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## MINNESOTA MEET.

GOOD WORK OF THE IOWA BOYS—  
GENERAL NOTES.

In a special car gaily decorated with Old Gold banners and streamers, arranged by friendly hands at home, the members of the track team and Manager McDonald and Dr. Knipe, accompanied by four or five of the boys, who went along to yell for Iowa, left over the B., C. R. & N. railroad for Minneapolis, last Friday. The trip north was heartily enjoyed by the boys, who were in high spirits when they arrived at their destination Friday evening. They were even confident yet Saturday morning, when the Minneapolis papers appeared assuring them of the certainty of their being defeated. And they were defeated by the narrow margin of one event. However, that victory was not wrested lightly from the Hawkeye standards, witness this from the St. Paul Pioneer-Press:

"Iowa should not have expected to win. With 500 Gopher rooters and a brass band against them they could have crawled as readily through the eye of a needle as to carry away the victory from the University of Minnesota at the dual field day yesterday afternoon at the state fair grounds. The grand stand was one waving mass of maroon and gold, and the single word 'Minnesota' was on every tongue.

"But Iowa did expect to win, and she came so near doing it that the hearts of the Minnesota admirers almost stood still. It was the first time that the Iowa men had had an opportunity to measure their strength and cunning with the sons of Minnesota, and they brought with them an ample belt with room for all the scalps of the Gophers. They started in whirlwind style and got the lion's share of the points until the next to the last event, the running broad jump, when Gaines came to Minnesota's rescue, and tied the score, 30 to 30."

We do not reprint this as an apology for the team's having failed to win the meet. The team needs no apology. Every man did his duty in a manly, sportsmanlike way, and in such a defeat there can be no dishonor. The team made a good hard battle for victory, and when the last event was over our Minnesota friends fully realized that they had been up against a very considerable circumstance.

It was after three o'clock when the first event, the 120 yard hurdle, was called. With a comparatively poor start, Call cleared the second hurdle behind Tate, Minnesota's hope in this event, and Van Bergen. At the third hurdle Call and Tate were neck and neck, and from this on Call ran easily and steadily away from his competitor, finishing first in 18 1-5 seconds.

Then just to show the Minnesotans how the Iowa rooters, half a dozen in number, made the welkin and everything else ring with the old "Hawk! Hawk! Hawk!"

In the 100 yard dash the Minnesotans were not disappointed in Rogers, who, with a set back of one yard, yet won in 10 1-5 seconds, Stoutmeyer finished second, and Smith third.

When the half-mile runners appeared, everybody realized that one of the contests of the day was on. Yet few were

found with sufficient nerve to back Nelson so very heavily. "Wait till the 440," said the Minnesotans. The Iowa boys, on the contrary, would have bet the buttons off their clothes, and all their chances on passing up in June, on Brown. And not to disappoint his friends, Brown finished, easily winner, in 2:06, Nelson winning second, and Barber third.

In the quarter-mile bicycle event Sudheimer, in 32 2-5 seconds, who is a very swift peddler, won, Maxon finishing a close second.

There is reason to believe that this event might have been added to the Iowa list, had not Sudheimer's starter, as the latter himself admitted, stepped some feet over the mark, thereby giving his man a margin in the start which Maxon was unable to overcome, though he finished less than a yard behind. The judge of finish couldn't be made to see it that way, however. He said he would take only the evidence of the official starter,—and this in the face of the voluntary admission of Sudheimer's own starter. The official starter admitted that one man had stepped over the tape, but denied that that one was Sudheimer's man. Questioned, he stated that it was "the man on the inside." As Sudheimer had the pole, we fail to see how the offending party could have been any other than his man. But the incident was closed with no formal protest, probably the wiser course under circumstances.

In the high jump Tate wasn't in it for a minute. He dropped out at 5 feet, and Louis raised the mark a notch, then passed, Schroeder winning at 5 feet 1 inch.

Rogers and Stoutmeyer again distinguished themselves by winning first and second respectively in the 220 yard dash, Smith finishing third. Time, 22 4-5 seconds.

That the pole vault was a less interesting event than usual was the fault of the management. The course and "take off" for this event and the jumps was in a bed of coarse gravel, made up of coarse sand and small boulders the size of hen's eggs. In this somewhat unyielding material it was impossible to secure a "take off" with the pole, and after three failures so to do, Stevenson gave it up as a bad job, Ford winning at 8 feet 1 inch.

The next event to take place was the 440 yard dash, the event Minnesota was sure Nelson, last year's Western Intercollegiate champion in this event would win. But he didn't. Brown easily beat him out in 51 3-5 seconds.

In the mile walk that followed, Williams indulged in very pleasant social conversation about the weather, and other things, with the judges, and won in a walk by 50 yards, in 8:21 2-5.

In spite of the miserable condition of the course, Louis, in his first jump in the broad jump, went 21 feet. Here, however, Gaines, another Western Intercollegiate champion, won out by 3 inches over this mark.

Wilson ran one of the prettiest miles we have ever seen. Paying no attention to his competitors he skinned away from them at the start, and they never got within hailing distance of him afterward. The wonderful Nelson didn't even take the trouble to finish. Wilson's mile was done in 4:46.

Sudheimer and Page succeeded in finishing ahead of Scott in the mile bicycle race. Time, 3:08 1-5.

With the score 30 to 30, the interest in the 220 yard hurdle became intense. Van Burgen and Rogers won by a narrow margin over Schroeder, however, in 28 3-5 seconds, and Minnesota won the meet.

## S. U. I. DEFEATS LUTHER.

OUR VICTORY BY A SCORE OF 11 TO 1.

Pretty girls, small boys, and men about town all rooted for Iowa at Decorah on Friday, and materially helped in the display of pyrotechnics touched off by Lowry's "colts." Storey began the afternoon's entertainment with a pretty single, and sky rockets and Roman candles followed in quick succession, until Moss fired the last "nigger-chaser" when he struck out the third man in the first half of the ninth inning, the best all-around game so far played by S. U. I., was won by a score of 11 to 1.

In spite of a high wind that made it difficult to gauge the flies, the rough diamond, and the good time of the night before at Fayette, the boys all put up a star game. Every one of them had their batting clothes on, as Storey made three singles and a double out of five times at bat, Williams made two singles and a triple, while Captain Lowry and "Eddie" Yates each made two singles. Undoubtedly the sensational feature of the game was when Berenston struck into deep center, two men being on bases and two out. "Pat" Lowry made a sprint for the ball, and in despair stretched out one hand, never expecting to get it, but to his surprise and to the delight of the crowd, he held it with one hand, after its coming through the branches of a tree, thus saving two scores at least. This was in the third inning, and in the last half of the second our boys had scored five runs, so they felt pretty jolly. From that time on they knew the game was theirs in a walk away. "Sol" Moss proved himself not only a superb pitcher, but a great general as well, at all stages of the game. Twice at critical times when two men were on bases, and only one man out, he would smile and then proceed to strike the next two out. The players all put great confidence in his ability, as they support him in better shape than any other twirler on the team.

Decorah put up a nice clean game of ball, but they could do little with Moss, only being able to find him for five safe hits, and these were so well scattered that it yielded them only one score, and this man would never have crossed home plate but for an error by Reynolds in throwing to first base. Otherwise the men in gray put up an errorless game. Williams at short covers more ground and does it in better shape than any man on the team, besides being a hard hitter. He ate up two hot liners and made several pretty assists during the game. When a ball goes sailing over toward left field, and two men are out, every man throws down his glove and makes for the players' bench because it's a sure thing that Storey will get it. Prens, Decorah's pitcher, was hit hard by our boys, their red fielders being kept pretty busy running after long flies into all three of the gardens. Over in left field stood an oak tree, and nearly every S. U. I. man made the leaves and bark fly off from that tree. And while the Luther fielder was circling it, Moss would confidently advise him "to pick apples." Fourteen hits were made off Prens and "Pat" Lowry and Parsons were the only men

he succeeded in striking out, while Moss mixed them up so that five of the Luther men fanned the air to no purpose.

Once in a while the S. U. I. boys would get tired of scampering around the bases, so they would change off and walk to first. Yates, Moss and Sargent all strolled to the initial bag at different times, while Moss gave the Norwegians that privilege only twice. Once he hit a man so hard that some one else had to run bases for him, and Sargent was also struck in the head, but managed to wander around the bases, till Williams drove out a safe one, and then sprinted home. Out of four times to bat "Eddie" Yates made three singles, and the fourth time walked to first. His throwing to second is also beyond criticism.

## LARRABEE LECTURE.

LAST LECTURE OF THE COURSE GIVEN  
FRIDAY EVENING.

The last of a course of five lectures, given by Ex-Gov. Larrabee, was delivered Friday evening, on the Board of Control of State Institutions. The institution for feeble minded, at Davenport, has about 800 inmates. It is both a school and an asylum, as those who can learn are taught the common branches. The inmates are allowed \$8 per month for maintenance. There are 12 teachers employed.

At the industrial schools at Eldora and Mitchellville, there are about 500 inmates. These institutions have 45 employees, and are allowed \$9 for each inmate per month. The inmates are divided into six families, presided over by a man and wife. There are 700 acres of land connected with the school for boys at Eldora, which is farmed by inmates. They were not succeeding very well in reforming the boys, but new rules have been laid down by the Board of Control, and they are improving now. There are only 185 inmates in the girls' school; they are allowed \$10 per capita per month.

The insane asylums have cared for about 27,000 patients in all. About one-third have been cured and one-third helped. At Independence there is a training school for nurses in connection with the institution. The employees are marked by three different persons on nineteen different requirements, such as treatment of inmates, etc., and are thus advanced or dropped, and in this way very efficient employees are obtained. The inmates are allowed \$12 per capita per month. The asylum at Independence cost over \$1,000,000. The insane are paid for by the counties. The counties are beginning to take their insane to the county farms, and care for them there. The speaker was not in favor of this, as they cannot give them as good care.

The penitentiaries at Fort Madison and Anamosa have 1,100 convicts. At Fort Madison the convicts are hired out to contractors at from 25 to 50 cents a day, and make farm machinery and chairs. At Anamosa they are principally engaged in quarrying and building the penitentiary.

At Anamosa they are allowed \$9.50 per capita per month, at Fort Madison, (Continued on Second Page.)

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As was stated in our Saturday issue, the Faculty has decreed an entire holiday Friday, May 19th, in order that the students may attend the tennis tournament with Nebraska in the morning, and the Iowa-Nebraska field meet in the afternoon. The Faculty were impelled to this action from the almost unanimous desire of the students to attend these contests on Nebraska Day. Never before has such interest in athletics been aroused in the University, and great are the hopes that are aroused by its exhibition.

## LARRABEE LECTURE.

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\$9. Corporal punishment is now abolished, and a dark cell and bread and water substituted. There are 12 female convicts at Anamosa.

The Board of Control have supervision over the institutions. They appoint the superintendent, fix salaries, and the number of employees. All things to be used in the institutions are bought at wholesale and taken to a store, and are not issued except on an order from the superintendent. There is a complaint book and a restraint book kept to give the Board an idea of the efficiency of their employees. The superintendent makes out a list of things needed by the institution, but it must be approved before it is purchased. Some little trouble has been experienced lately in sending back inmates from other states, and having inmates sent to us. The Board is now trying to cut down both the number of inmates and the expense per capita, and at the same time secure better care for the inmates. This the speaker thought could be done by careful buying and more careful inspection of the running of the institutions.

## Irving.

The program in North Hall Friday evening was more entertaining and better prepared than usual.

The program was opened, as customary, with music. A guitar and mandolin duet of unusual merit was rendered.

Mr. Dickinson then spoke at length upon the "Reforms of Booth Tucker." The speaker clearly explained that des-

pite the Salvation Army work, Booth Tucker was inaugurating an out-door pauper relief system of sound business and economic policy. His experiment in colonizing is even now prospering beyond all expectations.

The question that was debated was "Resolved, that the Civil Service system should be extended to all departments of our government."

Messrs. Hoppers and Kingland, in affirming the question, clearly revealed the evils of the spoils system, and advantages of the present civil service. They further declared that the extension of the civil service would increase the efficiency of our government.

Messrs. Remley and Cass in denying, showed that the further extension of civil service would destroy the harmony of our administration. "Unity of policy is," they declared, "the necessary part of an administration."

The judges voted two in favor of the negative.

Mr. Drake then recited a beautiful little selection entitled "Sposin." The piece was a little gem, and was extremely well delivered.

An oration by Fred S. Merriau on "Falling Empire," closed the program. It is needless to speak of the excellent composition and impressive delivery of this production. The speaker thoughtfully gave each word its proper emphasis, and worked slowly up to the beautiful but weighty climax.

Mr. Rush Butler, an ex-Irving and graduate of S. U. I., was called upon for a speech. He responded by recalling many of the incidents of former days, and brought back to Irving many of the names that had contributed to her success in days gone by. The speaker gave much wholesome advice, and closed his remarks by prophesying much for the future of Irving.

## Philomathian.

The Philomathian society rendered a very good program Friday evening.

M. Edson gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the race problem in the south. It rather anticipated the debate, which was on the question, "Resolved, that the negro should be disfranchised."

The question was affirmed by C. W. Soesbe and J. A. Fesenbeck, and denied by Otto Brackett and H. Albert, and was well discussed by each of the speakers.

A talk by Mr. Angus on "Embryonic Development" closed the program.

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The corner stone of the new University building was laid Saturday afternoon.

Acting President Currier, Prof. L. G. Weld and others interested in the ceremonies were in attendance.

As a matter of fact, the acts performed could scarcely be called "ceremonies," for the formal exercises will not be held until commencement week.

The stone was swung into place, under the direction of Contractor David Stephens. While the block was suspended in midair, Dean Currier thrust a copper box, containing University curios, into the prepared cavity.

The corner stone is of light blue Bedford rock, neatly cut. It is 3 feet 6 inches by 2 feet, by 2 feet, in dimensions, and the hole cut into the bottom of the stone is 10 inches long, by 6 by 5 inches. On the face of the stone is clearly cut the simple date, 1898.

After Dean Currier had thrust the box into place, it was tightly wedged in, and then the orifice was carefully sealed. The stone, with the box side down, was then swung back into the spot it is to occupy throughout the 20th century—the furthestmost northeast corner of the elegant structure now mounting daily.

The contents of the copper box entombed within this memorable stone were as follows:

A greeting to future students and professors of the university; statement of circumstances under which the box was deposited; a picture of the new collegiate hall; a photograph of the late Charles A. Schaeffer; a photograph of Acting President Currier; general view of the University grounds from the west; photograph of the old capitol building; of the science building; of the library building before the fire and since its restoration; print of the west building; cut of the chemical laboratory; of the homeopathic medical building; of the University hospital; photograph of the battalion; several printed documents concerning the collegiate building; abstracts of the records of the board of regents relating to the new collegiate building at the meetings of August, 1898, and March, April and May, 1899; Secretary Haddock's report on the building fund issued April 10, 1899; catalogue of State University of Iowa for 1898-9; program of collegiate department for 1898-9; historical sketch of the State University of Iowa by ex-President J. L. Pickard; a memorial sketch of the late President Schaeffer, reprinted from the Iowa Historical Record for April, 1899; a copy of the bulletin from the University laboratories of natural history; The Transit for 1898; bulletin of the homeopathic medical department; the University of Iowa studies in Psychology; the president's report for 1893, containing accounts of the Bahama expedition, the Russell expedition, and other University expeditions; the Y M C A handbook; printed circular relating to Phi Beta Kappa; report of the proceedings of the Baconian club; year book of the law department for 1877-8, giving a history of the organization of the department; addresses and presentation and acceptance of the Hammond bust (1895) by Hon Horace Deemer and Chancellor Emlin McClain, the first number of Law Bulletin, 1891, with table of contents of subsequent numbers; directory of the graduates of the law department compiled in 1891; directory of officers and alumni of the University of Iowa from 1847 to 1885; copies of Vidette-Reporter and S U I Quill; copies of THE IOWA CITY DAILY REPUBLICAN, the Iowa State Press, the Iowa Citizen, and the Iowa City Post (German); a hermetically sealed flask containing Iowa grains and seeds from the elm trees on the University campus.

The above books, pamphlets, papers, etc., will doubtless be of quaint interest to some future generation of University students and professors.

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**FACT AND RUMOR.**

C. H. Moon, L. '99, spent Sunday at his home in Tipton.

C. H. Laartz, C. '02, is back in school after a week's vacation.

The Downing brothers, C. '01, entertain their father this week.

Charles P. Hanley, L. '00, was a Sunday visitor at Washington, Ia.

The Senior Laws will meet the State Board of Examiners on May 31st.

R. J. Bannister, C. '01, and Johnson, L. '00, visited over Sunday at Cornell.

Crookham, L. '99, was visited by his sister from Oskaloosa over Sunday.

Roy Raguet spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Washington, Ia.

Craig Wright, of Des Moines, visited old University friends over Sunday.

The Hesperians and Zetagathians will picnic up the river Thursday afternoon.

Professor Wilson was welcomed back by his German classes after his week's illness.

W. I. Prouty, C. '92, L. '93, now practicing at Charles City, was recently elected mayor.

The Forum literary society will entertain their friends at Minnehaha next Thursday evening.

The Junior Laws have been granted early examinations, and will complete their course by May 26th.

H. W. Power, ex-L. '97, manager of the St. James Hotel, accompanied the track team to Minneapolis.

The Senior Hesperians gave a Tennyson program, Saturday evening, which was a grand success in every way.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYERS.

C. A. Carpenter L. '84 of Columbus Junction, a former State Senator, is the guest of J. W. McKee L. '99

J. R. Frailey, C. '98, now reading in a law office at Ft. Madison, expects to be in the city to attend commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Safford, of Hamilton, Ill., spent a few days with their nieces, Misses Margaret and Abbie Safford.

Robert M. McBeth, deputy clerk of Van Buren county has returned to the University and will graduate with the Law class of '99

An excellent example of progressive college journalism is seen in the current issue of The Nebraskan, in which is given a most satisfactory account of the Inter-State Oratorical Contest which occurred at Lincoln, Nebraska, May 5th. The Nebraskan has long been recognized in this office as one of the brightest and newsiest papers on the exchange table. Its editors are entitled to congratulations upon the prominent place which The Nebraskan has taken in college journalism.

The Iowa Rooters who accompanied the team to Minnesota were; L. A. Birk, J. E. Balle, H. W. Power and F. C. McCutchen. Besides these, two former Iowa students aided in yelling for Iowa. They were J. H. Wright of Marshalltown, ex-C '00, now a student at Minnesota and Iver Iverson, C '97, our old center rush, who is now prospering in a bank at Emmons, Minnesota. Iverson expects to return to the University and take a course in Law next fall.

The boys spent their spare time in trips to St. Paul, Minnehaha Park, Fort Snelling, and Minnetonka, starting on the return trip Sunday evening.

McDonald and Dr. Knipe had the misfortune to get lost at the fair grounds after the meet. They were discovered by friendly natives, however, who directed them to the city.

**Subscriptions Due.**

The school year is now drawing to a close, and there are some who have not yet remitted for their paper. The amount is small (\$1.50), and it will be considered a great accommodation if all will attend to the matter this week. The manager may be found at the Republican Office, 205 Washington street, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. on the days of publication. Subscribers residing outside of the city will please remit by draft or money order.

**Forum.**

Forum society met in regular session Friday evening, and the following program was given:

Vocal Solo ..... Miss Mullin  
"Thinking."  
Essay ..... Mr. Croxen  
"Agriculture, its Past and Present."  
Guitar Solo ..... O. R. Kelley  
Selected.

Debate—"Resolved, that a graduated income tax would be beneficial to the American people."

Affirmed by Sargent and Patterson.  
Denied by Underwood and Thompson.

Declamation ..... Clifford J. Thorn  
"The Gladiators."

The vocal work of Miss Mullin was well received, and she kindly responded with an encore, "A May Morning."

Mr. Croxen's essay was well prepared, and showed carefulness in thought, which marks him as a valuable member.

The debate was warmly contested on both sides, and was decided in favor of the affirmative. Special mention is to be made of the masterly manner in which Sargent presented his view of the matter.

Mr. Thorn gave his work in a manner which showed thorough mastery of his piece, and which delighted his hearers.

The last program of the year will be held next Thursday evening.

**Notice.**

The Athletic Union will meet at Close Hall, Thursday evening, May 18th, at 7:30 sharp. GEO. W. EGAN.

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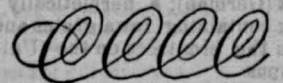
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