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### TELEGRAPHIC.

Look for a full report of the contest and convention in the next issue.

As an amateur baby-tender, Clapp takes the cake. He will explain on his return.

The Iowa Orator, on his return from the contest, will write a volume on his experience with Chicago landladies.

The theological tendencies of our friend L. W. are so unmistakably marked on his countenance, that he was palmed off, all the way to Chicago, on unsuspecting railroad conductors, as the Rev. Mr. Clapp.

It was amusing to listen to a discussion on astronomy which took place on the train between editor of the *Republican*, the Iowa Orator, and a Colorado preacher. Our short-hand reporter was carrying on a flirtation in the next car at the time, so unfortunately this valuable elucidation of the difficult problems of astronomy was lost.

The distinguished editor of the *Press* went on a visit to California, so immediately the editor of the *Republican* started for the east. Several explanations have been given to this phenomenon. One is that they mutually agree to give the city a "rest." But the more probable theory is that it was done to keep the world in proper balance, as the presence of the ex-legislator on the western coast might seriously disarrange the equilibrium of the planet were it not for some counterbalancing influence in the opposite direction.

### PROF. DARWIN.

Charles R. Darwin passed from earthly scenes April 19th, 1882.

1809-1882! A few figures, but a world of influences lies between the dates. In this world Mr. Darwin had a prominent place. No man in this century has done more to change the current of thinking than he. No man has had more severe criticism. Some of his worst enemies have been his inconsiderate followers. Others have criticized without any knowledge of the facts he presented.

Mr. Darwin was fortunate in a noble ancestry. His grandfather, Erasmus Darwin was a noted physiologist and poet; his father an eminent physician; his mother a daughter of the famed mechanic and inventor, Wedgewood. His early advantages were of the best. He graduated first from the University of Edinburg; then from Christ's College, Cambridge. He spent five years upon H. M. S. Beagle in a tour around the world, as naturalist. Returning, he gave to the world his diary of this cruise. But for twenty years he studied and investigated the topics to which his attention had been called, before he gave to the world his first important work—"Origin of Species by Natural Selection." It ill becomes those who have never made this study a specialty to criticize one who had given twenty-seven of the best years of his life to its elucidation. While we may differ from him in opinion, we should certainly give weight to his conclusions. His grandfather in England, Goethe in Germany, and St. Hilaire in France at nearly the same time had presented somewhat his theory.

Intellectually short-sighted persons are very apt to claim clear sight. Darwin was humble and honest in his views. He saw the weight of objections and admitted their force. He always stated frankly the objections of others. His modesty was apparent in the meeting of the Linnean Society, 1858, when a paper prepared by a friend, Mr. Wallace, was to be presented through himself. The paper, drawn from an entirely independent investigation, was so in accord with Mr. Darwin's own views that he hesitated to present his own until he had consulted other friends—Dr. Hooker and Sir Charles Lyell.

Fuller study gave to the world his second book in the same line of thought—"The Descent of

Man." This brought upon him the charge of atheism. The following extract would seem to deny this charge most emphatically. Reference is made also to the quotations from Bishop Butler and Lord Bacon, which appear as introductory to the fifth addition of "Origin of Species."

"The only distinct meaning of the word natural is stated, fixed, or settled,—since what is natural as much requires and presupposes an intelligent agent to render it so, i. e., to effect it continually or at stated times, as what is supernatural or miraculous does to effect it for once." Bishop Butler, quoted.

"Let no man, out of a weak conceit of sobriety or an ill-applied moderation, think or maintain that a man can search too far or be too well studied in the book of God's word or in the book of God's works, divinity or philosophy, but rather let him endeavor an endless progress or proficience in both." Bacon, quoted.

"There is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that while this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning, endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been and are being evolved." Darwin.

### EMERSON.

The not unlooked-for but still unwelcome death of Ralph Waldo Emerson occurred the 27th. For several years past his memory has been slowly failing him so that, to use his own expression, "his words seemed to slip from his grasp." To the student of his works it seems that a friend has departed from this life, by whose intercourse nobler and purer impulses have been aroused within us and from whose company we have returned invigorated and encouraged. If the remembrance of a well-spent life gives hope, and strength and content in departure thence, the death of Ralph Waldo Emerson, was certainly the most enviable. In all his life he has never committed a wrong himself nor has he advised, encouraged, or permitted it in others; his voice has ever been on the side of liberty; his purpose has ever been the improvement of himself and race; his virtues have drawn to him innumerable friends. Before his death he had the inestimable pleasure of seeing his works bear fruit in the fresh and healthy thought of a succeeding generation; and now a nation of admirers are his mourners. No life could have been more quiet and devoid of striking incidents than his. Seven of his ancestors were unitarian preachers. He was born

at Boston on the 25th of May, 1803; graduated at Harvard in 1821; taught school for five years; studied divinity; and in 1829 was ordained as colleague to Rev. Henry Vane in the second church of Boston. But three years after, embracing some peculiar and unorthodox views in regard to worship, he abandoned his profession, and retired to the quiet village of Concord, where he gave himself up to thinking and study. He was twice married, first to Ellen Tucker, in September, 1830, who died the following February, and again to Miss Jackson in 1838. Of the latter, Theodore Parker said, "Her life is faith put in action;" and what more noble could he said of any one? Emerson twice visited Europe,—in 1832 and 1847. His home at Concord was the resort of literary pilgrims every summer. He was for a time the editor of the *Dial*, in which paper many of his essays first appeared.

He published a volume of poems, "English Traits," and several volumes of essays. The prevailing spirit of his writing, outside of his peculiar theory of the "Over-soul" is self-reliance, and one of the best qualities is his ability to inculcate this spirit into the minds of his youthful readers. In one place he says: "The true philosopher and true poet are one, and a beauty which is truth and a truth which is beauty is the aim of both. In this sense, Emerson is both a poet and a philosopher.

Representing, as he does, all that is virile and healthy in thought, he is justly regarded as the founder of American literature, and as such he will be remembered and honored long after nature shall have granted his wish that

Then may yet my mother yield  
A pillow in her greenest field,  
Nor the June flowers scorn to cover  
The clay of their departed lover.

NEBRASKA CITY, Apr. 26.

Editors *Vidette-Reporter*:

I have wondered why Sanders was two years in getting that poem printed; I understand it now.

H. L. W.

On class day elections:

"Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And by wire manipulation,  
Get elected every time."

Oscar Wilde has come and gone, but you can still find handsome wall decorations at the One-Price Cash Bookstore.

## THE BAD LANDS.

BY T. H. M'BRIDE.

"Know you what silence was before?  
Here is no startle of dreaming bird  
That sings in his sleep or strives to sing;  
Here is no sigh of branches stirred,  
Nor noise of any living thing." —Lowell.

I should like to picture for the readers of THE VIDETTE-REPORTER Bismarck and its surroundings; I would they might see old Fort Abraham Lincoln opposite and the wide plain below on which the cattle graze and the high bluffs on the north and west which wall the prairie in and over which winds, like a narrow ribbon, the old gray army trail, once the only highway to regions farther west; I would fain write of the Heart river which flows eastward, of the beauty of a summer morning on the far-away Upper Missouri, and the sail of four delightful miles on the transfer boat which, in such leisurely fashion, brings together the opposite banks of the river at Bismarck to the benefit of the Northern Pacific railroad and its various patrons; but I must not touch upon one of these topics, for my subject is the Bad Lands of the Little Missouri river, west of all this a hundred and fifty miles, and I may not even stop to gather a bouquet of the wild roses which bloom so profusely over all the lowlands about the steamboat landing and the city of Mandan lest my pen outrun its welcome to these columns.

Occupying a region of varying width, but several hundred miles in length, Bad Lands of various kinds form nearly the entire Tertiary deposits of the Upper Missouri Valley. About these Bad Lands or *Terres Mauvaises* everybody has heard, everybody knows something, and everybody possibly thinks he knows more than he really does. But whatever may have been the preconceived opinion of the traveler, the Bad Lands are sure to be to him a surprise, but never a disappointment. The suddenness with which their peculiar features break upon the view makes them a sort of surprise to the landscape of their own surroundings. There is really such a thing as a "first view" of the Bad Lands. The train that carries us thither, moves for hours over a prairie land, having but few features to save it from the dreariest monotony. Now we follow for miles the winding of some slow-coursing thread-like stream, often at the bottom of a deep chasm; now cross the same stream again and again over the trembling pillars of wooden piers; now pass at

slackened pace some low divide; now skirt the base of some low range of rounded grass-covered hills which, for the time, shut off the view in one direction,—a momentary relief;—then anon the hills are passed, and on we go, stopping at no station, never entering the shadow of a tree, on, on over the boundless emptiness of an unsettled prairie. At length, late in the afternoon, after a gradual ascent made noticeable by a number of shallow cuts, we enter one longer and a little deeper than the rest, forming a passage-way through the crest of the watershed, and in a moment the Bad Lands, with all their wonders, are before us. Such is the general surprise that in one instant all monotony vanishes; everybody is on the *qui vive*. The world might as well have turned suddenly over and over. The most listless passenger on the train rouses himself from continuous napping, opens a pair of big eyes, and stares in blank astonishment. And well he may. A landscape certainly without a parallel on this continent, and, I am inclined to think, without a parallel on any continent, spreads like a splendid panorama, to which the motion and windings of the train lend ever shifting lights. To right, to left, in front, behind us, as the train moves on, is but one unending maze of hills of every kind and degree. There are mounds and hillocks, ridges and banks and bluffs piled upon and against each other in a confusion so bewildering as to stir and startle the most inert and passive beholder.

The wars of the Giants which filled with confusion the old poetic mind seem here, in reality, to have been carried on, and that on some stupendous scale; Ossa piled on Pelion and Pelion on Ossa to the farthest verge of the horizon. Or one might deem this some unfurnished corner of creation, where, in planet building, work had for some cause been suddenly suspended ere the finishing touches were applied, vast loads of the raw material from carts and chariots of ponderous construction having been hastily dumped down one after the other and over the other without reference to order plan or scheme.

In outline these hills and hillocks take every imaginable form,—some are almost rectangular with precipitous sides, many are conical, many are dome-shaped, some have the form of a frustum of a cone, on the summit of which one or more small conical heaps are to be seen. The greater number are flat-topped, and rising to

about the same level, give the impression of some majestic wall extending for miles and miles along the horizon. Some slope up gently from a narrow valley for seventy-five to a hundred feet, and then end in a lofty turret of naked sandstone. But more than this; to all this diversity of form is added yet diversity of color. The sides of all these mounds are almost verdureless, so that there is a conspicuous absence of green, but almost every other hue has its representative. Colors occur in broad bands across the faces of the mound,—red and gray and yellow and black, purplish blue and ashy and pink in an unending series of shades and tints. Nothing brilliant, but everything suggestive.

As the train speeds on, the observer soon discovers that these colored bands possess a somewhat definite arrangement. Sometimes in the sunshine the red appears like rosy crowns on the summits of the hillocks of a wide area, while further on the same color shines as a showy belt, girding the hills of the whole region at about the same level.

Eighteen miles of scenery like this brings us to the Little Missouri river,—a winding stream not quite as large as our Iowa river here, but with the strange perversity, which many frontier streams have, of running north. (How it does vex a man or ordinary orientation to be sent down by some fine stream, the Yellowstone, for instance, and be assured that its course is north.) Across this little river the railroad company have constructed a fine bridge, and on the west bank there is a Cantonment of the U. S. Army, a camp, barracks, hospital, quarter-master's department and all that, where a little garrison of thirty or forty soldiers day by day go through all the details of military camp-life, reveille, roll-call, sick-call, mounting-guard, ostensibly and really for the protection of railroad property at this point; for be it understood that the U. S. Army performs throughout all the Territories a sort of police duty, and one finds little companies here and there all over the northwest, the scattered stations being now connected by lines of telegraph. 'Tis true that "distance lends enchantment to the view" (as it does perchance now to my readers); but, however fine the views from the car-windows so far may have been, yet our curiosity, if nothing else, prompts us to venture a nearer acquaintance to make a closer investigation. The hospitality of

the little camp just mentioned enables one to do this; for, of all generous men whom it has been my good fortune to meet, none are more liberal in their kindness than just these same soldiers, officers and men, in their isolated lonely out-posts.

It is said that after *Terres Mauvaises* we should understand the words "a traverser," i. e., the entire name should be "lands bad to cross or pass through," and surely, from what has been already said, you may believe the name appropriate. Yet through this region we can go on foot anywhere, and with a mule or a pair of mules and a buck-board our wanderings are hardly less unrestricted.

To many places and land-marks near their camp, the soldiers have given special names. A grand valley, some seven miles southward, is one of these places, and among the soldiers Cedar Canyon has a name and a fame. "If you wish to see the Bad Lands at their best, go to Cedar Canyon," the soldiers say. Besides, to this point, there is a trail, and the "citizen" can go thither and come back without the danger of losing his way. This is certainly a point worthy of consideration, and so to Cedar Canyon is our first excursion. Mounted upon a buck-board behind a pair of Uncle Sam's good mules, we set out by way of a narrow little valley, good enough as far as it goes, but apparently a veritable *cul-de-sac*. The trail is plain, and for a while we rattle along at good speed. Ere we are aware, our little valley opens into another, and this into another, and so on, like the days of a man's life, until we fancy that difficulties are imaginary. Presently, however, the valley becomes a ravine, and suddenly the trail takes a turn diagonally up the face of a hill. The center of gravity ceases to be a thing theoretical and its shifting position is a matter of gravest concern. Now we turn this way, now that, and last breathe more freely on the hill's flat top. Then we round the head of a ravine impassable, to the crest of an opposing ridge, grazing the base of a great sandy pillar, just missing a precipice on the other side, only to find hills yet looming round us, shutting the way on every hand. But there is the trail, and another half-hour's winding brings us to the wished-for summit. At our feet before us lies Cedar Canyon. Turn now and look backward over the way by which we have come. What a scene of beauty, and yet of almost utter barrenness and desolation!

"'Twere worth ten years of peaceful life—  
One glance at such array."

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

RALPH D. BELL, Editor.

The Professors have sat down on reading notes.

Base ball seems to have taken possession of the boys.

The Law Literary Society is now a thing "that were."

Messrs. Emery and Calender are the only Laws that are patriotic enough to drill.

For a change, the boys are now having the pleasure of reviewing a hundred pages or so a day besides regular lessons.

We understand the Catholic fair reaped a handsome profit from the Laws, as they were very faithful in their attendance.

Mr. Putnam was elected permanent Secretary of the class on last Friday. After school closes his address will be Davenport.

One of the students, on being requested to distinguish between murder in the first and second degree, said he did not know exactly, only that in the second degree there was not quite so much of it.

The class was honored by a visit from Oscar Wilde, who favored them with a few remarks, in which he said the only objection he had to law was that it was not very artistic.

Mr. Hansen received the sad intelligence, Tuesday, of the death of his father on the 18th inst., after a protracted illness of many months. He was 71 years of age, and one of the oldest settlers of Minnesota, having settled at Rockville in 1856.

The boarders of two different houses in the city, having no regard for the feelings of their landladies, and forgetting the fact of the shortage of last year's grain and vegetable crops, and the sudden rise in beef, have organized themselves into two ball nines for the purpose of demonstrating the staying qualities of the "hash" of their respective houses. The clubs are appropriately named after their houses — Mygatt and Luse nines. Their first match was played Monday afternoon, the Mygatts coming out with 12 scores to the Luses 11.

A very interesting jury trial was had Saturday last in one of the club courts. The criminal, of course, was a "cad," and who, contrary to the general rule, had heretofore borne a good reputation. Out of due respect for the

feelings of his friends we refrain from giving his name, hoping that this little bit of experience has taught him a lasting lesson. The charge against him was "general cussedness," a new offense, which has not yet been incorporated into the "statutes." A jury of impartial but ignorant men, composed of Laws, was selected, who had never heard of the case, and had no opinion in regard to it, nor in regard to anything else — the last qualification essential to any man who is permitted to sit on a jury. The evidence was voluminous and quite conflicting. After the case had been ably argued, both *pro* and *con*, the jury retired, and soon returned a verdict of guilty, in manner and form, etc.

To evidence the fact that there are some persons besides the present members of the Law class that can draw up deeds, we clip the following from the *Newton Journal*:

Many of our bright young people have manifested a good deal of interest in the various problems that have been published in the *Journal*, and have displayed a good deal of skill in solving them. Would like to have them tell us the exact amount of land conveyed by the following deed which was received at the Recorder's office a couple of weeks ago. It is from John Smith and wife, of Texas, to Jacobias Felschnider and the description reads as follows: "A track of land in Jasper county as follows, to-wit: begin at a point ninety (90) rods northeast of southwest corner of the north half of southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , run north 32 rods and east two (2) chains and a link, and south two rods, and north forty (40) feet to beginning in section thirty-six, township seventy-eight south of range 22, in 5th P. M. Iowa."

The following is an amended list of the whereabouts of the Laws of '81, as forwarded by C. H. Merchant, Class Secretary, all of whom are practicing law, except those mentioned as otherwise engaged:

- Anderson, Will, Shenandoah, Iowa.
- Artz, Henry H., Mt. Morris, Illinois; not practicing.
- Askwith, Abner Williams, Council Bluffs.
- Bagley, Charles, Atlanta, Iowa.
- Bailey, Charles F., Grundy Center, Iowa.
- Bailey, William H., Iowa City.
- Baxter, Delos Wirwick, Rochelle, Ill.
- Benjamin, Fremont, Avoca, Iowa.
- Brighton, Henry Hubley, Fairfield, Ia.
- Brown, Joseph Franklin, Leavenworth, Kansas.
- Bruce, James E., Anita, Iowa.
- Bruff, James B., Atlantic, Iowa.
- Byington, Ottoe A., Iowa City.
- Carr, Eugene Emory, Eldorado, Kan.
- Coyle, Dan F., Dakota, Iowa.
- Dennis, Leander C., Estherville, Iowa.
- Elliott, Chas. B., Muscatine, Iowa, with law firm of Brannan & Jayne.
- Ferguson, J. Lee, Picketon, Ky.
- Gallighan, Matt J., Denver, Colo.
- Gesford, Henry Clay, Ann Arbor, Mich., in Law School.
- Haggard, Robert A., Mauersboro, Tenn.
- Harding, Dick F., Atlantic City, Iowa.
- Helmick, John Miller, Davenport, Iowa.
- Hightower, Allen Reece, Cartersville, Ga.

- Horner, Robert M., St. Louis Law School.
- Haskyn, Robert Philip, Tama City, Iowa.
- Hunter, Robert, Butler Center, Iowa.
- Howard, Charles Henry, Muscatine, Ia.; not practicing.
- Ingham, Harvey, Nebraska; newspaper work.
- Jackson, Douglas Viele, Muscatine, Ia.
- Kipp, Geo. C., Monroe, Iowa.
- Lane, Theron (Judge), Big Stone City, Minnesota.
- Lewis, E. J., Fairfield, Nebraska.
- Lister, Geo. W., St. Louis Law School.
- Long, Alna D., Delhi, Iowa.
- Matthews, Royal, Davenport, Iowa.
- Merchant, Chas. H., Gratiot, Wis., Principal of Schools.
- Molynhex, Arthur B., Cherokee, Iowa.
- Mullin, Frank, West Liberty, Iowa.
- Nevin, James M., St. Louis Law School.
- Outcalt, George Allen, Genoa, Wisconsin; teaching.
- Perfect, Trueman W., Manersboro, Tenn.
- Pollock, Charles Andrew, Fargo, D. T.
- Randolph, Frank F., Tama City, Iowa.
- Raymond, Nathaniel B., Des Moines, Ia.; not practicing.
- Rice, Frank S., Rockwell, City.
- Rudolph, Martin E., Canton, D. T.
- Shellenberger, George H., Humboldt, Ia.; in Recorder's office.
- Snyder, Simon Hanson, Wapleton, D. T.
- Stone, Elmer, Glenwood, Iowa (Kelly & Stone).
- Taft, William J., Osage, Iowa.
- Varga, Stephen, Leon, Iowa.
- Willis, Frank K., Cherokee, Iowa.
- Wood, Horace Lee, Nebraska; newspaper work.

The ladies of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity will hold their annual banquet and reunion at the residence of Gov. Pillsbury on Friday evening, April 21. We would suggest to the ladies that they take dry toast(s) with tea, in view of the muddy condition of the streets and the fact that they will have no company home. — *Ariel, Minneapolis.*

Twenty young ladies voted on the question: Has a young lady the right to kiss a gentleman with whom she takes an evening walk? There were nineteen affirmative votes. The one negative vote was cast by a woman with red hair and one glass eye. — *Ex.*

Not Iowa City girls.

NOTICE.

The work containing the prize orations of the Inter-State and Iowa State Oratorical Contests is now ready for sale. It is a volume of 126 pages, neatly printed and bound in heavy paper. It contains the two best orations of each year's contest, both State and Inter-State, since the organization of the association, besides a history of the organization and growth of the association. It is of great value to those interested in oratorical matters, and will be sold at the low price of 40 cents per volume. Orders should be sent to S. B. Howard, of Iowa City, or to W. G. Ray, of Grinnell. The money must accompany the order.

College papers, please copy.

Yonder, like a silver thread, the river winds, pursuing northward its solitary way, hedged in from side to side by long lines of banded bluffs,

"O'er which, through color's dreamiest grades,  
The yellow sun-beams pause and creep;  
Now pink it blooms, now glimmers gray,  
Now shadows to a filmy blue."

Yonder the rampart heights beyond the camp appear, while, lying low between them and our point of view, are the hills over which we made our difficult way, — the wearisome miles now shortened to half their length. Yonder to the westward, like giant warders, stand side by side two splendid hills, the Sentinel Buttes, meeting the horizon and marking in that direction the limits of the hills. Southward the opposing wall of the canyon faces us, where, up precipitous steeps low cedars in straggling file, with darkening shade, creep from the bottom almost to the very top. Eastward roll mound upon mound, hillock upon hillock in limitless expanse, the level tops of distant buttes rising like steps of some grand causeway, until vision fails and fancy takes up the wild scene to repeat it over and over through hundreds of miles. As you sit and gaze, the spirit of the place seems to come down upon you in a sense of strange isolation and loneliness. You begin to note the oppressive silence of the scene. Far as you can look or listen, there comes not the faintest sign or whisper of living thing. No bird visits those forgotten hills; no insect stirs about your feet or beats with humming wings the air, the very wind is silent, and, from the hills, as from a furnace the heated atmosphere rises in shimmering columns.

I have been alone in mountain lands where the valleys were dark with verdure and the crags were lone and bare. I have wandered alone in the deep pine woods where are "dim aisles" and "the sad silence of the cypress;" but the silence of Cedar Canyon is not like this; it is the silence of vacancy, of ruin which is not a ruin, of dearth, of death where is no death but only the absence of life and sound.

But here I am at the terminus of my article, and have only fairly begun my subject. Here we are at the very rim of Cedar Canyon, and may not explore what lies below. Of this and of the various agencies by which have been brought about all the weird phenomena of the Bad Lands, a future article may suffice to tell.

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## LOCALS.

31 to 14.

Evidently.

A professional game.

R. A. Green spends Sunday in Cedar Rapids.

Frederic Smith, attorney at law, Riverside, Iowa.

Oscar Wilde will spend Sunday with E. S. Quinton in this city.

Tom Records is in the city. He is now located at West Branch.

Joe Lee, of Muscatine, was here to see and hear the noted Esthete.

One of the Freshmen has found out that a succession of points is a "bee line."

Geo. McGill, of Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, is visiting his old chum Fred. Hebard.

Maurice Moriarty informs us he is engaged in the law and land business, Northville, Dakota.

Miss Abbie Pierce is visiting her sister Miss Ruth, and schoolmates and friends in the city.

Now, for the first time, the Freshman youth is sick of drill. Score one for Sophomore prophecy.

The Oscar Wilde meeting in the Laws' room on Monday evening was enough to astonish even a Freshman.

J. W. Bopp is visiting friends and schoolmates in the city. The door of the University always is open to welcome back its children.

Miss Anna Williams, having completed the course in shorthand, is now employed as Stenographic Secretary in the office of Prof. Parvin.

Miss May Robinson arrived home on Thursday evening, after having spent the winter in Philadelphia, pursuing her studies in elocution. She visited friends in Ohio on her way home.

The Freshman will carry off the base ball honors this season. Last Saturday they met and organized two nines, and still there are enough good players remaining to make up a third nine.

A certain Freshman, or rather certain Freshmen, are learning to fence. As a consequence, we may reasonably expect several accomplished fencing-masters to appear in the next Sophomore class.

Drum Major Donnan assumed the duties of that office on Monday last. It is needless to say that the band has greatly improved under his mystic wand. Apropos, Donnan has been detained at home several days on account of sickness.

We are in receipt of a card from editor-in-chief of the *Knox Student*, stating that there will be a meeting of the editors of college papers, held at Indianapolis, May 3d. Howard and Craven are our accredited representatives, and we hope, as such, "Father Moomy" of the *Notre Dame Scholastic*, will tenderly care for them and return them safely to the bosom of their friends.

The first nine of the Freshman class met on Tuesday last to elect officers. The election resulted in the choice of Dodson for Captain, and Fred Pomeroy for Treasurer. The result is satisfactory to all, as Dodson is manifestly the "old reliable" of the class; who, rather than have his boys beaten in a game, would lose his — life were about to say; but we will modify it by saying reputation as a base ballist. Pomeroy, familiarly known as "Pom," is recognized as an honest man, and of course is to be relied upon.

It is really pleasant to note the heartiness with which both Professors and students welcome such a visitor as Mr. J. J. Hamilton. Many of us remember him as Assistant Librarian, always obliging and thoughtful. For sometime past he has edited the *Bloomfield Republican*, in which capacity his pen has ever exerted a powerful influence in the interest of the University. We take the following from the *Burlington Gazette*:

John J. Hamilton, who has brought the *Bloomington Republican* into creditable notice during his three-years editorship, is to be editor of the *Des Moines Daily Journal*, after June next. Mr. Hamilton is one of the youngest journalists of the State, and already ranks among the best. A commendable feature of his editorial work is its high principled conscientiousness, and the entire absence of any effort of a self-laudatory character. The *Gazette* is glad to welcome him to the daily press of Iowa.

The dedication of the new Odd Fellows' Hall took place on last Wednesday evening. The dedicatory address was made by J. N. Clark, and he, as Grand Master, accepted the hall from the building committee, and dedicated it to the parctice of the three cardinal virtues — Faith, Hope, and Charity. The hall is in the third story of the block known as the Odd Fellows' block, corner of College and Dubuque streets. It is richly and elegantly furnished and decorated. The ceiling especially is beautifully frescoed, and all harmonizes so well. Great taste is certainly shown in furnishing and decorating. If Oscar Wilde could only have seen that hall, he would have gone from Iowa City with some hopes of us. The hall is said to be the finest Odd Fellows' hall in Iowa, and it is undoubtedly true. After the exercises at the hall were over, those who desired to do so repaired to Ham's Hall to "trip the light fantastic" and partake of the good things that maketh the inner man to rejoice. Although there was a crowd, yet everyone voted the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Hall a grand success, and that the Odd Fellows are *the fellows*.

## MARRIED.

HOPKINS—MONTGOMERY.—At Mattoon, Ill., on the evening of April 20th, 1882, MURATT W. HOPKINS, LL.B., '81, and Miss ALLIE MONTGOMERY.

A large number of invited guests were present to offer hearty congratulations to the happy couple. We have received a list of the presents, which speaks well for popularity of the "high contracting parties." Some poet has said, "Ne'er marry our first love, laddie;" but rumor says that Hop., after various erratic wanderings, sipping the honey from willing flowers, returned to his early partner in the "manufacture of mud-pies." May the new partnership last as long as time, is the wish of their many friends. The future address will probably be Danville, Indiana, where we will request Madame to send the bill.

## OSCAR WILDE MEETING.

According to previous announcement a *wild* and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Law Literary room for the purpose of making some arrangements toward receiving Oscar Wilde in an æsthetic and too-too manner.

F. O. Newcomb was elected Chairman, and R. D. Bell, Secretary.

Motion, carried, that Chair appoint a committee of five on arrangements: Messrs. Donnan,

Calendar, Hyesham, Bell, and Payne.

Loud calls were made for Mr. Payne, who responded in a neat and appropriate speech. Mr. Payne said he was a true admirer of Oscar Wilde; that he believed that the neatest attire for a young man was simply a pair of low cut shoes and a sunflower; that æstheticism was one step toward civilization, and that in his opinion Oscar Wilde was the most complete æsthetic he had ever heard of. Mr. Payne used no gestures, but struck the attitude to perfection. His speech was very effective, and he sat down amidst deafening applause.

After transacting some other business the meeting adjourned.

## BALL AMONG THE BOARDING-HOUSES.

The long-delayed and much-heralded "event of the season" in base-ball circles came off at last, Thursday afternoon, at Carleton grounds. For a whole long, rainy week appetites had been fondly cherished which would have done the leviathan credit. Every available afternoon had been taken advantage of, and landladies had scoured the market, the quenching of the thirst for exercise in their lusty boarders.

At 3 P. M., however, the contestants, the Kenyonites or Fleshly Livers, and the Dunlap men, or Oscar Wildes, appeared in splendor upon the scene. Every man of the latter party wore a fresh sunflower upon his left breast; every Kenyon man was attired in a parti-colored fabric which the city had been ransacked to produce. The well-known Martin umpired to his own safety, which, perhaps, is the best that could be said for fairness.

The first inning boded defeat to the well-fed Kenyonites. Dunlap went to the bat and made seven straight scores. Nothing discomfited, however, that Ulysses of ball-players, Cornish, whispered a few words in the ears of his men, and a speedy turning of the tables took place. No less than twenty runs were made before a man was called out. Everybody hit it, some for three bases.

This inning sealed the fate of the pseudo-conquerors who had already sprouted their combs, and the remaining two innings were played pretty evenly, neither side gaining any advantage, and one goose egg being given to Oscar Wilde. The features of the game were once, when the ball "descending razed his plume," that was the time Jack was asleep on third base. Truesdale's play in

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the field was characterized by lively movements throughout, principally in a direction due west.

The result was rather a surprise to the defeated party,—the score standing 31 to 14 at the fifth inning.

Men bunged — Capt. Jackson, Capt. Cornish.

A large audience of the elite witnessed the games throughout. Oscar himself was expected to revive the spirits of the boys, but was delayed.

MORAL.—This will not be the last game of the kind this spring, and challenges are now being hurled abroad by every boarding house of sufficient strength in the city.

SPRING.

The "ethereal mildness" is again upon us. With it, of course, comes the annual house cleaning. In the process of over-hauling the year's collection of rubbish in the back garret of the College Muse, the hired man came across the old machine; his curiosity being excited by the discovery, he began to turn the crank with the following result:

"The festive horned-toad rubs his horn  
And ends his Winter's snooze;  
The bluebird rapturous greets the morn  
Which drives away his blues.

"Again the prairie dog's shrill note  
Is heard o'er hill and dale;  
Staccato is his canine throat,  
But tremolo is his tail.

"Anemones are blooming free,  
And daisies daze the eye;  
The tad-pole and the bumble-bee  
Go gaily flitting by."

Pausing a moment to see if any one was coming, he slipped up the thingummy and "let her out:"

"The mayor turns the water on  
In the public drinking fountain;  
The borro sighs to soon be gone  
To the high and silent mountain.

"The invalid scrapes up his cash  
To pay his monthly rental,  
Rubs up his duster, makes a dash  
For climates oriental."

Being of a musical turn of mind, the jingle of the thing leads him involuntarily to beat time with his foot upon the floor, while he whistles "Yankee Doodle" as a sort of rude accompaniment:

"The wood-chuck peeps forth from her lair  
With youthful haste imprudent,  
But quick draws back in dread despair  
Before the college student;

"For the college "cad" with his plant-case  
And geologic hammer  
Is now at large, and quick gives chase.  
And in the can would jam her.

"Far from the halls where carping care  
Is known to him each morning,  
When Georgius climbs the winding stair  
To ring the primal warning.

"The student flees—but be it known,—  
Rules hold not in abeyance,  
He goes on Saturdays alone,  
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