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## BETA THETA PI.

OPENING OF NEW CHAPTER HOUSE  
THURSDAY EVENING.

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity received their friends Thursday evening on the occasion of the opening of their new chapter house on Clinton street. About 350 invitations were sent out, reading as follows:

"The Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi requests the honor of your company at the opening of their new Chapter House, Thursday evening, January 19, at half-past 7 o'clock, Iowa City. Dancing at 10 o'clock at Smith's Armory."

This was the first occasion upon which the chapter house had been opened for public reception, and many were the expressions of pleasure and delight from the guests upon seeing the magnificent parlors and rooms which the chapter house affords. From shortly after half-past seven o'clock, when the guests began to arrive, until after ten o'clock, the rooms were filled with a gay and pleasant throng of ladies and gentlemen.

The guests were received in the north parlor. Mesdames Wilson, Rohbach and Remley assisted the members of the fraternity in receiving. Peterson's orchestra, from Davenport, afforded delightful music during the reception. Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was decorated and festooned with roses and smilax.

At ten o'clock carriages were taken for the armory, where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The armory perhaps never presented a finer spectacle than it did that evening. The pink and blue colors of the fraternity played a conspicuous part in the many-colored banners and ribbons with which the arches and walls of the building were decorated.

The guests from Iowa City included members of the Faculty, students, and friends in the city. The out-of-town guests were Mesdames Wm. T. Brady and Chas. E. Wheeler, and Miss Edith Rrady, of Cedar Rapids, Miss Jane Finchel, of Washington, D. C., Miss Meagher, of Mankota, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, of Grinnell, Miss Henley, of Davenport, C. T. Wright, Des Moines, Graydon Jackson, Des Moines, Mr. Towne, Cedar Rapids.

## Zetagathian.

A moderately good sized audience assembled last night at Zetagathian hall. After a very pleasing musical selection, rendered by the High School Mandolin Club, R. C. Williamson declaimed, with much feeling, "Laska." The effort was much appreciated by the audience.

An oration, "The Wandering Jew," was next given by W. G. Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett has the rare power of talking to and not at his audience, holding the attention of all by the clear and proper phrasing of his thought.

The debate, "Resolved, that America should form a defensive alliance with England," was opened for the affirmative by rank Hollingsworth. The gentleman shows constant improvement. His points were well

marshalled, his language excellent and climaxes convincing.

L. W. Rich, in a well worded and forcibly presented speech, ably upheld the negative.

Vern Plum, by showing the magnitude of our trade with China, which only by an alliance with England can we retain and extend, added much to the position of the affirmative. The gentleman showed thorough knowledge of the question, which he used with excellent effect.

H. C. Saunders, by analyzing clearly the motives of England in the matter, followed by a strong rebuttal and summary, made one of the best speeches of the evening.

R. J. Kinney, upon the theme "The Treason of Arnold, showed much oratorical ability. His thought and composition were both excellent, which, with a masterful delivery, mark Mr. Kinney as an especially promising member.

J. W. Ham fittingly closed the program with "Arnold's Soliloquy."

Rev. F. P. Williams then gave a thoroughly characteristic speech on "Osteopathy," to the great pleasure of the audience.

The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

This program was the best that has been rendered this term.

## Nominations.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination Mr. O. H. Mitchell for Manager of '99 base ball team.

Chas. P. Hanley and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination Mr. O. H. Mitchell for the office of Manager of base ball team for season of '99.

Jas. D. Lowry and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby nominate P. J. Klinker for manager of the base ball team for the season of '99.

R. J. Smith and 14 others.

We, the undersigned members of the Athletic Union, hereby place in nomination Mr. O. M. Deems to be Manager of the '99 base ball team.

F. C. McCutchen, and 14 others.

## Two Step Party.

The two step party, which will be given at Smith's armory, next Thursday, January 26, gives promise of being one of the most popular social events of the term. The music will be furnished by the Berryhill orchestra. The admission charge will be \$1, and to the gallery, 25 cents. The party is to be a benefit for the Athletic Union. Thus, in rhythmic steps, the liabilities of the Union may be lightly danced away. From present indications the attendance will be large, as a pleasant evening's entertainment is to be expected.

## Notice.

All foot ball men having in their possession blankets, suits, etc., belonging to Athletic Union, will return same to Mr. Munger, or leave at Bloom & Mayer's clothing store.

## WENDLING COMING.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE JANUARY 24TH.

The next regular number of the lecture course will be by Geo. R. Wendling. A man with the reputation of Mr. Wendling needs no introduction or recommendations, and the lyceum public will welcome the ever popular



GEO. R. WENDLING.

lecture to Iowa City. The subject upon which he will speak is his latest success, "Mirabeau and the French Revolution." The distinguishing feature of Wendling is not alone in a power to entertain and please, but at the same time to instruct. His orations are scholarly and polished, coupled with an earnest and magnetic delivery which accounts for his record of thirteen hundred engagements in seven seasons.

A few extracts from prominent papers may not be amiss:

"One of the most accomplished orators of America."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Mr. Wendling is easily at the head of the popular lecturers of the country at the present time."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

"There is no other man living who is like or similar to this famous man in the character of his public lectures. He more successfully popularizes religious, scientific and philosophical subjects than all others, and he is to-day the most sought-for of all American lecturers."—Williamsport (Pa.) Gazette.

## Irving.

Irving program was opened with a piano solo by Professor Edwards. Although the piece was well rendered, its age would seem to detract from its interest.

After a brief address by Mr. Loomis, Mr. McReynolds, the new president, was introduced to the audience. Mr. McReynolds, after enumerating the several things which the new president was supposed to say, ended his remarks by expressing the hope that Irving would continue in her success-

es in the future as she has done in the past.

The first number on the literary program was a declamation entitled "Agnes," by H. Claude Horack. The selection was very well rendered, and knowing of Mr. Horack's ability as they did, the only regret of the audience was that the production was too short.

The audience next listened to a speech on "The Sinking of the Maine," by F. S. Merriau. The influences of this action were treated by Mr. Merriau in a very interesting and forcible manner. The production showed thought and careful preparation.

The debate, "Resolved, that the state should not undertake anything which can adequately be performed by private enterprise," was decided for the negative.

Messrs. Williams and Louis affirmed, while Russell and McLaughlin denied.

An oration on "The Age Apparent," was then delivered by Mr. F. S. Berry. While the thought was perhaps a trifle hackneyed, the delivery was good.

Mr. F. C. Drake gave a soliloquy on "Poe's Raven" in a very pleasing and interpretative manner.

The program was closed with music by the High School Glee and Mandolin Club.

The Oratorical Association met last evening in North Hall, and authorized the Executive Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the annual contest to be held this term.

At the meeting of the Debating Associations, Friday evening, a motion was filed to instruct a committee, to consist of the President and one member to be chosen by each of the societies, to correspond with the Associations of neighboring Universities, with a view to the formation of a League. The motion was laid on the table to permit general discussion.

## O'Callaghan Dismissed.

The case of Robert E. O'Callaghan, charged with safe-cracking and attempted robbery of the University safe, was tried in Justice Leasure's court, Thursday. The evidence was not conclusive. The farmer near Ely could not identify exactly the man he drove to that town. He thought one of them much resembled O'Callaghan, but with a somewhat redder face. As the evidence was not sufficient to hold, Justice Leasure, on Lawyer Ewing's motion, discharged O'Callaghan.

## Hammond Law Senate.

The following excellent program was given by the Senate last evening:

Music .....  
 Declamation ..... Sen. Hanley  
 Debate—"Resolved, that labor organizations promote the best interests of the laboring classes."  
 Affirmed by Senators Camden and McCormick.  
 Negative—Senators Bullman and Hughes.  
 Music ..... Sen. Williams  
 Oration ..... Sen. Henniger  
 Critic ..... Sen. Harrington

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**Collegiate Hall.**

We are glad that in our last issue we were able to present to our readers a fine lithographic representation of the new Collegiate building as it will appear when finished. The laying of the foundation of such a college building marks a period in the history of S. U. I. It will be finished, as now planned, in white marble, and will cost, when completed, not less than \$150,000. It will be occupied by eleven Collegiate departments, besides ladies' and gentlemen's waiting rooms, cloak rooms, and lavatories. In the third story the library will probably find a temporary home, pending the construction of the fire-proof library, which it is hoped will be the next building to be constructed for the University.

From the plans and illustrations we can form but a faint idea of the great addition which this building will make to Iowa's usefulness. We can only estimate that her effectiveness for fulfilling her mission of giving the youth of the State the best collegiate training possible, will be increased two fold.

Not only will the chairs that are to occupy this building be aided in their work, but some that are now cramped for room will have an opportunity to expand. The vacated classrooms, too, will give fine society halls to the several literary societies which are at present without any regular place of meeting.

The future of S. U. I. never looked more roseate than it does at present.

The possibilities which open up before her are many and great. Within the next ten years we expect that the attendance at the University will be doubled, that Iowa's reputation will correspondingly increase until she stands confessedly the peer of any educational institution in the West, and we know that her alumni will continue, as they have in the past, to win laurels and praise and good names for themselves and their Alma Mater.

We wish, as students, to thank the people of the State and the members of the Legislature, for the liberality with which they have provided for welfare of their State University. And here's to the fortunate students in 1900 and afterwards, may they live long and enjoy the opportunities so graciously afforded them.

**Resolutions of Respect.**

Whereas, God in His providence, has seen fit to call from labor unto rest, our associate and laborer, A. J. McGuire, and

Whereas, it is meet that we, the members of the Hammond Law Senate, should express in some manner our sympathy to his bereaved mother in this her great affliction, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Hammond Law Senate, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved mother and friends, and pray that in their bereavement they may find consolation in the Great Comforter of all; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his mother; that they be spread upon the minutes of the Senate; and that they be published in the University and city papers.

H. M. HAYNER,  
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GEO. W. SULLY,  
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**FACT AND RUMOR.**

The Sigma Nus gave a party last  
evening.

Union meeting at Close Hall to-mor-  
row afternoon.

Ida Kreichbaum, C. '98, is visiting  
with Mrs. Ed. Wilson.

Miss Lewis of Harlan, is visiting  
her sister, Elsie Lewis, '00.

M. V. Boddy is confined to his room  
with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

M. L. Fersin went to Frendale, last  
evening, to spend Sunday at home.

Remember that seats for Wendling's  
lecture will be reserved Monday, at  
3:30.

R. M. Arey, C. '96, was married Jan.  
4, to Miss Lena Round, of Cedar  
Falls.

An all star cast at North Hall to-  
night. Benefit of the Athletic Asso-  
ciation.

Professor Magowan has been elect-  
ed president of the State Engineering  
Society.

Single tickets for Wendling's lecture  
on "Mirabeau and the French Revolu-  
tion," 50c.

Mrs. Judge Waterman, of Des  
Moines, is a guest at the home of Pro-  
fessor Macbride.

Professor Wilcox gave a lecture be-  
fore the Academy pupils Friday morn-  
ing, on the latest methods of "prof-  
working" in vogue at the University.

Fred H. Blume, C. '98, Fred Bras-  
ted, L. '99, and H. A. Willoughby, L.  
'99, have recently passed the examina-  
tion before the Supreme Court for ad-  
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Professor Loos will speak at the Congregational church, next Sunday evening, on "The Third Republic."

Remember the entertainment by the Irvings and Erodolphians to-night is for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

The benefit for Co. I, given last night at the Opera House, was largely attended, not a seat being vacant, even in the gallery. The entertainment was of average merit, some of the features being very good.

The committee appointed by President Egan, on revision of the Constitution of the Athletic Union, consists of Dr. B. F. Shambaugh, Chancellor McClain, F. C. McCutchen, John W. McKee, and Amos Sargeant.

It is now rumored that the Freshman banquet will occur next week, probably Friday. The banquet Committee elected by the class are Miss Emma Reppert, F. S. Cummings, Miss Ella Parsons, and E. D. Cobb.

The Iowa Engineering Society gave its annual banquet at the St. James, last evening. Chas. P. Chase, C. '91, who is president of the Society, presided as toast-master. Professor A. N. Currier, gave a toast on "The University," and Mr. Chase prophetically responded to the subject, "And Now What."

At the Whitney Society last Monday evening, Miss Holmes read a paper on "Indirect Taxation Among the Romans." Voluntary reports were made by Professor Van Steenderen on the etymology of the Spanish word "desmayarse," and by Mr. Potter on the mispronunciation of Latin.

**A Letter From Manila.**

The following letter, mailed at Manila, Dec. 8th, 1898, by H. M. Griffith, one of S. U. I's. soldiers, was received Wednesday morning:

"We sailed down the now famous Manila bay, yesterday forenoon, and passing Cavite, where the wrecks of the Spanish men-of-war were seen projecting from the water, we anchored in Manila bay at 11 a. m. The harbor is full of transports and battleships. Haven't been on land yet, and may not land for several days. The small, dark complexioned natives, in their narrow canoes with bamboo outriggers, have been thick around our ship, selling fruit and cocoanuts. All the men who have come aboard have no kick coming, and say the general health is good. It is a little warm, but think I will like it fine. We were 21 days out of Honolulu when we arrived here, arriving in good shape, only a few sick and no deaths. Passed an active volcano on the Ladrone Islands. After entering the China sea land was never out of sight, and the water was as smooth as a lake. We enjoyed our trip immensely. The first mail in 33 days was delivered last night. All reading matter from the States was in great demand. Everything seems quiet here, and we don't look for any trouble."

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