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Home Field Meet, Athletic Park, To-morrow at 2 O'clock P. M.

Half Holiday in all Departments

NO PRESIDENT YET.

AND NONE WILL BE CHOSEN AT THIS SESSION OF THE REGENTS.

That Professor H. P. Hutchins, Dean of the Law Department of the University of Michigan, and Vice-President of that institution, had been selected as President of the University of Iowa, was announced in the morning papers. The report is true only in part. Regent Ing-ham, of the committee appointed to look up available candidates, emphatically denies that a president has been or will be chosen at this session of the Board. One or two members of the Board expressed themselves as being provoked that the report had been spread. They feel that the rumor places not only the Committee and the Board, but also Professor Hutchins, in an embarrassing position. As the committee express it, the gentleman is here on a visit as a guest of the Board of Regents. It is even said that the names of other prominent educators will be considered before the final change is made. But it is significant that no other names are mentioned. And Professor Hutchins presence here can not be without significance.

Professor Hutchins is certainly a man with the requisite qualifications for this particular position. He is a thorough business man, having practiced law after his graduation from Ann Arbor, until 1885, when he went to Cornell University. Remaining here until 1894, he was then called to his present post. In the absence of President Angell on a diplomatic mission to Turkey, Professor Hutchins was elevated over the heads of a number of men outranking him in seniority, to the acting presidency. Under his administration, as Dean, the Law department at Michigan has grown to a position of great prominence.

If Professor Hutchins is secured it will only be at an advance over the salary as it stands at present. While the committee has not, of course, the power to increase this, it is understood that a tacit agreement has been reached that when the right man for the position shall be found, the matter of salary shall not prevent his choice. While it is not affirmed that the new delay in the selection is in the interests of Professor Hutchins, neither is it denied. It is probable that both the Board and its candidate will take the matter under advisement for a short time before an ultimate decision shall be reached.

The Board has been occupied to-day in consideration of the contract for the new building. The contract will probably be signed this afternoon, in which case the cornerstone will be laid within a week or so, with appropriate ceremonies.

The Nebraska Meet.

About half the necessary number of tickets have been sold. Two hundred more must be sold by Saturday night in order that the meet may be scheduled.

IRVING WINS.

UNANIMOUS DECISION FOR IRVING INSTITUTE.

The Sophomore representatives of Irving Institute and of the Zetagathian Society met in a battle royal at the Society Halls, Tuesday evening. The contest was a sharp one, clean and honest throughout, and the debaters, individually and collectively, acquitted themselves with credit. The question under discussion was as follows: "Resolved, that the two legal tenders, U. S. notes and treasury notes, should be redeemed and canceled," was a technical one. The course of reading requisite for the knowledge of it was extensive, yet several months of increasing labor and patient research had placed the Sophomores in a position to discuss it not only intelligently, but very much to the point, in all particulars.

The winning team, composed of Frank Hansen, H. B. Noland and F. S. Merriau, conducted their discussion in an admirable manner, and were strong both in constructive argument and constructive rebuttal, the closing speech of Mr. Noland being one of the finest heard in the Society Halls for several years. James Gow, W. C. Frank, and J. H. Burrus the representatives of the Zetagathian Society, individually strong and vigorous debaters, were handicapped by a lack of constructive argument, which fact accounts largely for their defeat.

The opening speeches for Irving Institute, which affirmed, was made by F. F. Hansen, who contended for retirement of the greenbacks, on the ground of a simplification of our currency.

Mr. Gow followed for the negative, laying down the negative line of debate, viz., the evils and expense of change. The safeness of greenbacks, and the profit to the government. Both opening speeches received the unstinted applause of the audience.

Following for the affirmative, Mr. Noland introduced the additional argument of the endless chain, after a strong attack on the premises laid down by Mr. Gow.

Mr. Frank, for the negative, spoke with telling effect, reiterating the arguments of the opening speech.

The third speeches were ably handled by Mr. F. S. Merriau for the affirmative, and Mr. J. H. Burrus for the negative. Mr. Merriau completed the structural argument of the affirmative by introducing as argument against the greenbacks, their causation of agitation, and the uncertainty of standard which is attendant upon their redemption.

Mr. Burrus followed the plans of his colleagues, and enlarged further upon the points laid down by Mr. Gow.

The closing speeches were made by Mr. W. C. Frank and Mr. H. B. Noland, each abundantly summing up their debate. A heavy line of rebuttal by Mr. Noland, at this juncture, came as a severe shock to the position of the negative, and doubtless added much in gaining the unanimous decision of the judges.

The debate was held in North Hall, President McReynolds presiding. The judges were Professor B. Shimek, Professor G. T. W. Patrick, and the Hon. C. S. Ranck.

THE HOME MEET.

THE CANDIDATES—LARGE LIST OF ENTRIES.

So quietly has the track team gone about its work that it is possible there may be some who do not know that, in point of numbers, we have this year a stronger team than ever before. In the home meet, of last year, there were entered 20 men, the total number of entries in all events except the bicycle races reaching 52. This year 38 men are competing, and their aggregate entries in the same events, with the hop, step and jump excluded, reaches 76. Owing to the tenacity with which the bad weather continued, work has been delayed, but since the fine days came, the boys have been making strenuous efforts to overtake the season in their training. While we have this year a few old men whose previous work on the teams leads us to expect much of them, we nevertheless believe that there are some surprises in store, prepared by some of the new talent. With so many entries, Friday's meet can not fail to be a wonderful success in every respect. As will be seen by a glance at the schedule appended below, so numerous were the entries in the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard hurdle, that preliminaries will be necessary in these events—a pleasing contrast with the same events in last year's meet, the entries being three and four respectively. We're not saying anything to Grinnell, Nebraska, and the others, but—just hold your breath and watch the finishes to-morrow, that's all.

The order of events and entries will be as follows:

TRACK EVENTS.

100 yard dash—Preliminaries:
First heat—Smith, Chase, Schroeder, Davis.

Second heat—Meggars, McCutcheon, Dye, Morton.

Mile walk—Williams, Bailey, Brackett.

High hurdles—Call, Dye, Anthony, Hanley.

100 yard dash, final—Best two in each heat of preliminaries.

Half-mile run—Brown, Barber, Anthony, Stork, Wilson, Jorgenson.

220 yard hurdles—preliminaries:

First heat—McCutcheon, Dye, Schroeder, Smith.

Second heat—Morris, Hanley, Meggars, Call.

Mile run—Brown, Wilson, Barber, Anthony, Stork, Jorgenson.

50 yard dash—Meggars, Smith, Davis, Chase.

440 yard dash—Baker, Bannister, Pense, McCoy, Morris, Carmichael.

220 yard hurdles, final—Smith, Meggars, Chase, Morris, Schroeder.

FIELD EVENTS.

Hammer throw—Brockway, Warner, Stevenson.

High jump—Louis, Schroeder, Hanley, Coggs, Stevenson.

Pole vault—Shaver, Brackett, Coggs, well.

Broad jump—Williams, Schroeder, Smith, Louis, Meggars.

PAWNBROKING.

IN EUROPE AND THE U. S. — A NOTABLE GOVERNMENT BULLETIN WRITTEN BY DR. W. R. PATTERSON.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER has recently received Bulletin No. 21 of the Department of Labor, the major portion of which deals with pawnbroking in Europe and the United States, and was written by Dr. Patterson, of the Economics department of S. U. I. That the production is one of great merit as well as thorough and careful research, is evidenced by the fact that the author, in its preparation, made use of the original sources of the subject in the German, French and Dutch languages. The material for the parts relating to Europe was gathered during his residence abroad as a University student in 1897-8, and the parts relating to Holland and France were prepared under the direction of no less a master of statistical knowledge than the Hon. Carrol D. Wright.

In discussing this interesting subject of pawnbroking, the author says the origin of the pawnshop is difficult to determine, but that the present banking system is the descendent of the pawnshop system, is reasonably certain. The taking of articles as a pledge suggested the idea of their safe keeping on deposit.

In Belgium pawn banks were established as early as 1534, with the idea that they were to be a charitable institution, and lend money without interest. This idea was soon outgrown, and at the present time legally established institutions of this sort are found in the principal cities, and do a thriving business. The same is true of Holland to a large degree. Germany has also made the pawnshops the subject of repeated legislation, and has a well regulated system.

The part dealing with pawnshops in France is replete with statistical information, making it an authoritative statement of the system in actual operation. England's experience forms the connecting link between the continental countries and the U. S. Usury laws have repeatedly been passed, and finally in 1872 an elaborate system was formulated and adopted.

The division of the work on pawnbroking in the U. S. forms the latter portion of the discussion. The state statutes, municipal regulations, amount of business done, and many other facts of interest to the student of social reform, are clearly and comprehensively set forth in tables and charts. Various loan associations which have grown out of the pawnbroking system are explained and discussed.

The report is a notable one, both on account of its thorough treatment of a unique subject, and the immense amount of research its production represents. Dr. Patterson is to be congratulated upon the great service he has done the students of social science of this and other countries through his painstaking effort.

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Hawkeye '01.

Some four moons ago, Sophomores were beings of importance. Any member of this class entering the library became liable to a hold-up by a black-hued, soft-smiling, Davy Crockett at the hat-rack. Another waited for him at the newspaper files, while behind bookshelves lay esconsed divers and terrible politicians. The caves and dens of the earth about Iowa City became filled with groups of from one to ten persons, and forthwith caucuses came into being, and verily the arbitrary demands that they made were the despair of the opposing heads of the tickets.

The result of this canvas for offices on the Board was a weeding-out, a survival of the fittest. The Board which the Sophomore class chose to bring out its Annual next year, is one which will do honor both to the class and to the University.

The editors of the Annual are all well-known for their ability and talents. We have been permitted to glance over some of the advance plans of the Annual, and find that some departments will much excel anything before attempted.

The Literary Department, which is under the able supervision of F. C. Drake, will contain articles that are well worth printing. Mr. Drake promises a department that will make a fine reputation for the Annual and himself.

The popular Military Editor, J. G. Griffith, will excel all predecessors in this as in all his undertakings.

Mr. C. S. Brown will bring the same careful judgment to the Athletic Department that has characterized his choice of an assistant.

The Humorous Department will be really funny. It will give just the right sort of jokes, grinds, and roasts. This much and more is assured by the mention of the Editor, Miss Janet Gilchrist, and her assistants, Misses Kingsbury and Benham, and Messrs. Eaton and George and Arthur Remley.

The Business Managers, Bannister, Holbrook and McClain, are men of experience in financial matters, and will conduct the Annual in the same happy manner that has characterized their previous performances.

The class of 1901 expects to issue an Annual that will make a mark of its own, that will long remain a guiding star for future classes. Issued in the Century year, it will combine the wisdom that is of the past, and the dash and piquance that is of the future.

To do all of this requires money. We feel sure that the students and friends of the University will not handicap these bright young—yes, and beautiful,—editors who have undertaken to produce a record of University life that shall do old Iowa proud. Every student is expected to do his duty. To remind him of this, the Hawkeye Board have prepared slips of paper, promises to take the books at the subscription price, when they are issued. Sign your name and pay your money—next year. That's easy, and patriotic, and the proper thing.

Co. I's Third Annual Ball.

The third annual military ball of Co. I was given Tuesday evening, the first anniversary of the day on which the Iowa National Guard was called into the service of Uncle Sam.

The armory was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Japanese umbrellas were suspended from the ceiling, and from these umbrellas to every projecting point in the hall, brilliant red, white and blue streamers were artistically draped. Twenty-six hundred and four yards of bunting were utilized in the decoration.

At nine o'clock the company was assembled under arms. Captain Cherry then stepped forward, and in a neat speech, presented the flag to the new Co. I. The color guard, composed of privates Allin and McCulla, then escorted the color sergeant with the flag to the proper place in the company. The buglers sounded "to the color." The ceremony was very imposing and nicely executed.

After the flag presentation ceremony the program was carried out as announced. About fifty couples participated in the Grand March. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. All are united in pronouncing the affair a distinct success.

The guests of honor were Major Kramer, Capt. E. F. T. Cherry, Lieut. Leigh A. Stocking, and Lieut. Bayard P. Thornberry.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

The game with Luther College was declared off on account of bad weather.

Oscar Strauss, L. '99, made a business trip to Des Moines this week.

Fred French, L. '99, returned Tuesday evening from a business trip to Independence.

Clifford V. Cox, '01, and Frank V. Eberhart, '02, went to Grinnell, yesterday, to take part in the I. O. O. F. anniversary.

Miss Leona Call goes to Grinnell tomorrow to see the production of a Greek drama by the Junior class of Iowa College.

The Tabard has issued invitations to the English classes, Juniors and Seniors to come to the Presbyterian church this evening, to listen to a talk on Rudyard Kipling, to be given by Instructor Cook.

Last Saturday Professor Calvin took the Geology class on a trip to the State Quarries, which are about nine miles north of Iowa City. The commissary department, in charge of Mrs. Calvin and Mrs. Graff, was sent ahead to be ready for action, while the Professor, with the class went by way of the Coralville quarries, to make some observation of the Pleistocene formation, arriving at the State Quarries about 12:30 p. m. Soon the wants of the inner man was satisfied with all the good things that might be taken on such an occasion. The afternoon was spent in observing the geological formation and collecting fish-teeth. The return was made on the east side of the Iowa River. All voted that it was a very interesting and profitable trip.

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Dr. Bain, Assistant State Geologist was in the city, yesterday, conferring with his chief, Professor Calvin. He returned to Des Moines last evening.

Manager Mitchell has completed arrangements for two games of base ball with the Ottumwa League team, which will be played at Ottumwa Friday and Saturday, the Cornell game having been declared off on account of the small pox scare. The team will leave this evening.

HANDICAP TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

PRELIMINARIES NOW BEING PLAYED—LOOKS LIKE HADDOCK FOR WINNER.

The trials in the tournament were all decided by Wednesday evening. Following are those who won by default:

Shepard, 15, over Hanley; Hoffman, 15-30, over Murphy; Letts, 15, over Egan; Coad, 30-40, over McCutchen; B. J. Lambert, 15-30, over Swisher; Balle, 0-15, over St. Clair; Fee, 30-30, over Mosnot; Luhl, 30-30 over Johnson; Hawk, 30-40, won from Carmichael; Walsh, 15-30, was more punctual than Bailey; Taylor, 30-40, won from Dorchester. Cox defaulted to O. H. Mitchell, 30-40, Hurst to Patterson, Burton to Wheeler.

Ragnet won his trial series with Brush by a score of 6-1, 6-0. Ed. Bailey beat Peet, with a like score. Haddock defeated Clinite. Score, 6-1, 6-3. Ham proved Mark Emry Baker's Waterloo, 6-4, 6-2. Cook defeated McClain, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Hull did not allow Hornbrook to win a game. McKee was as unfortunate in the first set of his series with Paisley, but in the second he won two games. Thomas beat Rosser, 6-0, 6-4. True went down to Butler, 6-3, 6-0. Okey goose-egged Rall. Thompson defeated Thode, 6-1, 6-4. Holbrook wasted no time over Miller. Score, 6-0, 6-0. R. V. Downing made 6-3 his score against R. D. Ogden. Weed won a stubborn contest with J. J. Lambert, 6-4, 6-3. H. B. Downing and Remley had a three-game tussle, in which Downing finally led, to the tune of 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. Koser defeated Instructor Veblen, 6-0, 6-1. J. D. Lowry saved his energies for the Luther game, and was defeated by Hall, 6-1, 6-0. Coast and Kelly had a merry see-saw, Coast winning with a record of 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Umberger defeated Shaver, 6-3, 6-1. Bond defeated Brooks, 6-4, 6-0.

In the preliminaries, Shepard defeated Hoffman. Score, 6-3, 6-4. Haddock beat Letts, 6-1, 1 6, 6-2. Balle won over Cook, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. Thompson had a hard contest with Okey, and won out by his remarkable staying powers, 0-6, 8-6, 6-4. Walsh defeated Taylor, 6-0, 6-0.

Hull won over Paisley, 6-2, 6-0. Suhl defaulted to Butler.

Baconian.

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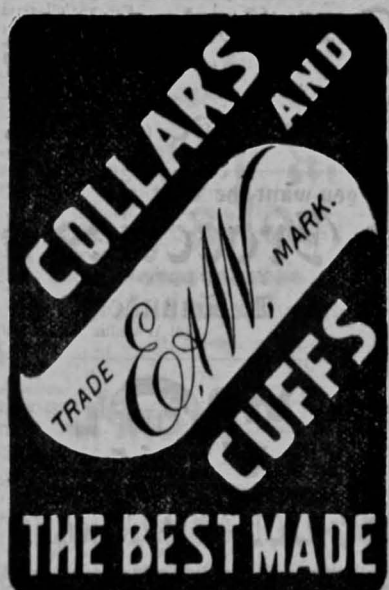
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