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ATHLETIC UNION ELECTION.

OFFICIALS CHOSEN FOR THE COMING YEAR.

At its regular monthly meeting at Close Hall, last evening, the Athletic Union chose the following members for the ensuing year:

President—Geo. W. Egan.
Vice-President—Margaret Safley.
Secretary—C. A. Brown.
Treasurer—L. A. Birk.
Manager Track Team—J. G. Griffith.
Manager Base Ball Team—P. J. Klinker.

The only contests were on Treasurer, and manager of the base ball team, there being two candidates for each of these places. To expediate the balloting, and to prevent errors, small ballots had been printed, with the squares before the names, similar to the Australian ballot. The plan worked well, but one ballot being required to decide the election.

There were 206 votes cast, of which, for treasurer, R. A. Cook received 102, and L. A. Birk 104; for base ball manager L. E. Switzer received 79, and P. J. Klinker 126; the remaining candidates being unanimously elected.

In the course of the business of the meeting, Captain Hobbs, of the '98 foot ball team, moved that the "I's" be awarded to the members of the team to whom they were due. The motion carried almost unanimously.

Another matter of some importance to the Union, was proposed by Mr. Am s Sargent, who moved that a special tax of 50 cents per capita be levied on the members of the Athletic Union. Mr. McReynolds opposed the proposition on the grounds that under the constitution the Union had not the power to levy special taxes on its members, and that even did such power exist, its exercise at this time was inexpedient. Mr. Sargent replied briefly that any organization had the power to provide the means for its own maintenance. As to the expediency of levying the tax at this time the Union must judge. On a division, the vote was against the tax.

Iowa State Oratorical Association.

The Iowa State Oratorical Association will hold its annual contest at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia., on the evening of February 23.

The schools which compose this league are Iowa Wesleyan, Drake, Central, and Upper Iowa Universities and Simpson, Coe, Lennox, Penn Parsons, Grinnell, Des Moines, Iowa Agricultural, and Cornell Colleges.

The judges on thought and composition were J. H. Funk, Iowa Falls; M. H. Calkins, Wyoming; Professor Hayes, Evanston, Ill.; W. G. Ladd, Clarksville; S. S. Milligan, Cedar Rapids.

The following eight out of the twelve orations submitted to the judges will appear on the program:

"Image of Faith," Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant.
"Twentieth Century Politics," Simpson College, Indianola.
"Inhumanity in Corrective Methods," Iowa College, Grinnell.

"Under the Banner of Freedom," Parsons College, Fairfield.

"Weal of the Future," Upper Iowa University, Fayette.

"William E. Gladstone," Iowa Agricultural College, Ames.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas," Coe College, Cedar Rapids.

The judges on delivery will be: J. F. Merry, Dubuque; G. W. Parish, Cedar Falls; G. W. Burnham, Vinton; J. H. Trevin, Lansing; and E. V. Claypool, Clinton.

The State Association and the local Association at Cornell invite attendance from the State University.

Homeopathic Medical Department.

Hoskins, '00, is entertaining his sister, who has been visiting him for several days.

The Juniors took their final examinations in Surgical Emergencies last Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Waite, one of the Senior nurses, left yesterday morning for her home in Wellman, where she went to attend the marriage of her sister.

Miss Sara Graves is enjoying a visit from her sister, who lives in Dubuque.

Professor Nutting gave a very interesting lecture on Physical Inheritance, yesterday evening, before the Johnson County Homeopathic Medical Society. The paper provoked considerable discussion from those members present.

Last Friday evening the members of this department, and those of the Pharmacy department, were entertained in a highly enjoyable manner by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. in their spacious parlors, which were tastefully decorated with the department colors. After interesting games and contests the guests were invited to inspect a wonderful curiosity shop and museum that would have gladdened the heart of a Barnum. Refreshments were then served and the guests departed with many expressions of pleasure and enjoyment for the pleasant hours just spent with the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

The following article appeared editorially in the Daily Citizen (Center-ville, Iowa,) which publication is ably edited by J. K. Huston, L. '94: "The S. U. I. VIDETTE-REPORTER and the Iowa City Republican are into a heated debate over the corrupt moral influences that Iowa City casts over the great State University. The VIDETTE-REPORTER asserts that the morals of the town are decidedly bad, while the Republican denies it. From personal knowledge we can testify that the VIDETTE-REPORTER is in a great measure right, and we applaud its endeavors to show up the evils in hopes of bettering things in the interest of the University. It is a fact that many Iowans refuse to send their children to the University on account of the immoral surroundings in the city, and Iowa City should purge itself of these evils in its own interest and that of the University."

Baconian.

Instructor Eaton will read a paper on "Star Color under the Meteoric Hypothesis."

REV. THOMAS DIXON, JR.

THE LAST LECTURER ON THE COURSE.

The S. U. I. Lecture Bureau managers have evidently kept the best until the last, for their course will close with a lecture by the Rev. Thomas Dixon, of New York. A man of but 35 years, he has become prominent through the East for his oratorical powers. At the age of twenty he had graduated from Wake Forest College, taken a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University, and spent a year in the study of dramatic art and oratory—then, before he was old enough to vote, he was elected a member of the North Carolina Legislature. Later he went into the ministry and filled several pulpits in Boston and New York. He now preaches in "the People's Church," in the Academy of Music, which is the largest auditorium in the city.

During Dr. Parkhurst's fight against Tammany Hall, Mr. Dixon came to his defense. He was arrested on the charge of criminal libel, and was indicted by a packed grand jury, that he openly denounced from his pulpit. His fearless stand made him feared by politicians, and they have labeled him "The Pulpit Anarchist."

The lecture which he is to deliver is on "Backbone, a Study of Character." Mr. Dixon is best known in the east, but his short trip to the west last season, spread his reputation as an orator, and to-day he is one of the highest priced lecturers before the public. The Lecture Bureau had to close its contract last spring to obtain a date for Mr. Dixon, and the Opera House will probably be packed on the night of Feb. 22.

The following press notices may be of interest to our readers:

I always feel, after hearing Dixon, as if I had been on a spree—and wanted to go on another—Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D.

He is the platform king of America—Rev. J. W. Carter, D. D.

I know Mr. Dixon well. I have preached in his church and heard him preach. Before he is half through you will have to feel for your old pocket-knife to identify yourself with—He is a live wire.—Rev. Sam Jones.

He is the living embodiment of the convictions, ideals and methods by which Christianity will yet triumph in the civilized world.—Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, of London.

It is almost impossible to reproduce Mr. Dixon in print. His manner as well as matter is unique. The lecture was peculiarly bright and sparkling. It was full of anecdotes inimitably told, and excited continual bursts of laughter and applause. The audience left the opera house enthusiastic and delighted.—Atlanta Constitution.

Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER: The editorial in one of the city papers last Thursday, touching upon prize fights versus student jollifications, and favorable to the former, was weak, not to say contemptible.

Whenever this editor bobs up with his nerves all unstrung at students' scraps and yells, he invariably makes himself ridiculous. Students' scraps! What are they anyway? Merely good natured physical exercise, which results in detached coat tails, rent sleeves, lost hats and buttons, which makes the city clothiers and tailors smile with satisfaction, and which all live people enjoy. But there are those who have never been young themselves, and cannot, of course, appreciate such overflows. It reminds one of an uninitiated person in a room full of dynamos and live wires, afraid to touch anything, or sit down, or even breathe out loud. Those who know a little about the machinery are at ease. Those who understand students are never worried or uneasy when the terrible student yell rends the air, or when a confused mass of arms and legs surge in all directions. To the uninitiated it is a French Revolution.

Now, seriously, put yourself in the students' place. Many hundred boys are held to a severe mental strain of many hours a day for nearly a year at a time. Must they go with measured step when free? Must their recreation consist of coasting down the west hill, or play dominoes and eat popcorn? The spring, strong and elastic, which has been bent intensely, does not CREEP back to its original position; it FLIES back with energy. So does the student-mind that is active.

One can hardly help thinking at times that a saw-mill, or a brick-mill would meet greater exhibitions of local pride here than does the leading educational institution of one of the greatest states in the country.

If this editor has a stock of logic and rhetoric that is seeking expression, he might for a change take up the benefits of a score of saloons to a University town. Then he might, just to vary things, take up for discussion the fine street crossings in this New Jerusalem, and tell how, on wet days (and we have them), students enjoy the privilege they have of jumping six feet from one slippery block of gold to another, or wade through "milk and honey" to the ankles. Then another prize fight might be arranged for and written up. In the mean time we will try to be good.

UNIVERSITY FRIEND.

Resignations.

I hereby resign my position as Vice-President of the Athletic Union for the remainder of the year.

MINNIE M. BALLE.

I hereby resign my position as Vice-President of the Athletic Union for the ensuing year.

MARGARET J. SAFLEY.

Cedar Rapids Coming.

Arrangements have been made with the Cedar Rapids basket ball team to play a game with the S. U. I. team. Cedar Rapids holds the state championship, and S. U. I. will try to win it from them. The game will be played in Close Hall gymnasium, Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at 7 o'clock sharp. Admission, 15c.

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Too Boisterous.

The meeting of the Athletic Association, last evening, was altogether too boisterous in view of the fact that ladies were present. The members were greatly interested in the outcome of the election, and during the counting of the ballots, their enthusiasm bubbled over in songs and calls for speeches, that were hardly in keeping with the time and place. No one was intentionally ungentlemanly, and it was only thoughtlessness that caused the now regretted conduct of some of the members.

Trimming.

It is quite amusing to observe with what desperation the Daily Republican flounders about the ring in its vain attempt to find a justification for its recent editorial, which sought to apologize for the prize fight of January 31, as "an orderly athletic exhibition." In its anxiety to frighten the VIDETTE - REPORTER into suppressing the truth as to infractions of the law in Iowa City, the Republican froths at the mouth as it hints darkly that "the liberal patronage given by the business men of Iowa City" should be withheld unless the VIDETTE - REPORTER shall keep silence. We shall not insult the business men of this city by accrediting them with even the thought of so petty an action. We are inclined to believe the Republican has discovered its error in defending the prize fight, inasmuch as its latest vagary on the subject is almost exclusively on the advisability of allowing the people of this state to know the truth as to the infractions of the law in Iowa City. Now we beg leave to say that we believe we are doing this University and this city more good by calling attention to that which exists here and should not, than we could ever do by playing the

"trimmer," as the Republican so awkwardly attempts to do. As to our assertion that Iowa City has a bad reputation in some parts of the State being untrue, we refer to an article from the Centerville Citizen, reprinted in another column. We believe we are here to tell the truth and shall take the liberty to do so, without prejudice or favor.

Scholarships.

It is a much to be regretted fact that so many of our High School and Academy graduates never enter college. After receiving their diplomas they imagine themselves fitted to tussle with the world, and this spirit is still further augmented by the presents and congratulations of numberless friends. No one questions the benefit of a college course, and no one feels the loss of such a course more than he who stood on the platform, delivered his oration, received the congratulations of his friends, and bid good bye to his High School and entered the world imagining himself but little smaller in intellect than the world itself.

Any method that can be pursued to remedy this mistake, and influence large numbers to continue their education in college, should receive universal commendation and recognition. Our local Alumni Association has not been slow to appreciate these facts, and for several years has offered a scholarship through a competitive examination. Outside of our immediate vicinity we have overlooked the efforts of certain of our alumni to advance, not only the interests of education in general, but also of the University.

Mr. C. C. Stover, C. '93, and principal of the Estherville High School, has not been backward in this work. Last year he pursued the method of our local Alumni Association in offering a scholarship, and by competitive examination selected a member of the graduating class of his school to enjoy the privilege of a scholarship. Miss Bemis, of the present Freshman class, was chosen as the most competent, and now enjoys the distinction of being the first recipient of a scholarship from the Estherville High School. Mr. Stover, having the interests of his pupils, and also of his Alma Mater, has acted independently, and established an admirable precedent.

Having given a person a taste of a college curriculum, it is seldom left until completed; but the average scholar of the High School, if permitted to "rub up against the world," very rarely continues his education. It is to remedy this, in a large measure, that scholarships are offered, and still more to create an energetic but generous rivalry among the students of the High Schools and Academies. The spirit thus awakened may be unlimited in its effect, and the desire of a college education once established in a person's mind, requires much discouragement to dislodge it.

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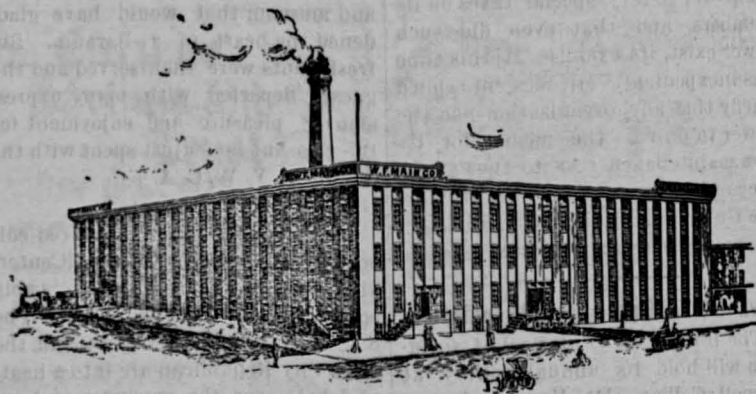
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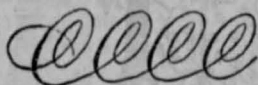
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The W. R. C cleared \$75 through the
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Miss Yule, of Tipton, sister of Yule,
ex-'99, is visiting with the Safley sis-
ters.
Dr. Patterson's Political Economy
class were given an examination this
morning.
Miss Helen Haynes, C. '02, has gone
to her home in Centerville, not to re-
turn this term.
Professor Shimek has gone to Chi-
cago and Washington, D. C., in the in-
terest of science.
Chas. Goetsch, C. '02, and Ellen
Green, C. '99, were initiated into Ta-
bard last night.
Elsie Lewis, C. '02, was confined to
her room several days this week, on
account of sickness.
The Delta Gammas entertain the
fraternities at a party at Smith's
Armory, Saturday afternoon.
Mr. Phillips, of Cedar Falls, and
Professor Houser's father, visited the
morphological laboratory Wednesday.
A Cornell-Grinnell debate has been
satisfactorily arranged, and that an-
nual event will occur this year on
Friday, March 17.
At the meeting of the Iowa College
Athletic Union, held last Friday, Mr.
H. E. Brown was elec ed President of
the I. I. C. A. A., which officer Grin-
nell was entitled to elect this year.
The farce, "My Lord in Livery,"
given some time past by the Irvings
and Erodolphians, in North Hall, was
repeated by them last night, at the
Masonic Banquet at the Armory.

Messrs. Loos, Carpenter, Dalbey, Eaton, Angus and Johnson left last night for Dubuque, to attend the Y. M. C. A. Convention.

President Egan, of the Athletic Union, announces that \$200 has been cleared for the Union by the recent Minstrels at the Opera House.

S. McReynolds has resigned his position as Editor-in-Chief of the S. U. I. Quill. Our worthy contemporary has lost a most able man, and we regret that Mr. McReynolds has seen fit to sever his connections with the Quill.

The question for debate with Minnesota has at last been decided upon. It reads: "Resolved, that the United States should continue its policy of territorial extension (to be dated January 1st) The University of Iowa has chosen the negative. The debaters will be elected Friday.

Dr. H. F. Bain, who gave a very enjoyable and profitable course of lectures on Economic Geology at the University last spring term, has received the high compliment of being called to deliver a similar course, covering a period of six weeks in length, at the University of Chicago. Other institutions appreciate our Iowa men.

For the first time in the history of college foot ball there will be presented this year an opportunity of comparing the relative merits of Western and Eastern foot ball. During the fall an eleven from the Pacific coast, comprising the best graduate players from the University of California and Stanford University, will visit the east. They will come in quest of foot ball honors from the big four. Already negotiations have begun with a view to arranging games between the Western contingents and Yale, Harvard, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

Notice.

Meeting of the VIDETTE-REPORTER Board at Close Hall, Saturday, at 11 o'clock.

February 22nd a Holiday.

A new custom has been inaugurated, and Washington's birthday has been decreed a holiday in the Collegiate and Law departments. Arrangements are being made to observe the day in a fitting manner. Appropriate exercises will be held at the Opera House. Col. C. A. Clark, a prominent lawyer of Cedar Rapids, will deliver an address at 10 o'clock.

Notice.

The '00 Hawkeye will be placed on sale at 9 a. m., Monday, Feb. 20, 1899, at the Hawkeye office in the Dental Building. Out of town orders will be held two days in order that those students who have not subscribed may be supplied.

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