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FRESHMAN SOCIAL.

THE FRESHMEN HAVE AN ENJOYABLE TIME.

Tuesday evening about one-third of the class of 1902 met in the society halls to enjoy their second social function. The nearness of the event to the time of examinations no doubt limited the attendance, but it was soon evident that those present came for a good time.

After having enjoyed themselves at the card tables for a while, they forgot the dignity they had recently assumed, and were soon engaged in a game of drop the handkerchief. The old-time rule of having to kiss the girl you could not catch, was not enforced, but the unfortunates took a place in the center of the ring instead. As a result the ring was soon lost, and the majority were found busying themselves in conversation in the middle.

The gentlemen now engaged themselves at games of carrums, crokinole, etc., while the ladies prepared to knight the lads of 1902. South Hall was darkened, and amid this darkness the honors of knighthood were conferred upon the youths who, attempting to arise with this new lead of honor and responsibility, lost their equilibrium, and fell in disgrace before the very eyes of their sister classmates.

In some mysterious way the pack of St. Nicholas seems to have found its way into the halls at this juncture, and ere it disappeared each Freshman was permitted to draw a prize as a souvenir of the social.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games of cards, crokinole, etc., and not until twelve o'clock did "Jimmie" succeed in convincing them that it was time for them to "get right out of here now."

Base Ball Schedule.

The following is the schedule of base ball games for next year as far as arranged:

Grinnell vs. I. S. C., at Grinnell, May 6th.

Grinnell vs. S. U. I., at Grinnell, May 20.

Grinnell vs Cornell, at Mt. Vernon, June 3.

Cornell vs. I. S. C., at Ames, May 13.

Cornell vs. S. U. I., at Mt. Vernon, May 27.

S. U. I. vs. I. S. C., at Iowa City, June 3.

Medical Department.

There have been many questions asked regarding the foot ball team that was mentioned a couple of weeks ago, and to answer those questions a few words are all that are necessary. The consent of the Faculty was obtained, and steps have been taken to prepare rules for the government of such an organization.

Dr. Harriman treated the Sophomore class to an unexpected quizz Tuesday morning. It is always the unexpected that happens.

The Medical library has been moved to a room on the third floor. As yet

the books are not all in place. It is to be hoped that something like a decent appropriation will be made that will enable the department to have a library that is not a disgrace to it. The present one has but few late editions in it. To look at it one would scarcely think it belonged to the State University of Iowa

Dr. Guthrie, on account of an attack of tonsillitis, was unable to lecture to his classes on Tuesday, but this did not relieve the Juniors, for they were invited to participate in a written test. They all managed to survive.

Many are getting anxious for the holiday vacation, which means rest and pleasure to them.

Dental Department.

The Junior class sat for their pictures for the Annual last Wednesday.

A number of the Junior class have finished their laboratory work, and are now working in the clinics.

Pray, '99, has returned to school after having been at home for nearly a month, owing to the severe illness of his father.

The Junior class will begin their dissection of the cadaver immediately after the holidays.

The Senior class were "agreeably" surprised by a written quiz in Regional Anatomy, last Monday.

Mr. Benham, representing the Marshal Dental Manufacturing Company, was in town last Friday.

Several chairs have been put into the waiting room for the accommodation of the Juniors.

Manville, the former agent of the Marshal Dental Mfg. Co., died in Ohio, recently, from typhoid fever. He had many friends here who will hear with regret of his death.

Dr. Brooke, '98, who is located at Vinton, has been very sick with rheumatism. At present he is unable to work at the chair at all.

R. K. Davis was taken into the Xi Psi Saturday night.

Notice.

On Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 p. m., at Close Hall, will occur the regular monthly meeting of the Athletic Union for the purpose of receiving the written reports of the managers of athletic teams, the reports of the Treasurer of the Athletic Union, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. W. EGAN, Pres. Ath. Union.

Notice.

Important meeting of the Freshman class at Close Hall on Friday afternoon, at 2:30. Every one having the welfare of the class at heart should attend.

FRED S. BERRY, Pres.

Baconian.

To-morrow evening will be devoted to a question box, and to voluntary reports. Dr. Andrews will present a report on "Modern Methods of Liquefying Air."

The Minnesota Board of Control of Athletics has recommended that the system of alumni coaching be adopted in that University next year.

Baconian.

The paper of the evening was on "Color Blindness," by Dr. Newberry. The paper began with a brief account of the history of color blindness. The affection has been known for over a century, but no especial attention was paid to color blindness except by psychologists, until a railway accident in Switzerland, in 1877, was caused by the color blindness of an employe. Color blindness was then thoroughly studied, and now railway and steamship men are examined for color blindness, thus avoiding many accidents.

About one man in twenty-five is totally or partially color blind, or has reduced color sense. The totally color blind see the world as black and white like an engraving.

Blindness to red and green is most common. To such a person a brick house and the lawn around it appear as the same color. The intensity of this color, however, varies, and by training in judging intensity in color, many color blind escape detection.

Tabacco in excess, and other poisons, sometimes produce color blindness. Women are very seldom color blind, due to centuries of special training in using colors. Color blindness is often congenial and hereditary, or it may be acquired by injuries to the head.

In seeing color, one theory is that there are special end organs for the fundamental colors, red, green, and purple (blue). Color sensations produce photo-chemical effects mostly upon one or another of these substances. All color contains red, green and violet in varying proportions.

There is no cure for inherited color blindness. The "white" of the color blind is blueish gray to the normal eye.

To the red blind, red appears the same as green, yellow the same as green. To the green blind, red appears darker than seen by the normal eye, etc.

There are numerous tests for color blindness. Those with colored yarn, or worsted, are the most satisfactory and reliable for practical use.

Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

The VIDETTE-REPORTER published an article last Thursday suggesting that the Advisory Board ought to be reorganized so as to give each department a representative, and also that the three captains and an alumnus member ought to be added to the Board. The idea is a good one, and should be acted on at once. The athletics a University affair, and no one department ought to have all the say—at the present—as at present.

There is another meeting of the Union due this term, and an amendment to the Constitution should be adopted providing for something in the way of equal representation from the departments.

There is only one way to make a success in athletics, and that is—everybody unite and work together. When we do that, we will be able to pay the debts, and also to have teams that will be a credit to S. U. I.

A COLLEGIAN.

College Notes.

At the University of Minnesota all men appearing at drill without complete uniform will be put in the awkward quad.

At a mass meeting of the students of Princeton University, held last Friday evening, it was unanimously decided to abolish every form of hazing.

University of Chicago students are protesting against the red tape and complex machinery which they claim makes registration in that institution difficult and expensive.

The men in the American army at Manila who are college men have formed a club known as the University Club of Manila. Men from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Michigan, Oxford, Edinburg, and Cambridge, are among the members. Non-commissioned officers and privates alone are eligible to membership. There are about 150 members in the club.

Columbia University has decided to erect a memorial gate in honor of the Columbia men who served in the late war. The gate will cost \$5,000, \$250 of which President Low has contributed. Fifteen hundred dollars has already been raised. The gate is not only a memorial to the men who died in the war, but to all Columbia men who went to the front. The plan is endorsed by President McKinley.

The University of Minnesota Ariel says: "The medals which the Manila Committee were to prepare for student volunteers have been completed and are being sent out. They are of bronze, and very tastily engraved. On one side is the seal of the University, surrounded by a laurel wreath. Within the wreath is also engraved the motto 'For God and Humanity,' and a design of two muskets crossed above the letters 'U. S. V.' On the reverse side of the medal appears with the words: 'From the Faculty and students of the University of Minnesota, for your patriotism.' One of these medals will be sent to every student soldier of whom the committee have any knowledge, or in case of the death of the one to whom the medal would have gone, to the family of the soldier."

The Universities of Minnesota, Michigan, Chicago, and Northwestern last year formed an organization known as the Central Debating League. Definite plans have been made for all future elections of officers and meetings in debate of representatives from the different institutions. Two debates are to be held in January of each year involving four universities; the winners of these "semi-finals" will meet in Chicago in April for the championship contest. The winning team at this debate will also receive one hundred and fifty dollars, while the losing side will get fifty dollars. On January 13, Minnesota goes to Chicago to meet the latter in debate upon the question of popular election of senators. On the same evening Northwestern and Michigan will meet at Ann Arbor. The winning teams of these debates will meet in Chicago on April 7.—Ariel.

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The Goal Kick.

It is not many years ago since we heard protests against flying wedges and other close-play formations in football. That this system of play which proved so provocative of accidents and injuries might be eliminated as far as possible, the rules were changed. Five men were required to be on the line, and a goal kicked from the field was to count the same number of points as a ball carried over the line for a touchdown.

These changes have admirably accomplished their purpose. The number of injuries received by players has been less in the season just closed than ever before. The defeats of the teams that have relied on the "guards qack formations have discouraged heavy mass plays. Kicking duels have added to the attractiveness of the game from the spectator's standpoint. Football has deserved its name.

Now it is proposed to banish the drop-kick under the pretense that it exercises an unproportionate influence on the score. That this is hardly true can be seen from the games between Harvard and Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania, and Michigan and Chicago. These will be remembered as probably the most important games played in 1898. Yet in none of these did the goal kick play a prominent part. Even Herschberger, who was heralded as the freak that would win the day for Chicago, was outclassed in his kicking by Caley, who had practiced at his position for some three or four weeks.

Some due regard should be had for the safety of the players and for the wishes of the spectators. If these are kept in view, the goal kick will be retained. Its development the past season has been one of the most hopeful features of the game.

University President.

The question of a new University President is becoming a prolific subject for editorials among the newspapers of the state. Writers of these articles all begin by disclaiming personal interest in the choice of the Regents, but despite their apparent high mindedness and profound philosophy, the one paramount consideration which seems to be the inspiration of these various productions, is not "What may be the personal ability of the man who shall be chosen?" but "Where does he live?"

Now, with all due respect for the knowledge, experience, and superior wisdom of these writers, we beg to say that we believe the matter of location is the last consideration that should affect the choice of a University President. It would be both unjust and unwise to attempt to draw a line around Iowa City and say "Choose ye from herein." Neither should the boundaries of the State of Iowa limit the choice. If the best man for the place live in New York, London, or Peking, China, elect him President even if we do have to pay his railroad fare to Iowa City. Likewise, if the best obtainable man shall be a member of one of the present Faculties, let not his having lived and labored among us for our betterment be a hindrance to his promotion. Indeed, if it be a question of location, perhaps, all other things being equal, one of our Faculty might have a better understanding of affairs and conditions here than would a man from abroad. But let that question be decided on its merits only.

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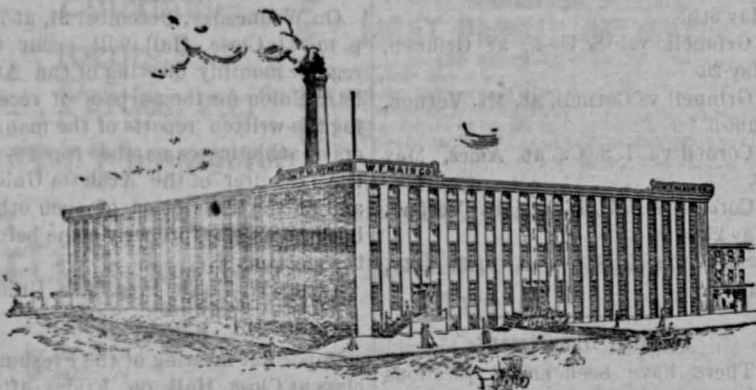
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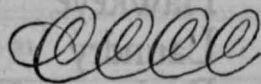
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FACT AND RUMOR.

C. J. Rudolph, L. '96, is practicing law at Jesup, Iowa.

Professor Nutting entertained his classes Tuesday evening.

President Beardshear, of Ames, was a library visitor Wednesday.

J. R. Frailey, C. '98, visited the Senior Law class Wednesday morning.

Dr. Peck, of Davenport, was in the city on professional business yesterday.

E. E. Blythe was called home, Tuesday, by the serious illness of his father.

The class in History of Pedagogy will be favored with a quiz Friday morning.

Dr. C. S. Fuller, of Clinton, Iowa, is the guest of Professor and Mrs. G. T. W. Patrick.

Miss Dorothy Wickersham has been absent from classes this week on account of illness.

Several students attended the meeting of the State Agricultural Society at Close Hall, Wednesday.

James Starr, of Keosauqua, Iowa, L. '93, visited the Senior Law class Wednesday, the guest of Robert McBeth.

A correspondent from Brown University says that Professor Benjamin I. Wheeler, of Cornell, continues to be widely talked of as a candidate for the presidency of that institution.

Dr. Beardshear, President of the Iowa State College, visited the Senior Law class this forenoon, and at the request of Chancellor McClain, made a short address to the class. The Dr. is a very interesting speaker, and gave some encouraging words of advice to coming lawyers.

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A meeting of representatives from S. U. I., Drake, Cornell and Grinnell is being held here to day to fix upon requirements for entrance into these institutions. L. A. Denny of Drake, Thos. Nicholson of Cornell, J. S. McConnell of S. U. I., and Prof. Main, constitute this committee.—Scarlet and Black, Dec. 10.

The Sophomores and Freshmen at the Agricultural College at Lansing, Mich., indulged in their annual scrap recently. It was one of the fiercest contests engaged in for years. Three students are in the hospital suffering from severe injuries, while the faces of scores of others were battered and eyes blackened. About 300 were engaged in the scrimmage.—Cardinal.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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