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## THE BOOK-BUYING STUDENT.

HOW HE IS HELPED AT WISCONSIN BY THE UNIVERSITY CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.

In these days when students are paying amounts for text-books that cause the parental eyes to bulge when looking over the account of how the money is going, it is interesting to note that at the University of Wisconsin the students have combined to get their books on the co-operative plan. Their organization is called the University Co-operative Company. We glean a short history of it from the Daily Cardinal:

The purpose of the organization is to furnish books and general supplies to the students and professors of the University on the co-operative plan. The business is conducted as a stock company, but the dividends are declared on a basis of the stockholder's purchases, instead of on his share of stock. The goods are sold at a moderate advance over their cost to cover all expenses, and yield some profit in addition. At the end of the year the profits are divided. A part of them is added to the capital of the company, and the remainder is divided among the shareholders in proportion to their purchases. Last year \$400 was thus divided among the shareholders, and the company's business transactions amounted to \$13,600.

The business of the company is conducted by a board of directors and two managers, elected from the members. The "Co-op," as it is called, has also proved of great use as a headquarters for filling all the wants of college life.

The company was organized Jan. 13, 1894, and immediately accomplished the object of its organization. The prices on students' supplies of all kinds were immediately lowered.

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## Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

In view of the somewhat intolerant manner in which the entertainment tendered the alumni foot ball team on last Wednesday has been discussed by the S. U. I. student publications, it may not be out of place to ask whether the rather ill concealed criticism voices the sentiment of the student body as a whole, or whether it is simply the private expression of opinion of a disgruntled few.

If the question were directly put to each member of S. U. I. whether an alumni game next year, and in succeeding years, was to be desired or not, it seems fair to assume that only a quiet negligible percentage of even the two or three hundred students who have made financial contributions to athletics, would find any objection to securing ninety odd dollars for the treasury of the Athletic Union.

Aside from this sordid view of the matter, which, however, seems to appeal to some men, let us ask whether it is desirable to keep the alumni in touch with their Alma Mater, and to establish an athletic tradition which might be of incalculable value in arousing a really University spirit. If the alumni game is desirable as a fixture in the athletic life of S. U. I., what means are being taken to this end? Does any one imagine that those who have been instrumental in inducing the alumni to abandon their business in the height of the season this year will be inclined to repeat the experiment next season in the face of such sentiments as these same alumni are obliged to read in the college papers?

In short does it not seem reasonable to suppose that these men who sacrificed time and money, so loyally, to assist with their best efforts the up-building of the spirit that makes a University, when they read that the students of the University begrudged them a fifty cent supper, might well feel that their energy had been wasted, their bodies bruised in vain.

There is a large proportion of men of gentlemanly instincts among the students at S. U. I., and it is much to be regretted that the ungenerous few should have had the opportunity to give Iowa a reputation for discourteous parsimony. E.

## Homeopathic Medical Department.

Mrs. Moore, of Mt. Vernon, spent Tuesday at the hospital, visiting her daughter, who is taking the nursing course.

Dr. Wm. A. Kauffman, who was here with a patient, has returned to his home and practice.

Sad news comes from the bedside of Dr. Dickinson. He has been failing rapidly the last few days, and is now very low.

In the absence of Professor Royal, Dr. Hazard conducted the Medical clinic Thursday afternoon.

The paper of the evening at the Johnson County Homeopathic Medical Society was given by Professor Gilchrist, his subject being "Post-Mortem Examinations." The paper was highly instructive, and enjoyed by all present.

Announcements are out of the coming marriage of Dr. F. C. Skinner, '98, of Port Byron, Ill., and Miss Jensen, of Rock Island. Dr. Skinner is the second of '98 to succumb to the inevitable.

The Hahnemannian Society holds its regular meeting Friday night at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

Dr. L. H. Sarshett, class '98, read an interesting paper on "Epithelioma of Life" before the Cedar Valley Homeopathic Medical Society, held Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Waterloo, Ia. Other papers were read by r. Adele Kimball Graening, of Waverly, Ia., who was formerly matron of the hospital, and Dr. Hansen, of Cedar Falls, now President of the Alumni Association of this department.

Dr. Gilchrist was called in consultation at Dysart, Ia., and left Wednesday evening via Cedar Rapids, returning Thursday afternoon.

## ATHLETIC UNION MEETING.

DR. KNIPE WILL ADDRESS THE MEMBERS.

The Athletic Union will meet at Close Hall, Saturday evening, Oct. 22, at 7 o'clock, sharp. All members are requested to be present as officers will be elected and other important business transacted. Dr. Knipe has kindly consented to address the meeting on "College Athletics." The Doctor is a clever speaker, and we bespeak for him an appreciative audience. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

## Additions to the Library.

The recent accessions to the library are numerous and varied. Works have been added pertaining to almost every department in the University.

Several volumes of bound magazines have been received. Among these are the recent numbers of the Forum, Scribners, the Arena, and such technical periodicals as the Journal of Royal Microscopy, Journal of Western Society of Engineers and Pedagogical Seminary.

Among the state and national reports added are the Iowa Census of 1880, U. S. Postal Laws and Regulations, and Iowa Official Register.

Only a few of the scientific works can be mentioned. Nipher's Electricity and Magnetism, Palmer's Inebriety, Its Source, Prevention and Cure. Anatomischer Anzeiger is a voluminous work on Morphology.

A number of French works have been added written by Gustave Flaubert.

The Pennsylvania Geological Survey is an interesting and voluminous work. But perhaps a more interesting work is the Iowa Geological Survey, under the directorship of Prof. S. Calvin. A number of the scientific works are in foreign language.

## Junior Annual Board.

The vacancies on the Junior Annual Board have all been filled. The Board is now working hard, and the prospects are bright for a splendid book. Below is the reorganized Board:

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## Notice.

There will be a meeting of the VIDETTE-REPORTER Board at Close Hall, Saturday, 11 o'clock.

## Notice.

Sophomore class meeting at Close Hall, Friday, Oct. 21, at 2:30 p. m.  
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## Erodelphian.

The ladies of the North Hall presented an interesting program Saturday evening.

The first number was a vocal solo by Miss Close, which was heartily enjoyed by the audience.

A declamation by Hattie Riggs followed, and her reputation as a reciter was even increased by this appearance.

Helen Larrabee gave a speech on the value of athletic training viewed from a girl's standpoint.

The debaters discussed whether or not college athletics should be controlled by the Faculty, Misses Remley and Spurgeon affirming, and Misses Cushing and Mann denying the proposition. Just at this time, when it is so evident that our athletic management might be greatly improved, the debate was of unusual interest. It was decided in favor of the negative.

Messrs. Jayne and Kelley next entertained the audience with a guitar and mandolin duet.

Miss Fenton next declaimed "Bobbie Shafto," a difficult selection that was admirably interpreted by the speaker.

Lulu Colson gave a very interesting speech on the kind of folks we want for friends.

Miss Williams closed the most excellent program with a vocal solo.

The Erodelphians then showed the new girls their ability to entertain, and ere the guests departed many had decided that North Hall was the place for them, and had given their names to the society.

Information is wanted concerning the person or persons who stole the fruit from the hall. A few stray peaches were found on the floor below, but no trace of the malfactor has been discovered.

## Dental Department.

Louis Gray, of the Senior class, who has been at Jacksonville with Co. I, is sick at the hospital with typhoid fever. He has been improving rapidly the past few days.

L. C. Albright, of the Senior class, has returned from his home at Pringhar, where he went immediately after coming north from Co. I. He too was a victim of typhoid.

Mr. Cheesbro, Sr., is here with his son, of the Junior Dental class.

The Freshman Dent class are agitating the question of organizing a guitar and mandolin club. Nearly half the class play and some are fine performers. There are about twelve who play mandolin, six the guitar and two play the banjo. This would make a good showing.

Mr. Morton is the first man in the Dental department to play foot ball on the first eleven.

Oliver Johnson made a business trip to Racine, Wis., this week.

Orange Kelly has gone to Muscatine where he will play the guitar at an entertainment.

Mr. Hasek, of the Junior class, goes to Cedar Rapids every Friday night, to work in his brother's office over Saturday.

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### Lecture Course.

In a recent interview with the manager of the Lecture Bureau, we were told that all arrangements had been made for the course. It will consist of a concert, an impersonator, and three lectures. The course will be opened by the Pasquali Concert Co., November 17. Announcements will be out the latter part of the month, and tickets will be on sale Nov. 1.

### The Management.

The lecture Bureau has been maintained for a number of years by the Irving Institute and Zetagathian Society. Six men are elected—three from each society—who have the entire matter in charge. They arrange the course and have full control of the business. It is a significant fact that for years the Bureau has been a success financially. Hundreds of dollars are handled, yet no Advisory Committee is needed to control the expenditure of the funds on hand. The members of the Bureau realize that the more they make, the less will be assessments in the society, and if they fall behind they must go down into their pockets and pay the bills. There is a great lesson to be learned from this system. If the Athletic Association could be run on the same basis there would be no nine hundred dollar debt to worry about. If those who control the receipts of the Athletic Association, knew that the surplus or deficit would directly affect their own pocket-books—and not be left for future students—there would be a change in the condition of our athletic treasury.

It was proposed last year by one of the members of the Faculty to turn the management of athletics over to the two literary societies, and give

them full control. While the societies would undoubtedly feel flattered at the confidence placed in them, they now have charge of enough outside matters. Aside from the Lecture Bureau, they conduct two inter-state debates, paying all expenses themselves, and offer a fifty dollar prize in oratory, and send three men to the Northern Oratorical League Contest. It is refreshing to think that such great interests can be managed, and managed successfully, by a hundred students, without aid or advice from any one.

### Prize Essay Competition.

The American Protective Tariff League offers to the members of the Senior classes in the colleges and universities in the United States a series of prizes for essays. The subject of the first essay is "The American Merchant Marine: Its Restoration by Means of Discrimination Duties." Competing essays should not exceed six thousand words, and should be signed by some other than the writer's name. Essays must be forwarded to the American Protective League, No. 135 West Twenty-third street, New York City, on or before April, 1899. The manuscript of each contestant must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer, together with certificate of standing signed by some officer of the college or university to which he belongs. Manuscripts must be type written. The awards will be made as follows: For best essay, \$150; for second best essay, \$100; for third best essay, \$50.

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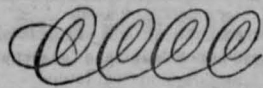
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**FACT AND RUMOR.**

Eby, '99, has returned.

Phi Psis have a party Friday evening.

The botany class will go to Muscatine Saturday, Oct. 29, '98.

Mr. Albright's friends are glad to see him back from the war.

Assistant Professor Magowan has been appointed city engineer.

Professor Calvin sprung a written review on his classes this morning.

McCutchen is much better and will probably be out the last of the week.

Ben Swisher, '99, has been elected manager of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

Professor McConnell did not meet his seminary in Pedagogy Tuesday evening

The morphology class was greeted with a hard examination yesterday afternoon.

Remember the foot ball game Saturday. We've got to win. Everyone come out and root.

Miss Landers, at 218 1/2 N. Dubuque St., will do all kinds of sewing and mending at reasonable prices.

The first examination in Real Property has been announced for next Wednesday afternoon for the Laws.

L. W. Parish, Professor of Political Economy in the State Normal, visited classes at the University this morning.

The game between Ames and Nebraska last Saturday resulted in a victory for Nebraska. The score was 23 to 10.

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Everybody root at the game next Saturday. Let's see how much "ginger" we can give the boys.

The betas give a party in their halls this evening. The next party given by them will be in their new home on North Clinton.

U. I. U. has not had a foot ball team of any strength for several years. This fall they have been playing good ball. We must tear 'em up Saturday.

The delegates of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. to the Lake Geneva Conference last summer will report at the open meeting for men and women next -unday.

The 44th annual session of the Iowa State Teachers' Association will be held in Des Moines, Dec. 28-29. Acting President Currier is president of the organization.

Dropped in our news box: Students are anxious that the instructors should be informed that the ringing of the first bell is intended for the dismissal of the classes.

The game of foot ball between Grinnell and Minnesota, last Saturday, ended in a victory for Grinnell by a score of 16 to 6. The feature of Grinnell's playing was her magnificent end runs.

The marriage of T. H. Kelly, a graduate of the Dental department, now practicing at Oxford, and Miss Lizzie Garvin, occurred last evening at the home of the bride's parents, in Oxford.

Mark Williams, '97, left last Tuesday for San Francisco, to rejoin his regiment, the 51st Iowa, after a furlough on account of sickness. He and Fred P. Williams, also '97, spent Saturday and Sunday in Iowa City.

Co. I, 50th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, has had its furlough extended until Nov. 1st. The probabilities are that it will be further extended until the 8th of November, so as to allow the boys to vote at their home.

The University Mandolin Club to date is composed of the following: Leader, E. H. Jayne. Mandoling—E. H. Jayne, J. Lindsay, Hickenloper, McCartney. Mandola—A. Lee. Guitars—Millen, Lillibridge, O. Kelley, Whitaker, Nicking.

A press dispatch says that "cadets from the State Agricultural College were at the depot at Ames, Iowa, and repeated their college yell time and again for the benefit of President McKinley." No doubt he was greatly benefited by it.—Chicago Times Herald.

Hon. J. R. Lane, L. '80, of Davenport, candidate for Congress in the Second District, and Hon. C. L. Dobson, of Des Moines, L. '78, renewed acquaintance with the Law lecture room, Tuesday, during the hour of Senior lectures. Each favored the class with a brief speech, in which were given reminiscences of the "Old Days," and advice and suggestions worthy of remembrance. Mr. Dobson paid a gallant tribute to the ladies of the department.

**Notice.**

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