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FURTHER GROWTH OF S. U. I.

PLANS NOW BEING CONSIDERED CONCERNING A BUILDING FOR THE MUSEUM.

With the completion of the new Collegiate building, sufficient space for the Language, Political Economy and Philosophical departments will be provided. The Law and Civil Engineering departments will then be given the quarters vacated, affording ample room for their many needs. But the Science departments, which have grown so rapidly in recent years, will not be directly benefited by the addition of the new building. Since this is the case, plans are already being considered looking forward to the increase of space available for the departments by the erection of a separate building for the museum. As may not be generally known, S. U. I. has a museum second to none in the west. The results of the exploration in the far north in the shape of Arctic animals is surpassed by no institution in the U. S., while the Kansas sea-serpent is the best specimen of its kind yet discovered. But in addition to this many valuable specimens are packed in the upper story because there is no other place ready to receive them. Along with this fact must be mentioned the great number of students taking work in science, so that the present science building, if used for science work alone, instead of being the home of both the science work and the museum, would be none too large. A new building is needed, fire-proof and planned with great care, so as to be suited to the needs of the museum.

As has been mentioned, plans are being considered whereby this new building can be secured. No one will deny that it is needed. The Board of Regents will probably take more definite action in the near future. Meanwhile the friends of the University will agitate the matter in the proper way with the hope that the Legislature will grant the demand.

The Republican says: "The plan of the Regents, it is said, has been to balance the new Collegiate building with a structure of imposing character on the north side of the central walk. This will leave the old capitol as a keystone, and would relieve the campus of the one-sidedness that is sure to follow the erection of the new building structure. It is proposed to occupy a goodly portion of the north half of the campus—between the central walk and the great oaks, just south of the Science building. It is the plan of those who favor the proposed enterprise, to spare those massive trees. The new museum, if talked of ideas take shape, would be at first an 'L,' easily convertible into an 'E.' The 'L' would serve all practicable purposes, for a good while and the other wing could be added when needed."

University President.

A recent issue of the Dubuque Times says: "The Dubuque Herald well says in substance that the next President of the Iowa State University should be a man of executive capacity and liberal culture, one hospitable to new ideas and methods, a man who can keep his eyes on the Faculty and the students, can keep himself in touch with the alumni,

with the smaller colleges and with public affairs, one who knows not only how to keep the institution in the van of progress, but how to make its merits known and to secure for it a fair share of the young men coming from the minor institutions. In a word the Herald wants an aggressive and wide awake, but well balanced and discreet man for the presidency.

"Everybody will agree to this, but few will agree with the further suggestion of the Herald that it is arrant nonsense to suggest Iowa may be able to furnish some such a man. On the contrary, the dogmatic assertion that we have no such man within our borders, and in the nature of things cannot develop a man fit for the presidency, will be regarded as unreasonable. In the last issue of the Algona Upper Des Moines, Regent Ingham sketched the careers of some of the successful college presidents of the country, and showed that among them will be found all sorts and conditions of men, venerable men who have gradually developed into prominence and standing, and young men who have bounded into the presidency from some obscure station. Circumstances have had made more or less to do with the careers of all of them. Iowa has bred men who have proven capable in every other field, and undoubtedly is the home of more than one who has it in him to manage the affairs of a University with success.

"This is not a reason why the Regents should not explore the whole field and select the most capable man to be found anywhere. It is a reason why long residence in Iowa should not be urged as an objection to a candidate who would be deemed worthy if his home were in Rhode Island. We have at the State University some professors who have had more and better opportunities of acquaintance with the world than some successful college presidents have enjoyed, and who have proven capable in every station in which they have been tried. To imply that they are necessarily men of small and provincial ideas because they live in Iowa, and have been content to spend many years at the University as teachers, is not complimentary to the University, nor to the State."

Honor System Rejected.

The Freshman Medical class at the University of Michigan held a hot meeting recently, which lasted over two hours, the object of the meeting being to determine if the class wished to adopt the honor system, which is in vogue with the '99 medical class. There was great opposition to the plan in spite of the fact that it had worked well in other classes. Speeches were made by members of the Faculty, the president of the Senior class and others, nearly everyone wishing to express their views. The question at issue being finally put to vote, the plan was rejected by a vote. There was much feeling about the matter, the chief opposition being on the ground that the plan would necessitate that each student act as a spy, and report his transgressing classmates, which idea was extremely repulsive to the class in general.

During the presidency of Dr. Dwight, of Yale, he has given to the University more than \$100,000, or twice the amount of his salary.

BASE BALL GAME.

IOWA PLAYS KNOX FRIDAY.—A HEAVY GAME.

On Friday afternoon our S. U. I. base ball team will play on our own grounds the first game of the season with a college team. Knox comes with a good record, having already defeated a number of teams, among them Eureka, by a score of 37 to 7. Our team, on the other hand, has played but three practice games, those with Cedar Rapids last week, the last of which series was an Iowa victory at 17 to 13. Since last Friday the team has been practicing daily, putting on the finishing polish that will enable them to give the Knox boys a good swift run for their money.

A large crowd is expected at the game, as, owing to our relations with Knox College in the recent past, no little interest is manifested whenever we are able to schedule a game with one of her athletic teams. Then, too, as this is the opening college game of the season, the base ball cranks, as well as the ordinary lovers of the national game will be out in full force. Our team will be composed of practically the same men who won the Cedar Rapids game. In order that every student may be given the opportunity to enjoy the game, Major Schaeffer yesterday announced that dress parade would not be until 5 o'clock, by which time the game will be ended.

Spring foot ball practice began at Princeton last week.

The University of Tennessee has asked for a foot ball game with Wisconsin this fall.

Senator Hanna, of Ohio, recently gave \$1,000 toward the establishment of Ohio's share in the National University.

The gifts made by Americans to educational and charitable institutions during the past year amounts to \$45,000,000. This is the highest figure yet reached.

The corporation of Brown University has ordered the Athletic Association to admit free to all intercollegiate contests any student who is unable to pay the admission fee.

Forty-seven schools and thirty-five colleges have thus far signified an intention of entering the relay races held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania.

Harvard football coaches for the coming season have been announced as follows: Head coach, B. H. Dinblee, '99; coach for defense and center men, W. H. Lewis, L. '95; for tackles, B. G. Waters, '94.

The Chicago University Comedy Club recently gave two performances of "The Deceitful Dean," a strictly University drama. The proceeds, about \$2,000, were given to the University settlement fund.

An organization known as the State Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association has been formed in Nebraska, to be under the control of the State University of Nebraska. Minnesota is about to organize one similar.

Missouri State University is the first institution in the U. S. to offer a Collegiate course in journalism. An extended

curriculum has been outlined, including all important phases of theoretical and practical journalism.

Professor B. I. Wheeler, as chairman of the committee on Fellowships of the American School at Athens, has announced the appointment of Miss Harriet A. Boyd, at present a student in Athens, to the Agnes Hoppin memorial fellowship for the year 1899-1900. This fellowship is open to women graduates of all American colleges, and yields \$1,000 a year.

Commerce to be Educated.

That university courses are to be even more complex than now, is evidenced by the fact noted in this issue that Missouri University has just introduced a course in journalism. The following clipping from The Lantern, the official organ of Ohio State University, gives notice of an additional course which has recently been added to the curriculum:

"The introduction of courses in commerce into the curriculum of different universities of this country, has secured the indorsement of chambers of commerce in all of the large cities. Just recently courses of this nature have been introduced at the University of California, Columbia, and at our own institution. We are sure that this new course will attract many new students to O. S. U., for the advantages to be secured here in this line are very great. The popular lecture courses on practical subjects, and the opportunities to visit large industrial plants and to learn business methods and various other advantages are to be met with in a city of this size. An example of this is to be seen in the visit of the students in 'Money and Banking' to the city clearing house last Saturday. The operation of clearing was explained by Manager Field. In fifteen minutes, by a very simple process, \$800,000 changed hands. Such practical lessons as this show very well the practicability of this new course."

A Correction.

The following communication from Professor Easton is self-explanatory:

"EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

I think the report in Tuesday's VIDETTE-REPORTER of my note at the Baconian society, on the sun dial dispute, was a little open to misconstruction. I did not say that the retrogression of the shadow was "improbable," but that a certain rationalistic explanation of the event was insufficient—(apparently)."

Notice.

A meeting of the '01 Hawkeye Board will be held Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, at Close Hall. Important business. All members should be present.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

Notice.

All Seniors, whose names are either misprinted in, or omitted from, the Hand-Book, kindly hand them to the memorial committee at once.

IRA T. HAWK,
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Baconian.

The paper to-morrow evening pertains to a topic of practical interest to all educators. It will be read by Dr. L. W. Dean on the subject, "The Hygiene of the Public Schools."

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The change recently made in the chief position on the VIDETTE-REPORTER staff will in no respect change the policy of this paper. In the future as in the past our highest aim will be to furnish the news promptly and accurately, at all times reflect the common sentiment of the student body, and in every way uphold the honor and dignity of S. U. I. The common saying, "If you see it in the VIDETTE-REPORTER, it's so," we shall strive to make as universally true under the present management as under the preceding one.

The University Band.

Of the many wonderful developments of life and phases of civilization which the nineteenth century has witnessed few are more interesting in their evolution than the idea of a modern university. Schools ten centuries ago were not what they are to-day. Universities a century ago are hardly to be compared with a modern institution bearing the same name. To-day a university is not complete unless it has an outlined and generally followed scheme of athletics, its publications, its military drill and numerous other accessories, essential and absolutely necessary, yet nowhere provided for in the charter, but nevertheless present in force and to stay. The unwritten law of progress is their prerogative to claim attention.

S. U. I. has these adjuncts to the ordinary scholastic routine, and not least among them is the University Band. The efficiency of this organization, and in general its all-round usefulness, has been much commented upon during the last few weeks. At athletic games and celebrations of victory, when Old Gold waves proudly aloft, kissing the breezes of springtime, the martial strains of our Varsity band are sure to be heard sending up a mighty paean to the unnamed god of modern athletics. In numerous other ways the band is intimately connected with the student life of S. U. I.

We desire by this article to recognize the common sentiment held by the student body concerning its value, and to assure its members that their faithful and patriotic conduct is fully appreciated by all.

The First Intercollegiate Game.

To-morrow will witness the first intercollegiate base ball game of the season in which S. U. I. will have a part. The boys from Knox College will seek to sustain their reputation as "the cyclones of the diamond," while the defenders of Old Gold will battle nobly for school honor and fame. Considering the work of both teams this season, it can hardly be doubted that the game will be a close one, and the winner may well feel proud of his victory. Knox has carried everything by storm thus far. S. U. I., though defeated by a league team, was nevertheless a winner in the last game of the series, and has a team capable of winning the pennant this year, if hard and conscientious work is continued. We need a base ball team which shall compare with our foot ball and track athletes. Not supremacy in one or two, but in all lines, must be sought for if complete success shall be ours. To this end certain weak parts in the nine must be strengthened, and the entire force of college spirit and enthusiasm be called upon for active encouragement. We must win* this year. Prospects were never brighter. Duty, if not destiny, plainly manifests itself to every student. Obey the word.

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FACT AND RUMOR.
Base ball to-morrow. Knox College vs. S. U. I.
J. W. McBurney, C. '02, has been elected Junior member of the Lecture Bureau by the Zetagathians.
Professor Calvin will entertain his geology classes Saturday. A trip to North Liberty has been planned.
Ralph B. McCurdy, C. '99, has returned from his home in Oskaloosa, where he has been recovering from a severe illness.
M. L. Ferson has resigned his position as June orator for the Zetagathians. B. J. Lambert has been selected to fill the position.
The class of '99 were nicely entertained last night, by Mrs. W. H. Graff and daughter, Lulu, C. '99, at their home at 521 North Dubuque street.
On Saturday evening of this week the members of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. will entertain the students of the Law department at Closs Hall.
The Irving Institute has challenged the Zetagathian Society to a match game of base ball. The two nines are practicing hard, and a red hot game is anticipated.
Joe R. Frailey, C. '98, of Ft. Madison, has been appointed battalion adjutant of the 50th Regiment, and E. E. Hobby, of Iowa City, quastermaster—two good appointments by the new colonel.
Charles Switzer, C. '71, and an ex-Irving, will be in town over Saturday to witness the ball game between Knox and S. U. I. His son, Robert, is captain of the Knox nine. They will visit relatives during their short stay in the city.

Don't forget the Ball Came Friday.
Knox College vs. S. U. I. Three o'clock sharp.

Compliments are pouring in upon the VIDETTE-REPORTER for the stand taken in regard to "perennial mob of rubber-necks" who stand on the tennis court and witness the ball games gratis (?).

The New Murray English Dictionary is being added to the library as possible. The major part is yet to come from the press. Four volumes up to the letter E have been placed in the library, however.

Punting and spring foot ball practice is attended by quite a number of players. Indications point to a strong team next season. Twelve men are practicing hard for the coming punting contest, which, as an experiment, is looked forward to with interest.

Co. I, 50th Iowa, have sent out invitations for their third annual military ball, to be given at the armory, April 25th. It will be the first anniversary of the day the boys left for Des Moines for muster-in. Captain Cherry will present the flag to the new company on that evening.

The Senior Collegiates have decided to present a mammoth clock to the 'Varsity as their class gift. Arrangements for the class play, "In Gay Bohemia," are about completed, and its successful presentation at some time during commencement week, is assured.

The librarian is busy cataloging the new books, which are now constantly arriving in large numbers. A fund of \$20,000 will soon be available through the sale of state warrants, and it is the plan of our librarian to have 35,000 volumes available in the course of a year. It seems hardly possible when we think that two years ago our library was in ashes and hardly a volume available. In a year there will be 35,000 or 45,000 volumes in the library.

The Nebraskan says: "Arrangements are nearly completed for a dual athletic meet with the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, May 19. Ten men, decided by the local field day, May 13, will constitute our team." The same paper also says: "Of the forty men in the athletic class, twenty-six have decided upon their respective field day events. There is enough material to form two track teams, each equal to any of the track teams of former years."

The startling report is current that the Freshman-Sophomore dual meet has been declared off. It seems both sides granted concessions to the other in such profusion until the meet would have been a farce. The final split came on the matter of the bicycle race. Both sides refused to accede to the demands of the other, with the above result. The action of the representatives of the classes is severely censured on all sides. Some one is to blame for the present situation. It is to be hoped the full force of student opinion will be brought to bear upon the guilty party or parties, so that such a state of affairs cannot occur again.

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