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## ATHLETICS.

### AGREED TO DISAGREE.

Things seem to have gone to the "demnition bowows" in Western foot ball circles. Michigan refuses to play Chicago because Stagg will not schedule a return game to be played at Detroit. Wisconsin refuses the Maroons a game because Stagg won't divide the gate receipt. For similar reasons Illinois will not meet Chicago. Meanwhile Professor Stagg has published a schedule which he says "speaks for itself," as follows: Oct. 7, Iowa; Oct. 14, open; Oct. 21, Oberlin; Oct. 28, Pennsylvania; Nov. 4, Purdue; Nov. 11, Northwestern; Nov. 30, Brown. Thus, with Iowa opening the season, Pennsylvania and Minnesota displace Illinois and Northwestern, while Brown gets the Thanksgiving game instead of Michigan. Since the trouble over protests last fall it has been rumored that there would be no Wisconsin-Chicago game this year. The break with Michigan comes as a surprise—an unwelcome one to Western foot ball enthusiasts. No game of foot ball has been the occasion of more interest than the Michigan-Chicago Thanksgiving day game. The three Universities do not propose to submit tamely to this action on the part of Chicago. They now threaten to participate in no athletic games whatever with athletes from this institution, unless Stagg yields the points they demand, viz.—equal division of net receipts from games and return games in alternate years. How the matter will finally end is a matter for conjecture. The question, however, must be settled within a very few days, as the season for the spring meets is fast approaching.

### Northwestern's Track System.

At Northwestern, hereafter, the number of events in which a track man may enter will be limited very closely. This change of system is inaugurated at the suggestion of Dr. Hollister, Northwestern's athletic director, who has ideas of his own on the subject. Not that these ideas are necessarily limited to him, either, for a number of the most capable trainers in the country are coming to be of the opinion that it is possible to give a track candidate too many varieties of work. Indeed, there is good reason to believe that within the past two years we have had men right here in this University who failed to reach the highest degree of proficiency in their own special events simply because they attempted to do too many kinds of work. Northwestern's work under this system will be watched with much interest.

### Dual Meet.

The location of the Grinnell-Iowa field meet is still a matter of controversy. The constitution reads that the meet shall be held "alternately at Grinnell and Iowa City." The '97 meet took place here. In '98 the meet, which should have been held at Grinnell, was called off, owing to bad weather. Grinnell now claims this year's meet, on the ground that the constitution reads "alternately" instead of "in alternate years." We hold that by the usual custom in these cases, and according to the spirit

of the constitution, the loss of a meet one year on account of weather does not affect the location for the following year. Besides this, it would be a disadvantage to both Grinnell and Iowa to have the foot ball and base ball games, and the track meet all located at Grinnell one year, and all at Iowa City the next, as would be the case if Grinnell's interpretation of the constitution should be accepted.

### Base Ball.

The base ball games scheduled to date are as follows:

April 12, 13 and 14, Cedar Rapids at Iowa City.  
April 21, Knox College at Iowa City.  
April 27, Luther College at Iowa City.  
April 29, Cornell at Mount Vernon.  
May 4, Monmouth at Iowa City.  
May 6, State Normal at Cedar Falls.  
May 9, Highland Park at Iowa City.  
May 12, Luther College at Decorah.  
May 13, U. I. U. at Fayette.  
May 16, Cornell at Iowa City.  
May 20, Grinnell at Grinnell.  
May 26, Highland Park at Des Moines.  
May 27, Cornell at Mt. Vernon.  
May 30, Grinnell at Iowa City.  
June 3, Ames at Iowa City.  
June 6, Alumni at Iowa City.

The State Normal aggregation will play a return game here probably on June 9.

Besides the above schedule, Manager Mitchell is endeavoring to arrange for a trip to include Beloit College, University of Wisconsin, and probably Minnesota. The first two of the trio have signified their desire to entertain our players on their respective home fields, and there is reason to believe that Minnesota may give us the other date needed; in which event the latter will give us a return game here.

## TEACHERS' MEETING.

THE SOUTHEASTERN IOWA TEACHERS' CONVENTION TO MEET AT IOWA CITY.

The fifth annual session of the Southeastern Teachers' Association will meet in Iowa City, April 6, 7 and 8. Excursion rates of a fare and one-third for the round trip, on the certificate plan, will be given from all points in Iowa, from which the one-way fare is more than fifty cents. Going tickets may be purchased from April 3 to 8, and returning from April 7 to 12 inclusive. A most elaborate program has been arranged.

General Association meetings will be held in the Opera House. Meetings of sections will be held in the literary halls and various recitation rooms. Several members of the Faculty will read papers and take part in the discussions. President Seerley, President Beardshear, and Hon. Henry Sabin will deliver addresses; also Professor Arnold Tompkins, of Champaign, and Professor Wilcox.

Friday afternoon, April 7, there will be a special Battalion drill, and in the evening a reception to all visiting teachers, by the State University.

### Tennis.

There will be a meeting of the Tennis Association at Close Hall, to-morrow, at 4:00 p. m.

P. S. HADDOCK, Pres.

## THE MCGEE LECTURES.

SEVENTH LECTURE BY PROFESSOR MCGEE.

The great number of our authors have begun the history of man far above his earliest stage of development. They have labored under two false suppositions, viz., that in the earliest times the human race existed in hordes, and that the state of promiscuity prevailed.

In the patriarchal group the blood bond was all important; later in the Roman colony the religion bond was none the less important. Social organizations have been rapidly increasing and as each develops it represents some new individuality. The whole tendency of national growth is absorption by combination, that mutual interests may be subserved. One of the strongest bonds by which people may be united is that of language.

The factor of blood blending plays a great part toward the development of nations. In our own nation this has probably become the most complete. Although belief is one of the national bonds, yet during the past five centuries we find a tendency to separate the church from the state. This is significant of human development, and is connected with the rights of man to think as he will.

The recent war with Spain is a demonstration of the fact that men, in whom the brain and hand are allowed to coordinate, will triumph. Man must increase in strength or fail. There is no standstill. Knowledge is free and cumulative; it circulates among us and we become ever brighter and stronger by the circulation.

The freest state in the Union is Iowa. Here the blood blending factor is highly developed; we are free from all aristocratic bonds; we are free to develop spontaneously.

The taking of the Philippines is but another means of development. Slowly, but gradually, the enlightenment and influence of our nation is extending over the world.

EIGHTH LECTURE ON "PHILOLOGY, OR THE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGES."

Most animals have their language simple albeit, which expresses intelligence of an egotistic nature. Although the language of the lower animal is mainly egoistic, the altruistic function is also present, as is shown by the well-known cries of the domesticated animals.

Language begins with the recognition of the quarters or directions, and then is developed the cults of the quarters. This mode of reckoning gives rise to primitive arithmetic, in which seven is considered as the exponential center.

The highest form of primitive arithmetic is found in the Roman notation.

In the development of the parts of speech much has been learned from the study and analysis of the Indian languages. It is found to be economical to express ideas in groups or associative combinations. Inflections in the primitive language is very highly developed, many things being thus expressed. The blending of primitive languages is due

to the tendency of borrowing. Certain terms are gathered and kept together. These form the hieratic languages which are used only in periods of worship.

Gestural speech begins with the pantomime. By signalling the Indian is able to spread intelligence with a rapidity surprising to the white man. In the course of linguistic development there is a tendency to eliminate the unnecessary and so simplify.

### Communication.

EDITOR VIDETTE REPORTER:

If it is not imposing upon your kindness I beg leave to make some mention of the FACTS as set forth through a communication in your Saturday's issue.

In the first place it strikes me as being peculiarly fortunate that a man who had formerly been a student at Drake, who attended S. U. I. that he might secure a pulpit close to college, who has a father on the Faculty at Drake, and who from the very nature of the case would have a primary interest in Drake, and but a secondary one in S. U. I., should make Drake's apology, and explain away the denunciation of S. U. I. I say it is extremely fitting that such a man—whose thoughts are FACTS while those of another are but OPINIONS—should be willing to inconvenience himself so much as to stand upon the steps at Drake and proclaim to you the "FACTS in the case," and then seal the whole matter by signing "S. U. I. '98." If the "poor or vicious" memory of the writer fails him not, the denunciation of the State University was climaxed with the same argument: "I myself am an alumnus of that institution."

The author of the first communication deplored the fact that Drake tendered such ill-timed sympathy to one so deserving of their censure; but he is equally glad that at least the Chancellor of that institution has come to see the case as it is, and holds similar views in regard to it.

But as to the Chancellor's statement: Naturally enough, this alumnus who hooted our men and cheered for Drake in the '98 foot ball game, should doubt the TRUTH as represented by me. Yea, it is natural enough that the statement of Chancellor Craig: "The words quoted as coming from me ARE NOT MINE," should convince him that I had a "poor or vicious memory," as suggested by Craig.

The writer not being a stenographer has not the exact words of the Chancellor, nor does it matter whether the words used by me are HIS or not, so long as the thought expressed is the same. This denunciation was not made in private conversation, but in public. It is not necessary to rely on my statements alone. WITNESSES have announced their willingness to CORROBORATE MY ASSERTIONS.

The communication takes occasion to vouch for him as being a faithful alumnus. It was not my intention to question his faith as an alumnus, but in light of the facts, his statement seems at least a TRIFLE strong. If it is possible to underestimate and misrepresent an institution, and still remain faithful to it, then I must expand my definition for that adjective.

To me, "those men who glory in the success of their Alma Mater, who make

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### Home Oratorical Contest.

The date of the local oratorical contest has been fixed at March 29th. This seems to be the best date that could be chosen in view of the interfering week of examinations, and the several necessary and precursory days, or rather nights, of cramming.

The lateness of the contest this year is much to be regretted. The successful contestant in the home contest is handicapped by the short time remaining to him for training for the Northern Oratorical League contest at Oberlin. We hope that by next year the Oratorical Association will be enabled, by the exercise of those extraordinary powers of constitution-making for which it is justly famous, to "pull off" this event at a more seasonable date. It should not be held later than the first of March in any event.

There are several other things to be hoped from the Oratorical Association. Instead of a constitution that is a by-word and a jest, a sword of lath to be broken with impunity by any offender who can command sufficient political support to shield his offense, it might not unreasonably be asked of the literary societies that they endeavor to fix up an instrument that can be adhered to as containing the rules to be followed by all aspirants for oratorical honors.

The present system, which takes the markings of five judges in thought and composition, and of three in delivery, is one of that merits exhibition and explanation in the dime museums of the country. Explanations in abundance would certainly be required. Last year this scheme was first tried. It most unexpectedly developed that explanations of the scheme would not explain its peculiarities. For two days and nights the best brains in the University wrestled with the markings of the judges before the final grades of the contestants were de-

termined. We advise those unfortunately compelled to have anything to do with this year's arithmetrical puzzle to sleep long and heavy for the week preceding March 29th.

The constitution at present in force has certain resemblances to the constitution of England and to the Aeneid Venus of schoolboy vision. Unwritten, intangible, there is certainly plentiful opportunity for some Merlin or Moses with divining rod to fathom its mysterious provisions and existence.

### Communication.

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her distresses their distresses, and who are willing to lend aid in time of need," appears as faithful and honorable alumni, rather than "those who are willing to crow when victory crowns her efforts, but hasten to sneer at her defeat."

It may be small to hide behind a single letter of the alphabet to hear "astounding sayings of public men," but in comparison it is infinitesimal to hide behind the connotation of "alumnus" either to attack S. U. I. or to defend one who has assumed so cowardly a position.

### Baconian.

The following report was crowded out of Tuesday's issue.

The essay of the evening was read by Instructor Barlow on "Some Properties of Aluminum." But two elements are more widely distributed than aluminum—oxygen and silicon. Aluminum occurs principally in France. Compounded with silicon, aluminum is the most abundantly found.

Aluminum is very ductile and malleable; cast aluminum has about the same elasticity as silver. Chemically, aluminum is very important, not being oxidized in the air, nor attacked by any acids except hydroloric acid. Alkali attacks aluminum easily.

The most marked property of aluminum is its reduction property. It unites with oxygen to form alumina. Aluminum has a higher formation of heat in forming oxides than any other element except magnesium. Aluminum heated with lead oxide acts so violently in the reduction that an explosion takes place.

Several specimens of pure elements were shown by Mr. Barlow, which had been reduced from sulphides or oxides by aluminum. In these reactions the aluminum is used in a finely divided state.

A mixture of sodium peroxide and aluminum, when moistened with water, explodes violently, with a liberation of sodium peroxide gas. Several reductions were made before the society, all showing the most violent flashes and explosions. The crucibles, in which the reductions took place, were heated red hot, without any application of heat whatever.

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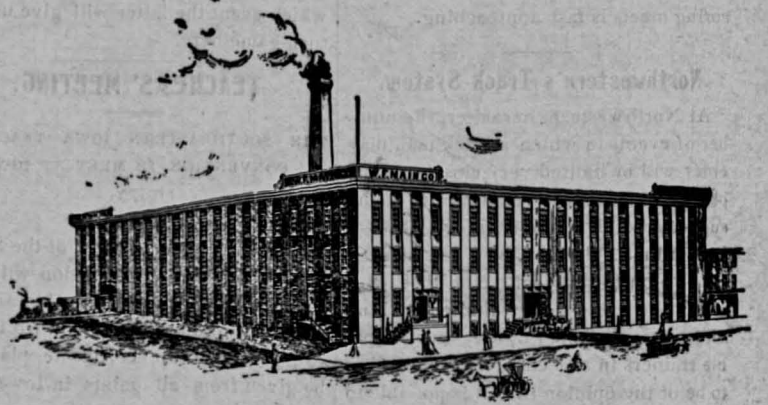
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**FACT AND RUMOR.**

Ivy Lane met last night with Miss  
 Katherine Close.

Eli Grimes, M. '97, State Bacteriolo-  
 gist, is in town.

Max Lorenz, '99, is back after an ab-  
 sence of several weeks.

C. C. Converse has returned from a  
 few days' visit at his home in Cresco.

H. O. Pratt, C. '95, visited the Law de-  
 partment this morning. He will enter  
 the Junior class this spring.

The Delta Gammas wore fraternity  
 colors yesterday, in honor of the anni-  
 versary of the founding of their chap-  
 ter.

Polygon has elected the following  
 officers for the Spring term: Pres.,  
 Florence Joy; Vice-Pres., Perry Bond;  
 Sec., Percy Hunt.

Professor Loos and Dr. Shambaugh  
 will go to Grinnell, to-morrow evening,  
 to act as judges in the debate between  
 Iowa College and Cornell.

Dr. Shambaugh's course of lectures on  
 "Government in Iowa," announced for  
 the Spring term, will be given on Tues-  
 days and Thursday at 9 a. m.

We are grieved to learn of the death  
 of Mrs. Evans, mother of W. T. Evans,  
 C. '96, L. '97, at their home at Parkers-  
 burg, Ia. Mr. Evans was Business  
 Manager of the VIDETTE-REPORTER  
 when in the University.

In the coming Chicago-Michigan de-  
 bate, to be held during the Spring term,  
 at Chicago, Chancellor McClain is to  
 act as one of the judges. The debaters  
 will have a distinguished jury as the  
 other two judges, are ex-President Har-  
 rison and Judge Taft, of Ohio.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.

Friends of Judge E. P. Seeds, formerly Professor in the Law department, will be grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Seeds, at Manchester last week.

The Debating League, at the meeting held on Monday, decided to grant Minnesota's request for five judges instead of three, for the approaching Minnesota-Iowa debate.

The District Council of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity will be held at Lincoln, Neb., during the spring vacation. Delegates from the following colleges will be present: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, Leland Stanford, and Beloit College. Messrs. Rush White and L. J. Flynn, will represent the local chapter.

We neglected to mention in our last issue, the trip of Professor Loos, last Saturday, to Des Moines. The Professor made arrangements with Governor Larrabee for the course of lectures to be given in the University next May. There will be five lectures—three upon general economic subjects and two upon the Iowa State Institutions.

G. W. Lawrence, L. '96, the law partner of Chas. Aldrich, L. '96, has received a telegram from the 1st lieutenant of the Marshalltown company, of the 49th Iowa, of which Aldrich is captain, stating that Aldrich is sick with the typhoid fever at Havana, where the regiment is stationed. Captain Aldrich's many friends will hope for his speedy recovery.

The S. U. I. Supreme Court met Saturday evening, and the case of Fisk vs. Hot Line Packet Co. was heard. The plaintiff brought action for the loss of a satchel valued at \$150.00, alleging that this satchel was stolen from him while upon one of the steamboats of this company. Blackburn was on the bench Craig and Pritchell were attorneys for the plaintiff; Weed and Taylor attorneys for defendant. Jury brought in a verdict for the defendant for \$7.50.

**Baconian.**

Professor McGee will lecture on "A Visit to a Savage Tribe." Visitors will be admitted by presenting a card of invitation signed by a member or an associate member.

**Entertainments.**

Professor Veblen has very kindly offered to give his lecture on "Fingerprints" for the benefit of the Athletic Union. The offer having been accepted, the lecture will be given early in the Spring term. Those who have heard this lecture testify in the highest terms of its excellence.

The S. U. I. Minstrels have begun rehearsing for their entertainment, which will probably be given on April 7, the date of the Teachers' Convention to be held here.

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