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S. U. I. VICTORS.

GRINNELL IS AGAIN DEFEATED AT TENNIS.

Considering the time of year, no better weather could have been desired for a tennis tournament than that of yesterday, when our players met the players of Grinnell.

Quite a number of spectators had gathered in anticipation of seeing some exciting matches, and they were not disappointed. At times the playing on both sides was fast and furious. The courts were in the finest of condition.

The first match was between Haddock, of S. U. I., and Engelke, of Grinnell. In the first set Haddock started out fast and secured several games; then Engelke braced up and it looked as though he might win the set, but Haddock renewed his stock of nerve and won out by a score of 6 to 8, thus giving him the match. The lobbying of both men, and Haddock's net work, were the features of this match.

The next match was between Balle, of S. U. I., and Ward, of Grinnell. At the start it appeared as if Balle would be an easy proposition. Ward won the first set with ease, by a score of 6 to 1. Here Balle, according to an old custom of his, reversed his form, and won the second set to the tune of 6 to 2. But Ward, not to be outdone, also showed improvement, and the third set was a fight from start to finish. It was anybody's set until the last point was played. Ward's hard drives won him many points, but Balle's volleys and side-line drives were too much for him, and he was finally beaten by a score of 8 to 6, thus giving Balle the match.

The third match was between Walsh and Marsh, of S. U. I., and Halsey and Engelke, of Grinnell. This contest was very close and exciting throughout, Grinnell's men playing stronger than they did in the singles; their team work being very good, and Halsey's work at the net was excellent. Walsh's placing and drives were accurate and timely. Marsh made some very pretty smashes. The S. U. I. men won two straight sets by the scores of 7-5 and 6-4.

The fourth match was between Haddock and Holbrook, of S. U. I., and Ward, and Halsey of Grinnell. It was evident from the start that each point in this contest was to be stubbornly contended for. Halsey and Haddock again played an excellent net game, while Ward and Holbrook seemed to be trying to outdo each other for honors in lobbying.

It took three sets to decide the supremacy of the S. U. I. boys, who won the first and third sets by the scores of 6-4 and 6-2; Grinnell won the second set, 6-3.

Professor Johnson Speaks.

On last Sunday afternoon Professor Dana C. Johnson, of Highland Park Normal College, spoke to young men on the subject "Two Brands of Men." A few of the leading thoughts of the speaker were: We are lax in our standard of measurement. We are

drifting in our morals. We mix the black and the white in our worldly affairs, so we do in our morals. There is but one standard of morals. There is a straight dividing line; God has marked it, and no one can straddle such a line. We are either exerting a bad influence or a good one. There is no such thing as a standstill in morality. The sincere man is wanted; the man who has a positive nature. Christianity must be applied in our practical life.

We would appeal to young men to take the opportunities afforded by these means of development. Such talks as Professor Johnson gave are needed by most men in the University. You may think you cannot take an hour off for such work; but let it be known the man who does the best work in college never studies on Sunday. This is not a matter of theory. It is founded on the facts of years of observation on the part of our best statisticians.

You are welcomed to the meetings every Sunday at 4:00. Next Sunday Marsh, the mile walker of Grinnell, at present college secretary, will address men. Hear what an athlete has to say on lines of Christianity.

THE BANQUET.

THE GRADUATE PLAYERS ARE GIVEN A DINNER.

The graduate team was feasted and feted in truly royal style at Minnehaha, Wednesday evening. Shortly after six o'clock the players arrived at the hotel and were received by upwards of twenty of the society people.

At eight o'clock the party sat down to dinner. An orchestra from the city discoursed sweet music during the meal.

After dinner music and dancing and jollity held high carnival. After a royal good time all around the party took hacks to the city at a time well toward the "wee sma' hours" of the morning.

The following persons sat down to dinner:

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Knipe, Professor and Mrs. Currier, Dr. J. Walker, Messrs. Pritchard, Leighton, Littig, Coldren, Elliot, McKee, Munger, Birger, Holbrook. Mrs. Ridgeway, Misses Munger, J. Gilchrist, Helen Gilchrist, Charlton, Parker, Hatch, Willis, Larabee, Myers, Currier, Cushing.

Homeopathic Medical Department.

Mrs. Millard, of Anamosa, Iowa, who was the guest of Miss Raff, left for an extended visit to Washington and other eastern cities.

Dr. Newberry, who has been ill since Sunday, is now able to be out again. During his absence Dr. Homan conducted his clinic in a highly creditable manner.

The Johnson County Homeopathic Medical Society held a meeting as usual on Wednesday evening. Dr. Clara Hazard presenting the paper of the evening. It was well written, highly instructive, and received much commendation from those discussing its merits.

The first member of the class of '98 to fall victim to the blind god's archery was Dr. Wm. A. Kauffman, he having been recently united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Lockard, a beautiful and highly esteemed young lady residing at Union, Iowa, where the Doctor is located. After paying a brief visit to the exposition at Omaha, the happy couple are at home to their many friends in their cosy home. The bride is a popular and talented young lady, highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances. The groom, well known in Iowa City as a man of pleasing address and sterling worth, who has every assurance of a brilliant and successful future in his chosen profession.

Chess.

Some two years ago a number of those in the University interested in the game of chess met and perfected an organization, with Dr. Andrews as president. Since organizing, the club has held regular meetings each Saturday evening during the school year. It is hoped that a still larger number of players may be enrolled as members for this coming year. There may be some who wish to learn, but who are not as yet players; such will be welcomed, and a good opportunity of learning the game offered them. It is expected that games will be played upon a wall-board and criticised by competent players for the benefit of the less experienced men. This is a game which, because of the skill and thought it demands, as well as its almost infinite number of possible combinations, offers an inexhaustible course of study and amusement.

The regular meetings are held at present on Saturday evenings in the reading room of the Chemical Laboratory.

Communication.

EDITORS VIDETTE-REPORTER:

Because of the fact that since time immemorial class scraps have been a part of the year's program, just as much as any of the events set forth in the University calendar, they still exist. On account of their long existence they have come to be as one of the requisites of college life. They appear as a link without which the chain of college days would be incomplete. No matter how much newspapers exaggerate, and with dramatic fervor tell their readers that scraps are something monstrous, verging even on barbarism, yet we are confronted with the plain truth—they still exist.

With military drill it is even so. Because this tri-weekly experience has for many years been the joy of all the participants, and there has ever been such a feeling of regret that it did not last two hours instead of one, and did not occur every day in the week instead of only three times, and last, but not least, because drill is such an old custom, we bow our heads in reverence before every traditional fossil, and say to that disgraceful remnant of antiquity, the old South Building, and to drill, "Long may they live." F.

The Sigma Nus gave a party last evening.

"SHYLOCK."

INTERPRETATION OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY BY JOHN E. DVORAK.

South Hall was crowded Friday afternoon to hear the lecture upon "Shylock" by John E. Dvorak, the noted tragedian, given at the special request of the Zetagathian Society.

Mr. Dvorak began with the history of the play, showing the increased respect for the character of Shylock. He then stated that, contrary to the host of Shakespearean interpreters, he believed that Shakespeare wrote not for his health, but for the money there was in it.

Shylock, said the lecturer, was taught by the insults and affronts of the Christians, who treated him like a dog, to feel these feelings himself. Antonio continued his persecution of Shylock even until warned by his nearest friends that the Jew would turn upon him and make him pay dear for it. Bassanio continued throughout the play an adventurer looking for a rich wife.

At the last Shylock presented a pitiable spectacle, his child enticed away, his home gone—Christian example had taught Shylock to require his revenge.

The trial before the dignified Doge of Venice was a travesty on a course of justice. Portia's speech on justice was a splendid elocutionary effort, but unnatural in Portia's mouth.

The Jew gave no mercy, expected no mercy, had no mercy. Portia expressed mercy, but had none. "The quality of mercy" was strained on both sides. Mercy did not "drop like the gentle dew from heaven" when Portia was judge. Shylock got a hailstorm about that time.

Antonio's mercy was "a halter gratis;" Bassanio's, to give Portia a thousand ducats—for Portia was bankrupt, and the insolvent Bassanio had ever his rich wife in prospect.

Portia was advocate, judge and jury before that "strict court of Venice." She violated every principle of law in her plea and every principle of morals in her judgment.

Antonio, who begged most for mercy, gave least to Shylock. To allow Shylock to retain half his property on condition that he give all he dies possessed of to that Christian "gentleman that lately stole his daughter." Antonio's scheme for the disposition of the Jew's property was the greatest taunt they could give him. And the decree of the Doge that the Jew "should shortly become a Christian"—a member of that sect that had shown naught but the deepest loathing, hate and revenge to Shylock—was the greatest indignity that could be heaped upon a defenseless, childless, homeless man.

The audience paid the closest attention to the speaker throughout. The interpretation of Shylock was appreciative and felt. Mr. Dvorak's enunciation was especially distinct, and his intonation fine.

Notice.

To Members of the Athletic Union: I must positively decline the nomination for Secretary of the Athletic Union. JANET M. GILCHRIST.

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The Alumni Banquet.

On every hand we have been button-
holed to know what stand the Vi-
DETTE-REPORTER would take upon
the alumni banquet, given Wednes-
day evening. Knowing that the facts
were not generally understood, we
have endeavored to learn every phase
of the question, our only thought be-
ing to publish the facts and endeavor
to avoid undeserved criticism of any
one. We have been requested to
"hush it up" and say nothing about
it. The VIDETTE-REPORTER is a stu-
dent paper, and it is not the policy of
the editors to "hush up" that which
every student, every citizen of Iowa
City, has a right to know about, and
we believe if anything should be open
and public, it is our college athletics.

The Complaint.

Money that is badly needed by the
Athletic Union is appropriated to
banquet the alumni and officers of the
Athletic Association. Our team is
without sweaters and the members
stand shivering in their coats between
halves of the game, to save the Asso-
ciation unnecessary expense. The
suits that the alumni wore when here
are not yet paid for. The very pur-
pose of the game was to raise money
to apply on the debt, and by the pres-
ence of the "old boys" to create new
enthusiasm and inaugurate an annual
alumni game. But part of the receipts
are used to have, what one of the en-
thusiasts calls, a "swell affair that
may each year be the event of the sea-
son" Our present financial condition
does not warrant an appropriation of
Association money to institute a
"swell society affair."

The Defense.

The alumni came here at their own
expense, out of loyalty to their Alma

Mater, to play foot ball, and it is no
more than right that the student
body should give them some recogni-
tion. By their playing some hundred
and thirty dollars were received. It
is no more than right that thirty or
forty dollars be spent on their behalf.
Our team is in training and could not
be out until midnight, or they would
have been invited. The expenditure
was sanctioned by the Athletic Com-
mittee. The supper was an informal
affair, as it must be at fifty cents a
plate.

We realize how easy it is to criticise
and for outsiders to tell how things
ought to have been done and it seems
that there has been an unwarranted
agitation, for after all the thirty-five
dollars will never materially effect our
athletics, one way or the other. But
on the other hand, it is right and
highly commendable for the students
to watch with a critical eye the ex-
penditure of every dollar received by
Association. That we are greatly in-
debted to the alumni, no one for a
moment denies. Every student in the
University appreciates the sacrifice in
time and money of the old players in
returning to take part in the game.
The names of the players will be held
dearer than ever after this interest
taken in S. U. I., for it is, we hope, the
initial step of greater results that will
follow.

That it was necessary, however, to
banquet the men, in order that they
would return another year, is not so
evident. That their loyalty to Old
Gold is heightened by a fifty cent
dinner, is ridiculous. If the managers
had gone to the alumni, explained to
them the deplorable condition of our
athletic treasury, and that every cent
was needed to apply on the debt, that
we would like to banquet them, but
an informal reception or something of
the kind seemed best under the cir-
cumstances, we firmly believe that
every alumnus would have said
"amen," and gone home with just as
much enthusiasm, just as much love
for S. U. I. as after a fifty-cent ban-
quet at the expense of the Associa-
tion.

If the funds for a spread could have
been raised by a purse, well and good,
or if the money appropriated had
been for a supper at which our play-
ers could have been present, and by
talking with the old men, received
new suggestions and new enthusiasm
for the game, no one would have ob-
jected. But being conducted as it
was—by whom we have been unable
to learn—it failed signally of the ob-
ject for which it was intended. We
blame no one. Surely every one con-
nected with athletics is doing what he
thinks is for the best, and deserves the
support of the student body in that re-
spect.

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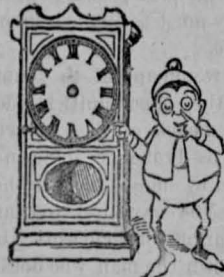
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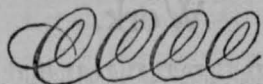
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Owing to lack of space, notice of the society programs is crowded over to next week.

Messrs. Emery, Bartlett, Morse, Stork, Plum, Williamson and McCalla were initiated into the Zetagathian society Friday evening.

Misses Mabel Smith, Lewis and Lowman, all of the Freshman class, have been elected to membership in the Erodelphia society.

Captain Aldrich and Lieutenant Johnson, of the Iowa Volunteers, have recently remembered the needs of Close Hall with some liberal remittances.

We welcome to our exchange list this week the Sabula Advocate, edited by G. E. Hilsinger, L. '98. It is a very newsy paper, and a credit to the city of Sabula.

Mark Williams, '98, who has been in San Francisco with the 51st Iowa, is home on a furlough, and came up to the Athens this morning to see the Drake-S. U. I. game.

Mr. B. C. Marsh, College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Iowa, will be in the city over Sunday. All University men are invited to hear his address at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The concert given at the Unitarian church Thursday evening was well attended and highly enjoyed. The only disappointment to the audience was that the musicians persistently refused to respond to encores. Should the company ever return to Iowa City they will be sure of a warm reception by the music lovers of the city.

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The finals in debate will have to be held on Oct. 18th or 19th, in the week preceding Thanksgiving.—U. of M. Daily. Our friends from Michigan must intend to be thankful a month ahead of time this year.

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