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ADVOCATES OF TERRITORIAL EXPANSION CARRY THE DAY.

The question of the desirability of acquiring more territory is the one great question that is now occupying the minds of the American people. It was fitting, therefore, that the debaters of one of America's great Universities should discuss the question: "Resolved, that further Territorial Expansion of the United is desirable."

This question was affirmed for Irving Institute by Messrs. A. J. Burt, W. C. Barclay and M. V. Boddy, Mr. W. C. Barclay closing. For Zetagathian Society Messrs. J. F. Ogden, R. D. Ogden and M. O. Lorenz denied, Mr. R. D. Ogden making the closing speech. Mrs. Anderson opened and closed the program with two very fine vocal solos.

The affirmative sought to establish that the policy of annexation has been our policy for over 100 years; that we must be able to carry on unrestricted commerce with tropical countries—undergoing industrial expansion; that our isolated position geographically is no safeguard; that we need naval depots at strategic points; that possession of certain territories would not only serve these ends, but would also tend to maintenance of a permanent peace; that we need more territory; that the acquisition of new territory would add to the growth of our merchant marine; and that with the possession of certain territories and control of the Nicaraguan canal, our power among the nations would be greater. Then when we shall come into possession of territories through war, we shall have four plans for their final disposition from which to choose. We may return them to Spain; we may turn them over to some other power; we may leave them to manage themselves; or we may keep them. Obviously the latter is the only reasonable course.

The negative in rebuttal attempted to show that the acquisition of new territory would be attended with greater cost than returns; that different conditions now confront us than in the past—the new territories being tropical, uncivilized and distant; that we have plenty of land for our population; that the commerce of colonizing nations with their colonies has been decreasing; that coaling stations can be obtained by treaty without acquisition of territory; that other nations had always had trouble with their colonies. In their constructive argument the negative maintained that expansion is undesirable because of the impossibility of solving the race problem; and because the spoils system would creep into the government of the acquired territory; and that either as a state or a dependency new territory was undesirable because of the difference between our form of government and that of other territories.

The speakers were, as a rule, clear in their arguments and forceful in delivery. The decision of the judges, Professor Loos, Dr. Seashore, and Assistant Professor Shimek, was two

for the affirmative. As a result of the decision, Irving Institute will choose two and Zetagathian one of Iowa's representatives in the final debate with Minnesota, which will be upon the same question.

Minstrels Monday.

The advance sale of tickets to the Athletic Union minstrels for Monday night has been so unexpectedly large as to guarantee the financial success of the entertainment. That it will be an artistic success is assured. The best talent in the University and the city has been secured, and the participants have been at work for several weeks. No effort has been spared in arranging attractive features for the program. Among the numbers will be coon choruses and solos, whistling solos by Weaver, a good old Virginia reel, song and dance specialties, scenes in Cuba with acetylene gas, female "nigger" impersonators, and a grand cakewalk.

"HOTEL ORLEANS."

PRESENTED AT THE OPERA HOUSE BY A STRONG CAST.

The interesting comedy "Hotel Orleans," was presented at the Opera House, Thursday evening, by a strong company composed of students and townspeople. The audience assembled to witness its production was large and enthusiastic. From the first scene to the close of the last act, it impressed the audience very favorably. While the actors were entirely amateurs, their talents easily place them among those who would achieve success in professional lines.

The play deals with the experiences of Tom Blane, who has been left to take charge of his rich uncle's mansion, and turns landlord in order to pay his debts. Complications arise with and among his peculiar roomers, which are finally solved in a pleasing way soon after the unexpected return of the rich uncle and his wife and lovely daughter.

University students who took part all interpreted their parts with much spirit. Miss Edna Page, C. '00, achieved the success of the evening in her faultless rendition of the character of "Eva Stone," the coy daughter of the uncle. Miss Selma Daum, C. '01, exhibited much histrionic talent as the loving daughter, while Miss Floris Spurgeon, C. '00, as the prima donna, quite captivated the audience. Mr. Leslie Switzer, C. '00, took upon himself the character of "Mr. Julius Button," who was slightly sporty, in a most natural manner, the troubles which he had with his landlady and future mother-in-law. Miss Nina Schaeffer, C. '99, amusing the audience greatly. Mr. Vincent McManus, L. '00, showed great adaptability in his two characters. To enumerate all the meritorious players would be to include the whole cast.

The company secured a snug sum for the benefit of the local Woman's Relief Corps, and will, we feel sure, meet with success in its future appearances.

JUNIOR PROMENADE.

SOCIAL EVENT OF THE CLASS OF '00 A GREAT SUCCESS.

The fourth annual Junior Promenade, held last evening at Smith's Armory, was an enjoyable event that will long be remembered by those who attended as one of the most successful and pleasing social events of the school year. Gay colored streamers and floats decorated the arches of the building, while underneath the balcony were tasteful wall decorations and palms.

The committee spared no pains or expense to make the promenade successful and enjoyable. Peterson's orchestra, from Davenport, furnished the music, which was all that could be desired as accompaniment to the light footsteps of the merry dancers.

The galleries were occupied by many spectators, who gazed with delight upon the entrancing scene below. The view from above was indeed one to be remembered, as the pink of the dancers' costumes mingled with the black and white, the purple with the yellow and crimson, making a scene of beauty enraptured. While the whirl of the dancers moving hither and thither to the piping strains of the two-step, or the basking notes of the waltz seemed to make the old armory floor a veritable garden of the gods, and the actors in the scene the nymphs and fauna that were wont to gather in the elysian times to disport themselves to the music of Terpsichore and the lyre.

The patronesses of the occasion who lent dignity and grace to the evening were: Mrs. Bertha G. Ridgway, Mrs. Emlin McClain, Mrs. W. S. Hosford, Mrs. James A. Robbach, Mrs. A. V. Sims, and Mrs. C. B. Vogdes.

Great credit for the success of the event is due to the efficient committee, composed of Messrs. Kindall, Egan, Whittaker, Hetzel and Thompson.

At 9:30 the dancers assembled for the Grand March, which was led by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Vogdes.

Over fifty couples were present, the names being as follows:

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Mr and Mrs W S Hosford.	
Mr and Mrs Emlin McClain.	
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Robbach	Robson
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Cushing	Macomber
Currier	Benham
Close	Benge
Way	Larrabee
M Hess	H Gilchrist
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Wilson	Coldren
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Haddock	Crary
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Morrow	Jones
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A SUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURE.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SUPERSTRUCTURE TO THE NEW COLLEGIATE HALL.

The Building Committee of the Board of Regents, consisting of Regents Holbrook and Abernethy, Treasurer Swisher, and Secretary Haddock, with Regent M. A. Higby as chairman, has issued a neat circular giving the specifications of materials which will be required for the new Collegiate building. The extent and character of the contract, as shown by the approximate estimates of the materials required, is large and ample.

All bids for the contract for furnishing such materials as will be needed to finish that part of the basement not yet contracted for, and to complete the superstructure, will be opened March 28, 1899. The contract for the stonework and brickwork of the foundation and basement has already been let to a contractor, who intends to push his work to completion as soon as mild weather will permit.

Some of the materials required to construct the remainder of the new building we enumerate:

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- 800,000 lbs. steel beams, etc.
- 222,000 lbs. cast iron.
- 50,000 ft. 6, 7, 9 and 12 inch floor tile.
- 75,000 ft. 4 in. partition tile.
- 19,000 ft. 3 in. book tile.
- 20,000 cub. ft. concrete.
- 200 squares asphalt roofing.
- 15,000 sq. ft. asphalt floors.
- 60,000 ft. hard maple flooring.
- 3,300 ft. marble wainscoat.
- 2,500 ft. marble base.
- 28,000 yds. adamant or hard wall plaster.
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The misunderstandings and uncertainties as to the place and time of the Minnesota preliminary debate are much to be regretted. We hope that the Debating League will take steps to assure its patrons that such mistakes will not occur in the future.

The amateur theatricals participated in by a number of University students, last Thursday evening, were most pleasing and satisfactory. They afforded opportunity for the development of several superb individual parts. Much latent histrionic talent is brought upon the boards by such exhibitions. They are to be commended.

As to Lawbreaking.

The VIDETTE REPORTER rejoiceth and is made exceeding glad that it has been enabled to discover a common ground upon which the Daily Republican and the Iowa State Press can meet, grasp each other's hands, and bask in the radiance of their own genial smiles, as they unanimously applaud the recent "boxing tournament" as "an orderly athletic exhibition, including boxing and wrestling."

That this "orderly athletic exhibition" was "not so brutal as the ordinary game of foot ball at the University's Athletic Park," is probably the reason that the Republican devoted THIRTEEN lines of its local column to writing up, the affair, whereas it is usually so gracious as to accord the "brutal foot ball game" due notice under a double head, or was the thirteen-line notice in part consideration of printing patronage received?

We regret that we are unable to admit all the statements made by the editorial "We" of the State Press, who guardedly states: "We are informed, on very good authority, that the police were present at the event in ques-

tion." Second-hand testimony is not admitted in a case at law, and is liable to be misleading in any case.

For testimony first-hand, presumably from an eye-witness, we are constrained to turn to the scintillating statement of the Republican quill-driver, who speaks authoritatively thus: "There was no occasion for the outbreak of this University paper—as to the so-called prize-fight, which was simply an orderly athletic exhibition including boxing and wrestling."

We are surprised that two newspapers seeking, as do these, to maintain a standing in an intelligent and cultured community, should so far degrade themselves in the eyes of decent people, as to apologize in their editorial columns for the disgraceful contest which formed the principal feature of the "Boxing Tournament" of January 31st. The fact is, that according to all obtainable reports, this sparring match was a prize-fight, pure and simple. The two principals were certainly not fighting for their health—but for a reward: and the party defeated was "knocked out" in the fourth round of the affray, being unable to again resume his place. We are not aware that it is necessary for one of the parties to be killed that a "sparring match" shall be in reality a prize-fight.

Whatever may be the personal views of any man as to the right or wrong of prize fighting, we believe that, as a matter of dollars and cents, the people of Iowa City should see to it that the authorities shall enforce the laws against such nuisances as was this. There are already too many people in Iowa who actually fear to send their sons and daughters to this University on account of the bad name Iowa City bears in various parts of the State. It has been by such infractions of the laws as this, tacitly overlooked by the authorities, that Iowa City has attained so unfortunate a reputation.

Pharmacy Department.

Wm. Dyhr has gone home to spend Sunday with his parents.

The members of the Pharmacy Department wish to extend their sincere thanks to the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. who so royally entertained them last evening at Close Hall. The trip through the art gallery was something we will long remember as being a sight the equal of which has never before been seen.

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A typographical error in our last issue announced that the oyster supper given by the Y. W. C. A. would be held Thursday, instead of Saturday, as the notice should have read.

Among the many symptoms pointing to a classical revival in colleges, it is to be noted that this year the increase over last year in the class in Freshman Greek is 25 per cent.

The company that presented "Hotel Orleans" at the Opera House, Thursday night, under the efficient direction of Mr. Joseph Farrell, will play at Marion, Iowa, in the near future.

Mrs. Moses Bloom gave a reception to a number of lady friends at her home, Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. C. B. Vogdes, who leaves to day for Cuba.

Prof. I. A. Loos will give his third and last lecture on Some Phases of Practical Christianity this evening in the Congregational Church. Subject of lecture: "The Christian Socialist." All students are especially invited.

Among the many prize orations that have been printed in our exchanges this year, the best we have seen is published in The Collegian Reporter. If the Morningside representative gets on a contest, we predict a high place for him.

We have missed The Fayette Collegian from our exchanges for several weeks, and are sorry to learn that it has suspended publication. It was one of the brightest papers of the exchange world, and we hope that it will soon be able to resume publication.

The January Unit, published at Iowa College, Grinnell, contains some very good verse. The stronghold of the classical department upon the college is exemplified by the appreciative essay on "Translating Catullus and Horace," with several good poetical versions, and by "Fragments from Sappho." The second quatrain is especially fine "Autumn Winds," by Mr. Moer, and the '98 class poem, are well worth perusal. The short stories in the number hardly come up to the standard of excellence maintained by the verse.

The committee representing the College Section of the State Teachers' Association on College Entrance, are now in session at Professor McConnell's office. Professor C. O. Denny, of Drake University; Professor Nicholson, of Cornell College; Professor Main, of Iowa College; Professor R. A. Harkness, of Parsons College, and Professor J. J. McConnell, of S. U. I., are representing the several Colleges and Universities of the State. Professor R. C. Hughes, of Tabor College, was unable to attend the meeting. A full report of the meeting will be given in our next issue.

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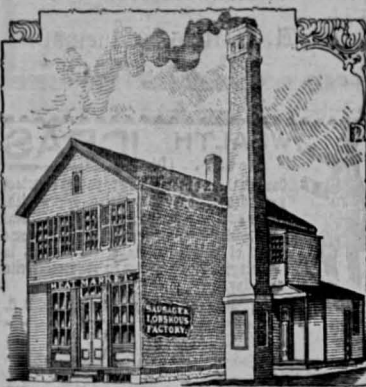
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