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NEW COMPACT WITH GRINNELL.

A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT IN THE INTEREST OF ATHLETIC PURITY.

During the past few months rumors have been rife that in the case of the athletic teams of at least one Iowa educational institution a condition of affairs has existed with regard to amateur purity that is far from ideal. For some time those having athletic interests in charge at these two institutions have been corresponding as to the most effective method of putting an end to the above mentioned unideal condition of affairs for ever and for aye. To this end the Advisory Board at a recent meeting appointed Professor A. G. Smith and Mr. W. H. Bremner, of Des Moines, as alumni members, and Chas. S. McDonald and F. C. McCutchen as student members of a committee to meet a like committee from Grinnell to confer upon the matter, and report back to the Board. Grinnell's committee, composed of Messrs. Rawson, of Des Moines, and Harris, of Grinnell, as alumni, and President Brown, of Grinnell's Athletic Association, Manager Norris of the track team, and Captain Bird of the foot ball team, met at the St. James with our committee on Friday.

After a full discussion of the matter in hand, Messrs. Rawson and Bremner were appointed as a committee to draw up articles of compact in addition to the Dual League compact already existing, and report back to the conference committee.

The sub-committee made its report Friday evening. The articles of compact as agreed upon by the committee, and which the committee recommends to the Athletic Associations of Iowa and Grinnell for adoption, are as follows:

"To the Iowa-Grinnell Conference Committee:

"Your sub-committee beg leave to report that they recommend that the committee recommend to the Athletic Associations of Iowa College and the State University of Iowa that they adopt the following regulations for the control of their athletics:

"Section 1. No person shall be allowed to compete in any game of foot ball between teams representing the parties to this compact, or between teams representing one of said parties and any other college or university in the State of Iowa, who has not been a student in good and regular standing at the college or university he represents, since at least 15 days after the opening of the fall term or semester.

"No person shall be allowed to compete in any base ball games or track meets between teams as set forth in the first paragraph of this section, who has not been a student in good and regular standing at the college or university he represents since the 15th day of the preceding January, in such institutions as are conducted under the three-term system, or from not later than the sixth day after the beginning of the second semester, in such institutions as have adopted the semester system.

"It is provided, however, that none of the above regulations shall apply to any person who has formerly been a student in good and regular standing at the college or university which he represents.

"The qualifications of contestants in all branches of athletics shall be governed in other respects as follows: In track athletics, by the rules of the American Amateur Athletic Union; in base ball and foot ball, by the stipulations of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic compact.

"Sec. 2. Iowa College and the State University of Iowa agree that they will not contest with the athletic teams of any institution in the State of Iowa the members of which do not comply with the requirements of Sec. 1 of this compact; provided that this section shall not apply to contracts already in existence.

"Sec. 3. Should it develop that in any contest between an athletic team of either Iowa College or the State University of Iowa, and a team of any of the institutions in this state, that the members of the team of such other institution did not conform to the conditions of Sec. 1 of this compact; then, and in that event, both Iowa College and the State University of Iowa agree that in the year succeeding such contest, neither institution will contest with such other institution in the branch of athletics in which it has offended.

"Sec. 4. A committee of two, consisting of one alumnus from each party to this compact, shall determine whether any institution has violated the conditions of this compact, either in letter or in spirit, and it is agreed that their decision shall govern the managers of the several athletic teams of the parties to his compact in the making of contracts in future with such institutions. In the event of the failure of such committee to agree, the managers of the various athletic teams of the parties to this compact shall be at liberty to make such contracts as they shall see fit. The members of this committee shall be elected by the Athletic Associations of their respective institutions in the spring term of each year, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

"Sec. 5. That this compact shall be in force for four years from the date of its adoption by the Athletic Associations of Iowa College and the State University of Iowa."

There was some discussion of the first section, but it was at length agreed that so far as track and base ball athletics were concerned, the residence rule in paragraph two, which is substantially the rule of the W. I. A. A., should govern.

When it came to the adoption of the second section, a lengthy consideration ensued. It was realized fully that by adopting this section the two parties to the compact were pledging themselves to a course which might bar them from participating in any meet in the state, not the state meet, in which the teams contesting do not fulfill the requirements as laid down in the compact. It was realized, too, that Iowa and Grinnell were far from being a majority of the members of the State Association. But it was thought that a movement so fully in the interests of the spirit of amateur purity as is this, would surely receive the hearty acquiescence of nearly every member of the State Association. Or, in any event, it was thought best that Iowa and Grinnell should withdraw from the State Meet if any team is allowed to compete which fails

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HESPERIAN-ERODELPHIAN CONTEST.

HESPERIANS WIN—THE CONTEST A CLOSE ONE.

A large and enthusiastic audience was present at the Opera House, last evening, to listen to the annual contest between the two ladies' literary societies. The contest was a very close one, and each society may well take pride in the efforts made by their representatives. The orations were very well written and delivered in a very pleasing manner. Their relative merits were shown by the fact that each contestant received three firsts. A comparison of percents, however gave the decision to the Hesperians.

The program was opened by a piano solo by Miss Swisher. Miss Parker then introduced Miss Page, who gave the Hesperian oration on "The New Nobility." The speaker's nobility was one of being and doing, and her ideals of this nobility were Carlyle, Thoreau, Lincoln, and the Son of God.

The oration for the Erodolphians was on the "Decadence of the Romance Nations," and was given by Miss Pinkham. She presented the romance nations as victims of bankruptcy, large military forces and moral corruption. While some nations still possess elements of strength, and have in the past given inestimable legacies to the world, yet they have reached the climax of their greatness. America has shown her ability to cope with the powers of the world without the use of large military forces, and has wrested forever the old-time supremacy from the romance nations.

The question for debate was: "Resolved, that all systems of out-door relief by the state are against public policy." Affirmed for the Hesperians by Misses Shuck, Howard, and Baughman. Denied for the Erodolphians by Misses Schultz, Hartley and Daum.

Miss Shuck opened the debate, and argued that the out-door system was based on unsound principles, was expensive, bred political corruption, and through the poor management of the state officials, became unjust and degrading.

Miss Schultz made a strong speech in opening for the negative, in which she established the need of poor reliefs, presented the out-door relief system as based on sound business principles, and a defense for the social and financial interests of the state.

Miss Howard, the next speaker for the affirmative, presented the system of direct in-door relief, supplemented by private reliefs for out-door relief. Her speech was very well prepared, and delivered in a very good manner.

Miss Hartley followed for the negative, and after a brief rebuttal of the arguments thus far advanced by the affirmative, she argued that the out-door plan was cheaper, gave more satisfactory results, and prevented the children from swelling the ranks of pauperism.

Miss Baughman spoke third for the affirmative, and easily made the best appearance of the evening. Her rebuttal of the previous arguments was strong, well-put, and probably won the debate.

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THE DUAL MEET.

SECOND AND THIRD PLACE MEN—GENERAL NOTES.

To the close observer, the one thing that was made glaringly apparent above all others, in Saturday's meet with Grinnell, was the importance of winning second and third places in the events. Iowa has usually been able at least to hold her own in the matter of winning firsts, but in seconds and thirds she has not always been so fortunate. It was this weakness that last year lost the State Meet to Grinnell. It is this same deficiency that is liable to render us weak even in firsts in the succeeding year after a successful one, if great care is not taken. By a careful cultivation of second and third place men, we may not only aid present first place men in winning the meets, but we will also thus produce men to win firsts the following year. It has been wisely suggested that, for the encouragement of men to train who can scarcely hope at present to win first places, silver and bronze medals be awarded for second and third place winners in the home meet, these medals to be of pattern identical with the gold medals awarded for first prizes.

To illustrate the thought in the foregoing—never was a finer finish than that of our Brackett and Bailey, who won second and third in the mile walk by a six inch margin over the Grinnell man. And up to the very last moment it seemed as if they would be beaten, too. What they did for our team in winning these three points is worth far more than all the hours they have in months gone by put in training for the event. For a finish equally game, think of Barber's spurt down the stretch in the half-mile run, when he won one point for the 'Varsity. Think again of his magnificent finish in the mile run, even when he could scarcely hope to win a place in the race. It is such work that makes a track team. Nate Barber has been one of the steadiest men in his training of any on the team, and he has helped do some winning. So you might go on through the list naming them, every man of them doing his best for his 'Varsity.

In the bicycle races Braman won third in the half and Scott won first in the two mile by a wonderful finish; yet had it not been for the magnificent pacing of Maxon, possibly we might not have fared so well in these; and it was certainly his first quarter in 29 seconds that forced Waterman to lower the dual record by four-fifths of a second.

In this same connection we must not omit mention of the visiting team. The Grinnell boys went into the meet this year with their customary admirable nerve and grit, some of them winning places by virtue of these qualities.

Snider, of Grinnell, succeeded in winning eighteen points, the largest number standing to the credit of any one man. He won two firsts and four seconds. Brown and Louis came next with two firsts and a second, or twelve points apiece.

When Warner threw the hammer 107 feet, at the first trial, he gave us reason for prophesying a new State record this year.

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The Minnesota Debate.

The triumph of S. U. I. in the recent debate with Minnesota occasions no great surprise, for the victory was confidently expected. It is a matter of gratification, however that what formerly was a hope has now become an assured fact, thus vindicating Iowa's system of debating and adding another trophy to its record.

The debate made manifest two important facts: good argument and forcible presentation are both required for a successful debate. Careful systematization of argument, each speech reinforcing the preceding one, marked the debate for S. U. I. from beginning to end. In this respect the Minnesota representatives showed vast improvement over its debaters of two years ago. In presentation Iowa was clearly superior. Each speaker spoke in that forcible, animated manner, which by its very earnestness must carry conviction. On the whole the debate was a satisfactory one. While we are pleased with our victory, Minnesota is also to be congratulated for the gallant fight made by her worthy representatives.

Prizes for Scientific Students.

In addition to the prize of \$25 for proficiency in Greek, and a like sum for leadership in Latin, Attorney Frank Lowden, of Chicago, has signified his willingness to offer a similar prize to scientific students as an additional inducement for strong scholarship in those departments. Mr. Lowden is an alumnus of S. U. I., and one deeply interested in the welfare of his Alma Mater.

In looking over the catalogues of such schools as Harvard and Princeton, not five or six, but hundreds of prizes, scholarships, etc., are found described, and offered as rewards of merit to worthy students. For the most part these prizes are offered by the alumni of the institution, who wish to make some slight offering to their institution as a token of regard for its benefits to them, S. U. I. is rapidly coming to the front among the institutions of the middle

west, and it is a pleasure to see the patriotism of its alumni which has been shown in numerous ways during the past few years. The offer of Mr. Lowden's is a move in the proper direction, and well worthy of emulation by other alumni and friends of S. U. I.

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In her constructive argument she showed, by means of charts, how the system had failed in states, and was rapidly being abandoned.

Miss Daum, for the negative, argued that while church and private systems may be good, they are inconstant and insufficient. The poor must be protected, the state should see to it that the burden falls on every man according to his ability.

The closing speeches were made by Miss Howard and Miss Hartley.

The audience now listened to a beautiful vocal solo by Mr. Carpenter.

The recitation for the Hesperians was entitled "Patsy," and was given by Miss Adams. The production was, despite its length, very well given. Her voice was good, and her personation of the characters was very effective.

For the Erodolphians, Miss Parsons recited the new "Genevra" in a manner that won for her the decision of the judges. Her voice was clear and distinct, her appearance that of grace and ease, and her appreciation of the selection perfect. She told the story of the piece in a most pleasing manner, and by her personation put life and being into the characters.

The program was closed with music by the High School Mandolin Club.

The debate was decided two for the affirmative.

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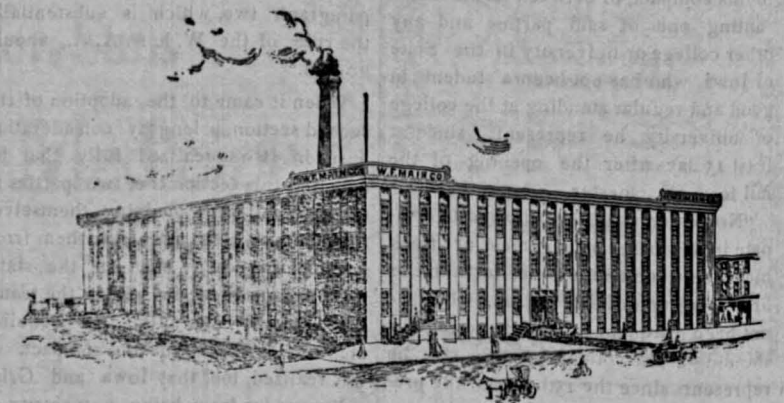
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The Zets and Philos play ball Saturday.

Lena McCurdy, C. '98, and Ora Horine, C. '98, will attend commencement.

Frank S. Cummins, C. '02, entertained his mother, of Des Moines, over Sunday.

The High School will hold a home field meet at Athletic Park Saturday afternoon.

B. B. Welty, L. '98, has purchased a law and collection business at Nevada, Iowa.

Secretary J. H. Fellingham had a prominent part in the Y. M. C. A. rally at Cedar Rapids, Sunday.

Miss Elvene Robins, of Emmetsburg, has been visiting with Misses Jessie Robinson and Helen Larrabee.

Gail Sweeney has gone to Albion, Mich., to a convention, as a delegate of the Tau Chapter of the Delta Gamma.

E. G. Copeland, C. '98, attended a meeting for the ministers of the M. E. Conference, at Cedar Falls, last week.

Frank White, C. '99, entertained his brother, Trumbell White, the famous war correspondent of the Chicago Record, last week.

The clock presented by the Collegiates '99, is now fully equipped. It will form a very noticeable addition to the library when formally installed in its niche.

The Delta Gammas indulged in a picnic at Minnehaha last Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Ethel Turkey, a delegate of the Lincoln Chapter of the Delta Gammas.

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J. C. Prall, C. '98, now secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Leland Stanford, has an important article in the May number of the Inter-Collegian.

All desiring to go to Minneapolis with the track team, Friday, should see Manager McDonald, in order to secure the benefit of the special rate.

Little Arthur, the 18 months old son of Geo. Pringle, a freshman Dent, fell out of the third story window at 318 S. Clinton street this morning. Fortunately the child was not seriously hurt.

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to meet the requirements of this compact, rather than longer allow matters to continue as they have been. Iowa and Grinnell have no hesitancy in declaring that they will from now on insist upon a close application of the rules on amateur standing in Iowa.

In adopting Section 4, the committee realized that it was a new departure. But it was thought that a committee composed of one alumnus each from Iowa and Grinnell would be more competent as a board of judges than would one composed of either students or Faculty members of the institution, who may be too intimately interested in the success of their local teams to render an entirely unprejudiced decision.

The outcome of this determined movement toward purity in athletics will be watched with no little interest, and it will receive the hearty support and cooperation of all true friends of amateur purity in athletics. But whether such support comes or not, Iowa and Grinnell will stand together, and yield not an iota on any provision of the compact.

Larrabee Lecture.

Ex-Governor Larrabee delivered the first of his series of lectures at the Law lecture room, Monday afternoon. The lecture, which was highly appreciated by all who were so fortunate as to secure seats or standing room, was on the subject of "Political Science." Stating that the study of this science was comparatively in its infancy, the speaker traced its relation to the other sciences, and emphasized its importance.

Continuing, he said that while environment modifies the working of political systems, there are yet certain laws governing all advancement. Chief among these forces is Want or Demand. With races, as with individuals, some see and seize opportunities, while others do not. Some races, as some individuals, progress. A better knowledge of political science might have prevented much of the waste and bloodshed occasioned by the slavery struggle. A more general knowledge of the same science might save us the trouble of fighting the liquor power.

We must not follow unwisely every new idea that may be promulgated. Neither must we cling to ancient prejudice. Here in Iowa, the greatest, best, most productive of all the states, we should not be content with failure to advance faster and farther than those in any other state.

We have inherited the tribal instinct of craving to be with the popular side, following the leader, right or wrong. Under our civilization there is no necessity for this. Wherever conservatives are in majority, there is no progress. In Iowa the conservatives are not in the majority, and we progress. Our University will yet grow to a front rank.

To succeed in our calling we must study its details—we cannot win by luck. This fact is evidenced by the career of General Grant. While being cautious in taking up with the new, we should not unwisely cling to the old, but continue to advance.

The four lectures remaining in the course will be delivered at 7 o'clock on Tuesday and the following evening.

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