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### A MONETARY REVIEW.

A. F. COOPER, '96.

Our country has been deluged with articles on the monetary situation and remedies for the same, yet as our condition does not improve, we still find it interesting and profitable to notice such articles as "Our Present Monetary Condition" in the current number of the *American Magazine of Civics*, the substance of which is as follows:

"The same laws which operate in the transaction of individual creditor and debtor govern in municipal, corporate and national finances; and this law is that a man's credit depends upon what his creditors think of him.

"We are a debtor nation; our debts of various descriptions aggregate about three billions, one-half of which is federal obligation, and while considerable of this debt is due to our own citizens, yet a vast amount is due foreigners, who, for the most part, live in England, France and Germany.

"We have abundant proof that our foreign creditors do not think we are as good as the gold. But why should they not have the highest opinion of us? Is it because the Democratic party is divided on issues of the day and is incapable of furnishing sufficient revenue to pay expenses of government? Or is it because our Republican leaders passed and confirmed the legal tender act, or because they submerged the country with a deluge of silver and are still clamoring for free silver?

"No, it is none of these; it is because our creditors are gold standard men and estimate us according to the gold standard doctrine. Hence, since we have a far less percentage of gold and a far greater percentage of silver and uncovered paper than our creditor nations, it is but natural that they should look upon us with some degree of suspicion, especially since our government, under our present laws, is compelled to redeem in gold an aggregate of over seven hundred millions of paper in the shape of greenbacks, silver bullion notes, national bank notes and currency certificates, which are virtually sight drafts on the United States treasury; and, in addition to this, gold can be drawn from the United States treasury to pay commercial balances. Another evil of our monetary condition is the inelasticity of our national bank issues and the certainty of their contraction at a time when expansion is most needed.

"Now the remedy is not more circulation per capita, for we already have more than England, France or Germany, but the true remedy is to be found in better business methods for greater efficiency of our banking system and financial legislation means a less amount per capita circulation is necessary for the business transactions of the country. The direct remedies proposed are the retirement of the treasury notes and the reorganization of our national banking system in some such way as to give an almost perfectly elastic system of issues."

There are two articles on the money question in the February number of *Review of Reviews*. One of these, "Some Leading Errors of the Gold Standard Party," is by Arendt. In this article he advocates international bimetalism. He claims that United States, Italy, Spain, Holland and many lesser states of Europe are prepared for such action and the bimetalists of England will soon bring that country into line. International bimetalism would not mean the driving out of gold and the consequent single silver standard.

The decrease in the price of silver is not the result of over production; the price of gold does not fluctuate with the annual

output because it is its own measure of value; if silver occupied a like place in our monetary system it would not be subject to such variations. If gold had been demonetized its market value would have fallen just as did that of silver, hence silver is now not at its normal price, but is suffering an artificially produced depreciation.

If silver were restored to its place in our currency, there might be a temporary flurry in prices, but this would cause no bad effects. He concludes with the statement that the prospect for remonetization of silver is good.

The other article in this same magazine is "Bimetalism—Some Damaging Facts in Its History." The question is treated historically and a review is given of the recent works of Shaw and White on money. The former finds, upon investigation, that in no case in the history of currency has the double standard been a success, although it has been tried in every conceivable form. It is as impossible to keep the two metals at a parity as it is to make water run up hill. Mr. White thinks the single gold standard the natural evolution in the process of civilization and improved business methods. We should not attempt to run counter to a natural law of money; to secure international bimetalism would be an international catastrophe.

### WELSH UNIVERSITIES.

The universities of Wales present many curious features to the American college men. Conducted as they are on an entirely different system from the colleges of this country, they afford many opportunities of noting the different methods used to obtain essentially the same ends. The three universities of Banger, Aberystroth and Cardiff are the chief centers of education in Wales. These are situated in North Wales, Central Wales and South Wales, in the order named. There is no dormitory life in any of them, and the students live in registered boarding houses, in which they must be by ten o'clock each night. In June last, the first examination, preparatory to a degree, was held. Before then the universities did not grant degrees. Now, however, a student may take the degree of A. B. after at least three years' study and passing satisfactorily in three examination.

Co-education has been adopted, but the rules are so strict that representatives of the opposite sexes cannot even speak to each other in recitations. The recitations are carried on in English, although Welsh is the language of the students. The dialects differ in different localities, the purest Welsh being found in the North.

The Welsh student has four meals a day, three corresponding about to the American meals and a fourth at nine o'clock in the evening. Tuition costs about 5 pounds a term, or 15 pounds a year. The cost of living at a Welsh university averages somewhere between 50 and 60 pounds. Four hundred is about the number of men at each of the three universities; the faculties or senates, as they are called, number about twenty professors and instructors. Weekly papers are published by the students, and in the athletic world foot ball and tennis are prominent. In regard to hazing, the Welsh undergraduate reverses the American custom and does not "haze" the new men in college, but waits for the new theological student on whom to employ his "hazing" powers.—*Yale News*.

All history repeats itself,

A proverb claims I've heard,  
But when in class I'm called upon  
It never says a word.—*Ex.*



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The PLEIAD belongs to the "Western College Press Association."

AN accident to the machinery of the printing press delayed the issue of last week's PLEIAD until too late for the Saturday delivery.

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THE Tennis Association, at meetings held this past week, have introduced a number of changes into their system of management, all of them improvements which cannot fail to benefit materially the Association and to increase the interest in this branch of athletics in the school. The Association is to be divided into classes or grades, with courts reserved for the exclusive use of each; managers of two tennis teams have been provided to arrange intercollegiate and inter-association games; and what is of more interest, present prospects point to the incorporation of the Ladies' Tennis Association into the Albion College Tennis Association. The latter subject should appeal to members of both Associations, as it cannot fail to bring about important results, which will be either beneficial or deleterious to the best tennis interests of the school. Careful thought should be given the subject before either Association should take active steps toward the consummation of such a union.

The success of the past season has awakened such an interest in tennis as has never before been experienced in Albion. Quite a number of men are training for the spring tournament and the prospects point to some exciting local contests next spring.

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BASE ball, tennis, track athletes and all are getting to work this early in the season in a manner that bodes success to our representatives in the spring contests. The Athletic Association is out of debt completely; a base ball coach, Mr. McGuire, of the Washington League, has been secured; a trainer for track athletics is being discussed; the tennis association has made provision for a number of intercollegiate matches to be played previous to the Western and Michigan Intercollegiate tournaments; the gymnasium training classes are filled with enthusiastic men;—he must be a stoic, indeed, who does not feel sanguine in regard to next spring. But present enthusiasm will only bring all the desired results by remaining constant until the last race shall be run and the last score tallied. There are many weeks yet before the day of trial, and in the intervening time the present spirit must continue, must not relax one iota if we would win all that our best friends expect us to. There is no branch of athletics in which proper preparation for contests can be made in a day or week—that man wins who, by constant, consistent, hard training has laid the surest foundation and can, at the critical moment, call every energy and power in his body into harmonious action.

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IT is a statement only too true that very few of the students do the amount of newspaper, magazine and literary reading which should be done to make a well developed, intelligent, cultured man, thoroughly acquainted with the general literature and the current living issues of his age. Many offer the excuse that they have no time outside of that devoted to their regular college work in which to do general reading—that, economize time as they can, it is impossible without neglecting class work. If this be true, they are attempting to carry too heavy work. Others say that during the hours in which the library is open, they have no opportunity to spend time in any but their regular studies. To many this is a valid excuse, they having their class hours so arranged

that they do not have opportunity during the day time—they cannot avail themselves of the present library hours for general reading. So that, under the library schedule, as it is arranged at present, many students are shut off from the privileges of the library during the only part of the day in which they have time to spend in collateral reading. And this evil, as it must be conceded to be, is one easily remedied, one which has been remedied by almost all colleges and can be remedied by our own. Why cannot the advantages of the library be thrown open to the students during the evening hours? Very little additional expense would be incurred by the college and slight inconvenience to the regular librarian or to one appointed for the purpose. We hope the matter will be agitated by the students until the consent of the college government is obtained for this arrangement.

### FRENCH UNIVERSITIES.

American students will henceforth find in France educational attractions as great as those which they find in Germany.

A decree has passed the Council Supérieur de l'Instruction Publique opening the French faculties of science to foreigners on very advantageous conditions.

This has been effected by the reforms of the license-es-science, a degree which must be taken before the doctorate. American students have hitherto frequented Germany almost exclusively, because of the liberty the universities of that country offer in the choice of studies, in permitting a change of university and in requiring no examinations, excepting when the student applies for a degree.

The recent decree introduces all the best features of the German system into the French faculties of science. Hereafter a student will be admitted to these faculties on an American bachelor's degree, and will be permitted to choose his studies. After pursuing any scientific course a year, he can, if he wishes, apply for an examination in this branch, and, if successful, obtain a certificat d'étude. Three such certificates, taken, for instance, say, in calculus, pure mechanics and astronomy, will make him a licencie, and then he can secure the French doctorate, which is decidedly superior to the German, upon the presentation of a satisfactory thesis. If the student has the ability, and so desires, he can discharge all three subjects the same year; or, if he prefers to do so, he can do it in successive years, migrating, if he wishes, from one university to another, and studying at the same time whatever other subjects he may choose.

The French system possesses one distinct advantage over that of Germany. It is this: That in Germany the student presents his thesis first, and if this is accepted he is admitted to examination. Everything hangs upon one chance. He receives the doctorate or nothing.

In France, on the contrary, the examinations coming first, each step is punctuated, the student receiving independent credits for every portion of his work. If he acquires himself in one branch only, he still has his certificate, while three, as has been explained, give him the license. If interrupted in his work, before securing a degree, he can withdraw with honorable credentials for at least that portion of the work which he has accomplished.

A vague idea of what is offered by the French faculties of science may be gathered by considering that in mathematics and chemistry France leads the world at present. Hardly less can be said of her in many other branches. As concerns material equipment the department of natural history in Paris alone represents an item of over 100,000,000fr. A similar extension will probably be made in the case of letters. The men who have been most active in accomplishing these reforms are M. Breal, of the Institute; M. Darboudan, of the Paris Faculty of Science, and M. Liard, director-general of Higher Institution in France.

Besides these men, the Comite Franco-American includes the Rector of the Univer-

sity of Paris, and the heads of many of the leading schools.

An American branch committee has been formed under the presidency of Professors Simon Newcomb, of Washington. On its list are the names of Mr. William T. Harris, head of the United States Bureau of Education; the presidents of Harvard, Johns Hopkins Yale, Cornell and Columbia Universities, the University of Michigan, Mr. E. R. L. Gould, Mr. Carroll D. Wright, Mr. Andrew D. White and others.

The distinctly new features introduced by the new decree are the following: (1) wider selection of studies; (2) liberty to migrate from one university center to another; (3) the privilege of taking examinations either successively or en bloc, just as the student wishes.

The French degrees are open to women as well as men.

The foreign students will be able to pursue courses at the special schools as well as in the faculties.—*Harvard Crimson.*

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John D. Rockefeller has given \$7,000,000 to educational institutions, more than any other living man has given. But Stephen Girard exceeded him in his benefactions by about one \$1,000,000. The following is a list of those who have given more than \$1,000,000 for educational purposes:

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Paul Tulane, Tulane University, \$2,500,000.

Isaac Rich, Boston University, \$2,000,000.

Jones G. Clark, Clark University, \$2,000,000.

Vanderbilt Brothers, Vanderbilt University, \$1,775,000.

James Lick, University of California, \$1,650,000.

John C. Green, Princeton College, \$1,500,000.

William C. DePauw, DePauw University, \$1,500,000.

A. J. Drexel, Drexel Industrial School, \$1,500,000.

Leonard Case, School of Applied Sciences, Cleveland, \$1,200,000.

Peter Cooper, Cooper Union, \$1,200,000.

Ezra Cornell, University, \$1,000,000.

Henry W. Sage, Cornell University, \$1,100,000.—*The Exonian.*

A new departure is likely to be made in Harvard foot ball next fall. The eleven will line up for actual play, but three times a week, alternate days being given to some light form of exercise as different from actual foot ball as can be devised.

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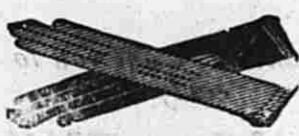


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### College Jottings.

Rev. J. B. Whitford, of Saginaw, led in chapel services Friday morning.

Bishop Fowler's lecture is postponed. Watch for new announcement.

Miss Lottie Aldrich taught the class in Art of Rhetoric Tuesday, of this week.

N. E. McLean has been given charge of the Friday evening prayer meetings, held in the west part of town.

The Once a Week society, a literary organization of college students, took a sleighride Friday night.

The Thetas take tea in their hall this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Clarence Allen who is visiting friends in town.

Prof. Bancroft received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson, of Detroit. Mrs. Robinson and the Professor are sisters.

Prof. J. B. Whitford has delivered two of his course of three lectures on Dante. Mr. Whitford is a very entertaining speaker, fully in touch with his subject and holding his audience to close attention from first to last.

In the Biological theories class during a discussion on the real or probable existence of a caudal appendage in certain higher mammalia, the remark was gravely made that it was simply a matter of de-tail.

If you are not a member of any other class in Bible study, attend the popular Epworth League class which meets Saturday evenings at 6:15, 1006 Michigan Ave. Ten or twelve ladies and gentlemen are enrolled now. Exodus this week.

The attention of the students and our readers in general is called to the advertisement of A. G. Spaulding & Bros., which we are carrying in another column. Their spring and summer line of base ball and athletic supplies is unsurpassed, their trade mark legend, "Spalding Highest Quality," on their goods being absolute guarantee that the article bearing it is the best that can be produced. The managers of our track and base ball teams would do well to secure estimates from this firm before placing their spring orders. A handsome catalogue will be mailed free to any student sending his address.

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Will Simmons has some news for the PLEIAD.

Miss Godfrey has had somebody visiting her this week (?).

J. D. McDonald preaches in Jackson prison Sunday.

Geo. Snyder taught the first year grammar class, Tuesday.

Will Simmons is—well never mind, just watch developments.

Students in 1st Algebra report a lecture from Prof. Clemo every day.

We are glad to see Fellow Roether again able to attend his class work.

Miss Lillian Schench is again able to attend classes after three weeks' illness.

The class in applied psychology has been visiting the various schools of the city this week.

Y. W. C. A. meeting in the president's room at 4:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, led by Hattie Mayes.

Rev. C. E. Allen, '94, was called here Wednesday, this week, to preach the funeral sermon of the late Edward Oldman.

Dr. Levi Master, presiding elder of Kalamazoo district, was entertained by Prof. Fall this week, and was one of the attendants upon the Dante lectures.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. in the Association room, Sunday, 4:15 p. m., will be led by Ernest Corbin. Every young man is invited to attend.

More than one hundred and seventy-five Junior Annuals have been sold already. Hand your name to R. E. Meader or D. S. Spencer and go with the crowd.

We are sorry to announce that Arthur Dupree, '99, has been forced to leave school on account of his eyes. He hopes to be able to return to Albion next term.

The four College classes will each write their class history to be printed in the Junior Annual. Perhaps this is what the *Transcript* referred to, but my! how it grew.

Supt. C. O. Hoyt, of Lansing, will address, the psychological section Tuesday evening. Subject, "Child Study." All students interested are invited to be present.

The College Band has been asked to repeat their concert at the opera house Wednesday evening, Feb. 26, 1896. They have secured for their special attraction Francis Smith, the celebrated whistler.

The following was clipped from the *Transcript*: "The Senior Class at the college intend issuing a cloth bound volume giving a history of its members, together with such other matter that will prove interesting to the reader." Where did you get your information Mr. Editor?—*Senior*.

Saturday evening Prof. Fall lectured to the ladies of the local Chautauqua circle on the chemistry of the "Air We Breathe." The constituent elements found in atmospheric air, nitrogen, oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, were separately handled and examined and afterwards shown in their combinations, water, ammonia and carbon dioxide.

Prof. Fall is a member of the committee of the State Board of Health on food and water supply, and in connection with this has entered upon a thorough examination of the uncontaminated spring waters of the state. A sample also, of the water from the well which is nearest to the spring is examined. It will include the waters of the entire state and will be a great value.

Those who attended the masquerade party at May Austin's, last Wednesday evening, report a delightful time. The merry masqueraders appeared in all forms and sizes from Babe White's suit "life sized and stuffed" (but not with Babe) to the new formed Brownies, gotten up for the occasion. At supper time everybody unmasked and many surprises and "Oh! I thought you were some one else" were witnessed and heard. The students attending report a lively time and unitedly wish leap year would come oftener.

T. I. Tamama preaches at Plainwell tomorrow.

Robt. Brown has been somewhat grippy during the week.

Prof. Goodrich's Bible class will meet on Fridays at 4:30.

Prof. Goodrich gave a lecture to the Free Masons of Homer Tuesday evening.

Attend the Epworth League meeting Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Association room. It will be led by F. L. Parker.

As Rev. J. B. Whitford was taking his audience through the "Inferno," Thursday evening, many a one was seen to draw their wraps about them and wish longingly for the janitor to turn on a little more heat.

### CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Theory Class, February 20.

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{ Filense, Op. 3.....Pachulski  
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Mr. Glenn Aumond's graduating piano recital, which was given at the college chapel last Tuesday evening, attracted a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Aumond's playing showed careful study and his brilliant execution elicited merited applause. Miss Brandon sang "With Verdure Clad," by Raydu, and the "Arietta Valse," from "Romeo and Juliet," by Gounod, and justly deserved the applause she received. Miss Hume, the reader, gave two pleasing selections and received an enthusiastic encore to the second. Miss Worthington ably filled the position of accompanist.

Miss Anna May Morgan, who filled the position of vocal teacher in the Conservatory in '90 and '91, died at her home in Nashua, New Hampshire, February 6, '96.

Mrs. C. Bolster has been confined to her home by illness for some time, and is still unable to be out.

Mr. Glenn Aumond has gone to Grand Rapids to spend Sunday.

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**PERSONALS.**

Jessie Osmond is calling on friends this week.

Dr. Fiske went to Detroit last Saturday on business.

E. C. Tullar has been in Detroit on business this week.

C. E. Deal, '95, ran in on his friends one day this week.

T. T. Parker spent Sunday at Parma, visiting friends. (?)

Julia Palmer has been visiting friends this week at Battle Creek.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Allen called upon friends on the hill this week.

A. F. Cooper spends Sunday in Lansing, attending to his family affairs.

Bert Badgeley, of Portland, spent a few days with Frank Miner this week.

Ray G. MacDonald, '92, U. of M., called on friends on the hill this week.

N. B.—D. M. Goodyear leaves for Canada next Tuesday (?) Let his Cr's and Dr's (?) beware.

Miss Elizabeth Schuster, of Ionia, Mich., is visiting at the home of Washington Gardner. Miss Schuster is a pianist and organist of noted ability.

**COLLEGE Y. W. C. A.**

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," is the motto under which so many thousands of girls have carried on the Lord's work all over the world. And, indeed, we do feel bound to girls everywhere by this tie. For from San Francisco to Jerusalem, and from London to Australia the work of the Young Woman's Christian Association and its mighty influence are keenly felt.

So we point with pride to our Association in Albion College. The membership is over eighty, and still on the increase. Devotional meetings are held every Sunday afternoon. Perhaps the strangest features of the Association is its Bible work. The teachers have all received training at Lake Geneva, and the work is very interesting and profitable. There are now six classes in Bible study and arrangements are in progress for another to provide for those wishing to take up the work. We sincerely hope that every young woman will seriously consider her privileges, and decide to take up some line of Bible work.

**NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION.**

The Section met Wednesday evening, in the lecture room of the Chemical laboratory. The evening was devoted to the performance of physical and chemical experiments by the members, and the program proved very profitable and interesting. In the business meeting a motion was made to place the *American Machinist* on the list of periodicals taken by the Section. Next week the Section will meet in the library at the usual hour. The subject of the paper to be presented is "The Aether and Atoni," by R. E. Horton.

The students of Lake Forest Academy have risen in rebellion against the suspension of three of their number, and forty of them have left the institution.

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**ATHLETIC.**

Two more games of the indoor base ball schedule were played last Saturday in the gymnasium. The attendance was very light, but such as were present saw more indoor base ball than on the previous Saturday. Reference is had here as to quality, but if any one successfully contradicts this meaning, we shall substantiate our statement by claiming reference to quantity. Certainly there were two games.

The Sophmores and Juniors first crossed bats and held the limited attendance in suspense until the contest was decided by the score of 10 to 8 in favor of the Sophomores.

The features of the game were the Juniors' amazing lack of a practical knowledge of the game and astounding ignorance concerning the rules.

The next game, between the Freshies and Preplets, was, undoubtedly, the hot number of the schedule. Clark and Jacobs did the pitching for the two teams, but neither seemed to exhibit field day form. The resulting score was 11 to 9 in favor of the Preps.

Reports came from the several colleges of the M. I. A. A., that base ball interests are being looked after with a great deal of interest. At the Normal they are putting forth efforts to have several good players with them the coming spring. Mr. Fisher, formerly of M. A. C., will be with the Normal school next term. At M. A. C. it is said that efforts are being made to secure a crack-a-jack pitcher, and rumor says they are about to realize their desire.

**TENNIS AT ALBION.**

Taking into account the financial assistance received, no branch of athletics in Albion has afforded more entertainment and beneficial exercise to a greater number of student than has tennis.

This has been accomplished largely through the efforts of the Tennis Association, an organization entirely independent of the Athletic Association, thus affording it a broader scope of activity in its chosen field.

The four years since it reorganization have been marked by steady and rapid growth of interest in the game, and at no time have its finances been in arrears.

Activity is by no means confined to the Association. Many private courts have been fitted up and a Ladies' Association has also thrived. It is, perhaps, the only popular outdoor game in which both ladies and gentlemen can participate on anything like terms of equality, which fact adds to its value as an enjoyable as well as beneficial exercise.

Aside from this phase of the game, we have that which appeals to our college pride and spirit—tournament tennis. Last spring, thanks to an enthusiastic alumnus, Newman Miller, '93, now at the University of Chicago, we were secured an invitation to join the Western Intercollegiate Tennis Association, composed of the universities of Chicago, Lake Forest, Minnesota, Northwestern, Knox and Beloit colleges.

Paine and Maywood made a fine record there, and subsequently, at the Michigan Intercollegiate field day at Hillsdale, took the first medals for both singles and doubles.

The invitation tournament last fall enabled us to become acquainted with eastern players, which will, no doubt, be of great advantage to us in the future. Objections have been raised on account of the membership of the Association being limited, and some desirous of being, deprived of a member's advantages. The Association sincerely regrets this fact, but experience has proven that with an unlimited membership, sufficient and unsatisfactory accommodations cannot be afforded by the three courts now under our control, since the management aims to accommodate all desiring to play, and hopes soon to present plans with that end in view.

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At the meeting held Thursday, it was decided to put the courts in the best possible condition and to divide the Association into two classes. One class limited to six, will be composed of the recent tournament players and will have one court reserved for their exclusive use. The balance of the Association will comprise the other class and control the other two courts.

Any first class man is subject to challenge from the second class, and if defeated in a match they exchange places. It is expected that this plan will bring out the best material in college and give it a chance to secure the highest degree of proficiency possible.

A schedule of games with other institutions will be arranged and possibly two teams be fitted out.

Our past record speaks for itself, but we will be compelled to make greater exertions if we are to maintain our present enviable position.

ROY E. PERINE.

**COMMERCIAL NOTES.**

Miss Mary Bradley, a former student, was a visitor in this department Thursday.

Miss Pitts, teacher of stenography, made a business trip to Ypsilanti the fore part of this week.

Mr. Reed Carty, a graduate of the shorthand course, has been recommended and secured a position with Fred Maines, an attorney of the city.

**POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE SECTION.**

At the regular meeting Wednesday evening, the Section listened to a paper on "Texas, Its History and Civil Institution," by Mr. L. D. Woodworth. News report by Mr. H. A. Leeson.

**EXCHANGES.**

The trustees of Cornell have decided to give 300 volumes from the University library to the University of Virginia out of sympathy for their loss by fire.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology has 1187 students this year, an increase of four over last year. The instructors number 119, nearly one to every ten students.

A vote was taken at Wellesley recently on the question: "Should Municipal Suffrage Be Granted to Women?" The vote stood 310 for the affirmative and 148 for the negative.

A bronze tablet commemorating the Yale-Brown game of last fall has been placed in the gymnasium of Brown University. It is inscribed "Brown 6 Yale 6. November 9th, 1893."

Northwestern and Lake Forest are planning a dual indoor track meet in March or April.

After a recent fire at the University of Virginia, a trunk was found among the ruins of the rotunda, containing the Lee correspondence of the Revolution, the letters being but slightly damaged.

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