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Hammond Law Senate.

Notwithstanding the threatening weather in the early part of the evening, there were but very few vacant chairs when the president called the Hammond Law Senate to order last evening.

The program was opened by a pleasing piano solo by Mrs. Popham, which received a hearty encore.

"Education" was the subject of an appreciated declamation by Senator Smith.

Senator Hanley, from Maryland, was called upon for an extemporaneous speech on the question: "What is the best course for the United States to take in reference to the Cuban question." Mr. Hanley was in favor of a peaceable settlement, if possible, but if the demands of the United States were not satisfied in that way he was in favor of war.

Senator from Nebraska, Miss Eversmeyer, read a well prepared essay on "War."

The next number was an oration by Senator Korf on the past and present questions the United States have settled and are now about to settle. The oration was well written and was very fitting under the present state of affairs.

The debate of the evening was on Bill No. 693: "Be it enacted by the Hammond Law Senate that prohibition is preferable to high license in dealing with the liquor traffic." Senators Allen and Newboldt affirming it, and Senators Johnson and Liffing denying. Although an old question the interest was remarkable. Each Senator was well prepared and excellent arguments were made for both sides. The bill was carried by a vote of 17 to 6.

The program was closed with a pleasing vocal solo by Senator Wiloughby.

College Jingoism.

Under the above heading, the University of Wisconsin Cardinal says of the recent affair at Michigan University: "A strange spectacle was presented last Saturday when the students of the University of Michigan turned out en masse, and after a rousing celebration burned General Weyler in effigy. The fact that Michigan students are patriotic, and are enthusiastic for the interest of their country, we had supposed to be so patent as to need no demonstration. But we cannot help feeling that an outburst of such evident jingoism, such an exhibition of frantical and partisan fervor, ought to have no place among the students of a great University. There seems to us to be very little difference between this act and the insults to our own flag which have been perpetrated by students at the Spanish Universities, and which have roused such indignation among the American people. If radicalism is rampant in our colleges it can not but have an inflammatory effect upon the people of the country."

Northwestern is to have a kicking and punting contest this spring, winners to be awarded with medals and other trophies.

Hellenic Whist League.

Following is the present standing of the Hellenic Whist League: Sigma Nu, 833 per cent; Phi Delta Phi, 833 per cent; Delta Tau Delta, 833 per cent; Phi Delta Theta, 333 per cent; Beta Theta Pi, 000 per cent; Phi Alpha Gamma, 000 per cent; Xi Psi Phi, 000 per cent.

The Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Phi and Delta Tau Delta teams having tied, they will play out the finals within the next week.

At the contest Thursday evening, Sigma Nu won from Phi Delta Phi by 10 points. Phi Alpha Gamma forfeited to Delta Tau Delta.

Some of the teams that have a low per cent, and those with none, failed to play at the appointed time, thereby forfeiting to those with the higher per cent.

Honor System at Michigan.

The Junior Medical class at the University of Michigan held a meeting recently for the purpose of considering the adoption of the honor system in all further examinations this year. Some of the members of the Medical Faculty have been indifferent in offering to continue the system, claiming that it has not proven entirely satisfactory. However, the Faculty expressed themselves as willing to continue the system if the class as a whole voted to adopt it again. The sentiment is about equally divided in the class, many members declaring that they do not care to be held responsible for the honesty or dishonesty of their fellow members. Also the sentiment has been expressed that if it is only a question of the professor or the student being a policeman, then it should be the professor. It is expected, however that the class will accept the system to maintain the practice already instituted.

Iowa State College in Line.

This week's I. S. C. Student says: "The cool deliberation of the mass-meeting on Monday evening, and the unanimous verdict of the student body that the cadets of the Iowa State College are not wanting in a full share of that sound, undefiled patriotism which is the corner stone upon which our Ship of State rests. It took but a moment for one hundred and fifteen men to decide that their services were their country's. Iowa State College can well feel proud at the action of her sons. No bombastic oratory, no jingoism, no burning of flags, no candidacy for cheap notoriety and newspaper advertisement; instead, an almost painful realization of the gravity of the situation, a fervent commendation of McKinley's pacific policy, and a declaration of readiness and willingness to go to the front the moment needed."

Senior Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Senior class at Close Hall, Tuesday, April 12, at 4:30 sharp. Committees please be ready to report. Every member of the class is solicited to attend, as business of great importance will be transacted. J. R. FRAILEY, Pres.

Irving.

The regular weekly program of Irving Institute was presented to a large audience in North Hall last evening.

A fine banjo duet by Messrs Call and Dunkel opened the program. A hearty encore greeted the young artists, and they responded with a beautiful selection.

Ralph Otto, the retiring president of Irving, then, in a neat speech, introduced Fred H. Blume as the presiding officer for the spring term. In accepting the gavel, the gentleman responded with an eloquent inaugural address.

A declamation entitled "Two Knights" was beautifully rendered by W. J. Springer. The story of his modern knight was finely told.

H. E. Taylor then spoke upon "The Cuban Peace Policy." The speaker reviewed, in a thorough, concise manner the present trend of affairs. The gentleman deserves especial commendation for the presentation of old facts in a new way, and also for the able and conservative sentiments expressed.

The debate on the question: "Resolved, that the United States Senate was right in the rejection of the Anglo-American treaty," was affirmed by Messrs. Williams and Dickinson, and denied by Messrs. Cass and Garrett.

Mr. Williams, in opening for the affirmative, presented the provisions of the treaty under question, and then laid special stress upon the inimical attitude of England toward America, which the speaker urged would be the ultimate sacrifice of justice. The lack of enforcing power was also deprecated by the speaker.

Mr. Cass ably opened the debate for the negative. The gentleman showed the dire results of a modern war, and proposed arbitration as a substitute more just and more economical.

In continuing the debate Mr. Dickinson skillfully refuted the points brought forth by the affirmative. The practicability of the arbitration treaty was questioned, and the more efficient and effective policy of mediation was advocated by the affirmative.

Mr. Garrett, in closing for the negative, maintained that party lines and jealousy defeated the treaty in the Senate. The gentleman ably set forth the argument that Anglo-American arbitration was practical, and also that such a treaty would decrease hostilities between England and America.

Mr. Dickinson, in a sharp rebuttal of three minutes' duration, skillfully replied to the opponents' points, and carefully reviewed the situation.

A vocal solo by Mr. Nicholas continued the program. The selection was artistically rendered, and needless to say the effort of this vocalist was heartily encored. The gentleman responded with a beautiful selection.

L. A. Rue then spoke on the "Primary Election Law." The speaker showed the danger of repeaters and corrupt politicians at the primaries. The effectiveness of the new law was emphasized and commended.

Mr. Egan then rendered the poem: "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin

and the Fodder's in the Shock," and being heartily encored, declaimed "How Casey Hit the Ball."

A humorous speech by Mr. Fralley closed the program.

The debate was decided two in the affirmative.

The results of the religious census of the State Universities have recently been published by Professor Francis W. Kelsey, of the University of Michigan. These figures have been compared with those of a similar census of the Presbyterian denomination. It should be said that Professor Kelsey was formerly a professor in Lake Forest University, a Presbyterian institution. Some of the main conclusions may be summed up briefly: "The statistics show, first, that the majority of all the students in the State Universities are members of churches, about one-half being members of the so-called Evangelical churches. In sixteen separate State Universities, at least one student in every six belongs by membership or affiliation, to the Methodist Episcopal church. At the University of Michigan, last year, there were more than three-fourths as many Presbyterian students as at Princeton University. At the State Universities of Illinois and Indiana, there were more than twice as many Presbyterian students as at the four Presbyterian colleges in the two states." It appears that at the present time there are more Presbyterian students in seventeen State universities than in all the thirty-seven Presbyterian colleges reckoned together.

Twenty-five men are in active training for track events at Minnesota.

Nebraska is agitating the song book question.

Wisconsin has completed her schedule of base ball games for the season. Twenty-one games will be played.

At the girls' field day, at the University of Nebraska, a game of base ball by teams composed of young ladies will be a feature of the program.

The students of Ohio State University have organized a Waichword Club, which has for its purpose the prevention of the use of slang in that institution.

The Wisconsin University song book, which has been in preparation for some time past, is nearing completion, and will soon be issued. It will contain many old songs, favorites with the students, and several written especially for this publication.

The following subject has been chosen by Harvard for the Harvard-Princeton debate, which is to be held in Cambridge on May 6: "Resolved, that the present restrictions on immigration into the United States are insufficient." The choice of sides on this question will fall to Princeton.

Mrs. Stanford is going to fit up a large assembly hall for the use of the men of the University. Billiard tables, fully equipped, and tables for periodicals, and reading and writing, will be placed in the room. The movement is intended to afford greater opportunities for social life among the men of the University.

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Base Ball.

On every hand is heard the general approval of the schedule that has been arranged for the coming season, and judging by the interest in practice—both by the candidates for positions and the spectators—our team promises to be an unusually strong one. The season opens in about a week, when five games will be played with Cedar Rapids. This will give Captain O'Connor an opportunity to test the boys "under fire," and will result in weeding out the poorer players, and having a well organized team ready to "play ball" when we meet the other colleges.

The scheme for playing a number of games at the beginning of the season with some prominent team, is a new one, and will undoubtedly prove highly satisfactory, for both teams will get more practice than if they played with their own "scrubs."

A noticeable feature is that there are more games than usual scheduled for the home grounds. This is as it should be, for it is the home games that pay, financially at least, and then there is more interest in games played here.

Captain O'Connor has made no assignments, and judging by the number of players, few, if any, are certain, as yet, of positions. If the boys keep up their practice with as much enthusiasm as they now show, there is every reason to believe that we will have a winning team this year.

The Collegiate Building Location.

The location for the new Collegiate building is satisfactory to no one, and there is no doubt but what the students and Faculty would rise en masse if such a move would change the decision of the powers.

The smallness of the campus is a misfortune to the school, and the mere thought of encroaching upon its

present bounds meets with nothing but disapproval. However, its location is settled, and further criticism would be nothing but a waste of words. We ought rather to rejoice that we are to have a new building, a building, moreover, that will be adequate to the needs of the Collegiate department.

There is another question which the erection of the building will bring up, and that is, will the Military department be abolished, and if not, where can the battalion drill? Everyone who knows anything about the drill realizes how difficult it is to execute the various battalion movements on our present grounds. When so large a section of the campus will be occupied by the new structure, it will be impossible for the four companies to drill at once. While a number of the students would be glad to see the Military department abolished, it is very improbable that this would be done.

It has been suggested that the athletic park be utilized for a drill ground. This is objectionable as being farther away, and the absence of trees would make it extremely warm in the spring and fall. But it would give much better opportunity for battalion maneuvers, and would probably be the most available place.

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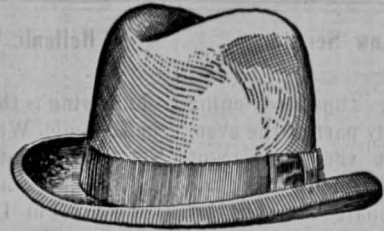
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The Zets gave no program last night.
Germania will give a picnic in the near future.
Serenaders have been out in force the past week.
Maud St. John, '98, is visiting in Iowa Falls over Sunday.
Erodelphian special program tonight. Admission, 10 cents.
Miss Bannister, of Ames, has entered the University this term.
Professor Currier is improving, and hopes to meet his classes Monday.
Miss English, instructor in Science at St. Katherine's, is visiting in the city.
Eberhart, '01, has been obliged to return to his home on account of illness.
Helen Larrabee, '99, has missed classes for several days on account of illness.
The Easter praise service at Close Hall to-morrow afternoon will be led by Geo. M. Johnson. Come out. Services at 4 p. m.
F. W. Moore, '01, will not be in school the remainder of this year, having accepted a position as teacher in the school at Dale, Ia. He will join his class again next fall.
Dr. B. F. Shambaugh will deliver a lecture at the Unitarian church Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be: "Theology in Its Relation to Law and Government."

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At dress parade, yesterday, Captain Soleman acted as Major—Lieutenant Ely being absent.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Powell Johnson are visiting in the city. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of S. U. I.

Sophia Balle, who has been visiting her sister Minnie Balte, left for her home in Denison to-day.

Germania has elected Nina Schaeffer, Lennie Greeley and Margaret Saffley, '00, to its membership.

The High School declamatory contest of the southern district of Iowa, was held at Colfax last night.

The boys of 1900, in a class meeting to-day, elected Hoffman manager, and Mitchell captain, of their track team.

The '00 Hawkeye Board held its first meeting to-day. Miss Page, Messrs. Reid and Remley were appointed a committee to draft a constitution. Subscription blanks will be out next week.

Dr. W. O. Lillibridge, who graduated from this year's Dental department, but has remained here to take work in bacteriology, has been summoned to his home in Akron, Iowa, by the death of his grandmother.

"Dad" Moulton is training the Grinnell team this year.—Minnesota Ariel. For Grinnell's sake we are sorry that the above is not a correct statement of fact, for our own sake we are glad that the best trainer in the west is this year in charge of the S. U. I. team.

In the Hellenic Whist League tournament, held Thursday night, the Sigma Nus defeated the Phi Delta Phis, and left a three-cornered tie, the other team being the Delta Tau Deltas. The tie will be played off, and the winners are to have the picture in Lee Brothers & Harvart's display window.

Wisconsin is raising \$2,300 to defray the expenses of sending crews to Poughkeepsie.

Prof. Stagg, of Chicago, claims to have found a phenomenon at high jumping in W. J. Schmal, who cleared the bar at five feet five inches after his first coaching.

Besides the dual meet with Michigan, Chicago will meet Illinois and Northwestern in similar contests, the former on May 14th and the latter on May 7th. All the meets will include track events and base ball games.

The annual catalogue of Northwestern University, just issued, shows a decreased attendance, as compared to last year. In all degrees conferring departments the enrollment is 2,063, against 2,113 for 1897. The school of oratory and academy have over 800, bringing the total attendance to about 3,000.

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