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## Editorial Remarks

Many of us are beginning to realize that the present semester is nearing its close, and in some instances the realization is hardly a pleasant one. For those who have fallen behind no time is better than the present for striving to make up deficiencies, and those who have kept abreast of their studies can feel a certain measure of satisfaction and confidence. There is nothing like the end of a semester to prove the fact that the student who works is the best off after all.

The organization of the class basketball teams is getting under way, and soon some interesting brushes between these rival aggregations will be announced. The fight for the championship last year was watched with great interest, although attended with some bitterness. Some vigorous practice work has been engaged in by class teams already organized and as soon as all the classes are represented and their teams sufficiently seasoned, games will be arranged. Basketball is an excellent game for bringing out the spirit of the class and raising it to a sufficient pitch, and the team that wins the championship will have to work hard for the honor and can feel proud of their achievement after it is gained.

The meetings of state organizations that are being held at the University this week have excited considerable interest among the students and many of them have taken the trouble to attend. Those who have attended any of the meetings have been repaid for their pains. The meetings of the Historical society were especially interesting, as many points in the history of our state constitution were discussed that were of interest to law students, as well as to others. And in this connection it is not a bad thing to call attention to the agricultural meetings that will be held here next week. All of these meetings have a good effect, in bringing prominent and representative citizens of the state into actual contact with our University in order that they may see the scale on which the work is conducted and appreciate its needs. It is with pleasure that the University welcomes this class of visitors and opens wide her doors to them.

In the discussion regarding the hiring of hacks, presented elsewhere in our columns, we are giving publicity to a question that concerns many and is a matter of public interest. Many students have had forced upon them the necessity of hiring hacks for comparatively unimportant affairs, but while feeling the burden, have been

unable to find a remedy without seeming to fall behind what is demanded by conventional forms. In other words they obliged to make a show just because others do. A certain number of men have the means for hiring hacks much more frequently than others, and upon the latter a constraint is placed compelling them to follow the example set, although often a sacrifice is entailed that they can ill afford to bear. The utter extravagance calling for a needless waste of money, in so many instances by those who can not afford it, is a condemning fact, and it ought to be curtailed. The great majority of University men hire hacks for the informal affairs, simply because they feel that they are obliged to, although it goes against their grain to do it. There is certainly room for reflection here, and a remedy is badly needed for the present condition of affairs.

### Scrap at Iowa Settled

The factional scrap that has been raging for some time at the University of Iowa has come to a peaceful conclusion. The two factions, known as the "Politicians" and the "Athletes," who have been struggling for the control of the Athletic Union, have compromised by selecting a "Politician" president of the Union and an "Athletic" assistant treasurer. The squabble involved the control of the "Daily Iowan" and plans were being made by the "Athletes" to start a new daily to be called "The Old Gold." According to press reports, however, enough stock has been obtained in the "Daily Iowan" to give the "Athletes" control of that organ, which will now be conducted under their management. "The Old Gold" will not see the light of publicity, therefore, while the "Daily Iowan" may be expected to enter a wider field of influence.

### Union-Doane Debate.

January 22 has been announced as the date of the annual Union-Doane debate. The contest will be held in Crete this year, and the Doane men are preparing their arguments with the expectation of making an excellent showing against their opponents. Messrs. James, Pfeifer and McReynolds, as has already been announced in these columns, will have the affirmative in the argument. The question will be the Negro problem. Each speaker will be allowed 15 minutes, except the first on the affirmative, who will open with 13 minutes and close with three. There will be no judges.

The Unions expect to send a large delegation to Crete to encourage their representatives.

### Battalion Notes.

Company "B" had its picture taken last evening in front of the library. The signal corps has begun active work. Last night drill was held in the armory. The guard was posted in the halls of the main building. Guard mount on Friday has been discontinued until further orders are received.

### PERSHING RIFLES.

Regular drill Thursday evening at 7:15 sharp. Applications for membership will now be received from those who will have credit for one semester's drill at the end of this semester. Blanks may be had from the captains of the battalion. Applicants will appear and drill as recruits until their applications are acted upon. By order  
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