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## KARL THE GREAT, CALLED CHARLEMAGNE.

Was Charlemagne a German? is the question asked by a contributor of the REPORTER. It might be answered by another: If he was not a German, then what was he? There was, at Charlemagne's time, no Germany or France, any more than there was an "England," or a "United States," hence there were then no Germans, Frenchmen, Englishmen, Americans, in the modern sense of the word. The Pilgrims who came to America were Englishmen; they and their children did not become "Americans" until after the formation of an American State. An Englishman or German now arriving in the United States will be able to say that his children born here are as really Americans as the descendants of the Pilgrims; but this he can say only because the United States contain a distinct nationality, differing from every other, and capable of impressing every child born in its midst with the peculiar character of the nation. When the Germans subjected the eastern part of what is now France, they found there no French nation, but a Celtic or Gaulish one, that had adopted the customs and the laws of Rome. The Germans settled on the left bank of the Rhine and occupied a large portion of what is now called France, precisely as the Americans have occupied the Mississippi valley, Louisiana, Texas and California. By occupation, both the left bank of the Rhine became German and the left bank of the Mississippi "American." The Germans established several states on the left bank of the Rhine which are known under the names of "Austrasia," "Burgundy," "Neustria," &c. All these States, and many others, both in what is now France and in Germany were finally united in one powerful monarchy, the chief of which was *Karl*, called the *Great*, or in French-English parlance, *Charlemagne*. This monarch was a Frank, that is a member of the German tribe known by that name.

Of course, he was not a German in the modern sense, because modern Germany did not exist then; but neither did France exist then, and it is absurd to treat as Frenchmen people who had never heard of such a nation.

Charlemagne was Emperor, not of France, nor of Germany, but of the "Western Empire," which embraced both Germany and France and a good deal more. He was born near the Rhine in what has always been German territory; *i. e.* ever since we know anything of Germany, knew no other language but German, except some dog Latin, and was surrounded principally by Germans, that is, Franks. His relation to France might be compared to that of the Emperor of Austria to Hungary. The Emperor Francis is King of Hungary, and the history of Hungary must necessarily count him and his ancestors as Kings of Hungary,

but he is not a Hungarian, nor were his ancestors. Just so Charlemagne and his predecessors were Kings of States situated in Gaul or modern France, and in the history of France he and they must be enumerated as Kings of ancient France, but they were not Frenchmen. French historians understand this very well, and hence in order to make a Frenchman of Charlemagne they logically claim that the left bank of the Rhine is French territory, and always has been. Their error is the same as would be committed by a Mexican who would claim the present inhabitants of Texas or California as Mexicans. The proper history of France does not begin until some time after the death of Charlemagne. The Kingdom of Austrasia—and Charlemagne was an Austrasian—continued to remain German for nearly 800 years, and part of it, after having been in French possession for some 200 years, has only recently been reconquered by Germany, viz: *Lorraine* and *Alsace*.

Hence, Charlemagne was neither a German nor a Frenchman in the modern sense, but he was a Frank and a German in the original sense of these words.

## AGASSIZ ON ARISTOTLE.

Prof. Louis Agassiz reopened his course of museum lectures on the 6th ult., after an intermission of fourteen years. This prince of American naturalists, and, perhaps, of all *modern* ones, then spoke of the ancient Greeks, and especially of Aristotle, in the following emphatic language:

"In some ways the study of natural history has *lost* rather than gained in modern civilization. You would be surprised to learn how well informed the Greeks were, for instance, about the structure of animals. All college students know that the ancients delighted in critical analysis of intellectual problems, as well as in dramatic and poetical composition, and in all beauty of sculpture and architecture. But I think their familiarity with nature is not so well known as their culture in letters and art. Aristotle knew more of certain kinds of animals and their general relations than is known now. For instance, he never confounded sharks and skates with ordinary fishes, while all modern naturalists would put them in one and the same class. Strange to say, I have studied the Selacians on the South American coast by the light of Aristotle's research upon them in the Mediterranean sea, made by him more than 2,000 years ago. I can fairly add that the knowledge of Aristotle on these topics is so far ahead of the current information recorded in modern works of natural history that his statements can only be understood by one who has made a special study of these animals. The community evidently shared his knowledge, for he refers to text-books of natural history which must, from the details he gives

about them, have been superior to those we have now. You may seek in vain in the anatomical atlases of Wagner or Carus for information about the structure of the reproductive apparatus of Selacians, to which Aristotle alludes as contained in the text-books of anatomists and belonging to the current knowledge of the time. My aim is to give you in this course a comprehensive though very condensed sketch of zoological science in our own day and generation, attempting to do what Aristotle *did* in his zoology. I wish I could handle my subject with the same mastery."

#### THE BESTOWAL OF PRIZES.

A subject which is exciting a great amount of interest, and calling forth much comment among the students, is that of giving prizes in the various classes for proficiency in certain kinds of literary work. This is a new feature in the history of our institution, and it is but natural and right that it should receive some attention, especially from those about to be most affected by it; this of course will be the students of those classes. To the minds of some it may seem like insubordination for students to express their views somewhat independently in regard to the action of our so-called superiors, but it must be borne in mind that it is contrary to the fundamental principles of our government to remain neutral and passively submit to the will of our governors. Shall then this spirit of investigation and criticism be quenched while attending a college supported by that government? By no means; everything done by Faculty or Regents should be closely examined by each one, and if anything is found worthy of censure, why not let it find expression? It is to the credit of no thinking man to say, "Well, those in authority have said this must be so, therefore I believe it is right." Especially does this apply in regard to the establishment of a *Prize Fund* in connection with our school. Among the reasons assigned were that it was something very much needed to arouse the latent ability of the students; that we were this much behind the other institutions of learning throughout our land. The former of these may not be in the words employed in the transaction, but it contains the idea. In regard to this, we would say that that man whose ability must be drawn out by the hope of gaining a paltry prize of a few dollars, is not actuated by a worthy ambition, and it were better that all such be permitted to slumber on in their own lethargy, and let actual merit wear the laurels. Where there is native ability its existence can and will be made known to its possessor and the public in another and more creditable way, that is by showing itself to be inspired with a motive to do its very best at *all times*, and not by starts and fits. All the reward that true merit asks is the consciousness within, that every duty has been performed honorably and with the greatest possible care. To attempt to supersede such a prize with an eight dollar picture, or a gold pen and holder, is simply absurd. So much behind other Institutions. Are we apes that we must do as Yale, Harvard and others have done from the time of their existence? We spurn the idea. Let them do as they please, it is no criterion for the Iowa State University. X

#### MISCELLANY.

Moral Hopkins recitation: *Præ.*—"How then do you account for a love of mathematics?" *Ready Senior*—"That, sir, cannot be accounted for."—*Courant.*

The following item comes from the *Chicago Times*, and relates to the Baptist University of Chicago: "The university observed the 27th inst. as a day of prayer for colleges by suspending all college exercises, and the boys chalked their cues with unusual devotion in token of thankfulness."—*Chron.*

*Student*—"Halloa, Uncle Pete, what do you think will become of you for collecting your washing Sunday?" *Uncle Pete*—"Go to the bad place, I s'pose." *Student*—"Very likely. But what do you expect to do there?" *Uncle Pete*—"Jist the same as here, to be sure—*wash for students.*"—*Dart. Anvil.*

One of the *alumni* of an earlier class than '72 was in the habit, when in college, of reciting his Latin lesson from an interlinear translation. Having read a passage in the original one day he began to render it into English, but forgot to stop at the proper place. The professor reminded him of the fact with—"Draw the reins, Mr. ———, your pony is getting away with you."—*Ex.*

A member of the class of '76 has been experimenting on the explosive force of kerosene. He poured one gill of the fluid in his stove, put a lighted paper under the grate, and waited for the result. When he recovered sufficiently to take an account of stock, he jotted down the following items: one Freshman scorched bald-headed, three stoves blown down, one landlady scared into fits. He declares himself satisfied.—*Cornell Era.*

A student, who attended a Justice Court recently held in our vicinity, reports the evidence produced on the occasion, and which seems to us to rival the historical arbitration upon the kettle. The case in litigation was in regard to the poisoning of a dog. Evidence adduced, as it was summed up by the defence, was in five points, to this effect: 1st, That the accused was an *alibi*. 2d, That he never administered any compound to the dog. 3d, That what he gave was not poison. 4th, That the dog ate it without injurious results. 5th, That the dog still lives.—*Orient.*

A LIBRARY IN ONE VOLUME.—Among the mountains of Virginia, sometime since, the writer of this met a man on horseback, behind him and attached to his saddle, was a large package, which he seemed to guard with peculiar care. "You appear to have a great treasure attached to your saddle," we remarked. "Yes, sir," was the response—"Yes, sir, I have been over to Richmond and bought myself a *library.*" "An entire library on horseback?" "Yes, sir, I have WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY in this package, and it is a whole library in itself. I always get the best!"—*Iowa Tribune.*

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## PERSONALS.

—Mr. R. A. Boyd, class '72, has been during the past winter attending some theological school in Indiana.

—Charles Reiterman, M. D., '73, is in Brandon, Buchanan Co. Iowa, with his preceptor, endeavoring to digest and assimilate two courses of medical lectures.

—We note with pleasure the return of Mr. Ed. McLoud to the University, after a protracted absence, spent in teaching.

—Mr. L. G. Powers and Miss Mollie McCowan, both of class '72, spent a few days about the University not long since.

—G. W. Watters, law class '71, has put out his shingle at Muscatine and seems to be meeting with a fair degree of success.

—L. W. Billingsley, law class '69, is practicing at Lincoln, Neb. his firm holding as high a position and having as good a business as any.

—Wm. Kinsay, law class '71, is practicing at Wilton Junction, Iowa. Mr. K. is a young man of most excellent ability, and well deserves the success which we hope may attend his efforts.

—B. S. Baker, Normal class '72, has gone and done it—taken unto himself a wife—and has come back and entered the law class.

—S. B. Houston, formerly a member of '73, has married since leaving school, and has been engaged in the study of theology during the past winter in the Associate Theological Seminary in Indiana.

—Stem, Law '72, was recently in the city adjusting his social relations. His full beard gives him a more masculine look than when with us last, and withal, appearances seem to indicate that there is an affinity between him and the bread and butter of Monroe.

—R. W. Barger, Law '73, has recently taken to himself an help meet and begun the practice of his profession in the city of St. Louis. "Dick" is a young man of brilliant attainments and we predict for him a successful career.

—J. A. Fairbrother, class '71, who has been teaching since his graduation in the Burlington public schools, has been appointed Principal of the Keokuk High School. Those who are acquainted with Mr. Fairbrother can best appreciate the good fortune of the young folks of Keokuk.

—FOR SALE at this office, two bushels of first-class poetry! Terms reasonable. Note for all sums over five cents will be taken; to be collected when the Mississippi river runs north.

—Through G. W. Marquadt, the music dealer, we have received several pieces of beautiful music published by J. L. Peters & Co. of New York. We have placed this where we thought "it would do the most good," that is, among our lady friends. So far as heard from, all pronounce it most excellent.

—Our corps of editors is gradually being reduced by the withdrawal of some of its members from college life. First, Mr. G. H. Hill of the Medical department left because his department had finished its year; and now Mr. P. Bates of the Sub Freshman class has left in order to give the benefit of his experience to the young idea in the Langworthy school.

## CLIPPINGS.

—It is stated that a recent "supply" expressed profound sorrow that his prayers interrupted the whispering in the choir.—*Courant*.

—A Senior in the Astronomy class wishes to know how an eclipse of the sun would appear if it should happen when the moon was only half full.—*Volante*.

—An eloquent Junior remarked in debate the other day that "those leaders in the French Revolution, Danton and Mozart, were not fit to live."—*Hamilton Literary Monthly*.

—The *Geysers* is the exponent of a college where "the young ladies amuse themselves in counting the Seniors who have dirty faces." The place is Wabash College, Indiana.—*Cornell Era*.

—A Fresh earnestly observing the heavens the other evening, longingly exclaimed, "How I wish I could study botany."—*College Days*.

—A Senior was met on the Flag Pole Delta by two Englishmen who were visiting Cambridge.

Inquiring Englishman—"Will you kindly tell me what that inscription is on the flag pole?"

Student (reading)—"Washington, 1776."

Englishman—"Ah! some one connected with the college?"

We vouch for the truth of the above.—*Advocate*.

—A Yale College Student said he had "rather be boss pancake baker at Vassar College than to have Prof. Tyndall's head on his shoulders."—*Chronicle*.

—The entire sophomore class was suspended from Dartmouth College, a few days ago, for disorderly conduct in chapel. They felt so badly, that they hired a team and took a sleigh ride.—*Union Coll. Mag.*

—On being asked by the Prof. what was the best thought he got from a lesson in Butler's Analogy, a Senior replied "that it is vain to try to comprehend what is beyond our comprehension." Prof. asks, "Did you get that from Butler?" "No, it occurred to me while studying him."—*Ex.*

—Scene in a bookstore. A student finds a small bill and hands it to the proprietor, who thus addressed him: "Honesty shall not go unrewarded—take a pen."—*Orient*.

—A Senior of extended experience and undoubted veracity says that he can get twice as many excuses by signing them "Respectfully," rather than "yours truly." If true, the hint is a valuable one.—*Record*.

—A second attempt of Dartmouth College to secure the services of Prof. Hardy of Iowa College has proved successful; a result not at all relished at the latter institution, where the opinion is held that "no Yankee housewife who regarded good neighborhood, would do in a case of 'hired help,' even, what the New Hampshire authorities have done to the younger and poorer college at the West."—*Congregationalist*.

—One of the "boys" was out until a rather late hour the other evening, and, as may be gleaned from the narrative, did not think of returning until he became "somewhat slightly." On reaching the corner of the street and seeing the street car, which he wished to take, pass by without being able to get to it, he leaned confidentially against a lamp-post, and was heard to soliloquize thus: "Well let by-gones be by-gones."—*Volante*.

—A Sophomore recently rushed breathless into the room of one of his classmates, declaring that he had been followed up street by two enormous Freshmen who pelted him with stones, and said he, "when they commenced to chase me I ran as fast as I could go." Enter at this moment two more Sophomores exclaiming: "There was the biggest Freshman you ever saw all the way ahead of us coming up street, and when we commenced to chase him he ran as fast as he could go!" Tableau.—*Brunonian*.

—The *Western Collegian*, usually a carefully conducted periodical has a leading editorial under the following alarming title: "Does College Advertisements Pay?" That depends upon circumstances: advertisements like the above will hardly pay the "Ohio Wesleyan University."—*Madisonensis*.

—Below is a specimen of orthography at a recent examination for admission to Bowdoin College. The written papers on geography contained the following: "Nare ganset," "Pernobscot," "Florady," "Mississuri," "Iterly." The Catskill Mountains were credited by one writer to Vermont; by another to Pennsylvania. The Alps to Asia, by a third. Berlin was set down as the capital of Spain; Geneva was transferred to Italy. The Rhine was said to flow into the Atlantic, the Danube into the Baltic. An example comes to our mind of a candidate for admission to Harvard College giving the width of the Amazon River at its mouth as about two miles, and the length of the Mississippi as ten thousand miles; another confidently affirmed Maine to be a coffee-growing state.—*Magenta*.

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In considering the financial prospects of the University for the next two years, several things seem to have combined to do us harm. One of the principal of these is the lack of confidence in regard to the management of funds. This is but the natural result of Major Rankin's embezzlement of the Agricultural College fund. But Mr. Clark is so well known as a man of honor, integrity and forethought, that nothing need be said in his favor. But another thing which is still more to be feared is the determination on the part of the lower classes of men, to cut down all the State taxes, in their ignorance imputing to this light burden the result of their own lack of prudence and intelligence. And of the next Legislature, appropriations will be demanded by the new State capitol, the new penitentiary at Anamosa, and the new insane hospital at Independence, to say nothing of all the other State institutions of an older growth. That ignorance and crime are closely allied is a truism as old as true. Everywhere a supply of young educated men and women is what is most needed. Men to fill the professions and trades, women to fill the homes. That the University is doing a good work in supplying teachers (and other professional men) who take a high stand, is hardly needing of proof; but to prove it we have only to look at the principal towns in this State and elsewhere, and notice the comparative standing of our graduates and those who have not taken advantage of the same opportunities. Thus it would seem, that from a mere dollar and cent consideration, leaving out altogether any higher consideration, it would be a matter of policy to make a liberal appropriation. Michigan, Nebraska and California set an example to our State well worthy of imitation. Recognizing the fact of the need of a perma-

nent endowment, not subject to the fluctuations of every whimsical party legislation, Michigan has made a regular annual appropriation of 1-20 of a mill on every dollar, a tax so small as to be imperceptible to the tax payer, while amply providing for the needs of the institution. Another advantage connected with this plan is the fact, that the amount of the tax increases in proportion to the increase in value of the State, and increase of the University's needs. Such a course pursued by our own Legislature would do more to cause their names to be remembered honorably than any amount of such railroad legislation as characterized our last honorable body of the representatives of the people.

Several times lately small hand bills have been placed in our possession, announcing that at a certain time and place there would be a "Student's Ball." Impelled by curiosity one evening we attended one of these balls, expecting to see there a quiet set of students, ladies and gentlemen, but we were surprised to see only scattered, here and there one, a small number of male students of the University while the majority of the attendants were young people of the town, some at least of whom bear anything but an enviable reputation. We were more surprised to see several who were considerably the worse for liquor, and all this at a student's ball. We admire the business capacity of the young man who had this affair in charge, but we do most strongly protest against the manner he has of advertising. To be sure no one but a stranger would be deceived by a device so transparent, but for the benefit of the University abroad, do not let the impression go out that such is the state of University society. If students must have dances, let students get them up and conduct them.

Dr. C. A. White has received a call to the chair of Natural Science in Bowdoin College, Maine. We are glad to see that our western, and especially Iowa scientific men are being appreciated in the east, but hope that the doctor, who has gained such an eminence amongst us as a scientist, teacher and gentleman, will not be persuaded to leave us, for the present at least. We can ill afford to lose such a man. Although so common a practice it seems to us a rather shameful thing for one institution of learning to endeavor to entice a man from another, by merely adding a few hundred dollars to his salary. How can it be expected that an institution just starting out young and poor, can expect to rise when an older one, a richer one, which should be friendly, attempts to take their best instructors as soon as they become at all well known.

An apology is due to our readers for the meagre amount of original matter to be found in this issue. This is mainly due to a misapprehension, on our part, as to the amount which we had sent to the printer. In the future we will endeavor to present our paper so that no explanation may be needed; more space will be devoted to original productions and less to "little foolish items called clippings."

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## LOCAL.

—Plenty: Mud and students.

—Scarce: Locals and greenbacks!

—An improvement—the behavior of the law class.

—The Hammond Society is in a state of suspended animation.

—B. S. Miller, of the Law class, is again out, after a protracted illness.

—Easter last Sunday; and eggstatic appetites were tickled excellently!

—"I'll take mine strait," responded a verdant Sophomore to the inquiry of his landlady as to how he took his tea.

—The Juniors have mounted the rostrum, and commenced saying their pieces.

—"By the sad sea waves" the fishermen are toiling to obtain those bivalvular conchias for Jas. Rankin. He patronizes the REPORTER and serves up oysters in any style you may desire.

—Snow and rain alternating for the past three weeks with good results. These having the hardihood to venture abroad have a "soft thing" of it.

—"The moral standard of the REPORTER should be elevated," suggested one of the editors thereof at a recent meeting of the corps. He was next seen coming out of Hotz's, the back way, munching crackers and wiping the beer from his mustache.

—Eight of the Law class will appear on commencement, but the whole seventy odd are preparing themes with the full expectation of coming on. Truly the pleasure of anticipation will exceed the reality.

—Williams, Glass, Sheldon, and others of the Senior class have got the Argo in fine trim, newly painted, calked and launched. We will return thanks for a ride when we get it.

—Seniors must have an outline of their commencement orations handed into the President by the 23d instant, and every thing ready by 23d of May. They can be seen carrying home huge piles of books from the library.

—Charles Vorse of the Sophomore class has left school and gone with the Edmunds party of this place to Europe, where he will spend the next few years in travel and in perfecting himself in the Modern Languages.

—We hear frequent complaints from all sides in regard to the frequent change of costly text books. There surely must be one good book on each branch to be pursued. This should be obtained and continued.

—A poor woman, on whom some students took pity last winter, cutting her wood and carrying it into her room, lately applied to the county for some money to buy stuff to make shirts for those noble-hearted young men. Of course she got it.

—In our last we neglected to mention the pleasant reception of the Seniors at the residence of Mr. L. Kauffmag. Many thanks are due to the good citizens of this town for their many kindnesses toward the students.

—Several new accessions to the Law Class at the opening of the present session. These will compensate (numerically at least) for those who left us at the close of the Winter term.

—Few of the Medics have been heard from since they stepped from the threshold of their Alma Mater.

Some, no doubt, have courage to begin practice 'on their own hook,' probably more are seeking an alliance either professional or domestic.

—The time of the arrival of mails has been slightly changed, the morning mail from the east coming in about an hour earlier and the evening mail from the west about a half hour earlier. The other mails remain unchanged.

—Spring—timid, modest, blushing Spring—lingers longer in the "lap of Winter" than is her wont. The old white-headed Father of Snows has an appreciable fondness for the vernal maiden, but it is hoped that nuptials will be deferred until "a more convenient season."

—A few mornings since in the Rhetoric class a Freshman was ordered up to read an essay. Tremblingly he drew forth the desired document followed by the juck of spades and ace of hearts! The Professor gazed at the convincing mementoes of innocent amusement and with something of the old-time spirit told the young disciple of Hoyle he'd pass.

—The *Simpsonian* comes to us this week printed on finely tinted paper, looking as fresh and bright as "sweet sixteen." This is an indication of financial prosperity, and we wish it "much joy" in being able to don a new muslin.

—"Who'd like to read this morning?" queried Prof. P. a few days since in the Homer class. "I would," ventured a Freshman, meekly snapping his fingers. "You may read, sir," said the expounder of Greek roots and idioms. "I'd like to, but I can't," was the innocent and facetious response.

—Messrs. Bain, Conklin, Hassner, Lee and Scott, Law '73, having kept the faith and finished their course, passed the final examination at the close of last term and were received into the profession as full fledged lawyers. They will receive their diplomas at the next annual commencement in June.

—In a number of papers we have seen an item which is likely to create a wrong impression. It is in regard to the increase of Prof. Hinrich's salary. That his salary has been increased is true, but the reason for this increase is his service as professor in the medical department in addition to his regular work. The salary of all professors for their own regular work is the same.

—The Iowa City Library Association for sometime past has been slowly but surely going down. If their course of lectures had paid, probably its dissolution would have been a little delayed, but it could not have been altogether avoided. They will probably sell their books, of which the selection is excellent, at auction. This will be an excellent opportunity for some of the students to buy standard authors at a mere nominal sum.

—We have received the Elocutionist Annual, published by J. W. Daughaday & Co., of Philadelphia. This elocution, the price of which is only twenty-five cents, excels anything of the kind which we have seen, in variety, freshness and adaptability of its contents. It is the intention of the publishers to annually issue a similar volume to the one we have received. We predict success for their scheme.

—J. B. Edmunds, Esq., who has been acting Professor of Pleading and Practice in the Law department, started for Europe a few days since. A party of tourists from our city accompanies him. They will "take in" the Vienna Exposition and all the prominent points of interest on the Continent. The Professor's severing his connection with the class is a source of much regret, as his patience and gentlemanly bearing won for him the profoundest respect of every student who had the good fortune to listen to his instruction.

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