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All orations for this year are due on the first day of the third term. They will then be handed over to a faculty committee who will decide upon the three best.

The writers of these three will deliver their orations towards the end of the year when the final choice will be made. The decision of the judges will not be by the summing up of the marks but each of the seven judges will be given one vote. This will prevent any undue influence of any one man's marking one person very high and another very low.

Five subjects are offered from which choice may be made for the orations.—“The United States Among the Nations,” “Strikes,” “China,” “Tolstoi in Literature,” “Great Corporations as Industrial Forces.”

The prize will undoubtedly be very generally contested for by members of the present senior class as it contains quite a number of oratorically inclined men, and women too.

MEETING OF BASKET BALL AN

A meeting of the basket ball players was held in the armory Tuesday at 4 p. m. Twenty were present. The candidates for the first team are the players of last year's team with the following new men: Murfin, Grove, Ireland, Walso, Mitchell, Baillie, Patterson, Jones.

A new feature of basket ball this year will be tournament games, to be played between the different classes and departments. Dr. Cooke announced the following to take charge of the class teams.

Freshman class, Ecklund.
Sophomore team, C. H. Seaton.
Junior team, Murfin.
Senior team, P. Hanson.
Law team, Grove.

Litzenberg will manage the tournament games. Each player was advised to get a copy of Spauldings' basket ball rules, to train and work conscientiously. The schedule for the first team has not yet been arranged, but several big college games are already assured. For Saturday, Manager McGregor will arrange for a game with Central High-school or some other good team.

The outlook for a championship team is exceedingly bright and some good and exciting games may be looked for.

ANOTHER BAD GUESS

The *Daily Californian*, of the University of California, in discussing the results of Eastern football says “In the West the Iowa team holds first place with Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Chicago and Illinois in order as here given.” This is a fairly good guess with the exception that it leaves out Northwestern, a very strong factor this year, and that not a single one of the teams is put in the proper place.

AN ASSURED FACT

Extemporaneous Oratorical Contest With Nebraska Will Occur March 10th, 1901.

The proposed extemporaneous oratorical contest with Nebraska is at last an assured fact and any one with any oratorical ability whatever should at once decide to try for a place on the team.

Professor McDermott while in Lincoln at the Thanksgiving day game had a meeting with Professor Miller of the University of Nebraska and went over with him carefully the proposed articles governing the contest. What little difficulties remained were easily removable and the date for the contest was fixed at March 10, 1901.

Minnesota, through the agency of its debating board, will immediately submit two subjects for the contest to Nebraska and she two to us. Each University according to the agreement, is to choose one of the subjects proposed by her opponent and the two thus chosen will be used on the evening of the contest. Each subject will have four subdivisions. These will be kept secret until the evening of the contest, and it is upon these sub-topics that the contestants will be required to speak extemporaneously.

There will be two orators on each side. How Minnesota will choose her representatives has not as yet been decided, but the announcement will soon be made.

In addition to the oratorical contest there will be a story-writing contest in which Dr. Burton is especially interested. Three stories are to be submitted by each University to an impartial committee of competent judges who will pick the best. The winning story will be read by its author on the evening of the oratorical contest. Further particulars will be published soon.

FRESHMEN POLITICS

It really begins to look as though the Freshmen, who started their University career so brilliantly, were going to perfect their class organization. It is reported that a meeting of the class will be called for Friday at the third hour when such organization will be perfected. At least three men are before the class for election to the office of president, and there may be others whose names the *DAILY* has not been able to obtain. Those obtained are Kinnard, Schwartz and Noyes. The last named was the manager of the Freshman football team which gained such brilliant victories, and is probably for that reason the best known of the three men named. But they are all good men from what can be learned of their pedigrees, and the Freshmen will do well to elect any one of them. For the other offices, several names are mentioned, but nothing very definite is known.

It is to be hoped that the class will make its first organization a strong one as it means much for the future of the class if it is so.

Prof. Taussig, of Harvard, the famous writer on problems of political science and economics, visited the Varsity Monday and Tuesday.

A SPELLING MATCH

The Annual Contest between the Freshmen and Sophomores Occurs Soon.

The next feature of interest which the students of the University may look forward to with enthusiasm is the annual Sophomore Freshmen Spelling Match. The date for this contest has not yet been decided on but it will certainly take place before the holidays.

In addition to the Mock Debate which has for some years past accompanied the Spelling Contest there will be several other pleasing features which are comparatively novel in the Western institutions. It has been suggested that after the regular spelling contest a Pronunciation Match be held. This is in every way as entertaining as the old fashioned spelling match and fully as instructive. A person spells out words and the members participating are to give the correct pronunciation for the words spelled. This requires the strictest attention and is frequently a source of amusement as the simplest words may form stumbling blocks.

Aside from this a New England Dinner consisting mostly of Pork and Beans will in all probability be served. The admission fee will be moderate and the proceeds are to be devoted to a worthy purpose, namely to pay partly the long standing debt of the Debating and Oratorical Association.

MINNESOTA FOURTH

From the advance sheets of the coming issue of the *Harvard Graduate Magazine*, which have been received at the University, it is learned that Minnesota stands fourth among the institutions of learning in the country in the number of new students enrolled this year. California shows the largest gain, Harvard next, Columbia and Minnesota following very close behind with no material difference between them. Some of the old institutions show a large falling off in the number of new students while many of the largest institutions in the middle west show a very small increase in this particular. It is gratifying to know that Minnesota is near the top, and that she is growing as she is.

THEY WANT TO SKATE

Over a hundred persons signed their names to the agreement relative to skating yesterday. The persons signing the same agree to pay not more than 75 cts. for a season ticket to the proposed rink.

It is hoped that all others who favor the proposition will put their names down at once, as the matter will go before the Board some time this week, this time for final settlement. Two hundred more names will insure the rink, without a doubt, and the *DAILY* would urge all to put their names down for one or two such tickets provided the rink is opened. The list may be found on Mr. Burger's desk in the post office.

The *Omaha Bee's* report of the arrival of the Minnesota rooters at the Omaha station contained the somewhat startling statement that “the band led the march across the viaduct playing ‘Take off the Kangaroo.’”

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This day's issue edited by
GEO. E. SILLOWAY.

Prof. Burton's Class in Trouble

Over two hundred students reported at Prof. Burton's fiction class the first day of the term and from present indications there will be about 250 registered for this course. It is scheduled for the third hour and the class was instructed to meet in the lecture room in the Chemistry building for recitation yesterday morning. This it did and almost filled the room. However, by some mistake, the lecture room has been refused Prof. Burton at that hour and he is at a loss to know what to do. It is the only room in the institution suitable for his purpose.

When a course is as popular as Prof. Burton's has become, and when the professor is willing to teach so large a class, it seems a pity that he should be driven about from one building to another to accommodate any other class in the institution, which he may conflict with. The chapel, for obvious reasons, is not at all suitable for a class lecture room and at present writing it looks as though the 250 students would have to crowd into Prof. McDermott's room, which can comfortably accommodate only 175. In the meantime the members of the class live in hopes that by some means or other matters can be so adjusted that they can get back in the Chemistry building again, or that some other means can be provided so that the class will not have to be discontinued.

Ever since the professor has been at the University he has been pushed about from place to place; and it is about time something was being done to obviate the difficulty, and the DAILY trusts that the Board of Regents or whoever controls the matter will take immediate steps to correct the matter and see to it that the Professor is given accommodations for his classes.

A Relic

The following is an editorial from the Journal of the 27th, touching a matter which has been discussed in these columns:

"The University of Minnesota DAILY, with its editors confronting the long drawn out tortures of an examination,

enters a protest against the survival of this ancient method of ascertaining how much of his knowledge the student can lose when properly worried.

Very few college men and women there are who, even after the sobering experiences of some years away from alma mater do not find that the judgment of their student days as to the examination and also the mark system has been confirmed.

The mark system of stimulating the student leads to superficial work, especially designed to meet the reward—good marks. The examination system also leads to superficial work and is apt to result in gross injustice to those who do not look upon it as a sort of professorial scheme to be beaten in the easiest way possible.

A dull, but hard-working student who, by dint of perseverance and application has really mastered the subject in a creditable manner, often goes down to defeat in an examination, while a bright but careless student who neglects his work is frequently able to cram enough in two days to pass a brilliant examination.

It is true that these are exceptional cases and that as a rule good students get good marks in their daily recitations and easily pass the final examinations. But when that is conceded, how is it proved that examinations are of any use? The bright but careless student derives no permanent good from his cramming, and the dull but hard-working student has certainly not gained anything. The habitual flunkers are not reformed by examinations, and the really able and hard-working students receive no benefit from the system whatever and are unnecessarily worried and exasperated by it, especially when it is in the hands of a professor whose motive is not to find out how much his students know, but how much they don't know.

The University of Minnesota has got rid of a venerable horror in dispensing with the tiresome platitudes of honor men at commencement. The next relic of antiquity to be shaken off is the ancient examination system."

NOTES OF THE GAME

How was it possible that a man bearing the name of Pillsbury could bring disaster to the University of Minnesota?

"That was my fault," said Umpire Allen, penitently, to a man on the side lines, as he saw Pillsbury racing down the field with eleven Minnesota men after him, "but it is too late to blow the whistle now."

Shortly after the train reached Lincoln a band was heard playing up town, and a large number of rooters rushed up the street thinking it the Nebraska band. After chasing it up and down several side streets they finally caught up with it and found it to be the local Salvation Army holding its noon prayer meeting.

Over 800 made the trip. Minnesota may be said to have traveled 1,000,000 miles for her final football game of the century. Never before in the history of football, or any other sport, did so large a number of persons from any one institution travel so far for a single contest of seventy minutes. But then it was Minnesota.

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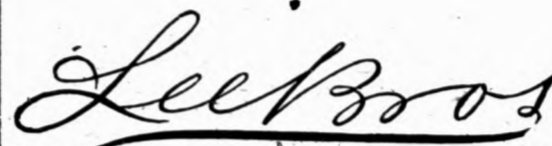
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Sunday:
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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Jesse Simmons, '03, has been called home by the serious illness of his brother. It is improbable that he will return this year.

Margaret Moore returned yesterday from Columbus, Ohio, where she has been attending the annual convention of Kappa Alpha Theta.

One of the pleasant little happenings of the trip to Lincoln was a dinner tendered to the visiting members of the faculty from Minnesota by the faculty of Nebraska. The dinner was given at the Lincoln hotel Thanksgiving evening and all the visiting faculty members were present. Prof. Fling of Nebraska acted as toastmaster and informal toasts were responded to by members of both faculties present.

Dr. Thomas J. Gray, professor of surgery in the University, has resumed his lectures after six months' study in the clinics of Vienna and London. He has removed his residence to 224 South Tenth St. His office remains in the Dayton Block.

Notice

All students of first term Economics are requested to take notice of the bulletin posted on the door of room 16, Library Building.

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 If it you said we couldn't score,
 Minnesota.
 Did you hear that voice of mine
 When Paul sprinted down the line?
 Was there ever play so fine,
 Minnesota?
 You were strong in your defense,
 Minnesota,
 But you didn't show much sense,
 Minnesota,
 When you bet your little stack,
 At such fearful odds, alack,
 You will have to hoof it back,
 Minnesota.
 Back where there's a foot of snow,
 Minnesota,
 And the mercury is low,
 Minnesota,
 Where the skies are ever gray,
 Where the muskats always play,
 Where the lakes thaw out in May,
 Minnesota.
 To be beaten was a grief,
 Minnesota,
 But your college wealth of "beef,"
 Minnesota,
 Made you difficult to "queer,"
 Made it hard to "interfere,"
 But we'll try again next year,
 Minnesota,
 For the present fare you well,
 Minnesota,
 Pack your grips and go to — Minne-
 apolis,
 Minnesota,
 You defeated us, I know,
 But our boys were not so slow,
 Yours the glory—ours the "dough,"
 Minnesota.

MISS BARNES' ADDRESS

Yesterday afternoon Miss Barnes, one of the four National Secretaries of the Y. W. C. A. in its City Extension department, addressed an interested audience in the Y. W. C. A. rooms. She was, in 1898, Minnesota state secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and for the last two years has been a member of the American committee on Y. W. C. A. work. She has spent ten days in the city in the interests of the Y. W. C. A. movement among factory girls. The talk yesterday afternoon was very interesting.

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A SKATING RINK.

(A Communication.)

EDITOR OF THE DAILY:—
 I have watched with a great deal of interest the efforts being made by your paper and by the members of the Hockey Club to get the Board of Athletic Control to flood Northrop Field for use by the student body as a skating rink. The objections raised have not seemed to me to be at all weighty, and I am disappointed to learn that the matter has practically been "turned down" by the Board until it learns what the students are willing to do toward supporting it. It seems to me that the Board ought to go ahead and flood the Field and take all the responsibility itself, even if it loses thereby two or three hundred dollars. The students have supported football this season as never before, paid high prices to see the games and have made possible the comfortable balance that now lies in the Board's treasury. I take it that the Board is not primarily a money-making corporation, and that it can well afford to spend quite a sum of money, if necessary—which it would not be—to afford the students, who are unanimous in their demand, a chance to skate this winter.

The writer understands that at the last meeting of the Board, Manager Wickersham was given \$100.00 besides his salary because of his good work this fall and because of the hundreds of dollars he has saved the Board. The writer believes that if any man deserves anything for his work this year it is Mr. Wickersham for he has certainly worked very hard. But he was hired under a contract, and it was his duty to save the Board all he could—that is what he was hired for. The point is that if the Board can vote individual gifts of \$100 or so, it ought to be able to vote the student body a small sum of money for supporting a skating rink, for although they have not saved the Board money they have made it for them.

As for the Hockey Club, the writer believes that the Board of Control ought to take hold of it, just as it takes hold of the basket ball team or the football team, arrange a schedule for it and pay its expenses. But while that may be a Utopian dream, the Board ought, in the opinion of the writer, to take the responsibility for a skating rink, charging the students not more than 50 cents for a season ticket, and itself paying any deficit that may arise at the end of the skating season. The Board is well able to do it, and the students ought to demand that it do so.

Yours sincerely,
 —A. B. C.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Prof. Paige has gone on a business and pleasure trip to the state of Washington. It can't be that "Jimmie" intends to establish a law college way out there.

The Middlemen will for the rest of the year have Public and Private Corporations, Carrier and Insurance.

Prof. Kolliner went on a business trip to Omaha with the foot ball people.

The seniors will finish Sales this week. Their justice court work is progressing rather slowly. As district court work commences after the holidays, it is necessary that the fellows who have tried only one case yet, hurry up.

Wonder how many students read President McKinley's message to Congress. And yet we all call ourselves citizens!

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