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ATHLETICS.

FINANCES OF THE UNION.

The Athletic Union to-day owes less than at any time in its history. By the close of the Winter term the old floating debt had been reduced to \$116.89, the figure at which it still stands. The amount still owing on the note is \$500. Besides these old debts, there still remain to be paid bills made since the opening of the last fall term, amounting to \$59.64.

A condensed statement of the receipts and expenditures since December 19th is as follows:

Dec. 19, bal. on hand	.....	\$20.66
Rec'd for memberships	.....	57.00
Minstrels	.....	196.33
Two-step party	.....	17.50
		\$291.49

BILLS PAID.

Feb. 1, Dr. Knipe	.....	\$50.00
Stamps and stationery	.....	14.20
Lee Bros. & Harvat	.....	7.53
Geo. E. Hilsinger for cash advanced	.....	68.35
J. H. Myers for cash advanced	.....	13.00
March 1, Dr. Knipe	.....	50.00
		202.08

Balance on hand \$88.41

Of the latter amount \$50 has been set aside to apply on the coach's salary. The balance will probably be applied pro rata on the new bills yet due.

Considering the facts that on September 1st of last year the debts of the Union amounted to nearly \$1,200, and that the entire debt now amounts to \$676.53, the condition of our finances is a matter for congratulations. And yet money is needed—and needed badly—money with which to pay running expenses, and the few bills made this year remaining unpaid.

Punting Cup.

The cup offered by Mr. R. E. Morgan, for the foot ball kickers competition, has arrived, and is now on exhibition in the display window at the M. and H. Shoe House on Clinton Street. The cup, which is about a foot in height, and graceful in form, is of quadruple silver, lined with gold. On the side opposite to the handle is the figure of the Goddess with arms outstretched in the act of extending the laurel wreath to the victor. The cup will be a handsome memento to the ability of the winner.

It was at first intended that this cup should be held for one year by the successful kicker, but Mr. Morgan has decided to alter his plans, and now offers one of these cups each year, to be held permanently by the man making the best record in the contest.

The conditions of the competition have not yet been decided upon, but they will be announced in the near future. Among the plans that have been suggested is a scheme for two contests, one to be held in the spring, the other in the fall; any student to be eligible to the spring contest, those eligible to the fall contest being the members of the foot ball squad who took part in the spring contest; the one making the highest total number of points in the

two contests to be awarded the prize.

This plan has many features to commend it, and may be adopted in general outline. In any event, there will be a contest next term, the date of which will be announced later. Meanwhile the cup will remain in the M. and H. window, that all interested may be able to view it.

Irving.

Thorough work in preparation was manifest at Friday evening's program, which was exceptionally good throughout.

Pleasing vocal music was furnished at the opening by Miss Nagal.

The initial literary number was a declamation, entitled: "The Comet." H. M. McLaughlin gave this amusing selection in an entertaining manner. "A Tribute to the Great Pacificator" was presented by Geo. W. Egan in his usual good style; being a portrayal of Clay's acuteness of intellect and nobility of character.

The question debated was: "Resolved, that the usury law of Iowa should be repealed."

W. J. Spurrier, affirming, demanded repeal, on the ground that the law serves no good purpose, and is discriminative and unjust.

F. A. Williams, for the negative, cited history to show that usury laws have heretofore been found necessary to the best interests of the society.

Merritt Brackett, in a strong argument for the affirmative, held that the law is not founded on correct principles, and defeats its own purpose.

F. C. McCutchen defended the law in turn, maintaining that it prevents the abuse of money power.

Mr. Springer closed for the affirmative.

L. E. Switzer, in a speech, depicted the unique beauty of Eugene Field's character, illustrating the late poet's attachment to children, and their strong affection for "Gene."

A. L. Remley gave a humorous declamation with good effect.

Mr. Mauzy's violin performance, at the close, was popular with the audience, receiving a second encore.

The affirmative secured the decision on the debate.

Philomathian.

The following program was rendered by the Society Friday evening:

Declamation	.....	T. E. Martin
		"For Independence."
Speech	.....	C. W. Humphrey
		"The Individual and the State."

Debate—"Resolved, that under existing conditions the abolishment by all civilized nations, of their armies and navies, other than those required for the maintenance of their domestic policy, is desirable."

Affirmed by L. Henson and C. L. Lewis.

Denied by W. P. Hanson and C. W. Soesbe.

Declamation	.....	M. C. Warren
		"The Angels of Buena Vista."

Declamation	.....	O. W. Hagander
		"The Temple of Liberty."

The program as a whole was not up to the average standard. The first two numbers were well given and deserved applause, while in the debate Mr. Soesbe and Mr. Hanson deserve special mention.

THE MCGEE LECTURES.

FIFTH LECTURE ON "TECHNOLOGY, OR THE SCIENCE OF INDUSTRIES."

Zoocultural industries, the same as horticultural, began in the deserts. The buzzards in the deserts of Mexico, illustrate this beginning of domestication of wild animals, and shows the natural toleration between man and animals which bridges over the seeming chasm the wild and domestic animal.

Domestication is followed by changes in the make up of the animal; they lose their individuality and intelligence, and become servants of man. The horse, the cow, the sheep and the hen have been changed until they have but one function—to produce that which man desires.

Quarrying and mining were engaged in by the Indians before the continent was discovered. The stone-quarries were held as sacred spots, and it was of these that definite ownership was first recognized. The industry of warfare is caused by hate, and it is being eliminated. In early times the warrior transformed himself into a demon, by means of torture, before going on the warpath.

As man becomes more civilized, his brain becomes larger and his skull thinner. We Americans are the largest brained men and women of the globe. Man has two sides, the hand side and the brain side. The civilized man can do many things with his trained hand which the untrained savage cannot do, but the difference is still greater in the development of the brain.

Sandow is the best developed man now known, because he understands the anatomy of the body, and has developed both his mind and body. It is through the co-ordination of brain and muscle that our future success will be assured. The trophies of athletics are coming from the Old World to the New on this account.

At first the only commercial transactions were thefts. Primitive men had no idea of possession, and seized upon whatever they saw that they wanted. By this same principle the wives were at first seized. In the beginning commerce was an expression of antagonism, but by culture it has been changed from a selfish to an unselfish and beneficial act.

At first education was an accident, the foe educated his foeman. Now a large part of our energy is given to education, which is the culmination of our present civilization.

THE SIXTH LECTURE BY PROFESSOR MCGEE ON "SOCIOLOGY, OR THE SCIENCE OF INSTITUTIONS."

Man is distinguished from all other animals as a happy creature; he is the only animal that laughs and smiles. There is a tendency in all things to collect into groups. This is shown in inorganic substances by affinity, crystallization, and especially in modulations. Animals gather in swarms, which represent the maternal group, and herds which represent the paternal group, in which the strongest are the leaders.

Among wolves, foxes, and nearly all carnivorous animals, we find examples of the family organization. The clan is

simply an enlarged family. For the beginnings of marriage we go back to the sylvan Indians. The matron is the one who picks out the suitor for her daughter.

Marriage is prohibited within the class or without the tribe. In the maternal group the government is often in the hands of the uncle on the mother's side, called avuncular government.

Tribes are often broken down by war. When nearly all of the men are killed the wives and children are captured and adopted into the conquering tribe. As honor in the tribe is designated by age, the newly adopted person's age begins again, and he must call all the children born before he was adopted his older brothers. If a younger person is promoted on account of superior qualities all those below him must call him their older brother. Thus it finally comes about that the strongest rule, and so the matriarchy is changed into a patriarchy. This is especially true when migration begins.

The Gens is a family group in which the chiefship is reckoned through male descent. In this group the marriage is changed. Instead of showing his ability to support the wife by hunting, etc., he must have a certain amount of property; among the Esquimaux a certain number of dogs.

The medicine men and priests had a great influence in the government of the Gens. Law is founded in the desire to preserve peace, and is the judgment of the more judicious minds of the tribe to settle disputes. The great means of enforcing the law was ostracism.

Zetagathian.

The following program was rendered at Zet Hall Friday evening:

Music	.....	Mr. Mauzy
Violin Solo	.....	Mr. Coy
Declamation	.....	"She Washed for Him."
Speech	.....	J. F. Ogden
		"The Negro."

Debate—"Resolved, that the single gold standard should be maintained by the United States."

Affirmed by H. B. Grey and C. V. Page.

Denied by R. C. Williamson and C. C. Converse.

Declamation	.....	A. P. Speers
		"A Favorite Letter of Leadville Junction."

Oration	.....	W. F. Moore
		"True Nobility."

Music.

Vocal Solo Miss Nagal
The declamation by Coy was very well rendered, the speaker being especially adapted to the selection.

J. F. Ogden, in his speech, laid special stress upon the race problem, the greater part of which, he thinks, remains to be solved.

The debate was not up to the standard of Zet debates, each side preferring to map out the course for their opponents, instead of producing arguments.

A. P. Speers declaimed in his usual pleasing manner.

The oration by W. F. Moore was quite well written and delivered, but showed signs of being a "short-notice" production.

Notice.

Athletic Union meeting at Close Hall Wednesday evening, March 15th, at 7:30 sharp. GEO. W. EGAN.

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Expansion at the University.

The University is continually multiplying its courses, increasing its facilities, and adding to its buildings. This year two of the professional departments are increasing the length of their courses, and raising the standard of the school. The Medical department will have no commencement owing to the transition from a three year to a four year course. The Dental school celebrates the change from a six month to a nine month course. So there will be no Winter term commencements as heretofore. Several "Dents" will be graduated in March, as usual, but they are students who entered before the present rule took effect. The regular Senior class of that department will graduate June 5th.

This is a great step in increasing the efficiency of the courses, and the consequent influence and reputation of the University. The day is probably not far distant when the Law course will require three years. There is always more or less objection to such changes, yet each time a course is enlarged the standard of the University is raised that much, and all loyal citizens of the Hawkeye state take pride in watching the advancement of the State University.

\$'s.

It's the Athletic Union again. Her coffers are empty. A new season is just opening. A base ball team must be maintained. Track team too. There are yet a few unpaid bills pathetically demanding liquidation. Some more ought to be paid on that note. The fence and the diamond and the track at the Park must be repaired. Money is needed to pay running expenses. How is it to be raised? The merchants of Iowa City last fall contributed several hundred dollars. They now feel that the students should try their hands,

Now how shall we do it? A proposition to levy a 50 cent term tax on the members of the Union was voted down at the February meeting. Shall we vote such a tax at the meeting next Wednesday evening? There are approximately 300 members. A 50 cent tax would net \$150. Or shall we try cash subscriptions? There are 1200 students, and 50 cents each from half of them would make \$300. Are there other plans to suggest for raising money—not promises? Or shall we at the opening of what augurs to be a brilliant season, reluctantly confess that we can not meet our competitors because we haven't the money with which to support our teams? Shall we wait for the Faculty to again demand payment of a part of our debt before we can participate in any more athletic events? In short, shall we shut up shop, or shall we raise some money?

Forum.

An instrumental solo was the first on the program last Friday night, the music being given by Mr. Boehm.

Next on the program was a speech by Mr. Dilley on "Rudyard Kipling." The history of Rudyard Kipling was lengthy and given in the usual way which Mr. Dilley treats his hearers.

Mr. Allen opened the debate very forcibly.

Mr. Croxen rebutted the affirmative's argument so that there was hardly any strength left to the beginner's speech.

A. H. Sargent continued for the affirmative in his style which is so engaging and interesting, and made a good argument.

F. W. Sargent, with force and reason, then took up the negative, and his appearance was easy and graceful, bringing forth many new points.

Mr. Allen, with a few words of cutting effect, closed the debate by rebutting his opponents' speeches.

"Toussant L'Overture," given by Mr. Patterson, was of an interesting nature.

Mr. Hebel spoke of the credit system, showing the many defects therein. The subject was well handled.

The program was closed with a solo by Mr. French, which was fine, and he was compelled to respond to an encore.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

McCluskey, M. '01, received a visit from his father this week.

The Sigma Nus gave an informal party at their halls Friday night.

Cook, C. '01, returned yesterday from a visit with his parents over Sunday.

Theodore Anderson, Law librarian, addressed the class in Sociology Monday.

The Hammond Law Senate is making elaborate preparations for a special St. Patrick's Day program, to be given next Friday.

The Delta Gammas observed their annual reunion day last Saturday, by an informal spread at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Teeters.

The roster of Commencement speakers is now complete, Miss Libbie Howard being chosen by the Faculty Friday as the sixth speaker.

The Oratorical Contest, on account of the proximity of examinations, has been postponed until next term. The 29th of March has been fixed upon as the date.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Senior Laws yesterday, Law Librarian Anderson was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Law class of '00.

The Marengo High School will hold its annual field meet with its alumni on May 13th. Leo Wilson, of S. U. I., will enter the mile run. S. Ringler, Grinnell's walker, S. Williams, Grinnell's pole vaulter, and C. B. Lake, Mt. Vernon's shot putter, are also expected to compete. Marengo High School has a great number of athletics in the various colleges of Iowa.

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The Senior Laws yesterday voted to wear silk plug hats during the Spring term.

Miss Mary Lytle, C. '98, who is teaching in Springdale, is at home for a week's visit.

The following are the officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming year: Pres., M. E. Weldy; Vice-Pres., Erwin Schenk; Rec. Sec., Roy Call; Treas., M. M. Moulton.

Saturday evening South Hall was the scene of a pleasant social gathering, the occasion being a reception of the Zets by their sisters, the Heps. Among other novel modes of entertainment may be mentioned impromptu theatricals and musical performances. Sousa's band, tragedies, and comedies, were enacted in rapid succession before the appreciative audience. These, with other games, passed the hours quickly away until the empty punch bowl and the sounds of heavy footsteps in the stairway made known the time for adjournment was at hand.

Another Lecture.

So great has been the popular appreciation shown in the lectures on Anthropology, by Professor McGee, that arrangements have been made for an extra lecture, to be given next Thursday evening, at the Armory. This lecture, which will comprise a general summary of the ground covered in the afternoon course, will be illustrated by specially prepared views with lime light apparatus. An admission of 10 cents will be charged at the door for the purpose of providing for the necessary expenses.

Arrangements for Iowa Debate.

Wisconsin was unfortunate in that she lost the flip for choice of judges in the Iowa-Wisconsin debate, and as a result, Iowa will choose one judge from the list proposed by Wisconsin, while Wisconsin must choose two from the list submitted by Iowa. Each team submits twelve names. The time and place of holding the debate has been decided upon as Saturday, March 1st, in the Pabst Theatre, Milwaukee. The date will fall within the Easter vacation, which will make the occasion particularly advantageous to the Milwaukee students. Excursion rates will be procured and every effort made to insure a success, financially, as well as otherwise.—Cardinal.

Notice.

All members of Co. I. are requested to be present to-night at the City Hall, to hear reports of committees, and pass upon adoption of by-laws.

J. R. GARDNER, Capt.

Baconian.

Professor McGee will lecture on "A Visit to a savage tribe." On account of the expected large attendance, non-members will not be admitted except by special invitation.

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