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THE PRACTICE GAMES.

CEDAR RAPIDS WINS TWO, IOWA THE LAST.—LOOSE PLAYING FRIDAY.

"Best in years," "Best ever," "What's the matter with that team?"—such expressions as these have been the utterance of the admirers of Iowa's 1899 base ball team, as they watched the work in the three practice games just closed. And a good team it certainly is. The first two games especially were characterized by brisk, snappy playing, with few errors on the part of either team. The closing game of the trio was the dulllest and least interesting, and although there was an unusually large number of brilliant individual plays, with one or two fine instances of team work, proneness to errors and lack of assuredness was also painfully evident. Those who saw the game of yesterday do not need the evidence of the large score made by each side to convince them that there was some fearfully loose work done, more especially by the "Rabbits," but also, it must be said, by our own boys.

The fact is, that while we have a team composed in the main of accomplished players, a great deal of consistent practicing will have to be done next week if we hope to defeat the Knox College aggregation which plays here next Friday. This team is a strong one, and it is safe to say that, with a repetition of the loose work, fumbles, and muffs caused by nervousness and lack of practice, our scalps will be dangling from the belts of the Galesburg boys.

Story pitched Thursday's game, and succeeded in puzzling the visitors with the variety of his curves. The work of both teams in this game was excellent considering the fact that the weather had prevented practice save for the few days immediately preceding the series. There were very few errors, and on the whole it was a "heady" game. From the close of the fifth inning, when the score stood Iowa 6, Cedar Rapids 7, the interest was intense. In the seventh we tied the visitors, and not till the last half of the ninth inning did they succeed in running in two extra scores on us.

Friday's game, as has been said, was marred by errors, fumbles, and general catastrophe. That it was won was due more to the loose work of the visitors than to the efforts of our own team. Hal Reynolds pitched the game, and successfully demonstrated that he has a decided talent for the box. He has good control of the ball, and a puzzling delivery. It is a pity, though, that it should be necessary to bring to excellent an outfielder in to fill the box. Yates caught a safe game, but occasionally failed of reaching second with the ball. Lowry at first base made an unnecessarily large number of fumbles and muffs, doubtless occasioned partly by the fact that he was keeping an eye on the rest of the team with a view to possible changes. Sargent, who is usually a careful player at second, lost his head, and erred three times in rapid succession in the sixth inning. At shortstop, Williams, despite some nervousness, played a good game, safely landing one exceptionally swift liner. In the first inning occurred a good double play from shortstop to second to first. Moser showed

ed that he is becoming at home on third. Moss made one especially long running catch of an almost impossible ball.

An encouraging feature of the game was our batting. In all twelve base hits were made, as against fourteen by the visitors. Two baggers also were not lacking, Sargent thus bringing in two scored in the second, and Lowry in the seventh inning out beyond the left field, of which, however, he failed to take advantage, cautiously stopping at first.

Despite the loose work of yesterday the team has demonstrated during the series of games that there is talent possessed by S. U. I. that, with careful cultivation, ought to make this our victorious year on the diamond. Some regret was expressed that none but the nine men were allowed to play, the subs enjoying none of the benefit of the practice games. There is some feeling that these games were scheduled for the purpose of a trying-out series, and that perhaps this purpose was in a measure defeated, in that none of the subs were given a change to show their ability. Very fortunately the three games paid out a little more than expenses.

The positions of Iowa for the two days was as follows:

THURSDAY.		FRIDAY.	
Yates	c	Yates	c
Story	p	Reynolds	p
Lowry	1b	Lowry	1b
Sargent	2b	Sargent	2b
Moser	3b	Moser	3b
Williams	ss	Williams	ss
Murphy	rf	Moss	rf
Reynolds	cf	Murphy	cf
Moss	lf	Story	lf

Score by innings for the two games:

Thursday—	
Iowa.....	5 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—7
Cedar Rapids....	0 4 0 0 3 0 0 0 2—9
Friday—	
Iowa.....	1 5 4 1 0 0 6 0 *—17
Cedar Rapids....	0 1 0 0 2 5 0 2 3—13

Dual Meet at Iowa City.

The Dual Meet between Grinnell and the University will be held at Iowa City, May 5th or 6th. Manager McDonald received the contract for the meet from Grinnell Friday morning. Iowa College desires that the Dual League shall continue in full force and effect. The University is therefore entitled to elect the president and treasurer of the League for the year 1899. Grinnell will select the vice-president and secretary. These four officers will constitute the executive committee that will have in charge the meet at Athletic Park, May 6th.

The negotiations heading to the successful issue of the dispute over the place of holding the meet have been most ably conducted by Manager McDonald, assisted by the Advisory Board. They are entitled to the congratulations of the student body for the peaceful and satisfactory issue.

Foot Ball Squad.

Dr. Knipe will meet the members of the foot ball squad on the gridiron next Tuesday, April 18th, at 4:30 o'clock, when spring practice will begin.

The whilom Freshman punchbowl, of divers escapades, made its appearance at the Cotillion last evening, where it most appropriately served the purpose for which the Freshmen intended it in times past.

FOOT BALL PUNTING CONTEST.

RULES FOR COMPETITION.

There shall be two contests, one in May, and one in November, the dates to be fixed at the discretion of the Advisory Board. The Spring contest shall be open to all students of the University in good standing. The Fall contest shall be open to those students in good standing who shall be members of the foot ball squad. The foot ball squad shall be composed of those men who shall have done active work during the season prior to the contest. Eligibility to the contests shall be determined by a committee composed of the President of the Advisory Board, the President of the Athletic Union, and the coach of the foot ball team.

Each contest shall comprise six events, as follows:

1. Punting for distance.
2. Punting for accuracy.
3. Drop-kicking for distance.
4. Drop-kicking for accuracy.
5. Place-kicking for distance.
6. Place-kicking for accuracy.

Each candidate shall be allowed three trials in each event.

A record shall be kept of the three best records in each event, and the winner of first place shall be given three, of second place two, and of third place, one, points.

The contestant winning the greatest number of points in the two contests shall be awarded the Morgan cup.

The right is reserved to alter any of the above conditions, if in the judgment of those in control, it shall be deemed necessary.

The Advisory Board of the Athletic Union shall have control of the details of the contests.

SOPHOMORE COTILLION.

CLASS OF '01 ADDS TO ITS PAST SUCCESSES.

The second annual Sophomore Cotillion was held last evening at Smith's Armory. The event was especially neat and tasteful in all particulars. The decorations of the hall surpassed anything that has yet been seen in the city. Streamers and floats, of yellow and black, the University colors, and of apple green, the class color, predominated in the scheme of colors, while the white and purple and pink of other departments and classes, mingled gracefully from roof to side of the Armory. Japanese umbrellas waved above the dancers, as if to treasure up as much as possible, the laughter and music and gayety of the scene below. The corners of the building were neatly decorated into dainty alcoves. Frappe stands and seats, overhung with graceful palms, ornamented the floor of the Armory.

The music for the occasion was furnished by Peterson's Orchestra, of Davenport. Its playing was a most satisfactory accompaniment to the light footsteps of the merry dancers. Light refreshments were served throughout the evening in the gallery.

The patronesses received the attending couples in the northeast portion of the Armory. The ladies who honored

the evening as patronesses were Mrs. W. S. Hosford, Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Mrs. A. V. Sims, Mrs. L. W. Andrews, and Mrs. Bertha G. Ridgeway.

The Cotillion was a triumph in the social line for the class of 1901, which has earned the enviable reputation of making its undertakings uniformly successful. A large share of the credit for the success of the evening is due to the efficient committee of the class, who spared neither money nor pains to render the affair a success.

Freshman-Sophomore Meet.

The annual track contest between the Freshman and Sophomore classes of the Collegiate department of the University will take place the last of this month. Efforts are being made by the managers of the class teams to make the events hotly and fiercely contested. Besides the class rivalry that will prompt as many athletes as possible to enter the lists, and spur them on, too, to their best efforts, it is thought that medals will be hung up for the winner of each event.

The many joint meetings which the two classes have held in the past will culminate in a healthy, spirited contest, in the Freshman-Sophomore Meet. It is to be hoped that all athletes belonging to these two classes will train heartily for this event.

Zetagathian.

The Zets rendered their first program this term last evening.

The attendance was good and the program exceptionally interesting.

The opening number was an autoharp solo by Mr. Sunier. He responded to a hearty encore.

Mr. Ogden, the retiring president, after a few fitting remarks, introduced Mr. Wesley Holt, President-elect.

The first literary number was a declamation, "The Silent Captive," by H. B. Downing.

Mr. Weldy, by request, gave a very pleasing and interesting talk on things incident to the Wisconsin debate.

The debate, on the question "Resolved, that the benefits accruing to the U. S. in the late war with Spain are greater than the evils," was ably sustained by Messrs. J. F. Ogden and Fletcher, and spiritedly denied by R. D. Ogden and Stork.

"A Prairie Fire" was the subject of a well rendered recitation by R. G. Meade.

The last number on the program was a humorous selection by Mr. Coy, entitled "The Little Red Hen."

The appearances of Messrs. Stork and Meade merit special mention.

Card of Thanks.

In the name of the University, I wish to express grateful recognition of the co-operation of the citizens, the men and women of the public and private schools of the city, the members of the University Faculties and their wives, and the students of the University, in their reception of and attentions to the members of the Southeastern Iowa Teachers' Association. From first to last the arrangements were perfect in general and in detail, and were carried out with a tact and skill and heartiness that won the cordial and unanimous praise of our visitors.

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It is with great regret that we announce to our readers the resignation of our most efficient Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Wm. W. Loomis. Mr. Loomis' absence from school for this, the last term of his Senior year in the University, has rendered this step necessary.

Mr. Loomis' entire connection with the VIDETTE-REPORTER, which dates over a period of two years, as Managing Editor and as Editor-in-Chief, has been most satisfactory. His relations with the other members of the Board have been amiable and pleasant, and his policy as Editor-in-Chief has made many friends for the VIDETTE-REPORTER. In him the Board loses one of its most ardent and efficient workers.

Owing to the resignation of the Editor-in-Chief, several changes and promotions will take place on the Board. Mr. M. E. Weldy, C. '99, whose abilities have been ably employed for a year past, as Managing Editor, has been elected Editor-in-Chief of the VIDETTE-REPORTER. Mr. Weldy has had a long and efficient connection with the paper, and is very well known in the University for his exceptional abilities as scholar and debater.

Mr. Leslie E. Switzer, C. '00, has been advanced to the Managing Board to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Weldy's promotion. Mr. Switzer likewise has a enviable record, both in the University and on the VIDETTE-REPORTER, and needs no introduction to our readers.

Mr. W. W. Chamberlain, who was last year an Associate Editor, having returned to the University, resumes his old place on the Board.

Coaching.

One weak point of the Iowa team, as developed by the practice games with Cedar Rapids, is the lack of efficient coaching. There has hardly been any

one to open his mouth in advice of Iowa's players when they have been running bases. Practice games are, of course, for the discovering of weaknesses, and we hope that this point may be remedied ere we meet a college team in regular combat.

The "Rubbers."

The number of persons who make it a practice of standing on the tennis courts, the dyke road, or the bridge, to watch the base ball games, has been unusually large this week. Not only did these "cheap" admirers of athletics happen along in these vicinities once, but the same familiar faces seemed to peer over from day to day. Doubtless they were ill-conditioned townspeople — we hope they were. Any code of ethics that sanctioned such a large crowd of thieves, of any kind or affiliation, would be bad enough. But that students should steal in this manner—ah! woe to the morals of those students, and to the cause of athletics.

We say this not because we believe that many students did steal views of the game, but that any unthinking student who might find himself wandering off in the direction of the river bridge to gather hazelnuts in the woods on the other side of the Iowa, may not stop and "rubber." If any such unthinking student should do so, and another should happen to do so too, we know that neither of them would be able to look the other in the face again for an honest man.


If there be any persons in Iowa City that cannot afford to purchase fifteen or twenty-five cents' worth of the enjoyment to be obtained from watching athletic contests at the Athletic Park, it is to be hoped that they will refrain from stealing it, out of regard to the moral natures of other men at least. Such a well-fed, contented lot of "rubbers" tends to fortify the doctrine of natural depravity with several substantial props.

Perhaps it would be just as well to raise the fence at Athletic Park, in the proper place, to the end that those who stole may steal no more. Of course, the crowd of "sneaks" on the tennis grounds are trespassers on the property of the Athletic Union, and can be fined and arrested as such. We are afraid that it would make a pretty scandal if the large crowd of "rubbers" on Thursday and Friday afternoons, were hauled up before Mayor Stebbins' court.

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Miss Benham, C. '01, went to Cedar
yesterday.

F. A. Harriman, L. '97, was recently
elected city solicitor of Hampton, Ia.

New guns for the battery mounts
were received this week from the Rock
Island Arsenal.

The University museum is the recipi-
ent of a number of curios, sent by H.
M. Griffith, formerly of S. U. I., now
with the 51st Iowa.

The Hep-Zet sociable, which was
postponed one week on account of Pro-
fessor Veblen's lecture, will be given in
the society halls next Monday evening.

Dr. E. N. Barrett exchanges pulpits
to-morrow with Rev. D. W. Fahs, of In-
dependence, who will preach at the
Presbyterian church morning and even-
ing.

Former instructors, H. G. Plum and
G. N. Bauer, have each received a fel-
lowship in the University of Columbia
for next year. They will pursue their
favorite branches, Mr. Plum specializing
in History, and Mr. Bauer in Mathemat-
ics.

Despite the inclemency of the weath-
er, a goodly number of students and
friends enjoyed a very pleasant recep-
tion in the society halls, Thursday even-
ing. Many new acquaintances were
formed, and old ones strengthened. Re-
freshments were served, after which
Mr. Bailey gave a very fine vocal solo,
which was followed by a well rendered
clarinet solo by Mr. Geottsich. Social con-
versation was a pleasant feature of the
evening, and at a late hour all left with
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The Phi Delta Theta fraternity initiated C.O. Giese on the afternoon of March 31st.—Iowa Wesleyan (Mt. Pleasant).

Prof. Richards, A. J. Burt, L. '00, and J. R. Howard, L. '00, were initiated into Phi Delta Phi last Wednesday evening.

Evidently there is trouble brewing for a Medical Faculty member who received the following from one of the "has been" students: "Dear Prof. ———: If you don't fix this thing up, so I'll get back all right, myself, and a number of others, will see that there's a new man in your place next year." Perhaps this young man might be able to throw some light on the Presidential situation.

Philomathian.

The program for Friday evening was opened with a declamation by Mr. Fesenbeck, entitled "The Sailing of King Olaf."

The debate was on the excellent question as to whether it would be expedient for the United States to own and operate the Nicaraguan canal. Each of the debaters talked fluently and ably defended their respective sides, though all showed a lack of system in presenting the arguments. The true bone of contention was whether or not the Nicaraguan canal was better than the Panama.

Mr. Schenk and Mr. Kirby affirmed the question, while Messrs. Albert and Brackett upheld the merits of the Panama canal.

C. L. Lewis gave a well written paper on the "Use of Science."

Several good extemporaneous speeches closed the program.

Forum.

A large audience enjoyed the following excellent program at the Forum last evening:

Mandolin Solo Eben Jayne
Speech Mr. Walsh
Debate—"Resolved, that the municipalities should own and control the street railways."

Affirmed by Messrs. McGee and Croxen.

Denied by Messrs. Allen and Turner.

Character Sketch of Aguinaldo
Miss Harrison
Extemporaneous Speech Mr. Hebel

In the course of his speech before the Hamilton Club, in Chicago, on Monday, Colonel Roosevelt said: "If you are rich or worth your salt, you will teach your sons that though they may have leisure, it is not to be spent in idleness, for wisely used leisure merely means that those who possess it, being free from the necessity of working for their livelihood, are all the more bound to carry on some kind of non-remunerative work in science, in letters, in art, in exploration, in historical research—work of the type we most need in this country, the successful carrying out of which reflects most honor upon the nation."

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