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AT CAMP MCKINLEY.

A LETTER FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

CAMP MCKINLEY, DES MOINES, IA., May 2, '98.

Special to the VIDETTE-REPORTER: The past few days have been days of rapid change in the organization of the Iowa troops in quarters here. As is well known, the original call upon Iowa was for three regiments of infantry and two batteries. As the Iowa National Guard was composed of four regiments of infantry, it was apparent that one regiment would have to be left behind. But when the authorities began to figure on the basis of men, rather than regiments, it was evident that the Guard contained not more than a sufficient number to complete the full three regiments.

That every drilled man might have the opportunity of serving the flag, therefore, the Governor decided to summon all four regiments to Des Moines. They came, they camped, they drilled.

On Thursday last Governor Shaw addressed the four regiments, stating the facts in the case, and called upon every officer who was willing to be reduced to the ranks and take his chances on promotion with the rest, to step two paces to the front. Not an officer refused. When it came to the men, not one refused to serve under such officers as might be placed over them. Everything, therefore, seemed satisfactory, and it was understood that the new organization was to be so made.

However, murmurs of dissatisfaction soon began to arise, and grew louder as the hours passed. The authorities held a consultation and decided that the better plan would be to accept three regiments as they now stood, to be recruited to the full numbers, and to send the other regiment home, but permitting men from the unlucky regiment to enlist in the other three. When it leaked out that the first would be the unfortunate regiment, a mighty roar arose in the land, and prominent men galore, with Judge Hubbard, of Cedar Rapids, at their head, began to protest. The situation had become intensely unpleasant to say the least, when Saturday afternoon a message came stating that Senators Allison and Gear, and Congressmen Dolliver and Hagar had prevailed upon the President to accept four regiments of three battalions and the two batteries.

Now everybody in the infantry companies was happy. But the outcome was most distasteful to the S. U. I. boys who had come to Des Moines to enlist in the battery. Several of them have returned to the University. Others have enlisted in infantry companies.

It adds to one's pride in the Varsity to observe with what zeal captains of companies not yet full seek for S. U. I. boys to fill the vacancies. The minute you say you have drilled at the State University, that settles it; you are their man if they can persuade you. There are about 60 of the S. U. I. boys now enlisted in various com-

panies. I will endeavor to send the VIDETTE-REPORTER a complete list of the names and companies as soon as one is obtainable.

Since last Thursday, Captain Holsteen has acted as Captain of the battery company, until it was disbanded Sunday. During the time of its brief existence this organization was a very popular one, requests coming from college men all over the State for places in the ranks of one of the battery companies.

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Wedding Bells.

CARR-ALFORD.

The student body was greatly surprised, yesterday, when it was rumored about the University that Mr. Hubert Carr and Miss Della Alford, both of the class of '99, had been united in marriage. The event took place at the home of bride's mother in Waterloo, Iowa, on Saturday evening, April 30th.

Even the most intimate friends were ignorant of the plans of the young people. At the Junior Promenade, which they attended together Friday evening, they were saddened at the thought of meeting, for the last time, with their many friends, and left at an early hour. They departed from the city on the north-bound train at 6:30 the next morning, accompanied by the bride's mother, who had arrived the day before, and it is reported that they went direct to the groom's home at Manchester, Iowa, from which place they departed in the afternoon for Waterloo, where the ceremony was performed at 6 p.m.

The young couple stood high in the social circles of the University, the bride being a member of the Delta Gamma fraternity, and the groom of Beta Theta Pi.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER joins with their many friends in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carr.

Irving.

The following excellent program was given in North Hall last Friday evening:

Vocal Solo Fred Bailey
Declamation Earl W. Russell
"Curse of Regulus."

Speech A. C. Cole
"The English-American Alliance."
Debate: "Resolved, that the recent amendment to the Louisiana Constitution was wise, desirable and justifiable."

Affirmative—M. M. Moulton.
Negative—S. McReynolds.

Speech H. P. Alden
"The Nicaragua Canal."

Oration V. Clifford Cox
"The Progress of Science."

The entire program was well rendered. The speech by Cole and the oration of Cox being especially praiseworthy.

A recent writer in the London Spectator urges the American type of university as best suited to the purpose of the University of London if, as proposed by the Queen, the scope of this English school be extended to include teaching in addition to examination and granting of degrees.

No Credit at Northwestern.

The last Northwestern says of the action of the Faculty at Northwestern University is regard to allowing credit to students who volunteer, at that institution:

"There can be no doubt as to the wisdom of forming a company, nor of the conservatism that sought for readiness in case of need rather than for aggressive action. It is evident that the response of men whose conditions and family relations are such that they can go without inconvenience, will more than fill the call of the President. Under such conditions, active enlistment on the part of those that have duties and ties that kept them from being entirely free, is unnecessary, since the proffered services could not be used. However, readiness for any emergency is the part of wisdom. Many students, indeed, feel that the best means for constant readiness lies in the establishment of an elective military drill as a part of the college course.

"The silence of the authorities on one point seems to require questioning. There are, doubtless, some students who feel that their duty is to volunteer immediately. Leaving as they do, in the middle of the semester, they can obtain no credit for the work but partly completed. Many of the leading institutions of the country have announced that no student will be permitted to lose his standing, if he shall leave college to enter the service of the nation. Among these colleges are Princeton, Chicago and Iowa, besides many others. In such an unsettled condition of affairs, it is but the part of true, consistent patriotism for our authorities to pay tribute to the courage of those sterling fellows who have felt it their duty to throw their own interests aside and to respond to the call of their country. The stereotyped requirements can once permit an exception. Surely this institution cannot insist upon rules that such a university as Princeton has declared suspended!"

Students Can Enlist at Michigan.

The U. of M. Daily remarks: "At their last meeting the Board of Regents decided that any Senior student of good standing who enlists in the United States service at this time shall receive his diploma in June, as if he had completed his course. Also, that all other students stopping work now to enlist shall be allowed to take up their work at the same time in any future year, without additional fees.

The Forum.

The program given by The Forum Friday evening was of a somewhat unusual character, consisting exclusively of extemporaneous speeches. The addresses, treating of a variety of subjects, political, biographical and humorous, were limited to five minutes each, and revealed a commendable ability upon the part of the participants generally, to speak fluently and well upon short notice.

The following gentlemen appeared upon the program: C. W. Hackler, E.

J. Turner, E. Floyd Sharp, T. F. Lynch, W. Y. Dilley, E. A. Maxwell, W. A. Smith, W. G. Watt, and D. T. Youker.

Upon the conclusion of the program Judge Seeds, who was present, was called upon for a speech and responded in his usual felicitous style. The Judge was in a reminiscent mood, and in detailing some of his experiences as a public speaker, made some valuable suggestions as to the manner of handling an audience, and spoke approvingly of the benefits of extemporaneous work.

Hesperian.

Hesperian took a new departure and gave her regular program Saturday afternoon at 1:30. The change was due to the Hep-Zet play in the evening. The following excellent program was given:

Declamation Miss Howard
"Jack, the Fisherman"

Oration Mamie Hearst
"Standard Time."

Declamation Miss Robinson
"Egyptian Slipper."

Piano Solo Miss Gates

Debate: "Resolved, that the bill providing for the prohibition of adulteration of foods, known as House File No. 48, should be enacted by the Legislature of Iowa."

Affirmative—Misses Whitacre and Sterling.

Negative—Misses Ehret and Jacobs.

Declamation Miss Codner
"A Song."

Declamation Miss Kearville
"Sleep."

Speech Miss Ady
Piano Solo Margaret Hurst

Philomathean.

The following program was rendered by the Philos Friday evening:

Music.

Debate: "Resolved, that the division of labor tends to hinder rather than help individual development."

Affirmative, A. R. Denny and Otto Brackett.

Negative, C. W. Humphrey and W. W. Vaughn.

Impromptu Speech M. G. Hilpert

Declamation F. A. Fesenbeck
"Sir Orpheus and Eurydice."

Declamation P. T. Vaughn
"Spanish Squadron."

The debaters lacked some of the energy which generally characterizes Philomathean debates, but the impromptu speech and the declamation by Mr. Fesenbeck, were well received.

Mr. Vaughn's declamation, entitled the "Spanish Squadron," savored somewhat of war, and was consequently highly appreciated.

Notice.

A special musical program, sprinkled with humorous declamations, has been arranged for Saturday evening, at St. Brenden's Hall. Admission 10 cents. Proceeds go to Athletic Union. All are invited. GEO. W. Egan.

An "Anti-Kuss Club" has been organized in the Freshman class of Amherst College. When two students overhear a third using profanity, they make an indictment against the offender and he is tried and fined.

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Credits for the Soldier Boys.

As was announced some time since,
the Faculty decided to allow full cred-
it to all Seniors who enlisted in the
army. This act received the appro-
bation of everyone, and it certainly
seems to be no more than a just rec-
ognition of the student's action.

The question at once arose as to
whether or not credit should be al-
lowed to others than Seniors, on the
basis of work already done. In the
Dental department the students were
told that all who went would have a
clear card, but as yet no such offer
has been made in the Collegiate de-
partment.

At the Faculty meeting Friday af-
ternoon the matter was discussed, and
laid on the table for one week. Usual-
ly it is not best for a school to give
credit for work that never has been
done, but we are living in unusual
times, and unusual moves are made on
every side. What might ordinarily
be unthought of, now seems the prop-
er thing, and it appears to us that
this is one of the things that is not
only proper, but highly desirable.

The members of the Guard have all
taken an oath to support the govern-
ment, and always to respond to its call
for aid. No one can look down upon
a young man for joining the militia,
much less expect him to remain away
when he is needed. Many of the stu-
dents who left last week, went with
heavy hearts; many would have
preferred to have kept on with their
course, but there were no deserters in
S. U. I. Every man was loyal. Many
more will go if they are needed. Why
then not allow these men their credit?
If they have been here several years,
their standing would probably remain
about the same; if they had just enter-
ed, they must still spend a number of

terms in the University. Very few
would feel like entering if they had to
take the spring work over again. At
any event the University would loose
nothing—the student would gain
much. Nearly all of the eastern
schools have offered full credit to all
who leave. May S. U. I. show her
loyalty by doing the same.

The Fresh-Soph Field Meet.

The Freshman-Sophomore field meet
which came off last Friday was a sur-
prise to all. According to the show-
ing made by the present Sophomore
class in all the field meets up to the
present, and especially in the one last
fall, the Freshmen should have had a
walk away. Instead of this the meet
was one of the finest and one of the
most bitterly contested field meets
which has ever occurred in the Uni-
versity.

In Meggars and Hecht among the
Sophomores, and Brown, Mantz and
Freeman among the Freshmen, the
University need have no fear for fu-
ture laurels. A careful study into the
records, and a comparison with the
ones made in the Grinnell Fresh-Soph
field meet the week before, will show
the advantage almost entirely on our
side. This notwithstanding the fact
that the Grinnell meet winners are all
old men, and several of them took
prominent parts in the dual meet last
year.

In every one of the long runs, and
all of the field events except the shot
put, we have a decided advantage over
our opponents. This is especially true
in the high jump, where every one of
our competitors here went over the
mark set by their winner.

In the sprints we are about equal,
while in the hurdles, owing, doubtless,
to lack of competition here, we are
somewhat behind. There never has
been a greater chance for an over-
whelming victory than there is this
year, and if the late meet is any indi-
cation, the victory on the field this
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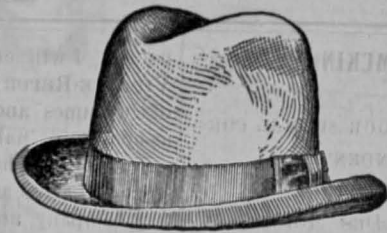
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Lieutenant Ely is back from Des
Moines.
The Phi Psis give a party next Sat-
urday night.
John Beardsley has gone to his
home in Burlington for a visit.
Misses Eaton and Hornbrook were
among the visitors at Des Moines Sun-
day.
The Tau Deltas give parties Wed-
nesday and Friday nights of this
week.
The boys who enlisted in the battery
have all returned to their work in the
University.
A large audience attended the en-
tertainment at St. Brendan's Hall
Saturday night.
Will Larrabee stopped off at Iowa
City, Saturday evening, while on his
way to Des Moines.
Dr. F. T. Breene is in Des Moines
attending the state convention of the
Iowa Dental Society.
A large crowd of students took ad-
vantage of the excursion, Sunday, to
visit Camp McKinley.
F. C. McCutchen, C. '00, has enlist-
ed in enlisted in Co. L, Fourth Regi-
ment, of Sioux City, Iowa.
M. W. Stapleton, L. '97, who is now
located at Muscatine, is transacting
business in the city to-day.
Carriages of students were seen leav-
ing town this morning for Mt. Vern-
on, to witness our nine do battle with
the Cornell team this afternoon.

Loomis and Lambert leave tomorrow for Evanston to attend the Northern Oratorical League contest.

Superintendent E. N. Coleman, of the Le Mars city schools, was the guest of Professor McConnell, Monday.

The Laws have organized a company and began drilling yesterday under Larrabee, who will have command.

President Schaeffer, Professor Macbride and Dr. Calvin attended a meeting of the State Geological Board at Des Moines, Saturday.

Grinnell has accepted a challenge from the S. U. I. for a dual tennis contest, to be held sometime before the State Tournament.

The proceeds of the Athletic Association's perfumery sale, Saturday evening, was \$34.20. The sale will be continued on Wednesday evening, May 4th.

Chancellor and Mrs. McClain attended the golden wedding of Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Griffiths, at Des Moines, last Friday. The former is Mrs. McClain's uncle.

Professor J. J. McConnell has been appointed one of the state managers for Iowa for the National Teachers' Association, which will meet in Washington, D. C., July 7-12. The railroads have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip (plus \$2 for membership fee).

A lacrosse team will be organized this year at the Carlisle Indian School.

The cricket match between Harvard and Pennsylvania will be held May 30.

Forty-five men at Columbia University have enlisted in the Naval Reserves.

The New England Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association has added throwing the discus to its list of events.

A proposition has been advanced at Cornell requiring the Faculty members to wear caps and gowns on all occasions.

There are sixty candidates training for the Freshman base ball team at Yale. The track team has 109 men in training.

The University of California has made arrangements to have its commencement exercises in a tent that will have a seating capacity of 2,200.

Forty-two poems and over thirty stories were entered in competition for the Michiganension, the college annual of the University of Michigan.

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