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THE FIELD MEETS.

HOME, GRINNELL DUAL, NEBRASKA DUAL, STATE, AND W. I. A. A.

The home field meet will take place next Friday, the date having been approved. The dual meet with Grinnell will follow on Saturday, May 6th. On Saturday, May 13, our team will compete with Minnesota at Minneapolis. Arrangements have been almost completed for a dual meet with Nebraska, which will be held on our home grounds, if at all, Friday, May 19. A week later comes the State meet, and finally, on June 3, our team goes to Chicago to compete in the Western Intercollegiate Meet. Never before have so many track events been undertaken in one season. And consequently our men will be in better condition than ever before to go against the twenty or more teams representing the various members of the W. I. A. A. in the greatest meet in the West.

NEBRASKA MEET—FOUR HUNDRED TICKETS MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE.

Regarding the Nebraska meet—there is a very considerable expense incidental to the bringing of this team here from so great a distance. The responsibility of this expense the management hesitates to undertake without some encouragement from the students, who would of course be called upon, as in the past, to make up any little deficit that might ensue in case of small attendance. In accordance with the same sound business principles which Minnesota so successfully employed in the case of the Iowa-Minnesota meet, tickets to this Nebraska meet will be offered for sale at once. If four hundred tickets can be sold by next Saturday evening, then the meet will be assured. Doubtless this number will be sold before that time, as a meet with Nebraska is something new, and will undoubtedly be a most interesting and exciting contest. The Nebraskans are working hard in determination to win, and our boys, under Dr. Knipe's direction, are working just as hard in the determination to defeat the visitors. All interested should buy tickets at once, in order that the meet may be assured.

The following named persons are appointed ticket sellers, in their respective departments for the Iowa-Nebraska meet. They will obtain tickets from the manager of the track team, C. S. McDonald, to-day (Tuesday):

Senior Law—J. W. McKee, A. H. Sargent.

Junior Law—J. B. Howard, C. C. St. Clair.

Senior Collegiate—F. A. Williams, Chas. C. Bradley.

Junior Collegiate—Gordon Harkness, Miss Margaret Safley, Miss Myra Bloom.

Sophomore Collegiate—R. J. Bannister, Janet Gilchrist.

Freshman Collegiate—Arthur Dorland, Thomas Cassaday.

Dental Department—R. B. Moore, C. A. Moon, Lou Maxon.

Medical Department—Wm. Schroeder, R. W. Pence.

Foot Ball Meeting.

All foot ball men are requested to meet Dr. Knipe at the Central building, Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock. Important.

Baconian.

The essay was read by Dr. L. W. Dean, on "The Hygiene of the Public Schools." The subject was entirely limited to the discussion of defects of vision and their causes. The cause of these defects is generally due to neglect of the laws of hygiene.

Myopic, or short-sighted eyes, are less frequent in young children, than normal eyes; and normal eyes are less frequent than far-sighted eyes.

The per cent of short-sightedness has been found to increase in direct proportion to the number of years spent in school. Children in the city are at a greater disadvantage than those in the country, for their eyes cannot obtain the necessary rest, which is accomplished by focusing the eyes at a distance.

The short-sighted eye is too long, and rays are focused in front of the retina. The myopic eye has to make no effort to adjust itself for an object from 30 to 50 cm. away. On the other hand, a normal eye, which gives a clear focus for parallel rays, has to adjust itself for nearer objects.

The production of short-sightedness is due to too much near work. There are other factors, such as a disposition to myopia, astigmatism, or cataract. These cause a tension which elongates the eye.

One place where hygiene can be applied in public schools, is for the teacher to force her pupils to keep their work at a distance from their eyes. Inspection should be made on the eyes of all pupils. The light in a school room should be ample, and should come from the left and rear.

CAN WEAR THE "I."

LIST OF THE BASE BALL AND FOOT BALL PLAYERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THIS HONOR.

At the Athletic Union meeting February 15th, a motion was passed that members of the foot ball team be granted the "I's" in accordance with the constitution of the Union. Acting on this suggestion the Advisory Council has granted the "I's" to those members of the '98 base ball and foot ball squads who have deserved the honor. The basis for determining this has been the number of games played.

The members of the '98 base ball squad who may wear the University initial upon their sweaters are:

A. H. Sargent, J. D. Lowry,
W. H. Murphy, S. C. Williams,
E. G. Yates, H. R. Reynolds,
J. F. Hurst, F. A. O'Connor.

The pigskin pushers of '98 who have earned the "I" are:

M. L. Eby, S. W. Hobbs,
J. G. Griffith, R. A. Morton,
S. C. Williams, O. M. Deems,
A. H. Blackmore, E. F. Burrier,
Fred Williams, Joe Warner,
R. W. Pence, Wm. Schroeder,
Geo. W. Egan, J. M. Brockway,
M. E. Baker.

Company I will give its third annual ball at Smith's armory, this evening. The program will be opened by the ceremony of transferring the flag from the old company to the new, which will take place at 8:30 p. m.

TENNIS HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

BEING PLAYED THIS WEEK—ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ENTERED.

The enterprising officers of the Tennis Association have prepared a very interesting tournament which will be held on the home grounds this week. The Handicap Tennis Tournament, it is called, and its purpose is to stimulate and develop the local members. Every member of the Association is entered in the contest. The handicap is variously placed, from Haddock, he of wide renown as Iowa's crack tennis player, who is the scratch man, to Egan, he of expansion in other lines, who receives a plumy 30-40 leeway, along with McKee, Johnson, Lowry, Fee, Taylor, and a lot of other unknowns and unreliaables.

The trials are to be played off by Wednesday. The semi-preliminaries, preliminaries, first rounds, semi-finals, and finals, will follow as fast as possible. Each player is supposed to make arrangements with his opponents for the time of playing off the scheduled games. Schedules may be found at the tennis courts and in the Central Building. The grounds stand ready for use from daylight till dark.

Sixty-two players are so far entered in the tournament by Secretary Walsh. There remains room for two more, who may enter by becoming members members of the Association.

Tournaments will be held late to determine our contestants in the State Tennis Meet, which will be held at Grinnell, Iowa, May 19th and 20th. The Secretary is in correspondence with the Universities of Chicago and Minnesota, and hopes to be able to arrange tournaments with these institutions.

Some trials in the Handicap Tournament have been played off up to the time of our going to press. Ham, handicapped at 30-40, defeated M. E. Baker, 30. Score, 6-2, 6-4. Koser, 30, won over Veblen, 30. Egan, 30-40, forfeited to Letts, 15.

Mosnat, 30, defaulted to Fee, 30-40. Hawk, 30-40, won by default of Carmichael, 30-40. St. Clair, 30, defaulting, also gives Balle, 0-15, an easy place in the semi-preliminaries.

ALL TRIALS must be played Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, or DEFAULT entered.

LAWS ENTERTAINED.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SOCIABLE GIVEN BY THE Y. M. C. A.

Continuing the policy of the past year the Y. M. C. A. entertained the members of the Law classes Saturday night. Promptly at eight o'clock the guests began to arrive, and soon Close Hall was the scene of joy and gaiety. The rooms had been tastefully decorated, and everything carefully prepared for a thorough-going social occasion. After an introductory puzzle game had been played, the field was cleared for the ever-popular game of indoor foot ball. The Seniors were pitted against the '00 boys, and soon the game became fast and furious. With Erickson at center, the Seniors had a tower of strength, but the Juniors were plucky, and knew the science of the game. The final score was 15 to 15.

After such a contest, time for refreshments was at hand, and by an ingenious method partners were soon secured, after which dainty refreshments were served. Thereupon all went into the auditorium to hear the celebrated comedy company of Hawk, Rall & Co. produce their great four-act farce, Prince Schoenleben, represented by Mr. I. T. Hawk, and Count Jesusphool in the person of Mr. E. E. Rall, secured round after round of applause for their superb acting, while Mr. B. J. Lambert, as the practical old farmer, knocked out royalty and all in the final pugilistic encounter.

The young ladies of the company did not fail to receive their share of applause, and having done so well, it was suggested that they play a game of indoor ball. The suggestion accordingly was followed, but neither side was able to score, although such skill and perseverance had never before been manifested in the game.

The sociable was one of the most successful held this year, and the reputation of the Y. M. C. A. for giving the most entertaining and pleasant sociables was ably sustained.

Much credit is due Mr. Dalbey and his efficient committee in planning the sociable, and also to the young ladies of the institution for the services they so kindly and generously rendered.

BASE BALL GAME.

IOWA PLAYS LUTHER COLLEGE HERE NEXT THURSDAY.

The base ball game played at Decorah May 23d of last year was so satisfactory that this year's management felt justified in scheduling two games with the Luther College aggregation. The first of these games will be played here next Thursday, the return following at Decorah on May 12th. The score last year was 5 to 1 in favor of S. U. I., and those who saw the game are unanimous in saying that it was a splendid exhibition of ball playing.

At Luther College all athletic enthusiasm is centered in base ball, with the consequence that a high excellence is reached in the National game. Judging from the good work done in the Knox game last Friday, however, our boys will be able to show even these first-class competitors a warm afternoon's sport on the diamond. The game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

Hammond Law Senate.

The Friday evening program was opened by a pleasing vocal solo by Miss Berry, which was followed by an oration by Senator Hanley.

The piano solo by Miss Flannagan was excellent, and she kindly responded to an encore.

The debate: "Be it enacted by the Hammond Law Senate that the U. S. should form an alliance with England," was affirmed by Senators Hughes and Caswell, denied by Senators Jabens and Cray, showed lack of preparation on the part of some of the participants.

The extemporaneous speech by S. Cray had the "ear mark" of a week's preparation.

The program was closed by a pleasing vocal solo by Miss Wachtel, who graciously responded to a hearty encore.

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Library Hours.

It may not be generally known that the library is open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., without recess, on all week days except Saturday. These hours were fixed by the Board of Regents for the spring term, the opening of the library in the evening having proved unsatisfactory and unwarranted by the attendance.

The change is one that will commend itself to all students. The numbers in the library during the extended hours show that the plan is one that should have been tried some time before. It was suggested and forcibly urged by the VIDETTE-REPORTER last January. An editorial of the date of January 19th, speaks as follows on library hours:

"Arrangements might be made to have the library open during the noon hour and until 5:30. The majority of the boarding-houses and restaurants are within a block or two of the University, and many of the students hang around after dinner until 1:30, as it would not pay to go to their rooms. The same is true from 5 until 5:30—about the only thing to do is to kill time as best they may."

We congratulate the University authorities upon the success which has followed the adoption of the plan above outlined. The change has indeed been, as we predicted, "highly desirable and highly appreciated from the student's standpoint."

Time for Copy.

The failure of the officers of the Tennis Association to get their schedule of handicaps for the coming tournament inserted in Saturday's VIDETTE-REPORTER, owing to the extreme lateness of the hour at which they appeared with the copy at our office, gives occasion for renewed expression of our office rules. All copy should be in the hands of the printer by 12 o'clock of the day of issue in order to insure insertion in that issue. Articles of half a column or more in

length should be in earlier, by 10 or 11 o'clock.

These rules are necessitated by the orders of the printing house. The paper goes to press shortly after 1 o'clock, and is delivered by boys to our city subscribers after 3 o'clock.

These requirements for copy are of long standing, and should be generally known by those who have occasion to publish matter in our columns. Occasionally, however, copy will come in at 3 and 4 o'clock. Our inability to publish such is a matter of more regret to no one than to ourselves. We welcome all news and only ask that it be in our hands by 12 o'clock, at the latest, of the day of issue, that we may publish it as desired.

Luther College.

The game with Knox College last Friday was most satisfactory from every point of view. Old Gold triumphed, the attendance was large, and the game itself was on which every one of the spectators could enjoy and appreciate. The crowd of "rubbers"—peace be to their souls!—was considerably thinner than of old.

Luther College, which plays us at Athletic Park Thursday afternoon, has a team which will be hard to beat. The sturdy sons of Viking ancestry make some of the best material in the world with which to fashion sure players and hard hitters. The college pays the bills, and their athletic teams always put up an exceedingly good showing.

O'Connor's colts managed to defeat Luther last year at Decorah, by a close game. An interesting game awaits the Thursday patrons of Athletic Park. It is hoped that as many students as possible will attend the game. That the ladies will be much in evidence with the beauty and grace of their presence. That our far-distant friends of tennis court and dyke road, having by abstinence from Treasurer McKee's yellow tickets, scraped unto themselves sufficient shekles, will be able to indulge themselves by actual presence on the base ball field.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

Base ball game. Iowa vs. Luther College. Thursday, 3 o'clock.

Scott, C. '02, is enjoying a visit from his father.

The Sophomore Debate will be held in the Society Halls this evening.

Boardman, L. '00, enjoyed an over Sunday visit from his brother.

Mrs. Duncan Rule, C. '95, now of Chicago, is visiting friends in the city.

Barnes, L. '00, spent the latter part of last week at his home in West Liberty.

The Sigma Nus initiated K. J. Johnson, L. '00, and Morrison, C. '02, Saturday night.

Boddy, C. '01, and Speers, '00, took part in an entertainment at Oxford, Monday night.

J. F. Ogden, C. '99, was recently elected principal of the Miles schools for the coming year.

Morton, D. '01, who has been nursing a bad sprain, resumed his work at the track Monday.

McCord, L. '99, who has been confined to his room with the measles, is again able to attend classes.

The Instructor's Club gave a very enjoyable dancing party at the old Beta halls on Washington street Saturday evening.

Slemmons, C. '02, who has been sick at the hospital for many weeks, is rapidly convalescing, and will soon be able to resume his work.

The Sophomore class sociable, which was to have been held Thursday evening in the society halls, has been postponed until Monday evening.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.

T. S. Parvin, of Cedar Rapids, entertained the officers of the Y. W. C. A. in a royal manner at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Saturday.

Fred S. Berry, C. '02, as president of the Iowa High School Association, is busily engaged in completing arrangements for the coming meet at Davenport, May 26.

H. C. Dorcas, Instructor in Pedagogy, departs Wednesday for a tour of inspection of the High Schools of the state. The first school which he will inspect is the Burlington High School.

Irving.

The following program was given by the members of North Hall last Friday evening:

- Vocal Solo.....Mr. Bailey
"For Thee Alone."
- Declamation.....Mr. Kingland
"Elder Lamb's Donation."
- Speech.....Mr. Cassidy
"Liquid Air."

Debate: "Resolved, that the United States should construct and operate the Nicaraguan Canal."

Affirmed by Burt and Louis.
Denied by Messrs. Swisher and Switzer.

Declamation.....Mr. McLaughlin
"Billy's Essays on Necks."

Oration.....Mr. Filer
"Horace Greeley."

The solo by Mr. Bailey was good and very well received.

Mr. Kingland's declamation was notable for the numerous and lengthy pauses which he made. The audience took occasion to show their appreciation of the golden silence by hearty applause.

Mr. Cassidy's speech was upon a live topic, well arranged and delivered in an interesting manner.

The debate, which was decided for the negative, was good.

Through lack of preparation, Mr. McLaughlin's declamation developed into a select reading.

Mr. Filer made his initial appearance at Irving, and both his production and delivery were commendable.

Forum.

Notwithstanding the many other attractions of last Friday evening, a fair audience enthusiastically listened to the exercises of the Forum literary society.

After an instrumental solo by Mrs. Coast, which was well received, the following program was rendered to good advantage:

Speech.....J. M. Thompson
Debate—"Resolved, that government control of the railroads and telegraph systems would be for the best interests of the American people."

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