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FOOT BALL OUTLOOK.

THIRTY-SEVEN MEN OUT FOR PRACTICE.

The foot ball team is getting down to work in earnest. Thirty-seven men were out for practice on Monday. Secret practice was held for the first time yesterday. Kenyon and Hamm have kindly donated a part of the basement of their laundry, which has been fixed up as a training room.

Following is a list of the old men who have returned, with the positions each will try for:

Wright—right guard.
R. D. Blackmore—left guard.
A. H. Blackmore—left tackle.
Egan—right tackle.
Griffith—quarter back.
Deems—left half back.
Sheldon—right half back.
Hobbs—full back.

Among the promising new men are Wilson, who played center last year on the Monmouth team, and Cobb, who held the position of tackle at Andover. We give a list of the new men out for practice; the positions these will try for are mostly to be determined later, as they show fitness for the different places: Burrier, Brockway, Butler, Call, Cobb, Cummins, Davidson, French, Johnson, Kinney, Lake, Macy, McIntyre, Meggars, Munger, Pence, two Saylor, Schroeder, Spinner, Taylor, Wheeler, Williams, Wilson, and five others whose names we did not learn.

Captain Hobbs stated that he regarded the prospects of a winning team as fine. "The large number of candidates to select from," he said, "is a very encouraging sign. The Eastern colleges are beginning to arrange dates with us. We have already fixed the date for a game with Chicago University, Northwestern, Wisconsin and Minnesota all want to play us. We will probably arrange for a game with one of these on our open date, Nov. 19, with strong probabilities of getting another on the date assigned for the Alumni game.

"The general style of play will undoubtedly be the same as has distinguished us in the past. Coach Knipe is from the same University as Waghurst and Bull, and plays what is known as the Pennsylvania style of foot ball."

V. M. C. A.

The boys turned out in considerable numbers to greet Professor Wright at his talk in Y. M. C. A. hall Sunday afternoon. He chose for his Bible reading the 18th chapter of I Kings, beginning with the 21st verse, his theme being: "How long halt ye between two opinions." We take space to give a few of his thoughts.

Men are divided into three classes, decided, undecided and indifferent. Indifferent are known as mugwump, "man on the fence," copperhead, traitor. They are never respected, none more disreputable. There are two great armies, the one for truth, the other for error. The first may be likened to the positive sign in algebra, the second to the negative, but between the two is the zero point, at

which place, greatly to their discredit, some are content to be. The best possible synonym for Christianity is unselfishness. Men without opinions are never liked. The courage to stand up to his convictions is what makes a man great, and this is the history of every man who has been a great success. Some men are too good to vote. The great need of the nation is to have good men at the caucuses. Every man ought to belong to a party. Every man ought to have a home in some church. Don't be a tramp. Don't be dead.

His whole talk was pregnant with good thought, and no one could go away without feeling that he had been much benefitted by being present. At the close of the meeting several decided to take a stand on the positive side of Christian life.

New Quarters for the Team.

Manager Munger has now secured new and very convenient quarters for the foot ball team, at the small expense of about six dollars for the fall term, while if they had stayed at the Y. M. C. A. there would have been an expense of from \$40 to \$50 for the same accommodations. Kenyon & Hamm very promptly and generously offered the team the free and exclusive use of one-half the basement under the C. O. D. laundry, for the entire season. At a small expense of putting in a shower bath and a few other necessities, the room was fitted so as to give more commodious and just as convenient quarters as was afforded by the Y. M. C. A. The W. Musser Lumber Co. contributed free what lumber was needed in fitting up the room.

Resolutions of Respect.

The members of the Zetagathian society passed the following resolutions, last Wednesday:

Whereas, an All-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed friend and brother, Walter S. Secrest, and

Whereas, the Zetagathian Society has lost one of its most earnest and faithful workers. Be it

Resolved, that the members of this society feel great regret and sorrow for the death of our brother whom we loved and respected.

Resolved, that as an organization and individually we express our sincere sympathy for the family of the deceased; and

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the University and city papers, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that they be spread on the minutes of this society.

RALPH DOWNING,
R. D. OGDEN,
W. BURRITT BRUSH,
Committee.

Tennis Tournament.

A tennis tournament will be held on the home courts, beginning Friday noon. This tournament is to decide who will represent S. U. I. in the fall dual meets with Cornell, Grinnell, and Coe College, of Cedar Rapids. All wishing to enter must hand their names to one of the officers of the Association before Friday noon—Haddock, Holbrook or Weed.

IRVING RECEPTION.

BOYS OF THE NORTH HALL ENTERTAIN.

When it was learned that there would not be the customary general reception at Close Hall, Saturday evening, the Irvings hastened to issue invitations to all new men of the Collegiate department to come to North Hall and meet their classmates and the members of the society. The hall was attractively decorated with streamers and wild flowers—thanks to the Erodophians—and by 8 o'clock the crowd began to assemble, and for over a half hour kept the reception committee busy shaking hands and labeling the men. It was the desire of the Irvings to do away with formality entirely, and show the new students that they were indeed welcome to the University and North Hall. The idea sometimes prevails that the upperclassmen look down upon those just entering, but no Freshman passed the doors of Irving without being assured of the kindly interest and fraternal feeling of the older students.

Great baskets of choicest fruits and bowls of orange punch lent their luscious flavor to the occasion. A number of Irving alumni now members of the Faculty, and business men of Iowa City, were there to recount the days when they were active members, and show their interest in the society. Speedily were acquaintances made, and broadcast were sown the seeds of friendship which will germinate in the days to come.

Ralph Smith spoke a few words of welcome to the new men, and then called on Geo. Egan for a declamation. Ever ready and ever willing, he rendered "Casey at the Bat," and was compelled to respond to an encore, which was likewise highly appreciated. Assistant Professor A. G. Smith, of the Mathematics department, spoke briefly and entertainingly of Irving's history. Will Loomis then gave a catchy "dec" in Swedist dialect.

When the time for departure came the men left deeply appreciating the royal entertainment of the Irvings, and with assurance that they were truly welcomed to S. U. I.

Notice.

All students are earnestly requested to leave their city addresses at the respective offices of registration if they desire to have their names in the Hand Book directory. Addresses not in the registration offices before Sept. 24 will not appear in the directory.

To Meet Coe College.

F. C. Weed, President of the Tennis Association, is in receipt of an invitation from the Coe College Union, requesting our "crack" players to meet their "fiends" at Cedar Rapids, on October 7. Arrangements are being made so that the request can be fulfilled.

Wanted.

A student to rub the foot ball team. Apply to Manager Munger.

Delta Gamma Reception.

Last Saturday evening the Delta Gammas received their friends at Minnehaha. Mesdames Teeters and Sturm and Misses Davis and Larrabee chaperoned the young ladies who sought entertainment at this popular resort. After a row around the river they repaired to the dining hall, where the banquet table was sumptuously spread with dainties and gay festoons of fraternity colors bedecked the room. After dinner they "tripped the light fantastic" and convinced the new girls, by this unique entertainment, that they would not want friends in S. U. I.

J. W. Rich, our former librarian, is now interested in the Iowa City State Bank. Euclid Sanders, a former graduate of S. U. I., is president. The bank has been thoroughly remodeled, and is equipped with all the latest improved furnishings.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER has received a couple of anonymous communications. We are always glad to publish articles that will be of interest to the students, but the waste basket must be the fate of all unsigned papers.

The Phi Psi goat was hard worked Saturday evening when Fred S. Holsteen, '98, of the Junior Law class, Frank S. Cummins, Arthur Dorland and Edson S. Slemmons, of the Freshman class, and Homer Boardman, L. '00, were initiated.

Capt. William Larrabee, Jr., C. '95, L. '96, of the Commissary Department of the U. S. Army, stationed at Chicomaugua, has tendered his resignation. He arrived in Iowa City Saturday evening, leaving yesterday morning, in company with his sister, Miss Anna Larrabee, for his home in Clermont.

Professor Carl Schlenker, the new instructor in the German department, graduated from the University of Michigan in '92, and spent the next four years in teaching German in Carthage College, Ill. During the past two years he has taught German in the Iowa University, and has now advanced to his present position in the University of Minnesota.—Ariel.

Fred Paul Williams, '98, who represented S. U. I. in the Northern Oratorical League at Evanston, last spring, arrived in the Athens Saturday night. Mr. Williams will preach at Tiffin every other Sunday this fall. He is now taking post-graduate work at Drake and is also studying osteopathy. This makes the think University students who has begun the study of osteopathy, "Jimmie" O'Connor and Lydia McCutchen, both of the Senior class, having taken up the subject.

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Our New Men.

We take pleasure in introducing to our readers Messrs. J. O. Johnson, B. J. Lambert and A. J. Burt, who have been elected to our staff. Mr. Burt will have charge of the alumni department. The Board will be materially strengthened by these men, and we are indeed fortunate in securing their assistance.

Fred C. McCutchen, our capable Athletic Editor, has returned to continue his work in the University. Every one who read his interesting foot ball "write ups" last year will be glad to hear that he will again have charge of the Athletic Department. We congratulate ourselves and the 'Varsity upon his return.

Tennis.

A look at the tennis courts will reveal the fact that the interest taken in this branch of athletics this year is unusually great. The courts are full every afternoon, and from five to ten or more persons may be seen waiting their turn to play. After a little playing the three courts will be in fine condition for tournament use. The Association is contemplating the building of another court on an unoccupied portion of the athletic field. Everything points to a revival of the spirit that brings championship laurels. This is as it should be. Let every one who plays tennis show his interest in the game by joining the Tennis Association. There will be room enough for all. The more players we have the better will be our chances of successfully contesting in State meets next spring.

That Debt.

Like Banco's ghost, that would not down, the debt of the Athletic Association hovers, with all its ghastli-

ness, over the University. A veritable hydraform parasite that saps the life-blood of our athletics, preventing their proper support and development. Thus crippled and weakened the teams have struggled and worked to shake off the encumbrance, but like the Lernaean hydra of old, when one head is lopped, two others spring up in its place. Year after year the debt stands, never diminishing, and often augmenting, until to-day about \$900 remains unpaid. We have reached that stage where we must act. The Faculty have issued an edict, "that no games of foot ball or other athletic contests be permitted until at least \$400 of the above mentioned debt shall have been paid."

No one cognizant with the hearty support of the members of the Faculty, and the leniency and encouragement of that body in the past, will criticise the justice of this resolution. Such a condition of affairs could not go on. Some step was necessary, and necessary at once. It is no more than right that a payment be made, and decisive steps are inevitable at such a time.

The means devised by the managers to raise the required amount is by selling tickets to the Athletic Association. Here are the conditions:

Tickets, \$1.00.
Number of students, 1,400.
Amount to be raised, \$400.

Here are the means of working and the end to be attained. Is it not possible? With all respect to our foot ball teams of previous years, indications now certainly point to a better eleven than ever before. Nine of last year's team again in school, thirty-five men contesting for places, a coach of recognised ability and experience to train them, and success seems assured. Can we afford to lose a single game because of that spectral debt? We go to the park and watch the men practice, we run wild when they win, we criticise them when they lose, but are loath to do that which will really aid them. We willingly give them our time, our advice, and our admiration but not our money. The debt can be paid only by cold, hard cash. The managers are making untiring efforts to raise the amount. Students, will we not do our part? Reflect upon the satisfaction and honor of a winning team this fall or the humiliation and disgrace of having no team at all. It rests with the students which it shall be. Will we not give our mite, that we may in truth call it our victory when Old Gold floats triumphantly over the gridiron?

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FACT AND RUMOR.

H. Claude Horack scheduled Mon-
day.

Chas. Dakin is visiting University
friends.

Lee Sieg has again returned to the
University.

The Phi Psi's will give a party next
Friday night.

Carl Eustis, L. '99, returned yester-
day morning.

Libbie Howard has returned to con-
tinue her work.

The Phi Delt's will give a party
next Friday night.

Dilley, L. '99, wheeled over to Mt.
Vernon Saturday.

Fletcher, '00, is attending classes at
the Iowa City Academy.

The Delta Tau Delt's will give a
party next Friday night.

Meyer Hilpert is in Texas draught-
ing for the Santa Fe R. R.

P. T. and M. W. Vaughan are both
teaching near Ft. Dodge.

W. C. Frank returned to the Uni-
versity yesterday morning.

F. A. Mueller, C. '99, assists Profes-
sor Calvin in geology this year.

The Freshmen Medics are talking
of organizing a foot ball team.

Miss Laura Klopp, '00, is now teach-
ing at her home, Estherville, Ia.

Mark Williams, '98, is dangerously
sick in a hospital at San Francisco.

The 51st Iowa Infantry Volunteers,
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ganized a foot ball team, with Dick
Gains as captain.

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J. J. Lambert, C. '99, will be assistant in Morphology this year under Professor Houser.

John Bowman, who has been studying in Chicago this summer, will continue his course in S. U. I.

L. A. Warner, '00, is compelled to remain at home this fall, owing to the ill health of his father.

Stephen Bawden was in town Saturday night to assist his Phi Psi brothers in the work of initiation.

Are you going to be one of those who, for the sake of not joining the Athletic Union, will have athletics abolished?

Carl Merckle, Pa. '00, who, while at practice on the gridiron Saturday, hurt his shoulder quite badly, is now about again.

Dr. A. S. Hamilton, M. '94, now has a fine position as assistant physician at the hospital for the Insane at Independence.

A movement is on foot to have several tennis tournaments this fall. Besides a home tournament they wish to have dual tournaments with Cornell and Grinnell.

Victor Brock, once fellow in the Political Science department, but now having charge of one of our High Schools, has been visiting among friends the last few days.

All students are requested to call at the Postal Telegraph office and leave their addresses so that it will be possible to give speedy delivery to messages received.

Messrs. Rall, Hunt, Rogers and Lambert took Professor Wright, of Cedar Falls, to West Branch, Sunday, after men's meeting, so as to enable him to catch the night train home.

A. W. Hammond, C. '97, L. '98, has been visiting friends in the University for a few days prior to his departure for Columbia University, where he will continue his law studies.

Robert McCord, '97, who was in Des Moines with one of the companies of light batteries this summer, has been mustered out, and has returned to continue work in the Law department.

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