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HADDOCK THE MIGHTY.

WINS THE STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP IN SINGLES FOR IOWA—MOORE AND MACKINTOSH, OF CORNELL, TAKE THE DOUBLES.

Paul S. Haddock won the State championship in singles, yesterday, thus making him the champion of two states, to say nothing of Nebraska's double scalp that is dangling at his belt. Moore and Mackintosh, of Cornell College, captured the State medal for the doubles after a sharp, five-set tussle in the finals with Hull and Weed, Iowa's representatives.

The State Tennis Tournament was adjourned from Grinnell to Iowa City on account of the wet courts at Iowa College. The home courts were in the best of condition, although it had rained hard the evening before. The schools represented in the tournament were Grinnell, Cornell, Penn, and the State University. Coe and Upper Iowa did not compete. C. E. Holbrook, C. O., as President of the State Association, proved a model executive officer in his conduct of the meet.

The players were all excellent, and from the first stroke by Moore of Cornell, at half-past nine in the morning, to Haddock's decisive lob in the evening, the tennis played was of championship order.

The first match in the preliminaries for the doubles was between Moore and Mackintosh of Cornell, and Branch and Halsey of Iowa College. Branch and Halsey were both good with the Lawford, particularly at the net. The steady lobbying of the Cornell players won the match, although they showed little superior playing at any one point. In the first set Grinnell won the second game on Branch's serve, after the north court men had secured 40-love. Grinnell won the fifth game on the tenth stroke with Moore serving. Cornell took the remaining games:

1st set—Cornell won, 5-3, 3-5, 5-3, 4-2, 4-6, 6-4, 4-1, 6-4, set—6-2.

The second set was marked by Grinnell's weakening at the net, and Cornell's steady lobbying. Score:

2nd set—Cornell won, 4-2, 4-1, 1-4, 4-2, 4-1, 4-1, 4-2, set—6-1.

Hull and Weed, Iowa, started out well in their preliminaries with Ellis and Watkins, of Penn College, by running a 15-40 score into deuce, and winning it on the 14th stroke. The game was won by Hull's brilliant net work. Weed played a consistent if not brilliant game, and Ellis and Watkins divided the honors very evenly. Scores:

1st set—Iowa won, 3-6, 3-5, 4-1, 1-4, 6-4, 4-1, 4-1, 0-4, 4-1, set—6-3.

2nd set—Iowa won, 2-4, 6-8, 5-7, 6-4, 4-0, 7-5, 3-5, 4-1, 4-2, 4-1, set—6-4.

At 10:30 a. m. the first preliminary in singles was played, Haddock of Iowa, against Mackintosh of Cornell. Haddock played his usually brilliant game, and was not troubled by the Cornelian's lobs. In the second set Haddock weakened in lobbying, and Mackintosh came to the net in the third game. He stayed there as best he could throughout the set. Haddock won the seventh and eighth by lobbing.

1st set—Iowa won, 5-3, 4-1, 4-0, 2-4, 4-2, 7-5, set—6-1.

2nd set—Iowa won, 4-1, 4-2, 1-4, 4-1, 4-6, 5-3, 4-0, 9-7, set—6-2.

In the second preliminary match in the singles, Branch, of Grinnell, was pitted against Ellis, of Penn. Ellis' whole game was his Lawford, and at times Branch made competition lively in that direction. Score:

1st set—Penn won, 4-6, 4-1, 4-6, 2-4, 6-4, 4-2, 4-2, 4-0, set—6-2.

2nd set—Penn won, 4-1, 4-0, 4-1, 4-0, 4-6, 4-0, 3-5, 5-3, set—6-2.

The finals in doubles between Hull and Weed for Iowa, and Moore and Mackintosh of Cornell, furnished some of the best tournament of the match. Moore played a steady, reliable game. Mackintosh and Hull varied considerably, but in his best moments Hull was invincible at the net. Mackintosh made brilliant plays. Hull and Weed fought hard in the first four games of the first set, winning the fourth, Mackintosh serving, on the eighth stroke, after the score had gone to forty love. Then Hull declined and the set went:

1st set—Cornell won, 8-6, 4-2, 4-2, 3-5, 4-2, 4-1, 4-0, set—6-1.

Iowa played fine tennis in the second, and, after a fine spurt by Cornell in the seventh and eighth games, the score stood:

2nd set—Iowa won, 1-4, 4-0, 4-0, 4-1, 5-3, 4-1, 4-6, 0-4, 4-2, set—6-3.

In the third set Iowa did little, but in the fourth, cheering by the spectators encouraged both players. In the fifth Moore played his best game, and Cornell won the medal. Scores:

3rd set—Cornell won, 4-1, 4-0, 5-3, 4-1, 0-4, 5-3, 4-6, 4-0, set—6-2.

4th set—Iowa won, 5-0, 4-1, 4-2, 2-4, 4-0, 2-4, 4-2, 2-4, 4-2, set—6-3.

5th set—Cornell won, 4-1, 1-4, 2-4, 4-0, 4-2, 0-4, 1-4, 4-2, 1-4, 5-3, 4-6, 5-3, 4-0, 1-4, 6-4, 3-5, 4-1, 4-2, set—10-8.

The final match in singles between Haddock and Ellis furnished the best tennis of the tournament. The final set went easily to Haddock. Only one set went to deuce, and Haddock won that by fine side-line work.

1st set—Iowa won, 4-1, 4-0, 8-6, 0-4, 4-2, 4-1, 4-2, set—6-1.

In the second set Ellis began to place his balls. Haddock failed to lob over him, or else sent the ball out of court. The fifth Haddock won, a love game, on his serve, three first serves being good, all of them wicked. Ellis won the remaining games by hard work. Score:

2nd set—Penn won, 4-1, 2-4, 4-2, 4-6, 0-4, 4-2, 4-2, 4-1, 6-4, set—6-3.

The third set showed that Ellis had concluded that he could not win by his Lawford alone, but by placing. With Haddock at the net, he caught him by a side-line stroke, time and time again.

3rd set—Penn won, 2-4, 4-0, 10-8, 4-1, 1-4, 4-1, 2-4, 4-0, 4-0, set—6-3.

The fourth set was perhaps the best set of the match. With the score three-love against him, Haddock braced, and by the most brainy net work, fine lobbying, and placed returns of the Lawford at the few intervals which he allowed Ellis to use it, won six games straight, only one of which went to deuce. Score:

4th set—Iowa won, 1-4, 3-5, 1-4, 4-0, 4-2, 7-5, 4-2, 4-1, 4-2, set—6-3.

The fifth was Ellis's set until the seventh game. Then the Penn man weakened on his own serve, and secured only the second stroke on an out by Haddock. Haddock brought the eighth

game out at the fourteenth stroke by pounding at Ellis' feet, and by lobbing. In the ninth Ellis made a plucky stand. With the score 15-40, and the crowd cheering Haddock almost too vociferously, he out-volleyed Haddock at the net and touched his sidelines. The tenth and last game ran into deuce, and each point was long fought. Haddock drew Ellis's side line once, out-volleyed him once. The final stroke was a lob. Ellis drove it into the net and Haddock won the game, set, and match. Score:

5th set—Iowa won, 5-3, 1-4, 4-1, 4-2, 2-4, 2-4, 4-1, 8-6, 3-5, 5-3, set—6-4.

Communication.

DES MOINES, IA., May 20, 1899.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

On your editorial page, May 18th, you gave space to an article on college fraternities. Will you kindly receive an idea from an anti-fraternity standpoint.

That the motive and the principle of college fraternities are good, none would certainly attempt to deny. And that there may not be much helpfulness by means of the mystic bond, in college or out, only one entirely ignorant or prejudiced would challenge. But it is the practice and the result by the good of any standard is determined, and this being true, there is much to criticize in the practice of the college fraternity idea as carried out to-day.

The editor of the Inter-Ocean is without doubt correct in his statement that the fraternity teaches much that the curriculum does not set down as essential to the well-being of the college student. As to the social improvement gained at the fraternity hall, it is a noticeable fact that the men sought by the fraternities are those that already have much polish in the matter of clothes and manners, and rarely is the honest, plodding student, who has only the future before him, invited to fraternal membership. In other words, the fraternity is an institution which builds up a false aristocracy, and does immeasurable injustice to the greater number of students, if in reality it be what its own membership claim for it.

But that a little social injustice might creep in, that would be no reason for condemnation were such societies in other ways above reproach. Fraternities, if they have a place at all, should be filled by men, and the idea of a secret society being a home to shield youth from temptations, is so preposterous, as judged by observation, as hardly to need comment. It is, however, this one feature that is most dangerous to the youth of our colleges. The allurements of the fraternal club are so great, and the bond so strong, that few can resist the very perils which threaten. The secrecy makes the worst immortals possible of practice, without detection by the world, and little by little character has been and is undermined, so that when college days are left behind, and the fraternity as well, and the man starts on life's road, many times he is unfit for the journey by reason of habits contracted and guarded and shielded by his Greek letter fraternity.

I do not condemn the fraternity as wholly bad, nor have I pointed out many features which should be corrected if the idea is to prevail. But this suggestion is made that there may appear to be some foundation for the fight which

certain societies are making in the name of a high standard for our American college life.

Whatever is best in education Iowa wants at her University, and anything which retards progress should be eliminated. If the fraternal bond is essential to student life, why not have it under the direct supervision of the institution, and any one who by reason of dress, or social or intellectual attainments, are disqualified for membership, be excluded from other privileges of the University as well.

HORACE S. HOLLINGSWORTH, C. '92.

Irving.

One of the best programs of the term was presented last Friday evening.

Miss Dow furnished the opening music.

C. W. Russell opened the literary program with a declamation, "How Dennis Took the Pledge," which was well rendered.

J. W. Kindall spoke on the "Chicago Drainage Canal." The subject, an interesting one, was well handled, but might profitably have been enlarged on to a greater extent.

The question debated was: "Resolved, that the President should be elected by vote of the people at large." Affirmed by Messrs. Moulton and McKinney; denied by Messrs. Switzer and Chamberlain.

Moulton, for the affirmative, urged the advisability of doing away with the electoral college. The framers of the constitution, realizing that the people were not educated as yet in governmental matters, provided for a body of electors as a check on popular opinion; but the necessity for it has been superseded, it has become a useless piece of machinery, leads to political corruption through concentration of partisan effort in certain quarters, and should be eliminated.

Switzer, for the negative, said there were bad features of the present method of electing the president, but held that system of indirect election was sound in principle. Popular sovereignty is not lessened by it. The general government would incur greatly increased expense under a system of direct election.

McKinney, affirming, said the original idea of the electoral college is not now carried out. Moreover, the president does not represent districts, but the people individually. He should therefore be elected directly by them. If this were done, voters would feel more responsibility in the matter.

Chamberlain, for the negative, advocated the idea of district electors, not state. He held the abolition of the electoral college was too radical a measure. Though not important, it was not harmful, and still had a purpose to serve. It lessened the danger to Federal union arising from concentration of power in the general government.

Moulton closed for the affirmative. The debate was spirited throughout.

The decision went to the affirmative. Geo. W. Egan, one of Irving's best declaimers, rendered a pleasing selection in his usual excellent manner.

The program was closed with piano music by Mr. Umberger.

Board Meeting.

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"A Little Controversy."

In unbecoming effort to omit an item of news smacking of the sensational, from its columns, the State Press Saturday published a two-inch sketch of "a little controversy started at the field meet, yesterday, between two young men," which it stated "was quietly pulled off to a finish out of town last evening. The State Press should be more careful in verifying such rumors as may flit in through the windows of its sanctum. It is unfortunately true that there was some unpleasantness between the two young men in question at the field meet Friday, but the affair came to nothing serious, and as evidence that the gentlemen themselves regretted the occurrence, they shook hands and apologized to each other Friday evening. The State Press attempts to save itself from the criticism it evidently expected, by saying apologetically: "We may be misinformed, but —". It is unfortunate for the University city that one of the daily papers should publish such a rumor as a fact without having obtained any verification of its truth. And besides, an injustice has been done to the two gentlemen in question.

Positively Dangerous.

Human nature seems to be somewhat the same in many parts of the earth, as is evidenced by a vigorous editorial protest in the Ariel against the abominable practice certain youths have of chasing the battalion about, turning somersaults between the fours, etc., of the Minnesota Varsity companies, to the utter disgust of all beholders. The same evil has existed at S. U. I. for many years, and it is time some one should call a halt. As a result of the Ariel's protest, armed guards are stationed about the drill ground with strict orders to do their duty. They have done so, and now the evil has entirely disappeared.

Aside from moral and ethical con-

siderations, the principle of safety should form a part of the discussion. Do the mothers of Iowa City know that a blank cartridge and the fiery glance of the major are both fatal at 500 yards? It is time this information be generally given out ere some urchin be sacrificed on the altar of the murderous Moloch of militarism, as a result of criminal negligence on the part of his guardian. Instead of making the S. U. I. battalion a butt of ridicule, the youths of Iowa City should be taught to stand with uncovered heads as their superiors pass by with majestic tread.

Instead of considering the sword of a valiant captain a piece of tin, it should be treated as a rod of steel. Vigorous measures should be taken to do away with this prevalent evil before the danger hinted at above becomes a dread reality.

Freshman Irving-Zet Contest.

The annual forensic contest between the Freshmen of the Irving and Zeta-gathian societies will take place this evening in Irving hall. The program will be as follows:

Declamation Mr. Tuttle
 "How the Church was Built at Kehoe's Bar."

Declamation Merritt Brackett
 "The Chariot Race."

Debate: "Resolved, that of the four principal systems of convict labor now in operation in the United States, viz., those known as the public account, piece price, New York and contract systems, the public account system of unrestricted production of prison made goods for sale upon the open market is most in accord with good public policy in prison management."

This question will be affirmed in behalf of the Irvings by Messrs. Pinkham and Berry, and denied by Messrs. Morse and Randall for the Zets.

The oration for the Irvings will be given by G. S. Calkins, who will speak upon the subject "Washington and Napoleon."

The program will begin at 8 o'clock, and all are invited to be present. Admission free.

Philomathian.

The program of the Philomathian society last evening was short but interesting.

H. A. Mueller gave a talk on "The Work of Glaciers in Iowa."

The debate was on the subject: "Resolved, that Speaker Reed's rulings in the House have been beneficial to the U. S.," Affirmed by E. J. Louis and C. L. Louis; denied by C. W. Soesbe and J. W. Kirby.

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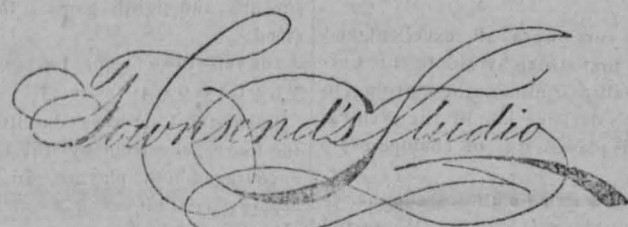
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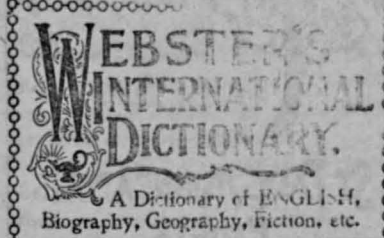
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FACT AND RUMOR.

Prof. Houser has been unable to attend classes this week on account of sickness.

B. A. Shaver, L. '99, enjoyed a visit from his mother and sister over Sunday

The commencement invitations for the Dental class are ready for delivery at the Republican office.

Ira T. Hawk, C. '99, delivered his oration on "Moses," before a large audience at Oxford, Sunday evening.

Geo. A. Green, L. '98, who located at Delto, Colo, writes that he has struck the finest country in the United States.

The Normal Eye, of this week, contains an appreciative biographical sketch of Dr. Patterson, of the Political Science department.

The Phi Psi and Phi Delt will play ball for the championship of the Hellenic League, on Wednesday afternoon. Neither of these teams have suffered defeat, and this will doubtless prove the most interesting game of the series. Game called at 3:30.

Students desiring to make up a year's Latin in nine weeks, beginning with June 19, will do well to attend the summer School of Latin of Drake University. For prospectus write to Charles O. Denny, Professor of Latin, Drake University, Des Moines, Ia.

Herbert Eagerty, ex-C. '95, with Chas. Stoffel and Misses Gortner and Chapman, all of Mechanicsville, attended the Nebraska-Iowa meet, last Saturday. They were the guests of Misses Howard and Baughman, with whom they partook of a superbly appointed repast at the St. James, Saturday evening.

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H. M. McLaughlin, C. '98, is located at Warsaw, Wis., where he is working under Robert Muldrow, of the U. S. Geological Survey.

The Rev. Charles R. Brown, of Oakland, who gives the regular Tuesday evening lecture to-morrow night, should be greeted with a crowded chapel. His subject is: "The Prospects for Universal Peace," and the recent and present wars of the United States will not be overlooked. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, and an ideal college man. He is a keen, vigorous thinker, a leader of men, and naturally a Stanford favorite. He has also been chosen to preach the baccalaureate sermon before the present graduating class.—Daily Palo Alto (Leland Stanford Jr. University).

Erodelphian.

The Senior Erodelphians presented a very entertaining program to a large and appreciative audience in South Hall, Saturday evening.

Miss Shultz's opening piano solo was loudly encored.

The two declamations, "Dat Possum Dinner," by Miss Owen, and "The Sioux Chief's Daughter," by Miss Riggs, proved pleasant substitutes for the pantomime written by Miss Larrabee, which could not be given on account of the illness of some of the participants.

Little Miss Bradley very gracefully rendered two dainty vocal solos, with accompanying action.

The farce of the evening was "The Open Secret," a Radcliffe incident in two acts, with the following cast:

Madge Erza Owen
Agatha Helen Larrabee
Carrie Hattie Riggs
Elinor Luella Eustis
May Winifred MacFarland
Edith Antoinette Stober
Kate Dorothy Wickersham
College Girls.

Gracie Lulu Graff
Madge's Little Sister.

Mrs. Aptompe Mabel Foster
Madge's Msther.

The performance was lively and interesting throughout. The local hits, especially, were applauded.

The program was closed by a pleasing piano solo by Miss MacKinley.

General Orders No. 9.

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Drill for the remainder of the term will be as follows:

Monday, May 22, Battalion drill.
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Wednesday, 24, Company drill.
Friday, 26, Company drill.
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Tuesday, 30, Decoration Day parade.
Wednesday, 31, Battalion drill.
Friday, June 2, Battalion parade
Monday, June 5, Governor's review.

The drills on the 23d and 30th of May are, by order of the President, substituted for those which were omitted at the end of last term on account of the McGee lectures.

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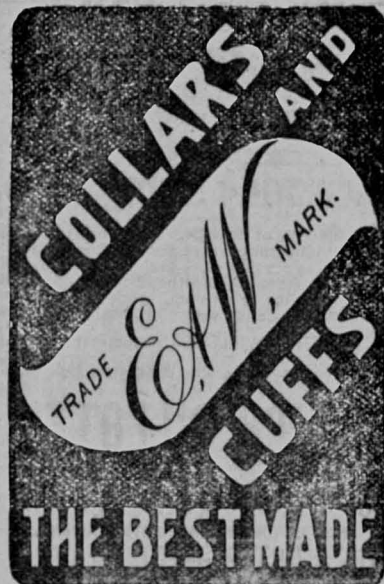
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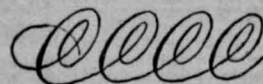
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