night.

Albert G. Wambach, '00, will not return to school this term, but intends to enter the Law department next fall.

Walter Pringle, of Clermont, has entered the Dental department. He will be a valuable addition to the ball team.

Leonard B. Robinson, a graduate of S. U. I., has an interesting article in the April Outing entitled "Canoeing on the Iowa."

The Hammond Law Senate is busily engaged in preparing a very elaborate program which the Senators hope to render in the near future.

Miss Fuchs, who has just finished her medical course here, has gone to Sioux City to prepare for a trip to Europe. She starts for Berlin next month, where she will continue her medical studies.

Great and increasing interest is being manifested along athletic lines. The crowds of eager spectators who watch our a letes train become larger constantly as the merits of the men become better known.

The Cedar Rapids Republican says of the battalion's recent action: "The S. U. I. battalion has offered its services to the government almost to a man, and will be ready for instant service if their should be a call for troops. In 1861 the colleges were practically depopulated, and it would be the case should the call come now. It is from such sources and the National Guard that the flower of the army would come."

The editor of the Daily Republican, of this city, is dissatisfied with the proposed location of the new Collegiate building. He says: "The old Dental building should come down at once as a means of safety; the old Medical building has already outlived its usefulness. The locations of these two old rattletraps are the most sightly in the entire city. Then why leave them standing and place the new Collegiate building, that is to be an example of fine architecture and adaptability to the purpose for which it is intended, exactly where it will show off at the least advantage? We understand the building as planned would easily go in between the old Medical building and the Central building.

During the past week many important orders for the building up of the library have been given. The list includes American Journal of Science, 150 vol.; Blackwood's Magazine, 158 vol.; Critic (complete set); Edinburgh Review, 182 vol.; North American Review, 153 vol.; Political Science Quarterly, 7 vol.; Popular Science Monthly, 52 vol.; Revue des Deux Mondes, 208 vol.; Jahrbuch, vol. 1 to 10. More orders will be given soon. Of the magazines ordered many are unbound, and for that reason will not be immediately available. They will be prepared as soon as possible for use, and it is hoped the greater part can be made ready before the spring term closes.

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