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SOPHOMORE COTILLION.

APRIL 14TH THE DATE—PETERSON' ORCHESTRA SECURED.

Invitations have just been issued for the Second Annual Sophomore Cotillion, which will be given by the Sophomore class at Smith's Armory on Friday evening, April 14th. The arrangements that have been made for the Cotillion promise one of the most brilliant occasions in years. After careful correspondence and inquiry concerning the best orchestras of the State, the committee has finally secured Peterson's orchestra, from Davenport, to furnish the music of the evening. This orchestra is the prime favorite among dancers in the eastern part of the State, and the announcement that they have been secured will give general satisfaction. The armory will be decorated more brilliantly than ever before, popular patrons will receive the guests, stylish programs will be provided for their engagements, and delicious refreshments will await their pleasure during the evening.

The Sophomore class is well assured that its Cotillion will be a brilliant social function. It only awaits the co-operation of all interested to make it most successful.

Dead Man for Judge.

According to the agreement with Wisconsin, each University submitted a list of twelve men, whom it would be willing to have act as judges. S. U. I. chose Judge Given, but for fear he would be unable to serve, began an investigation regarding the others. The debaters are greatly surprised to find that two of the men publicly express themselves favoring Wisconsin's side of the question. A third is a University graduate, and described as being still "one of the boys." A fourth man—peace to his ashes—is dead. Wisconsin chose Prof. Pettee, Dean of Minnesota Law School, and Judge Grosscup, of Chicago. The latter could not serve, so it was Iowa's turn to select a man from Wisconsin's list. The "Badger" boys were beaten at their own game, for the S. U. I. debaters chose the dead man. Owing to his non-existence he cannot act, so Wisconsin is compelled to select another man from Iowa's list.

Tennis Association.

The S. U. I. Tennis Association met yesterday and proceeded to the annual election of officers, with the following result: President, E. C. Hull; Vice-President, R. D. Marsh; Secretary, Eugene J. Walsh; Treasurer, Ralph V. Downing.

The presidency of the State Tennis Association falls to S. U. I. this year. Nominations being called for, Paul Had-dock, in a glowing speech, nominated C. E. Holbrook for the office. On the informal ballot, which was declared formal. Mr. Holbrook was elected to the office.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions petitioning the Athletic Union for admittance into its body. This would be desirable for several reasons: the new policy of centralization of athletics at the University would seem to make desirable the merging of tennis with the other athletic contests, such

as foot ball, base ball, and track work; the Athletic Union would be in a better position than the Tennis Association alone to develop tennis at S. U. I.; the ground upon which the tennis courts are situated belongs to the Athletic Union, and would suggest that a common authority over all would be desirable; the Athletic Union possesses the power to grant the "1's" to the best athletes—those excelling in tennis deserving this recognition as much as the champion base ball players.

The proposition is regarded with favor by officers of the Association, and will undoubtedly be referred to the committee on revision of the Constitution of the Athletic Union for consideration.

Dental Department.

The Junior class meets the Board on Thursday, March 23.

Dr. Harriman intends to give a written examination in Anatomy, instead of an oral one, as he always has done heretofore. The examination will be given Saturday at 9 a. m.

Willey, '99, and Dexter, '00, intend to go to Sioux City during the vacation to visit friends.

The Junior class had their first examination in Therapeutics last night, from 8 to 10.

Several Junior theses in Therapeutics will not be read, as the time is too limited. All of the class regret this mishap, as undoubtedly they would be very entertaining, as well as instructive.

Dr. Hosford has promised to bring before the Senior and Junior classes next term a case of cleft palate. The case has been operated on before, but the operation was not an entire success.

Thompson, '00, is down with the measles.

The Senior class has been asked to hand in their names to Dr. Hosford, as they are wanted them on their diplomas.

A great many of the Dents are attending the lectures on Anthropology by Professor W. J. McGee.

Kuster, '00, sprained his ankle last week, which kept him out of school for two or three days, but he is now back again.

Letter from an Old Alumnus.

We are in receipt of the following letter from Rev. D. A. Watters, '71, of Salem, Oregon, and Presiding Elder of Salem District M. E. Church. We publish this as illustrating the interest manifested by the alumni of the institution:

SALEM, ORE., March 11, '99.

EDITOR UNIVERSITY REPORTER, Iowa City, Iowa.

DEAR SIR.—Will you kindly mail to my address a copy of your college paper. In its youthful days, when I was acquainted with it, we knew it by the name of "University Reporter." It may be that it has grown old enough to change its name, but by whatever name now known we desire to meet it once again. Yours truly,

D. A. WATTERS.

The illustrated lecture by Professor McGee, given at the Armory, Thursday evening, was highly interesting and instructive. The crowd was small, but probably as large as could be expected at this time of the term.

THE MCGEE LECTURES.

NINTH LECTURE ON "THE SCIENCE OF PHILOSOPHY."

In this lecture the speaker considered the function of fear among animals and primitive men. The peaceful end of the human beings was clearly contrasted with the tragic end of the lower animal. Along with the tragic end in animals came the development of cunning. The primitive man was dominated by fear of enemies. The savage fears the camera more than the Gatling gun. When he sees his portrait taken by the camera he thinks that a part of his body has left him and entered the camera. Primitive men always dread the mysterious.

The next stage in development is the budding intelligence as revealed in the myth. The myth is exaggerated as it goes down through generations, until it becomes extremely absurd. A primitive father tells his son of a wonderful combat with the largest bear ever known. The story passes down until the bear is so large that it stepped from mountain to mountain.

Since fear controlled the primitive, the ever-present demons were always bad. Along with Zootheism arose the myth. Soon the savage learned to point out sacred places of evil. The Pipestone quarry, the Demon's Lake, and Devil's Pools are some of the evil places of certain tribes of Indians. The primitive man allowed no one to approach these sacred places for fear the demons will be angered.

Primitive men had no definite conception of demons, but saw them everywhere. Soon he learned to offer libations to appease the anger of the demons. The intercourse between tribe and tribe soon removed part of the element of fear. The primitive man in war captured sacred objects, and through a sense of safety there was a gradual decadence of terror.

TENTH LECTURE BY PROFESSOR MCGEE.

The belief in a mythical power is common among primitive men. After this stage the powers of nature are deified. In this stage we find vestiges of the preceding stage of zootheism, such as animal and human sacrifice.

It is a long step from the low form of worship to the recognition of divinity and the birth of spirituality.

Scientific philosophy finds its keynote in a hunger for knowledge. Egoism is finally suppressed by a desire for congruous concepts. In the natural order of inquiry and interpretation the first query is: What? then Where? How? Whence? Whither? and Why? There is a sequential explanation of this. The query Why? is the query How? raised to a higher plain.

Primitive man is often satisfied with numerical explanation. Later explanation becomes structural, then dynamic; we to-day are concerned with what men do.

Forum.

Mr. McElroy was the first to appear on the program last evening. His reading was very clear and interesting.

A. H. Sargent followed in a talk upon

the United States and the standing army. The discourse was very good.

N. A. Blackburn opened the debate upon the question which was in favor of Home Rule being given to Ireland. The speaker laid a part of the foundation upon which the case was rested, and explained the condition as it has and does exist.

D. A. Heibel opened the negative, hurling much to rebut the debate as it was when he entered the discussion. His argument was very good.

T. F. Lynch, in his usual style, continued the debate, showing many wrongs as the conditions are to-day, and reasons for the adoption of Home Rule in Ireland.

E. J. Turner rebutted with skill, and great reserve for the negative.

T. F. Lynch closed in a short and effective rebuttal of the opposition's arguments.

Optional: O. E. Anderson. Mr. Anderson discussed to some extent several of the requisites of a true and noble man.

"The Irishman in American" was very ably handled by G. J. Piersol, and as usual the speaker was easy in his speech, and clear and logical in the manner of treating the Irishman.

The debate was decided for the affirmative.

Ideal Fraternity Girl.

We are indebted to the Nebraskan for the following article by Sarah A. Albray, published in the Trident, the official organ of Δ Δ Δ:

"When we speak of the ideal fraternity girl, we are apt to think of her as being possessed of certain distinctive qualities which do not belong to those outside of the Greek world. We forget that the ideal fraternity girl is simply the ideal woman, and that fraternity life as a training, is paid to the cultivation of those qualities that go to make up the perfect woman.

"Here are two qualities that are essential to this ideal womanly character—honesty and unselfishness. We all admit that truth is a necessary part of a character of any worth at all. But we sometimes forget that dishonesty may not be limited to openly dishonest deeds or to untrue words. The woman that does not live up to the best that is in her, day by day and hour by hour, is not honest. She is stealing from herself and from the world talents given to her to use to the highest advantage. She is not an ideal fraternity girl because she is not an ideal woman.

"The other quality necessary for the ideal womanhood with the fraternity girl should take as her goal is that love for others, that unselfishness which we all recognize as the most beautiful quality in any human being. Herein lies the essence of fraternity life. We have all felt at times how pleasant it is to know that one of our fraternity sisters will be ready to help us out of some difficulty, even at the cost of a little little trouble to herself. Let us extend this readiness to serve others to those outside our own mystic circle, and we will become truer fraternity girls as we become truer women."

The date for the Iowa-Wisconsin debate has been again changed. The time now set is Friday evening, March 31st.

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It being the custom of the University papers not to issue during examinations, this issue of the VIDETTE-REPORTER will be the last this term. Wishing our readers a maximum of pleasure for the days allowed to them for the Spring vacation, we promise to again greet their eyes early next term.

A Dead Judge.

The actions of Wisconsin have been anything but agreeable in completing the arrangements for the debate to be held at Milwaukee, March 31. The frequent change of date was annoying but probably unavoidable. The list of men submitted to our debaters was highly unsatisfactory. Two of the men are radical supporters of Wisconsin's side of the question. Our agreement is that no man who was ever connected with either institution should be submitted as a judge. One of the men proposed is a graduate of their University, and is still "one of the boys." All this could be overlooked, but when they submit a dead man, indignation is justifiable. Wisconsin must think Iowa is "easy." No wonder the Badgerites win debates with alumni, and dead men for judges. S. U. I. can take defeat when defeated, and we certainly hope that the coming contest will go to the deserving team, and not be decided by a packed jury.

Kansas the Unique.

Ever interesting, always original, these are the characteristics of the Kansans. We noticed last fall in these columns the substantial encouragement which the Kansas Legislature gave to help the dying cause of foot ball at that time. Lately it has been noticed in educational circles that oratory is declining. Kansas has aroused a new interest in its pursuits.

Kansas recently held her intercollegiate oratorical contest at Ottawa, Kansas. Reports from the field indicate that a

warm time was enjoyed to the utmost by the belligerents. One stupid fellow who did not seem to be particularly interested in the game, received "a deep cut over the head" for his pains, according to the Nebraskan. Kansas University received third place, but nevertheless her students are well satisfied, feeling that they "fought a good fight against the combined hosts" of Methodists and Baptists from several pious colleges, "assisted by bootblacks, policemen, draymen, and the city of Ottawa."

Remnants of this contest having boarded the train in conditions more or less the worse for wear, the excitement continued. When the home station of one of the delegations was reached, the delegates were forcibly ejected and kicked from the platform. By way of easing their wrath and righteous indignation, the kicked and ejected threw snowballs and clods, mixed with rocks, boulders, and other solid material, through the car windows.

We are always pleased to chronicle such delightful accounts of intercollegiate meets. They add so much to college spirit, and promote enthusiasm for athletics. Besides they look so well in print. We shall look for another appropriation before long. The Kansas solons who so few years ago attained renown by bombarding the state capitol at Topeka, will not long allow merit to go unrecognized. Especially when it happens to be in their line.

Resolutions.

Whereas, it has pleased an All-Wise Father to take away the father of our friend and fellow-member, Max O. Lorenz. Be it

Resolved, that the members of the Zetagathian Society extend to Mr. Lorenz their sincere sympathy in his sorrow.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

Delta Tau Delta gave a party last night.

Lartz, '02, has been missing classes on account of sickness.

Dr. Field, of Des Moines, visited classes last Thursday.

Y. C. Cummings will lead the Y. M. C. A. meeting, Sunday, at 4 p. m.

W. O. Lillibridge, C. '02, has been entertaining his sister the past week.

Instructor Howe met his classes, Thursday, after several days illness.

The Juniors and Sophomores took an examination in Tactics this forenoon.

Miss Chamberlain, '02, will leave, Monday, for North Dakota, and will not be in school during the Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fellingham left today for Mrs. Fellingham's home at Charles City, where they will enjoy a visit.

Professor McGee gave a very interesting and instructive lecture at Baconian, Friday evening, on "A Visit to a Savage Tribe."

Professor McGee will lecture before the Iowa Institute of Sciences and Arts at Dubuque, Monday. He will open a course of lectures at Washington, D. C., March 25, which is under the auspices of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

Cornell College defeated Iowa College in a debate at Grinnell, last night, on the monetary question, the victors upholding gold monometalism. The judges were Professor Loos and Shambaugh, of the State University of Iowa, and Dr. Hatfield, of Chicago University; two of these voted for Cornell.

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Albert Currier, C. '02, is wearing a Beta pledge pin.

Dr. Van Epps, M. '97, is visiting with friends in the city.

Miss Ina Magowan is entertaining Miss Warner, of Tama City.

The Erodophians will not give their regular program this evening.

Professor Macbride will give a special five-hour course in Botany during the Spring term.

Miss Norra Allin entertained the Pi Beta Phi fraternity, last evening, in honor of Miss Eva Glass, C. '96, of Mason City.

Weaver's minstrels will give an entirely new burnt-cork performance for the benefit of the Athletic Union, on Friday evening, April 7th.

M. H. Thielen, M. '98, and at one time an editor of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, has left Chanute, Kansas, and gone to Grundy Center, Iowa, where he will enter into partnership with J. G. McAlvin, C. '96, M. '97.

The special Latin class which meets daily at 1:15, at Close Hall, will begin Caesar next term. As credit will not be given on the Dean's register for this work after this year, it behooves all behind in this respect to hasten themselves.

The subjects of production, distribution and consumption will form the basis of Dr. Patterson's course in Economic Statistics for the Spring term. Those desiring to take the work should consult with him before making definite arrangements.

Mr. B. B. Nagarkar, an authority on Indian and Eastern religions, will lecture at the Unitarian church next Sunday morning, on "Christ and Christianity as interpreted by the Brahmed Sonsoj," and in the evening on "Principles of Modern-day Hinduism—the Present Faith of India." All students are cordially invited.

The Erodophians, at their regular business meeting yesterday afternoon, elected the following officers for the spring term: Pres., Miss Antonie Stober; Vice-Pres., Miss Minnie Balle; Cor. Sec., Miss Stella Lowman; Rec. Sec., Miss Lucia Otto; Sgt.-at-Arms Miss Frances Sunier; Joint Committee, Miss Agnes Conley and Miss Ethel Chesterman.

Medical Department.

Mrs. Neff, '00, has returned from Independence.

Middleton, '01, returned Tuesday from his home, where he has been for a few days endeavoring to recover from sickness.

Ramsey, '01, has been called home by the sad intelligence of the dangerous sickness of his sister.

Dr. Chase brought his son with him this week, and showed him the mysteries of the Medical building.

Willsey, '98, visited the department Wednesday.

McCall, '01, has been sick for some time, but is improving.

The lecture given by Puleston, '01, at St. Brendan's Hall, Saturday night, was very entertaining and instructive to those who braved the storm and mud to listen to it. It was his first attempt at a public lecture, and he did very well indeed. He very graphically told of the trip through the Congo district—the villages, the customs, appearances, and characteristics of the natives; of the fetish doctors and witchcraft, with its punishment; of the journey through "Hell's Cauldron," and many other things equally interesting.

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