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O'CALLAGHAN ARRESTED.

EX-LAW STUDENT SAID TO BE THE SAFE CRACKER.

Des Moines detectives arrested Robert O'Callaghan in the capital city, yesterday afternoon, on the charge of complicity in the blowing up of the safe in Secretary Haddock's office, Thursday morning. O'Callaghan was found on one of the down-town streets about five o'clock yesterday evening. When arrested he strongly asserted his entire innocence of the crime, that he knew nothing at all about the crime or its perpetrators, that he had been in Chicago at the time of its commission, whence he had just returned.

According to instructions from Marshall Clearman O'Callaghan was searched by the Des Moines officers on being taken to the station house. The money in his possession amounted to a trifle, but a drill and a United States army wrench were among the articles in his possession.

Upon the discovery of their burglarious actions in the Secretary's office, Thursday morning, the perpetrators fled north. Professor Veblen saw four men go past his house on the north road shortly after the explosion. Later they secured a farmer who drove them to Ely, where they separated, two taking the Cedar Rapids train and two going south. This farmer can identify the men he carried that morning if presented to him. O'Callaghan's only chance for escape seems to lie in his ability to prove his presence in Chicago on Thursday morning.

Officer Beason states that he shook hands with O'Callaghan in Iowa City on Wednesday. A rumor says that a letter was received in the city a few days ago, dated at Des Moines, asking if most of the students had returned, and were paying up their tuition bills promptly.

In 1894 O'Callaghan was sent to the penitentiary for a term of ten years for stealing diamonds. He has a father that has stood by him thus far in hopes of securing his final reformation. Due to his influence, "Bob" was pardoned out by Governor Drake in 1896.

In the fall of 1896, O'Callaghan entered the Junior Law class. He is naturally a well-disposed fellow, and made numerous friendships among his classmates. Later on in their law researches many of them came upon the case of "The State of Iowa vs Robert Callaghan," 96 Iowa, 304, his appeal in the diamond stealing case.

O'Callaghan's cuts from classes were quite numerous, and early in 1897 he was told his marks would not permit of his graduating with the class of '98.

When Co. I left here in May, O'Callaghan went with them as a private. "He had an orderly record as a soldier," said one of his superior officers of him. "He must have watched on the outside I hardly believe he would have had the spirit to commit the crime itself."

Since being mustered out, O'Callaghan has been among bad companions, and doubtless this is a crime

in which he was clay in the hands of more hardened criminals.

The officers feel certain that they have located another of the safe crackers, and will shortly secure his arrest.

There is no doubt that O'Callaghan, when confronted with the overwhelming proof of his crime collected by the police, will turn state's evidence and bring about the apprehension and conviction of the balance of the quartet.

Marshal Clearman arrived from Des Moines with his charge at 11 o'clock this morning, and at once drove to the city hall for identification and preliminary examination.

Medical Department.

Miss Eva B. Fisher, class of '01, has left school for this year, and gone to Chicago, to act the part of nurse and traveling companion to a crippled lady. She expects to return after a year's absence and complete her course. On the eve of her departure the other lady members of her class gave a "spread" in her honor. Those participating enjoyed themselves immensely.

John Bowes, formerly of the class of '00, now of St. Louis, was calling on friends about the University recently.

The members of the Sophomore and Junior classes are having enjoyable (?) times now in taking their finals in materia medica on Therapeutics. Due to the breaking of a steam pipe, and thus the coldness of the building, a part of those scheduled for last week were unable to take their examinations.

Dr. Littig has been one of the recent sufferers from the grip, and was not in shape to talk much at Medical clinic on Friday of last week.

The Medical foot ball team is not dead, as some supposed, but is still progressing. Rules and regulations were adopted at a meeting held Monday.

Dr. Harriman extended a cordial invitation to all the members of the Sophomore class to an extra weekly quizz, to be held on Thursday morning, from 8 to 9. It is needless to say that no "regrets" were sent in, though the invitation was not exactly agreeable to all.

Mrs. Hender and sister, Mrs. Criste, visited classes Wednesday morning. The usual amount of literature was sent up.

The members of the Freshman class began dissection Tuesday night. May joy be with them!

Collegiate Hall.

Lithographs of the new Collegiate Hall, which is now in course of construction, have been placed on sale at the bookstores. A nominal charge of one cent each is made by the University to cover the cost of printing. It is the desire of the authorities that the students may distribute these to their friends, that they may see what a beautiful structure will soon be completed on our campus.

Notice.

Important meeting of a Freshman class at Close Hall, Monday, at 3:30. FRED S. BERRY, Pres.

Irving Special Program.

When the doors of Irving were closed last night every chair was occupied, standing room was at a premium, and still numbers in the hall desired to be admitted.

The special program, "The Trial of the Safe Cracker," was a grand success and demonstrated the ability of Irving to prepare a highly entertaining program with only 24 hours' notice.

At 7:30 Judge Smith called the court to order and announced the first case.

Atty. McReynolds then read an indictment wherein one J. J. Louis was charged with breaking into the Secretary's safe. The defendant pled "not guilty," and a jury, consisting of Mike Vin Flannagan, Jimmie Shortwind, Bill Jones and other notorious personages, was empaneled.

Secretary Haddock, alias Burt, first took the witness stand for the state, and among other things the state proved that about ten dollars had been stolen from the safe.

Jimmie Barry, alias Loomis, was the next witness called, and his testimony showed clearly that he had been in the vicinity of the Central building some time during the night of the robbery, and that he was very certain that he never slept.

Professor Veblen, alias Laartz, was next called, and his evidence established the fact that while administering to the wants of his eldest son, who had been taken suddenly ill with an attack of the croup, he had seen the defendant pass his house with a-la-grippe in his hand. The Professor also testified as to the previous character of the defendant.

Mr. Kinne H. Johnson, alias Horack, testified that he recognized the defendant when passing Veblen's house.

The testimony of Scott Wilson, alias Hospers, showed beyond a doubt that defendant had been captured in Hawaii.

The attorney for defense rested his case on proving an alibi. The defendant reluctantly confessed that he had been calling on a lady friend at the time of the robbery, and mistaking the report of the explosion for the dropping of his host's boots, he had made his way home in peace, and was ignorant of the crime which had been committed.

Miss Katherine Kraut, alias Switzer, the young lady in question, was called to substantiate the testimony of defendant. Her testimony proved that said defendant had been at her house from 8 until 1, when mistaking noise of the alarm for the the accustomed intrusion of the old man's boots, he had taken a hurried departure.

After brief pleas by Attorney's Curtis and Dickinson, the judge instructed the jury, and the court (Irving) adjourned to await their verdict.

The part of each one was very well done, but the parts of Horack, Switzer, Louis and Laartz are deserving of special mention. They represented the personages assigned very well indeed, and kept the audience in a roar of laughter while they were on the witness stand.

The Library.

It is with delight that those who are accustomed to resort to the library for study and research, found, on returning this year, that six new cases had been added to the library, and that these were filled with hundreds of new and much needed books. When we know that the shelves which were a year ago only scantily filled with the book of the entire library, are now almost filled with the bound copies of magazines and periodicals alone, we begin to realize the rapid growth the library has made since its loss by fire in '98.

Since our last report almost one thousand volumes have been placed at the disposal of the students, among them are many very valuable additions of special interest to the Greek, English, History and Psychology departments.

Want of space forbids giving anything like a detailed account of the new books. Among them we find complete sets of "U. S. War of the Rebellion," "Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society of London," Sir Walter Scott's works; and five series of "Annals of Magazine and Natural History;" and 12 volumes of "The Science of Railways," together with hundreds of volumes of general interest for reference and research.

Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

The announcement of an arrangement for debates with the University of Wisconsin is specially gratifying to me, for with the Wisconsin University I held official connection for eleven years, and for the still stronger reason that the S. U. I. will find in this new opponent a foeman worthy of her steel. The contest will not be as one-sided as has proven the case with Chicago and Minnesota.

Wisconsin University has sent forth men of marked forensic ability. Ex-Senator William F. Vilas, Bishop Fallows, the late James L. High, Ex-Congressman LaFollette, Senator John C. Spooner and others, have achieved a national reputation for readiness in debate. All the above it was my privilege to know as students, and I am very sure that the present undergraduates at Wisconsin feel the responsibility of maintaining the standard.

Of course S. U. I. will win one or both contests, but it will not be an easy task. Defeat even by such an opponent will not be a cause for regret, while a victory will give occasion for rejoicing. "Go in, boys, and win."

J. L. PICKARD.

Athletic Union.

The Athletic Union will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday, January 18, 1899, at 7 o'clock p. m. At this meeting a foot ball manager will be elected.

GEO. W. EGAN, Pres.

The American Psychological Association held its seventh annual meeting at Columbia University, New York City, from December 28th to 30th. Among those who delivered addresses is Professor G. T. W. Patrick, who spoke before the Association on "Confusion of Tastes and Odors."

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The Delphic.

We read in the Delphic, the organ of Drake University, that Drake University, "Champion of Iowa, with a few other states thrown in, * * * dreamily counts over her scalps, * * * while her friends, the enemy, are sore agrieved, and ponder how it ever happened." We wonder if this same giant has counted up her board and tuition bills lately.

"Drake has enrolled, including 'Big' Johnson, who plays like a professional, 700 students,"—also from the Delphic. This seems to be the kind of playing most practiced by our dreamy friend.

Track Team.

Negotiations have been in progress looking to track team meets with the Universities of Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin in the spring. While we may not be able to meet all of these Universities in athletic contests this spring, a meeting with any one of them would be desirable if the athletic spirit in this institution be strong enough to bring our athletes to successful competition. Quite a revival of interest in the track team was manifest last fall, when so many new performers were developed. The appropriation and deep interest of the student body, together with the opportunities for distinguishment, should bring out candidates. All who intend to compete should enter the training class soon to be formed. In events like these Iowa should not be behind.

May the Old Gold that has been so triumphantly worn by John V. Crum at the Mott Haven games not lag behind this year in the meets.

The Matter of Debts.

We published in our last issue the annual statement of the financial con-

dition of the two Christian Associations for the last school year. It presents encouraging features. Over five hundred dollars has been applied towards paying old debts. This is an encouraging habit to get into. We are much rejoiced in our heart to see the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. thus following the good example set by the Athletic Union.

The circumstances are exactly the same. A past generation of students bought the Athletic Park, a past generation of students built Close Hall. All honor to the ancestors. But they didn't pay their debts. The burden of paying off their old claims falls doubly hard upon the present officials because of the lessening interest taken in them by the present students.

The officers of the Associations are entitled to much praise for their capable and efficient management. Under their care Close Hall has been a great factor in University life. There the new student finds at his convenience a list of furnished rooms for rent in the city, and of most of the boarding houses. The free reading room is a feature that is appreciated by many, especially while waiting between classes. Class meetings and mass meetings innumerable are held in the auditorium of Close Hall. In these and many other ways Close Hall has benefitted the students in Iowa City.

We wish the two societies a successful canvass in their membership canvass this month. We hope that they may be enabled, through this canvass, to pay more of the old debt off soon.

The example set by the Athletic Union and these Associations is contagious. Soon we expect to hear that the classes, the professors, yes, and the students themselves, are paying off their debts. C.

Instructor Wickham fell from a table in the Science building basement, Thursday, and received an injury in his back which will keep him from his work for two weeks.

Notice.

The assessment of 25c. on each member of the Battalion, for the Hawkeye picture, is due. Kindly bring the amount with you to the next drill.

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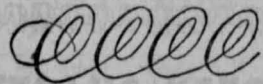
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Hear Chapin Monday night.
McCarthy, '01, is again able to at-
tend classes.
G. S. Lindquist, L. '99, will not be in
school this term.
The local chapter of Beta Theta Pi
will give a party Thursday, Jan. 19th,
in honor of the opening of their new
chapter-house.
The members of Pedagogic clas-
s visited the various departments of
the city schools Tuesday and Wed-
nesday of this week.
Professors A. V. Sims and C. S. Ma-
gowan are entertainment committee
of the Iowa Engineering Society
which meets in Iowa City next Wed-
nesday and Thursday.
Dr. J. G. Gilchrist will give the first
of his course of lectures on the Eng-
lish cathedrals at the Trinity Church
next Tuesday evening. The subject
will be "The Construction of the Cath-
edrals."
Chicago University having the nega-
tive of popular election of senators,
defeated Minnesota in debate last
night, at Chicago, while Michigan, op-
posing a larger navy, defeated North-
western at Ann Arbor. We are glad
to see that Chicago is improving.
The Junior Promenade committee,
appointed last term, has organized,
with J. W. Kendall, President; Geo.
W. Egan, Treasurer and Committee
on Invitations; Ellis Whitaker, music;
J. M. Thompson, refreshments; and
Clarence C. Hetzel, decorations. The
date selected for this year's "prom" is
February 10, and every effort will be
made to make it the banner "prom" in
the history of these events in S. U. I.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.

Miss Antonio Stober, C. '90, went to her home in Brooklyn, Iowa, Thursday, called there by the illness of her mother.

Misses Laura Peterson, ex-'00, and Grace Quick, ex-'02, visited college friends in Grinnell on their way back to Iowa City last week.—Scarlet and Black.

Jay Smith, '95, visited here lately on his way back to Iowa City to pursue his studies in law. He informed us that he expects to enter into track athletics with vengeance the coming spring.—Scarlet and Black.

Yesterday afternoon Physical Director Bailey conducted the largest gymnasium class that has been seen on the floor at one time for several years. The ladies "gym" class has doubled its size over last term, and new members are joining the Associations daily.

Mr. R. S. StClair, the gifted city Secretary of the Clinton Y. M. C. A., will lead the young men's meeting next Sunday. He, with Mr. Bur on St. John, of New York City, the following week, and the Sacred Concert later in the term, make an unusually strong and attractive series of meetings that will be held this term. These forceful and taken ed speakers should be heard by all.

A course of Monday evening lectures has been arranged for at the Congregational church, the first being given by Chancellor E. McClain next Sunday evening, Jan. 15, on the subject "Duties of Citizenship." He will be followed by Professors I. A. Loos, W. C. Wilcox, L. G. Weld, ex President J. L. Pickard and Dr. M. A. Bullock. The subjects of these lectures will be announced later. All students are cordially invited to be present.

Early this morning The Republican issued an "extra," giving a full account of the arrest of "Bob" O'Callaghan at Des Moines. This consideration for the patrons of the paper clearly demonstrates the fact that the Republican is always on the lookout for the interest of its subscribers and advertisers. Such enterprise commends itself to the people of Iowa City, who fully appreciate the energy and ability of the Republican management.

The publication of an article satirizing the "yards of red tape strung through the complex machinery of registration" at Chicago University by the University of Chicago Weekly, drew the official displeasure of President Harper. Allen Guy Hoyt, the offending editor, was compelled to resign his position, and President Harper declares that he will stop the publication of the paper if the editors express themselves so fully again.

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