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DELTA TAU DELTA CONVENTION.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETS IN IOWA CITY
APRIL 4TH AND 5TH.

The annual convention of the Western District of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity was held in Iowa City, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4th and 5th. The delegates arrived Tuesday, and were taken in charge by their fraternity brethren upon their reaching the city.

A business meeting was held, Tuesday afternoon, in the halls of the local chapter, on Clinton and Washington street. At this meeting little was done, and the convention adjourned until Wednesday morning.

A dance was given in the honor of the visiting delegates, Tuesday evening, Wednesday forenoon and afternoon were spent in transacting the business of the convention and in electing officers.

Wednesday evening a banquet was given at the St. James Hotel. The delegates, members of the local chapter, and alumni, sat down to the dinner. Following is the menu:

MENU.	
Blue Points	Celery
Bullion	Pim-Olas
Sweet Bread	Oyster Patties
Baked Red Snapper	Creamed Potatoes
	Sliced Cucumbers.
Champagne Punch.	
Quail on Toast	Saratoga Chips
	French Peas
Shrimp Salad	
Cheese Straws	Salted Almonds
Neapolitan Ice Cream	
White Cake	Cocoanut Cake
Chocolate Cake	Maccaroons
Edam and Roquefort Cheese	
Mint Wafers	Chocolate BonBons
Coffee.	

After the guests had dined and feasted, the program of toasts was given. Professor Thomas H. Macbride, affiliated with Omicron Chapter, presided in his genial capacity as toastmaster.

PROGRAM.

- "The Ideal Frat Man" E. B. Wilson
Omicron Chapter, Iowa City.
- "The Delt Girl"..... R. N. Bramhall
Beta Upsilon Chapter, Champaign.
- "The Critical Situation" (Recitation)...
..... R. B. Dennis
Beta Pi Chapter, Evanston.
- "Beta Tau's Experience in a Chapter
House" J. P. Cleland
Beta Tau Chapter, Lincoln.
- "Fraternal Ethics" O. H. Mitchell
Omicron Chapter, Iowa City.

The Western District of the fraternity comprises the principal universities of the West. Ten chapters belong to the district, being located at the following institutions: The University of Wisconsin, at Madison; the University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis; the University of Illinois, at Champaign; the University of Chicago, at Chicago; Northwestern University, at Evanston; the University of Iowa, at Iowa City;

the University of Colorado, at Colorado Springs; Leland Stanford University, at Palo Alto, and the University of California, at Berkeley.

The most western of these universities—Colorado, California, and Leland Stanford—were not able to send delegates to the convention on account of the distance. The credited delegates attending the convention were: Ralph B. Dennis, from the chapter at Northwestern University, J. P. Cleland, of the University of Nebraska, R. N. Bromhall and T. L. Birkland, of the University of Illinois, and O. A. Bartholomew, of University of Minnesota.

Several out-of-town alumni members of the local chapter, and their friends, are in the city for the convention. Among these are P. Faust, L. '97, of Ottumwa, Victor L. Littig, of Davenport, P. Ink, L. '97, of Mt. Vernon, R. P. Bolton and wife, and Miss Jackson, of Davenport.

RECEPTION TO TEACHERS.

BY UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS
AT THE ARMORY FRIDAY
EVENING.

The professors and instructors of the University will receive the visiting teachers and their friends at the Armory, Friday, April 7th.

Considerable confusion has been caused by the announcement of different places for the holding of this reception. The above date and place is officially given and will, it is hoped, dissipate the uncertainty caused by the numerous announcements from unofficial sources.

At 7:30 o'clock the teachers will listen to an address by Professor Arnold Tompkins, of the University of Illinois, at Champaign. This address will be given at the Opera House. At its conclusion, the teachers will repair immediately to Smith's Armory, where the reception will be held.

The hour at which the reception will commence will thus be close to 9 o'clock. Smith Armory is one block east of the the Opera House, on the same side of College street, and can easily be found by visitors.

False Report About the Presidency.

The Sunday Times-Herald, of April 2nd, prints an article purporting to settle definitely a question which has been agitating the minds of many newspapers for many moons past. According to this paper Edwin E. Sparks will be elected President of the University of Iowa. It says in part:

"Advices received at the University of Chicago, yesterday, indicate that Edwin E. Sparks, Assistant Professor of American History will be elected president of the University of Iowa. Professor Sparks has been given to understand by the committee from the Regents that the position is open to him.

"Professor Sparks is a graduate of the Ohio State University, A. B., 1884, A. B., 1889. He was engaged from 1892 to 1895 as lecturer on American History for the Society for Extension of University Teaching, in Philadelphia. In 1895 he became a lecturer in American History for the University Extension Division of the University of Chicago. Friends of Professor Sparks at the University of Chicago believe he will accept the offer."

THE DUAL MEET.

THE IOWA-GRINNELL TRACK MEET DECLARED OFF.

There will be no dual track meet between Iowa and Grinnell this year. The decision, which practically kills the agreement existing since 1895, for an alternate annual dual meet, was reached late yesterday afternoon, after a lengthy conference between Manager McDonald and President Brown, of Grinnell's Athletic Union. The disagreement leading to the break is over the location of this year's meet. As was stated some time ago, Grinnell insisted upon a literal construction of the articles of agreement, which reads that the meet shall be held "alternately" at Iowa City and Grinnell, and claimed that as no meet was held last year on account of bad weather, this year's meet should be held at Grinnell. Iowa, on the other hand, insisted that it was clearly the intent of the provision in question that the meet should be held "on alternate years" at Iowa City and Grinnell. After a lengthy correspondence had been carried on, with little prospect of a satisfactory termination, it was at last agreed to submit the matter to arbitration. Dr. Hollister, of Northwestern University, was chosen as arbitrator, the form in which the question was to be laid before him having been previously agreed upon. Then one day came a letter from Grinnell saying that she preferred submitting of arguments to submitting the question without any explanation. Iowa replied that she would not consent to the submission of arguments, preferring that the question be decided on its merits. Grinnell refusing to have the matter so submitted, President Brown, of her Union, and "Bobby" Haines, were sent to us to convince us of the error of our way. They arrived Monday evening, and yesterday the wires were kept hot with messages to Grinnell, asking for instructions on the various propositions that were made in the course of the negotiations. No agreement could be reached, however, and all negotiations were called off for this year. Several teams are asking for the date thus left open. Nebraska has been especially anxious to hold a meet with us, and manager McDonald wired them yesterday evening, making them an offer for meet to be held here, which will probably be accepted.

National Track Meet.

Caspar Whitney, the authority on amateurism and purity in college athletics, has a plan by which he hopes to bring together the eastern and western colleges. His idea is to hold, every two years, a national track meet to decide the championship of the United States. The association having charge of this meet shall be governed by representative college men. Under this plan it is hoped that the wrangles and squabbles now so conspicuous on both of the intercollegiate associations, will be of less importance. Mr. Whitney favors holding the meet in Chicago, as it is the most centrally located city.—U. of M. Daily.

All the eastern college base ball teams have begun out-door practice.

The Western League.

The Western Intercollegiate Football League met in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 20th, to arrange a schedule for the coming season. Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri were represented at the meeting. A resolution was drawn up inviting Iowa to re-enter the League, and making a schedule including games with Iowa, as follows: Missouri at Iowa City, October 21st; Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas, November 4th; and with Nebraska, November 30th.

At the Advisory Board meeting, last Saturday, the matter of re-entering the League came up for consideration. After due discussion the Board decided that for a number of reasons Iowa is not at this time in a position to renew her membership in the League. This does not mean, however, that the Board is opposed to games with the members of the League. On the contrary, Iowa will probably play at least one, probably two, and possibly all three of the teams at present in the League. The questions of financial terms, and location of the games, will determine what games shall be played.

Baconian.

Meeting to-morrow evening at 6:45 sharp, to avoid conflict with lecture at Opera House. The paper will be read by Instructor Merritt on the subject: "The Application of Mathematics to Political Economy."

A large number of the fraternities at Harvard give annual plays.

About seventy candidates for the Yale football team have begun their spring work. Ends, backs and kickers will be given particular attention.

Pennsylvania won first place, Princeton second, and Columbia third at the intercollegiate gun club shoot, recently held at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

The second eights of Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania will row on the Schuylkill river, May 30. The trouble Yale and Harvard are now having with the New London Board of Trade may induce the Poughkeepsie Highland Rowing Association, to extend an invitation to the blue and crimson to row their race on the Hudson.

Columbia has received a gift of \$20,000 from the German-Americans of New York City to found a permanent memorial to Carl Schurz on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of his birthday. One-half of this sum will be used as a permanent fund for the purchase of books for the Carl Schurz library of the German language and literature, while the other half will be devoted to the Carl Schurz fellowship in German language and literature.

Notice.

Track team will begin working out on the track now, and will use the same room as used formerly.

FRED A. WILLIAMS, Capt.

Notice.

All having tickets of admission to the McGee lectures are requested by the authorities to drop them in the VIDETTE-REPORTER boxes, either in the Central building or in the Library.

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The Wisconsin Debate.

The first joint debate with Wisconsin has been held with results in the main satisfactory to both parties. As a result of the contest the two Universities have, been drawn closer together in friendly rivalry. Each has come to know the other, respect its opponent's powers, and long for the day when another scrimmage shall be at hand.

For Iowa the contest means much and the results of the first debate are especially gratifying, in that we have obtained what has been sought for in vain for several years—a foeman worthy of our steel. At last one has been found worthy of our best efforts. We honor and respect Wisconsin for what she is and what she has done. We rejoice in the fact that at last there is a trophy hung up that is high enough and worthy enough to attract the very best debating talent of S. U. I., and one that can arouse the ambition of all to the highest pitch in a desire at some stage in his college career to meet Wisconsin in a debating contest.

Words of highest praise are due Wisconsin for the magnificent manner in which the Iowa representatives were received and entertained. Wisconsin Varsity men are gentlemen, and we sincerely hope that next year will not be the last in which we shall meet them in a forensic way, but that the two debating schools of the west may continue their contests from year to year to the advantage of both.

The Old, Old Game.

We print in another column some extracts from a late issue of a Chicago paper concerning the presidency of the University. We have printed the extracts because of the interest taken in the matter by students and readers of the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

We are in a position to state authori-

tatively that there is no foundation for the report that Assistant Professor Sparks, of Chicago University, has been offered the presidency by the Board of Regents. He is one of about one hundred candidates, active or receptive, for the presidency of the University. As such, he was visited by the committee of the Regents, having in charge the ascertainment of the qualifications of the various candidates. This is the only dealing which Mr. Sparks has had with the Regents—supplying the committee with the specifications, references, and notes on the qualifications of Assistant Professor Sparks.

The Board of Regents has not selected any man as yet for the presidency, nor have they shown any preference to any candidate. They are determined to go slowly and carefully. The date now set for the selection of a president is at the regular meeting in June.

Mr. Sparks had not been known as among those who were at all active in pressing their claims and qualifications. The inference to be drawn from the article published in the Chicago paper is that the assistant professor of history in the University Extension Department of Chicago University, or some of his friends, have bethought themselves to play a little game of bluff, to the end that Mr. Sparks may bear off a little reputation out of the unsettled condition of presidential affairs.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

Mr. Walsh, '00, has returned from his vacation.

Reuben Crone, C. '97, was in the city Monday.

Mr. Cooper, L. '99, is going to his home for a visit.

Boddy, '01, is enjoying a visit from his mother and sister.

Miss Jessie Robinson, C. '99, has been chosen class poetess.

Bruce Francis, C. '96, of Montezuma, is attending the teachers' meeting.

J. J. Sharp is professor of mathematics in the High School at Lead, South Dak.

Professor Macbride has organized a special class in Botany which meets at 11 a. m.

Judge Wade began a course in "Evidence, Tuesday, much to the satisfaction of the Juniors.

Miss Mattie Dunham, '98, who is teaching in Mason City, is spending a few days with her friends.

J. T. Haller is at his home in Davenport, where he will soon undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Professor C. B. Wilson has been unable to meet his classes this week, on account of illness. He expects to take up work again next week.

The Senior girls have issued the following invitation to the Senior boys: "O. W. L. S. At Home, Society Halls, April 12, eight o'clock."

Will Loomis returned from Chicago, yesterday, and left this morning for his home in Clermont, Ia., where he will engage in business, returning in June to graduate with the class of '99.

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Sophomore Cotillion Friday evening, April 14th.

The rumor is that Havner, L. '99, has formed a partnership with Popham, L. '98. They will locate at Marengo.

The Zetagathians have adjourned their meeting Friday evening for one week, in honor of the Teacher's Association.

F. R. Werthmueller, C. '98, has been compelled to leave Chicago and return to his home at Burlington, on account of ill health.

Professor C. C. Nutting, Curator of the Museum, has prepared an excellent chart showing the location of the various exhibits in the Museum. The diagram was prepared particularly for the use and guidance of visiting teachers.

Come to the lecture on "Finger Prints," by Professor Veblen, at the Armory next Monday evening, and find out all about yourself as indicated in the lines of your fingers. Learn how to read your own character and your neighbors, and how to prognosticate the future.

H. H. Shepard, C. '97, has left his abstract business in Mason City in the hands of a competent clerk, and has entered the Law department, intending to graduate with the class of 1900. While formerly in the University, Mr. Shepard was one of the managing editors of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, and Treasurer of the Tennis Association.

The trophy room committee at Harvard has thought it advisable to submit the following propositions in regard to which photographs should be placed in the trophy room: The picture of the base ball team is to be put up only when the team wins one of its championship games. The picture of the foot ball team is to be put up only when the team wins one of its championship games. In regard to the pictures of the Freshman teams, it was considered advisable to make the following propositions: The picture of the Freshman crew is to be put up only in case of victory. The pictures of the Freshmen base ball and foot ball teams are to be put up only in case of a victory over Yale. In regard to the Mott Haven team, it was thought advisable that its picture be put up only in case of victory.

Laurence Hutton, one of the greatest living literary critics, is to lecture before many of the eastern universities during the spring.

Col. James S. Petit, for four years military instructor at Yale, is now Military Governor of Manzanilla, in the province of Santiago, under General Wood.

A Notable Attraction Coming.

Sol Smith Russell and his new play "Hon. John Grigsby," will be seen at Greene's opera house, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Wednesday, April 12th. The engagements of Mr. Russell are always a delight, and a refreshing dramatic morsel. Chas. Klein is the author. It is said that this new comedy is by far the best work this prolific and clever writer has yet turned out. The character of "Hon. John Grigsby" is said to fit Mr. Russell perfectly. A very superior company of artists accompany Mr. Russell, and the play has been given a complete production in the way of scenery, properties, and elaborate costumes. Sale opens Monday, April 10th. Seats may be secured by addressing Mr. Geo. Peck, Business Manager, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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