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AMES GAME OFF.

THEY REFUSE TO ABIDE BY THEIR CONTRACT.

Those who were expecting to see a good foot-ball game Friday are disappointed that the Ames management has refused to abide by their contract to meet us on our gridiron. As Ames met us here last year, it was really our turn, as a matter of courtesy, to visit them at their home this year. However, Mr. Munger thought wisely that either the Ames or Grinnell game should be played here this year, alternating in the future. To this end he offered the Ames management more than they received last year, to meet us here this year. The reasons assigned being considered good ones for all parties concerned, the offer was accepted. But "things have changed since those times." Through their victory over Drake, Saturday, Ames sees a chance to claim a possible victory over us without a battle. Of course this is not the reason Ames assigns. Oh, no! In a pathetic note she bewails the fact that her players, the pride of the West, are scattered like chaff to the four winds of heaven; adding, however, that even after suffering such terrible losses, she is willing to entertain us if we call at her home Saturday. A casual investigation reveals the fact that two of her men have left.

Perhaps Ames is wise. Perhaps there may be no glory in winning from old Iowa this year. But there is another side to the question. We were not informed of Ames' intention to disregard her contract until it was too late to make a date with another team. This fact will have to be considered when we make another contract in that quarter. And perhaps—perhaps the day may come when the college will really desire to meet us.

Pennsylvania-Michigan Debate.

The debate committee at the University of Pennsylvania has announced the following question for the Pennsylvania-Michigan debate, to be held on March 3rd:

"Resolved, that under existing conditions, the abolition by all civilized nations of their armies and navies, other than those required for the maintenance of their domestic police, is feasible."

This question was selected by Michigan and submitted to Pennsylvania for the latter to choose the affirmative or negative side.

Rules to govern the preliminary debates and the Frazer Prize Contest:

1. The Cornell debate shall be held February 24th. The Michigan-Pennsylvania debate has been fixed for March 3d, 1899.

2. The Frazer prize contest shall be held December 22d.

3. The debaters for both the Cornell and the Michigan debates shall be chosen from among the contestants in the Frazier contest.

4. The preliminary trials shall be held December 9th and 10th. These trials will be open to all students of the University being candidates for

degrees, and from the contestants twelve men will be chosen by a committee appointed by the Provost.

5. The subject for the Frazier contest will be named by the Provost prior to November 20th.

6. At the preliminary trial each contestant shall speak for not more than five minutes on the subject for the Frazier contest, choosing his own side. The order of the speakers shall be determined by lot.

7. At the final contest each contestant shall speak not more than seven minutes, and again for five minutes in recurrent order. The twelve persons selected to enter the Frazier contest shall be asked to select the side on which they desire to speak. Should more select one side than the other, the debate committee shall determine by lot those who shall be required to speak on the side not selected by them, in order that at the Frazier contest an equal number will appear on each side. Each contestant shall file with the committee, not later than noon of December 21st, a brief of the argument on his side of the question, including refutation of the opposite side.

8. The chairman of the debate committee shall appoint a sub-committee (of which he himself shall be a member, and which may include a minority of the persons not on the debate committee), which shall select eight of the contestants at the Frazier contest, on the basis of their briefs and their speeches, and shall assign four of them to the Cornell debate and four to the Michigan debate.

9. During the month of January the sub-committee shall arrange for debates between the four men in each group, and volunteer opponents who may be chosen to represent the sides of Michigan and Cornell respectively, and as a result of these debates shall decide which of each group shall be the principal speakers, and which shall act as alternates.—Ex.

College Literary Competition.

To encourage literary activity among college men, the Century Magazine offers annually three prizes, of \$250 each.

The first prize of \$250 is for the best poem of over fifty lines.

The second is for the best essay on biography, history, or literary criticism, between four and eight thousand words in length.

The best story will receive the third prize. The length to be confined to not more than eight thousand nor less than four thousand words.

The contributions to this competition must be within one year of graduation. All receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts at any college commencement during 1898, 1899, and 1900 will be eligible to the competition for that year.

The prizes for 1897 were won by women, two of them being Vassar graduates, and one coming from Smith. A report of the competition appears in the November Century, as does also the prize story, "A Question of Happiness," by Miss Grace M. Galaher, of Vassar.

'99 SOCIAL.

SENIORS ENJOY THEMSELVES.

The class of '99 held its first social of the year last evening, and the late hour at which the merry makers left the halls was evidence of the success of the occasion. Nearly seventy-five members gathered in the literary halls to make new acquaintances and renew old ones. All of the girls in the class—"and then some"—were present. Formality was left at home, Jimmie, with his "Get right out o' here, now," did not appear, and the entire event was worthy even of the class of '99.

The entertainment was unique indeed, and those in charge set a pace that subsequent committees will find to beat. After every one had shaken hand with every one else, groups for pillow-deck were formed, and by the time the last pillow was broken, the Seniors were beginning to realize what a social crowd they were.

Conundrums—the answers of which were names of members of the Faculty and class of '99,—were next pinned around the room. The first prize, a dainty book, was won by Elmer Hull. The booby, a beautiful button labeled "Remember the Maine," was awarded to Jessie Robinson, who had but little competition in earning the prize.

After the refreshments had been served, a mysterious basket was produced, the contents of which proved to be roller skates, and soon several of the "grave and revered Seniors" were sliding, jumping and falling around the floor, much to the amusement of the onlookers. Soon others gave exhibitions, and the feats performed were most marvelous indeed. The waltz by Mr. Bradley, and the fancy movements of Miss Safley, bringing forth special applause. Thus the hours were spent, and as the couples sauntered homeward, enjoying the beautiful moonlight eve, they declared the event a grand success, rejoiced that they were Seniors, and planned many more such gatherings for the future.

Joint Meeting of the Teachers of Iowa and Johnson Counties.

This meeting will be held at the Oxford Opera House, Oxford, Iowa, November 12. Following is the program:

FORENOON SESSION, 10:30 A. M.

Music.

Declamation—Mabel Combe.

Paper—Woman as a Factor in Educational Progress—Jessie I. Graham, Shueyville. Discussed by M. Alice Driscoll, Williamsburg; Elizabeth Felkner, Iowa City.

Paper: The Mission of the High School—Anna O. Temple, Marengo. Discussed by Louise F. Lloyd, Iowa City; O. P. Johnson, Marengo; S. J. Boller, Lone Tree.

Declamation—Maggie McCammon.

Music.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Music.

Paper: The Province of the Rural School—Albert Slade, Tiffin. Discussed by L. G. White, Millersburg.

Paper: The Need of Better Prepared Teachers—A. T. Hukill, Williams-

burg. Discussed by Eugene Henley, Oxford; Mark Mullin, Parnell; May W. Jackson, Sharon Center.

Music.

Declamation: The Convict's Last Christmas—F. M. Body.

Music.

Paper: Should Our High Schools Offer a Normal Course?—F. C. Ensign, Iowa City. Discussed by Ella J. Jones, Williamsburg; F. V. Brock, Shueyville; S. K. Stevenson, Iowa City.

Paper: The Purpose of School Training—Edmond H. McMillan, North English. Discussed by Emma Randall, Solon; Allen Atheran, North English; R. K. Corlett, North Liberty.

Declamation. Conor—F. C. Drake.

Music.

No teacher of Johnson County should fail to attend this meeting. Let all be present and take an active part in the discussions. The morning train on the Rock Island road leaves Iowa City at 9:40 a. m. and reaches Oxford at 10:17 a. m. A return train leaves Oxford at 9:05 p. m. and reaches Iowa City at 9:33 p. m.

Dental Department.

Dr. Charles S. Leech, of Winterset, Ia., has been here visiting old friends. He is enjoying a very good practice.

Lockhart, ex-'99, is running an office at Port Byron, Ill., for Dr. Sensibaugh, '98.

Miss Safford, '00, has been chosen to write up the Junior Dent class for the Hawkeye.

Tullis, '99, has been quite sick for several days.

Several students from the Dental department attended the foot ball game at Rock Island between Rush Medical and S. U. I., Saturday.

Dr. Baker, '94, has gone to Chicago to locate.

Nearly all of the boys intend to go home the latter part of this week to vote.

The Freshman Mandolin Club promises to be quite a success.

The clinic has been quite large lately.

McClelland, '98, is practicing at Cedar Rapids, where he has a fine practice.

Mrs. Robinson, '00, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Moline.

The boys in the Dental department who entered the volunteer service expect to leave for Des Moines this week, to be mustered out. They will probably be in Des Moines for about thirty days.

S. U. I. Glee Club.

The selection of members has at last been concluded, the following being the complete roster:

First tenors—J. H. Fellingham, L. D. Carpenter, J. M. Tallman, C. F. Tilton.

Second Tenors—H. A. Willoughby, W. H. McElroy, R. T. Will, Homer Hughes.

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Basses—F. G. White, J. H. Peregrine, R. D. Marsh, F. Bailey—Director.

The men are having frequent practices, and the outlook of the club, under the leadership of such an efficient director as Mr. Bailey, is more promising than of our past musical organizations.

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Class Socials.

There is an odd custom in the University that when a class has been here four years it is the proper time to have frequent socials and spreads. It is certainly high time the members were getting acquainted. Last night the class of '99 held its first informal gathering of the year, and like all other classes, they now wonder why they did not begin these socials four years ago and keep them up. It was seen last night that a large per cent of the students did not know half the members of the class. This is indeed unfortunate, not only to the members, but the University. This absence of a social spirit among classmates, accounts largely for lack of University spirit on the side lines at the games, at the athletic meeting, and all similar occasions. To the judicious student such gatherings do not interfere with his studies, and may break up the monotony of routine work.

Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs start out this year with much better prospects than ever before. Some time was spent in the examination and selection of members from the great number of candidates, and the management feels confident that they have an organization which will ably represent S. U. I. Now then, if the student body will only do some rustling preparatory to the home concert, which occurs about Dec. 10, we see no reason why the clubs should not have a very successful year.

Lack of enthusiasm kills any undertaking. We have realized this at various times in our athletics, and yet we are willing to continue in the same old rut, when just a little effort

on the part of each one would make any of our undertakings a success.

The managers and directors are doing all in their power to have A, No. 1 clubs, yet this alone does not assure success. Then let everyone lend his aid—however small it may be, yet it helps—and when the home concert is announced, let him show his enthusiasm and interest in the same way that he would if it were a personal matter. Colleges and Universities are coming to realize more and more the advertising power of a musical club, so all the students should be interested in its welfare. B. L.

At Cornell so few Freshmen have appeared as candidates for their class foot ball team that the management is discouraged.

We clip from the Cardinal (Univ. of Wis.) the following editorial on inter-collegiate debates: "It is a source of gratification for those interested in inter-collegiate debates to know that representatives from the various debating societies have met, and that already negotiations are pending for three such contests this year. Consensus of opinion seems to be most favorable toward debating two eastern institutions and some one in the west, and with this aim in view the necessary steps are being taken for more definite arrangements. Wisconsin being herself free from entangling alliances with any debating league, finds herself free to seek conquest in a broader field than she would be able to do otherwise."

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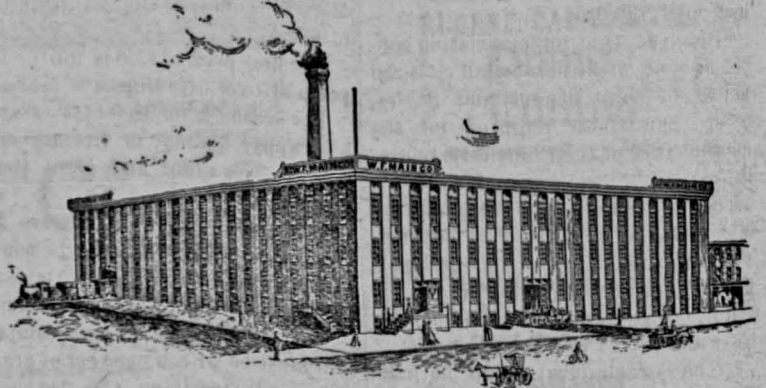
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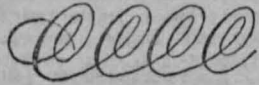
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Cobb, C. '02, is wearing a Phi Psi pledge pin.

Polygon was entertained by James Gow last evening.

Cole, '00, has been elected to membership in Polygon.

The seminary in U. S. History was postponed until this evening.

P. J. Clinker, C. '00, was noticed in the awkward squad Wednesday.

The Brock Club will play foot ball with the Academy at 3:30 to-day.

The Senior Law class tussled with an examination in Carriers, yesterday.

A large number of students from all the departments are going home to vote.

Walter M. Davis and Dr. F. T. Breene are duck hunting at Sabula, Iowa.

R. G. Popham is back from Parnell, Iowa, where he delivered a political address.

Mr. Kelley entertained his Sophomore English classes with a quiz this forenoon.

Mr. Potter favored his Latin class with a lecture on "Roman Roads," Wednesday.

A. B. Williams, L. '99, has returned after a two weeks' sojourn at his home in Ottumwa.

The members of the Freshman class are diligently searching for a missing punch bowl.

Miss Louise Eversmeyer, L. '98, of Muscatine, Ia., visited friends in the city the fore part of this week.

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Mr. Richards will not hold a quiz Saturday morning, owing to the number of students who will be absent.

Misses Asbby and Moulton, and Messrs Butler and Coy, were initiated into Ivy Lane, Wednesday evening.

Abe Weaver has returned from the western part of the state, where he has been assisting his father in his campaign.

H. D. Hinkley, L. '86, and family, after a visit with the former's parents, near the city, have returned to Sterling, Col. He is now a district judge.

Paul Coldren's Washburn College (Kan.) eleven will play the Denver Athletic Association team Saturday, and next week will play teams from Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

The literary societies have all postponed their programs one week, in order that members may leave Friday evening for their homes, where they will "exercise the rights of American citizens."

After a great deal of trouble the management has secured a game with the State Normal team, to be played on the local gridiron Saturday. As I. S. N. and U. I. C. played a tie game, we may expect a close contest. Leighton, our former tackle, has done great work as coach with the Normalites.

About 400 S. U. I. men will leave Friday night for their homes to vote in the state election next Tuesday. This certainly indicates a very commendable spirit of interest on the part of Iowa's students in general affairs. These men will be excused from work on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, in all departments except the Medical where objection was made to the loss of Saturday.

The students who go north Friday evening on their way home, are rejoicing at the opportunity they will have in Cedar Rapids of seeing Julia Marlowe in her latest success, "The Countess Valeska." The trains from here arrive in the Rapids at 8 o'clock—just in time for the students to take in the play. It is seldom that they have an opportunity of hearing such a famous actress, and all who possibly can will attend.

Clark a Professional.

The University of Chicago was greatly startled last Tuesday to learn that Clark, the famous half-back for the Maroons, and pitcher and second baseman on the ball team, was a professional. Wisconsin threatened to protest him, whereupon he went to Stagg and "fessed up" that he had at one time received \$50 for coaching the foot ball team at Tarkio College, Missouri. This means a serious loss to Chicago's team, and the University is greatly weakened at this loss. The time that Clark coached for money was before the strict rules were in vogue, but he signed the regular statement that he was eligible to the team, when he was not, and should receive the severest condemnation of all lovers of pure athletics.

Baconian.

Professor Patrick will read a paper on "Some Disturbances of the Personality." A discussion of certain problems in abnormal psychology may be expected.

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