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A BOLD ROBBERY.

SAFE IN CENTRAL BUILDING CRACKED LAST NIGHT.

A report as from a 13-inch gun, smoke as from a burning "Christobal Colon," the fire bell, and a hurrying to a door, announced to terrified Iowa City, about one o'clock this morning, the news of some perpetrated ruin. Soon it became known that thieves, among whom surely there is no honor, had maliciously drilled, cracked and otherwise maltreated, the safe in Central Building with the hope of gain.

However, the robbers had failed to appreciate the temper of S. U. I's sons and daughters, for tuition fees are not due until next Saturday, and the would be cracksmen, instead of securing the four or five hundred dollars at first reported, were compelled to content themselves with a stray souvenir penny or two, that may have clung to their burning fingers while they made their hasty flight.

The character of the work done does not place local talent above suspicion. Through a small hole bored through the plate, a charge of dynamite was introduced. The amateurism of the job was further evidenced by the heaviness of the charge. The heavy door was blown entirely off, and the papers took fire. Something alarmed the men and they fled. Smoke pouring out of the building caused on-lookers to call the fire department.

This morning Secretary Haddock's office was turned into a morgue with numerous papers, reports, records, etc., more or less bordered with black and dampened to cool their ardor, neatly laid out upon the table under which so often the Board of Regents and other notables have placed their feet. Press representatives, bank directors and professors, are engaged in viewing the remains and discussing how it happened.

Meanwhile the burglars are at large, with Marshal Wilson hot on their trail and still going. It is to be hoped success will attend the efforts of the officers of the law and speedily bring the offenders to justice. While the amount is not large, the principle remains the same; even more despicable than ordinary is the robbery of an institution of learning, with its vast responsibility to the young of the land. If not caught soon may the robbers die of chagrin and shame on considering this last thought.

The Iowa Teachers' Association.

The 44th annual session of the Iowa State Teachers' Association was held in Des Moines on the 27th, 28th and 29th of December. About one thousand teachers from all parts of the State, and from all grades of schools were in attendance. This annual gathering has become a ponderous affair and for the sake of general effectiveness it has been broken up into general and special sittings. The evening of the first, the morning of the second, and all parts of the third day are usually given up to a general program, while the day sessions of the first day are devoted to the sitting of

a large select committee of the Association, called the Council, which is divided into three sections, each of which considers, for three successive years, some practical question in education, and makes a final report on the same to the general Association. These reports of council committees are often of considerable importance, and are among the most influential features of the entire work of the Association. On the first day of the session it is customary for all interested in special work to attend Round Tables, which have been organized for the study of special subjects or particular phases of teaching. The names of these Round Tables suggest their object. Those at present organized are the following: The Women's, the Primary, the Mathematical, the Drawing Teachers', the County Superintendents', the Grammar and Intermediate, the Country School Teachers', the Superintendents and Principals', the High School Teachers', the Reading and Physical Training, Kindergarten Teachers', and Latin Teachers'. And to this list were added for next year's program, a Greek Round Table and a Political Science Round Table.

Besides these Round Tables there is now a Child Study Society which holds its annual meetings on the first day of the session of the Association. Professor McConnell is the Secretary of this Society, and read an important report before its recent session.

On the afternoon of the second day the Association meets in departments and sections. At this time the college men have a special session. This year an important report on the unification of college entrance requirements was submitted by a committee of five, of which Professor McConnell, of the University, was chairman.

Among the notable features of the general program may be mentioned President Carrier's opening address as presiding officer of the Association, which was a ringing appeal for a forward movement in higher education, an address by H. H. Seerley, C. 78, on the public schools, and a very suggestive paper on pedagogics by Professor M. V. O'Shea, of Wisconsin University.

Among the contributors of papers by University men not named above, may here be mentioned the paper by Dr. Seashore before the Child Study Society on "Psychological Laboratory Methods of Child Study," by Assistant Professor Smith on "The Determination of Π ," before the Mathematical Round Table, and by Mr. C. C. Stockwell on "Moral Training," before Grammar and Intermediate Teachers' Round Table. Professor Macbride gave a talk on "Botany in the High School," before the Department of Normal and Secondary Instruction.

Baconian.

The paper to-morrow evening will be read by Mr. W. J. Teeters. The subject is: "The Manufacture and Chemistry of Soap."

Ed. Yates, who has been detained in his room on account of a horse-kick which he received during vacation, is out leaning on a cane.

IOWA-WISCONSIN DEBATE.

AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the undersigned representatives of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Iowa.

By this agreement, entered into this 7th day of January, 1899, by the undersigned, representing respectively the University of Wisconsin and the University of Iowa, it is agreed:

First. That the agreement hereby entered into shall cover at least two debates, one to be held in Wisconsin and one to be held in Iowa.

Second. That the first debate shall be held between the teams representing the University of Wisconsin and the University of Iowa at a date to be agreed upon by the respective teams not later than April 15, 1899.

Third. That the teams shall consist of three men each. All bona fide students, not post graduates, are eligible.

Fourth. That the University of Iowa shall submit a question to the University of Wisconsin on January 7th, 1899; that the University of Wisconsin shall choose one side or the other of the said question as submitted by the University of Iowa, on or before January 21st, 1899, and notify said University of Iowa of their choice on or before said 21st of January, 1899.

Fifth. That in said debate the time for argument shall be as follows:

The first speaker on each side shall be entitled to 20 minutes; the second speaker on each side shall be entitled to 20 minutes; and the third speaker on the affirmative side shall then have 22 minutes; the third speaker on the negative side shall then have 23 minutes to close that side; the affirmative side shall then have 4 minutes to close the debate.

Sixth. That the jury to render the decision at said debate shall consist of three men, to be chosen as follows:

Four weeks before the day of the debate, each side shall submit to the other a list of twelve men, such men are to be men of prominence, and not connected with either institution. If there be any names in common, then those names shall be first taken as the judges; if no names appear common to both lists, then each University shall choose one from their opponent's list and the representatives shall by lot decide who shall choose the third judge from the list of their opponents, the side losing the lot to choose the two names. If any of the judges cannot serve the University, whose turn it is to choose next shall select one from his opponent's list, and this means shall be continued until the jury is chosen.

Seventh. On a violation of any part of this agreement on the part of either of the Universities aforesaid shall be considered good and sufficient grounds for the rejection of all of this agreement by the other party thereto.

Eighth. The teams representing the two Universities shall have power to modify this agreement in any par-

ticular at a meeting after the inter-collegiate debate of 1899.

Ninth. The University at which place the contest is held shall pay the traveling and entertaining expenses of the visiting team, together with the expenses of the judges. The home team shall have the right to all moneys received by charging admission.

Tenth. The dates for the submitting of the question and of the choice of sides do not pertain to the debate of 1900.

Eleventh. The debate for 1899 shall be held in Wisconsin.

Signed and agreed.

For the University of Wisconsin,
E. A. EVANS.

For the University of Iowa,
WM. W. LOOMIS.

BENJ. C. CHAPIN.

THE LEADING IMPERSONATOR OF THE DAY.

The Lecture Bureau deserves the hearty thanks of the entire student body for securing the recognized leader of his class, Mr. Benj. C. Chapin, who will appear in Iowa City, Monday evening, January 16th.

In the many years in which Mr. Chapin has been before the public his reputation has been continually on the increase. His first appearance in any place has always been the occasion of an ardent desire on the part of his hearers that his next visit may be soon and subsequent ones very many. In other words, he is an artist of unsurpassed skill in dramatic impersonation, appealing to the intellect by his keen insight into the character he is representing, arousing the emotions and satisfying the soul.

To everyone desiring to hear this man of remarkable artistic conception, one who by his genius has secured the leadership in his line of work, an opportunity will be offered Monday evening. And it is safe to say that if the student body realize what this opportunity means the Opera House will be packed to its utmost capacity.

Close Hall.

The Y. M. and Y. W. Christian Associations, preparatory to their canvass to increase the membership at Close Hall to 500, have issued a very neat little 4-page pamphlet, containing, besides the cuts of several rooms, information relative to the canvass, the privileges of members, announcement of special services, a program of work in the gymnasium, etc. The following financial report of the University year '97-'98, is an extract from the third page:

RECEIPTS.

Fees for full memberships.....	\$817.60
Fees for limited memberships..	64.50
Old subscriptions	331.00
Subscriptions for current year..	171.75
Rentals	214.05
Baths (non-members)	35.40
Miscellaneous sources.....	154.78
Total	\$1,802.73

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$722.50
Furniture and Repairs	30.43
Fuel and Light	332.00
Religious Meetings	21.83
Gymnasium supplies	22.00
Socials	10.40
Miscellaneous Items	148.19
OLD DEBTS PAID	514.00
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Another Debate.

In another part of this issue we present the text of the agreement recently entered into by the Universities of Wisconsin and Iowa, relative to a debate for the present year. This debate will take the place of the one formerly held annually with the University of Chicago. It certainly is a source of gratification to all friends of S. U. I. that this agreement has been made, thus guaranteeing annually for S. U. I. two debates with the sister institutions of the north. With such opportunities placed before the students, debaters, as in times past, will be developed at S. U. I.

Our new opponent is one eminently worthy of our truest steel. In fact, among western institutions, Wisconsin University takes a high rank, and especially so in matters of debate. But, though we are opponents in a forensic contest, we are not enemies in any sense of the word. Friendly feeling and a mutual respect for each other's powers, have ever characterized the relations between these schools. Our hope is that these pleasant relations may continue and grow in the future, and that not only two, but a continuous series of annual debates may be held by these institutions.

Athens and the College Press.

Among the positive forces which have grown up in the last decade must be mentioned the college press. In fact, so rapid has been the growth of this great factor of nineteenth century life that no longer do institutions of collegiate rank deem an official organ unessential to their growth, but to-day every academy and good-sized high school publishes its distinctive sheet.

Like other institutions, the college press has certain well-marked charac-

teristics. Of the college papers published by Iowa institutions, most are enthusiastic, one is iconoclastic, another moderately bombastic, and all supremely optimistic. It is generally recognized that Iowa is a state of culture and refinement, the home of numerous cities whose intellectuality is their joy and pride. But it may be a matter of surprise to some to learn that of the college papers or publications of Iowa schools, not one fails to mention the fact, at least once a year, that their particular institution is located at "the Athens of Iowa." This seems to be a common virtue of the college editors of Iowa. Naturally to be contented with one's surroundings is to be desirous of little change. But from the fact that there are so many cities in Iowa who are counterparts of ancient Athens, it is easy to imagine what streams of healing and purifying influence may flow therefrom. Hence he who appreciates most fully the loftiness of his surroundings is most ready to utter most hopeful prophecies for the future. He can easily see the day when the attendance at his institution will be doubled, its income trebled, etc. His optimism makes it real to him, and the better day seems but to-morrow. Then continue with your Athenian discourse and prophetic utterances to the enlightenment and pleasure of—we trust—all. W.

Notice.

Tickets reserved last term for Hillis' lecture will be used for Chapin's reading next Monday. The remaining seats will be on sale Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

We regret that a small local, entirely erroneous, and purporting to concern Maxwell, L. '98, and wife, crept into Saturday's issue of our paper. Mr. E. A. Maxwell was a member of the Law class of '98, and is now successfully practicing at Waterloo, Iowa, where he and his wife, nee Rigby, L '99, now reside.

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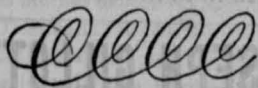
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Miss Sprague, C.'00, is ill.

The '99 pins have at last arrived.

Lena Roach, '02, is pledged to Delta Gamma.

The Junior Laws have organized a moot court.

Ivy Lane met at the Misses Ashby's home last evening.

Smith, L. '00, and Fletcher, L. '00, returned this week.

Paul Filer, '02, is confined to his room by the measles.

Professor Kobbach has a private class in Blackstone this term.

York, M. '00, has passed the State Board of Medical Examiners.

E. E. Blythe has missed classes for two days on account of sickness.

Peters, C. '02, and Schlesinger, C. 01, will not be in school this term.

Professor McConnell met his class today, after a three days' absence.

Mrs. J. H. Fellingham has scheduled for work in the Collegiate department.

Miss Milfred Myers has sufficiently recovered from the grip to be in school again.

Mr. John Ham entertained Polygon last evening at his home 5 miles south-east of the city.

The great impersonator, Benj. C. Chapin, at the Opera House next Monday evening.

L. H. Andrews, '00 has been elected to the position of instructor in mathematics in the Ottumwa high school. He leaves this week to begin his labors.

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Professor Loos has been elected to a position on the Board of Trustees of the Y. M. C. A.

R. R. Rea, after several days absence on account of sickness, is again able to attend classes.

The members of Co. I, 50th Iowa, will give a benefit at the Opera House Friday, Jan. 20. The proceeds will go to defray the funeral expenses of Wm. VanAlstine, and also to raise a monument. The late VanAlstine was one of the two boys of Co. I, who succumbed to the dread fever.

At the banquet of the Mt. Ayr Social Club, Tuesday evening of holiday week, H. A. Fuller and H. C. Beard, both of the Law class of '98, responded to toasts on the subjects, "Our Club" and "Why we did it." A. C. Weaver, '99, was present, and gave a long series of whistling and vocal selections.

Dental Department.

The Junior class began the dissection of the cadaver Monday night.

Dr. Baldwin was down with the "grip" last week.

Dr. Jones, '98, who is practicing at Shelby, was in town during the holidays, visiting friends.

Oldaker, ex-'98, was in town last week.

Nearly all of the Juniors have finished their laboratory work, and are now working in the clinics.

Moore, of the Freshman class, was initiated into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity last Friday night.

Drs. Baldwin and Rogers have opened up an office in the Coast building.

The Junior therapeutics class are required to write theses which will be bound in book form and put in the Dental library.

Another Iowa Hero.

Another Iowa boy is to be given recognition as among the heroes of the earth. Sergt. Geo. S. Gibbs, of Harlan, a member of the signal corps, has been recommended to Congress for a gold medal for extraordinary bravery and meritorious service at Manila. When the smoke of battle became so dense as to hide the observation tower in which he was stationed he left his position and, passing between the lines, waved his signal to the men despite the storm of bullets. Iowa is full of just such boys, only they do not all have the opportunity of thus proving their valor, and when need again arises for the nation to have more heroes, Uncle Sam will bear in mind that Iowa, though having furnished so many, has by no means exhausted her supply—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Alumni Social.

The local Alumni Association entertained the members of the Faculty and friends, Wednesday evening, at the society halls. During the evening, which was spent in social enjoyment, the guests were regaled with the following program:

- Piano Solo Mrs. Coast
- Vocal Solo Miss Chase
- Recitation Miss Charlton
- "Grigsby Station."
- Piano Solo Mrs. A. G. Smith

The local Association is noted for nothing more than its conviviality, and to this end chocolate and wafers now appeared. When the material man had been thus comforted, the hosts and their guests spent the remainder of the evening as they had the first part.

Altogether it was a very pleasant little affair, one of the many which go to make a year of University life more pleasant.

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