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THE VIDETTE-REPORTER,

Iowa City, Iowa.

THE shooting affair between a Professor and a student of the State University of Minnesota, so far as we are correctly apprised of the facts, only proves the inexperience of Professors acting the role of policemen. It takes away a student's respect for his instructor, if he know that the instructor is continually tracking him. The sooner universities leave the student's obligations as a citizen to regular police officers, the better for the universities. Do away with spies, and put the boys on their own honor.

ONE of the noticeable features of the last meeting of the Inter-State Oratorical Association was the organization of an association of the western college press. The cultivation of the oratorical talent of students has hitherto occupied almost exclusively the attention of our colleges. A style of writing has, consequently, become prevalent, wherein clear statement and well-tempered expression are subordinated to effect. The object is not so much the logical development of a theme, as an exaggerated and striking presentation of it. The writer feels that he must either overload his production with rhetoric, or have it bristling with antitheses. These, it seems to us, are some of the obvious faults of a too exclusive cultivation of the oratorical manner.

Now, by affording an opportunity, through the columns of the various college journals of the Northwest, for students to compete with one another on a distinctively literary basis, we think great good may be accomplished. More attention can be given to that style

of composition which will carry conviction to the minds of men, with whom accurate thinking far outweighs rhetorical flights and balanced periods.

SOME people allow their prejudices to carry them so far that they are unable to see any good in that which is not their own, no matter how deserving it may be. The editor of the *Monmouth Courier* seems to be one of this class. In his report of the Inter-State Contest, after criticising all the other speakers, he says: "The real orator of the evening was the Illinois man, F. G. Hanchett." And afterward, speaking of the decision of the Judges, he says: "The audience seemed well satisfied with the result. Certainly no one questioned the right of Illinois to the first position, which position, it may be remarked, she has occupied four times in the eight contests of the association. Now the editor of the *Courier* must be one of those "who, having eyes, see not, and ears hear not," or else his memory is very poor. The dissatisfaction with the award of first prize was loud and universal. Before the announcement of the decision, Mr. Hanchett was not looked upon as having the shadow of a chance for first prize, and a murmur of surprise ran round the house when the President announced the result. Probably two-thirds of the audience, at least, would have given first prize to Mr. Jefferson, of Ohio, who was, in every way, superior to Mr. Hanchett. The editor of the *Courier* is also "off" in saying that Illinois has taken four first prizes out of the eight contests. Instead of four she has taken two—those being won by Bancroft, of Knox, and Hanchett, of Chicago.

And now comes the *Badger*, and says that the audience almost unanimously conceded that Goodwin of Indiana had the finest production. How the editor of the *Badger* found out so much, is beyond our comprehension. The Indiana man's production was one of the poorest productions we ever heard delivered at an Inter-State Contest. It was on "Woman Suffrage," and contained nothing original or new. Every idea contained in it has been harped over and over a thousand times since the woman's suffrage movement began.

To the student, doubtless, the saying of Solomon, concerning the "weariness" of "much study," seems very forcible. The year's work, until the rest of vacation has cleared and arranged the tangle of sines, cosines, and tangents; of gerunds and ablatives; of Dark Ages, Middle Ages, and Renaissance, and all the long drawn-out *et cetera*, presses heavily on brain and flesh. And if all this is true of the "much study," what shall be said of the "much teaching?" Only the wisest of mortals could fitly characterize the weariness which is one of the rewards of the faithful teacher's service, and only the most grudging could deny the repose earned by years of patient toil. The friends and patrons of the University would not willingly seem to grasp at all advantage for themselves, unmindful of another's comfort. They realize that their eight years of her labor here, and the years that preceded it in Davenport, have earned the rest which she now claims for herself, and yet, when, a few months ago, it was rumored that Miss Scofield intended to sever her connection with the University at the close of the present year, it was earnestly hoped that she would change her decision, if a decision had really been reached. As she has not done so, and we are obliged to face the fact of her loss, THE VIDETTE-REPORTER feels sure that, in speaking of it as a matter of deepest regret, it voices the feelings of her friends both in and out of the University.

Those who have had the pleasure and advantage of receiving her instruction need no reminder of the insight and attainment which have made Miss Scofield's name a synonym for mathematical ability, nor of the clearness of statement and unflinching patience with which her knowledge has been carried over to the account of her pupils. They will remember her right conception of the meaning of the word education, which has made her think the mere communication of facts a thing of small worth compared with the training and developing of the mind—the drawing forth of all its powers, so far as mathematical reasoning and demonstration avail to do so. And, finally, they will feel that, given the proper turn of mind, nothing could so surely tend to make mathematics "a joy forever" as a course of training under Miss Scofield; while no one, even though lacking special liking or

ability for it, could look back upon the course without a consciousness of lasting benefit.

To her friends outside the University, also, the news of her resignation will be most unwelcome if it implies the going away from Iowa City. The ready wit which has so often lightened the sober course of work in the class-room, the quick appreciation of all that is good in life and literature, and her unswerving loyalty in all friendly relations have made for her a place in her social circle that can not readily be filled, and faculty, students, and all other friends join in the hope that though she can not be retained in the University, she may still belong to Iowa City in her private capacity.

MRS. CARLYLE AND LEIGH HUNT.

While Leigh Hunt was strolling one morning in the private grounds of Holland House, he was met by Lord John Russell, then one of Queen Victoria's Ministers. In the course of conversation the Minister said that the Queen had been pleased to grant Carlyle a pension of £200 a year, adding, "As you, Mr. Hunt, are a near neighbor of his, it will perhaps be an agreeable task to be the first to announce the compliment to him." Leigh Hunt was soon at Cheyne Row. Mrs. Carlyle was so delighted with the good news that she threw her arms around the messenger's neck, and gave him a good hearty "Scotch smack," as they call a kiss in the Land o' Cakes. The next morning Leigh Hunt sent to Mrs. Carlyle this verse:

Jenny kissed me when we met,
Jumping from the chair she sat in;
Time, you thief, who love to get
Sweets into your book, put that in!
Say I'm ugly, say I'm sad,
Say that health and wealth have missed me,
Say I'm growing old, but add,
Jenny kissed me!

The Iowa City *Republican* has made a new venture in journalism, by undertaking a "State edition." In this the mass of local matter and advertisements is omitted, and only the choice literary and political matter, of State interest, presented. Among its contributors we notice our esteemed University friends, Professors Parker and Eggert, aiding the literary department, and Professor Hinrichs, who lends his valuable experience to the Weather Service. The need of such a paper insures its future success.

"MIRABEAU."

BY WALTER M. WALKER.

[Awarded First Prize at the Junior Contest, Iowa City, May 12th, 1882.]

The toils of serfdom have been the birth-pains of liberty; the freedom of slaves the outgrowth of tyranny. In the darkest epochs of history, when virtue had decayed, when truth and justice seemed asleep, liberty has made its greatest efforts, has produced its grandest heroes. By the conflicts of opposing armies, by the discords of warring factions creeds have been formulated, "Magna Charta" have been written. The car of civilization, sweeping down the great pathways of time, has buried its wheels deep in the ruts of error and the grooves of doubt. And it has only been when, by the sovereign power of a new idea, its path was cleared, that thought advanced that its delaying wheels moved on.

Great convulsions have at times been necessary. Take away their part from the long history of the past, and you remove one great factor in the world's advancement. Blot from the page of the future its revolutions and rebellions, and you rob the patriot of his weapon, the tyrant of his fears. In the crises of history, when conservation has chained the wheels of progress, when religion has crystallized into creeds and governments have become tyrannical, from the silence of centuries, Revolution awakes, and gathering up the scattered shreds of national glory, leads onward in the great march of civilization. Reform,—the glad messenger of liberty,—kneeling at the feet of royalty, and pleading the cause of the beggared multitude, is rejected and despised, until, upon the battle-fields of rebellion, the nation becomes her army. To arouse resistance to tyranny, to direct the subjects of despotism in their efforts for freedom, has claimed the noblest energies of the race. This is the cause which has given to history its martyrs and to humanity its greatest benefactors. The breezes of the morning, in their swift flight from the orient, chant a ceaseless requiem to the heroes of the past. On the heathered hills of Scotland the peasant bows in reverence to the name of Wallace; and France yet cherishes the memory of the tribune who, in the darkest hours of their suffering, proclaimed himself the champion of the people.

In the history of governments no question has more dangerously threatened the foundations of society than the issues sprung

from the wealth of the noble and the poverty of the peasant. When the iron hand of power robs the farmer and ravages his fields, a happy and contented peasantry—the safeguard of a nation—becomes impossible. Let the gaunt form of Famine crouch at the fire-side; let the cries of starving children ring in their ears, and stung to madness, men bare their breasts to danger. To voice, by the thunders of his eloquence, the rising murmurs of the people was the mission of *Mirabeau* to France. Crime and indolence had disgraced his youth. The vices of the age had robbed him of his virtue. But when the philosophy of the past was giving way, when crumbling thrones proclaimed the birth of new ideas, when the homes and fire-sides of France were echoing with the battle-cries of freedom, from the trembling ranks of the aristocracy he stood forth, pleading at the tribune of power the wrongs of his suffering country.

Mirabeau was a noble, but in the the great conflict for their rights he became the champion of the homeless, breadless throng, which toiled in the valleys and starved in the cities of France. Scourged by wealth and despised by power, the Genius of Liberty found him, and inspiring in his heart a purpose as stainless as the sparkling water of his native vine-clad hills, it sent him forth,—the champion of a people, the exponent of a great idea. Around him were the tokens of inevitable decay. The fields were deserted; the sounds of industry were hushed. Corruption filled the offices of state. "It wore the general's uniform, the judge's robe, the bishop's hood." Royal harlots feasted in luxurious ease, while from the homes of poverty and want arose the dying groans of a starving rabble. From the peasant in his cottage and the tradesman at his toil, from the looms of industry and the shuttles weaving the robes of luxury, came the angry murmurs of resistance to the tyranny of Bourbon ambition. Government was trembling upon the verge of dissolution when Mirabeau appeared upon the forum of France. From the distant past came the memories which fired his heart. He looked to the mountains, and their breezes whispered to him the story of ruined cabins and desecrated homes. He turned to the valleys, and on the crumbling hearth-stones of France, he read the sad tale of aristocratic abuse. Fired by the memory of such wrongs as these, Mirabeau formed his plan, and from the shores

of despotism, into the dark waters of the future, he steered the ship of state, trusting for a haven in the great ocean of time.

From the hand of the king, Mirabeau sought to wrest the rights which he had usurped. From the rage of the people, he sought to protect the sovereignty of the throne. On the ruins of the despotic power of the past, he would have founded the free government of the future. In the place of tyranny and arbitrary law, he would have established the charter and the code. But destiny was against him. The people whom he would have freed turned from their benefactor, and with impious hands tore down the fabric which he sought to build. Mirabeau had humbled the power of the aristocracy. To the weary millions waiting in the furrows of time, he had proclaimed the freedom of their thoughts, and the integrity of their homes. But from the tomb of murdered monarchy, from the graves of the dead issues of the past, there rose a specter, which, brooding over the proud domes of the capital, stirred the dregs of the nation and scattered dissension in the hearts of its rulers.

Against the license which threatened the state, Mirabeau struggled in vain. In the gathering shadows of the coming storm, his strength gave way, and his voice was silenced in the darkness of the tomb. Had he lived, he might have been able to control the passions which he had aroused. But in his grave were buried the hopes of emancipated freedom in France. Turn the pages of history, and you search in vain to find a picture sadder than the fate of France presents. She had weathered the storms of revolution; she had secured liberty and justice for her people. But when danger threatened "and the night was rushing on" no Mirabeau held the wheel. And with land almost in sight, with the harbor of safety almost gained, she floated away into the horrors of anarchy and the madness of atheism.

Lemonade at Noel's.

Go to Sperry's for Photos.

Patronize Boerners' Pharmacy.

Sterns & Willner have moved to No. 111 Clinton street.

Thurbur's, No. 5 Cigar, best 5-cent cigar in the market, at Whetstone's.

300 styles wall paper, and 200 styles decoration border at One-Price Cash Bookstore.

HISTORY OF JOHNSON CO.

A History of Johnson County is now in course of preparation by the Johnson County Historical Company. It will comprise a volume of about one thousand octavo pages, printed from large clear type, and bound in full morocco with gilt back and sides, and illustrated with portraits and views.

It will contain, first, a concise history of the State from its organization as a Territory to the present time, covering less than one-third of its pages, which will be followed by a complete history of Johnson County, including a detailed account of its Name, Location, Surface, Climate, Natural History, Geology, Botany and Zoology. The red man, the pioneers, their settlements and careers, first United States land entries, County Organization, Early Courts and Judges, Township organizations, Political Records from President to Coroners, from the first to the last election, with the vote each candidate received. Financial review, showing amount of revenues and their disbursement each year. Agricultural Interest, including a history of the Agricultural Society; Swamp, Saline, and other Public Lands, Railroads, the Newspaper Press, Educational Progress; Religious Advancement; Secret Societies; the Temperance Cause; Criminal History; War Record, including the names of every soldier in the late war, with an account of promotions, casualties, engagements, etc. Township and Towns, their first settlers and growth, including a history of Iowa City from its inception to the present time, comprehending the early State Institutions organized here, as well as those remaining. It is the purpose of the publishers to make a thorough, complete and correct history of this old Capitol County and present educational center of the State, one which will commend itself to the generous patronage of her people, and recognized as its standard history.

The work will be sold by subscription only, and a corps of efficient and reliable men will call upon the early settlers and prominent citizens of the county to gather facts for the work. The edition of the work will be limited to the subscriptions taken.

D. W. Wood, has charge of the canvass in Johnson County. For particulars, address him at Iowa City, Iowa, or call on him in person at the Auditor's office.

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EMERSON, PLATO, GOETHE.

In the delightful volume, *Representative Men*, the lamented Emerson sketched the character and genius of some ancient and modern worthies, among the ancient chiefly Plato, and among the moderns, Shakespeare and Goethe. Along with these we are treated to the mystic Swedenborg, and the conqueror Napoleon. Perhaps the most notable of these essays is the one on Goethe. To Plato, Emerson ascribes so much praise that one does not see, how after having said so much of man, he could find any more to say of the rest. "Out of Plato come all things that are still written among men of thought," he says. I hope it is no disrespect either to Emerson or his ancient prototype, Plato, to show in one instance that at least one important thing, perhaps the most important of all, does not come out of Plato. Perhaps, it would be easy to show this to be true of most things "that are written among men of thought," unless, indeed, we confound pretty dreams and poetic speculations with clear thoughts and definite conclusions. It stands to reason that a thinker like Goethe, if he really be what those who ought to know say he is, must possess not only the best thought of antiquity, but the best thought of the following centuries and of his own. This at least seems to be as clear as that the whole is greater than any of its parts. But as we have not the time or space to prove this of our subject in all cases, let the reader learn our meaning from a single case.

GOETHE ON MARRIAGE.

"Whoever strikes at marriage, whoever, by word or deed, undermines this, the foundation of all moral society, that man has to settle with me, and if I cannot become his master, I take care to settle myself out of his way. Marriage is the beginning and end of all culture. It makes the savage mild, and the most cultivated has no better opportunity for displaying his gentleness. Indissoluble it must be, because it brings so much happiness that what small exceptional unhappiness it may bring counts for nothing in the balance. The condition of man is pitched so high, in its joys and in its sorrows, that the sum which two married people owe to one another defies calculation. It is an infinite debt which can only be discharged through all eternity. Its annoyances marriage may often have. I can well believe that, and it is as it should be. We are all married to our consciences, and there are times when should be

glad to be divorced from them." —*Elective Affinities, Bohn's Edition.*

PLATO ON MARRIAGE.

"The law, I said, which is the sequel of this and all that has preceded, is to this effect,—that the wives of these guardians (of the republic) are to be common, and their children also common, and no parent is to know his own child, nor any child his parent." Then the communitary of wives and children is clearly the source of the greatest good to the state? "Certainly."

"And you agree then, I said that men and women are to have a common way of life, such as we have described,—common education and common children; they are to guard together and hunt together like dogs; and always in all things women are to share with the men?"

"I agree with you," he said. "That the brave man is to have more wives than others, has been already determined, and he is to have first choice in such matters more than others," etc.?

"That was agreed."

"The proper officers will take the offspring of the good parents to the pen, or fold, and there they will deposit them with certain nurses, who shall dwell in a separate quarter; but the offspring of the inferior, or of the better when they chance to be deformed, they will conceal in some mysterious, unknown place. Decency will be respected." They will * * * —*Plato's Republic, pp 275 to 299, of Jewett's translation.* C. A. E.

In publishing the following chapel record of the Professors of Cornell College, which was kept for the space of three weeks by the students, we wish to give fair notice that we intend to publish the chapel record of the Professors of the University for the coming four weeks. It is not to be expected, however, that they will make so good a record as the Cornell professors, as chapel is not compulsory here.

The following is the per cent of attendance of the faculty for the three weeks commencing April 14, 1882:

Pres. King, 13½	Prof. Cooke, 80
Prof. Boyd, 73½	" Burr, 60
" Harlan, 100	" Martin, 6½
" Kellogg, 100	Hanna, 100
" Freer, 33½	Leonard, 0
" Williams, 80	Fox, 13½
" Norton, 60	Brackett, 100
" Bunn, 100	Cummins, 0
Visitors, 3.	

The above shows some very low per cents, but it is a much better showing than last term. Pres. King and Prof. Freer should be exonerated, since they are both out of town three-quarters of the time, soliciting for the chapel.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

RALPH D. BELL, Editor.

WORTHY OF NOTE.

When Justice Hutton was made Justice of the C. P. in England, Lord Chancellor Francis Bacon gave him the following advice:

Draw your learning out of your books and not out of your brains.

Mix well the freedom of your own opinion with the reverence of the opinions of your fellows.

Continue the study of your books and do not spend upon the old stock.

Fear no man's face, yet turn not stoutness into bravery.

Be a light to juries to open their eyes, not a guide to lead them by their noses.

Affect not the opinion of pregnancy and expedition by an impatient and catching hearing of the counsellors at the bar.

Let your speech be with gravity, as one of the sages of the law, and not talkative nor with impatient flying out to show learning.

Contain the jurisdiction of your court within the ancient mere-stones, without removing the mark.

What about a class picture?

The boys are telling what they don't know about equity.

Prof. McClain is now delivering to the class some interesting lectures on constitutional law.

A large supply of eloquence will be for sale cheap, by quite a number of Laws, in about five weeks.

Four more weeks closes the time of actual recitations, and the classes are now undergoing a general review.

Rev. Folsom called on the class Wednesday, and entertained the boys awhile by imparting some very wholesome advice.

One of the members, who is of a political turn of mind, said as soon as he graduated he was going to "run" for notary public.

Messrs. L. C. Dennis and H. H. Artz, class '81, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of law at Gravity, Taylor county, Iowa.

The second nine whitewashed the first nine two successive innings on last Wednesday. The first nine had better look to its laurels.

It is rather amusing to hear the average person who calls and

makes a few remarks, commence by saying that the common masses look upon all lawyers as rascals. We do not see why this should be so, especially if the present class is anything from which to judge. Here we have 140 bright, beautiful and honest-looking young men, whose mothers had hard work to decide whether they should send them to a law or a theological school. It is sad, indeed, to think, that when these young men go out into the world, bright monuments of all that is noble and good, they should be stamped as villains, all because they are lawyers.

ACADEMY COLUMN.

J. H. DICKEY and T. Q. RECORDS, Editors.

Secure your reserved seats for the Botany class as early as possible.

Chamberlain, a last year's graduate, is a brakeman on the B. C. R. & N.

Contest for commencement. Speakers next Saturday. Twelve contestants, and six to be chosen.

Flickinger walks with the same old swing that he had before he became a soldier. Brace up, Flick.

A boating party and dinner in the woods would be very enjoyable, and enliven the dullness which surrounds us.

It is about time that the Botany class should have the excursion and holiday which was promised. Who'll be the one to start the scheme?

F. L. Breed, an old student of the Academy has been in Jasper county this spring. He will probably be in Iowa City during commencement.

The Academy and High School have had another game of ball. The challenge said for a ball and bat, but the High Schoolers failed to come to time with their players, and filled the place with another. The score stood 30 to 14, closing during the last half of the fourth. This does not show very scientific playing on either side.

Programme of Athenian Society, May 26:

- Salutatory—A. McCay.
- Declamation—F. Howe.
- Essay—B. N. Robertson.
- Declamation—Duane Hinkley.
- Debate—Affirmative, Gamble and Green. Negative, Kissler and Shaeffer.
- Music.
- Declamation—C. B. Balkins.
- Essay—John Killmar.
- Declamation—John Potter.
- Valedictory—R. W. Pugh.
- Music.

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 Sessions every Friday evening.

LOCALS.

Everybody dance!

Bicycles all the rage.

Frank Mayo to-night.

Ushers' benefit this evening.

Miss Agnes has routed the ague.

We have orders for photographs to sell.

The Zets did *not* adjourn for the circus.

See the programme for Commencement.

W. G. Sears will spend Sunday in this city.

All should go and hear Mayo as Davy Crockett.

Several calls for agents in our advertising columns.

"Pierce & Sanders, attorneys at law, Hastings, Neb."

See G. L. Hunt and George Gruber's card elsewhere.

Harry Truesdale went home yesterday, to spend Sunday.

President Pickard was in Chicago the first part of the week.

The Erodolphians have a good programme for this evening.

The City Council are inclined to hurry the water-works a little. Good plan.

A boom on subscriptions is what we desire, and another for advertising.

Several of our young people are attending the May Musical Festival at Cedar Rapids this week.

W. H. Cottrell, class '79, is in the city over Sunday. He is selling farm machinery at Sioux City.

Commencement programme will be published next week. Take notice, and govern yourselves accordingly.

Ed. F. Vincent, who left school some time ago on account of the illness of his sister, will not return this term.

All turn out to the meeting at the City Hall, this evening, to make arrangements for Decoration Day.

Sterns & Willner entertained their friends at their opening on last Tuesday evening in a very pleasant manner.

WANTED.—A young lady to embroider initials for the hat of a certain Freshman, who offers himself as the reward.

G. W. Huffman, writing from Drakesville, Iowa, says he is doing well in his school, and expects to return to the University next fall.

Prof. Currier is one of the examining committee at the next commencement of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Frank Cowgill is still at Plainview, Minn. He is much liked and is said to have the best organized church in the district.

W. H. Cottrell, class of '78, now dealing in farm machinery at Council Bluffs, Ia., remains in the city over Sunday. He is looking hearty.

D. M. Reynolds, class '81, has formed a partnership at Atlantic, and is prepared to attend to any legal business intrusted to him. Success, Dan.

Prof. Currier left Wednesday evening for Chicago, to be present as one of the examining committee at the graduating exercises of Morgan Park Theological Seminary.

Harvey Hostetler has left the Theological Seminary of New York, and is now pastor of a church in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. He will probably return to Iowa in the fall.

Go around and see Madame. She is feeding the hungry every evening. Ice cream and strawberries "take the cake," lemons and gingers knock the boys. Yours truly.

Miss Lizzie Osmond entertained the Alphas and Omegas Tuesday evening, April 25th. An elegant supper was served, and the guests spent a most pleasant evening.—*Kansas Review.*

C. H. Maris thinks Texas is a banner State. He is applying himself to the study of the Spanish language, and is looking over toward the City of Mexico, with some idea of going there.

Frank L. Mease, who has been suffering for some time from malarial fever, departed last Thursday for Dakota, where he expects to regain his accustomed vigor. Our best wishes attend him.

T. S. Records and Josiah L. Leech, graduates of the Medical Department this year, are both at West Branch, Iowa, and doing finely. They have a drug store in connection with regular practice.

E. H. Ely, manager of the educational department of the Northwest for J. B. Lippincott & Co., was in the city Tuesday, he was looking about for a property with a view of making his home here.

As the weather becomes warmer, the students long for cool, shady places, in which to study their lessons. The most novel place we have heard of yet has been discovered by some of the "cads."

J. H. Cozine, a native of Graham township, and a graduate of the Medical Department of the University, has hung out his shingle at Morse, and is dispensing medicine and mercy.—*West Branch Record.*

It now seems likely that Johnson county would have a reliable history, as a party with capital and brains has been found which will be outside the petty jealousies of local politicians. Mr. D. W. Wood, of this city, is the authorized agent for the same.

Mr. John P. Blair, who at one time published the *University Reporter* now of the *State Journal*, of Des Moines, was in the city the fore part of the week, looking after the interest of the History of Johnson county. A notice of the history appears in another column.

It was our pleasure while in Indianapolis to meet John L. Griffith, an alumnus of the State University. We take this opportunity to thank him for his kindness while in that city, and hope his flattering prospects in business will continue to grow with his years.

Leona A. Call, A. B. '80, who is teaching Greek in the Des Moines University during the present year, has been elected Professor of the Greek Language and Literature and instructor in French, in Central University, Pella, Ia. It is understood that she will accept. Central University is to be congratulated on having secured the services of a lady so worthy in every respect. Miss Call will win her way into the confidence and esteem of pupils, faculty, trustees and patrons of that University, and retain all she acquires. But how many professors of Greek is that family to furnish Iowa? Prof. D. F. Call here, Prof. L. A. Call, in Pella, and— who else? The more the better.—*Iowa City Republican.*

Valedictorian for class 1882—Mrs. Emma Gillespie.

Salutatorian—Mr. C. W. Helmick.

The choice receives the unanimous favor of the class.

A West Pointer notifies his father he got the g. b.:

"DEAR FATHER:
 Fatted calf for one!
 Yours, GEORGE."—*Ex.*

An Oil City young man was reading about recent doings in the Arctic regions, and his best girl was sitting near by, watching the wagging of his mustache as the words rolled out. She was evidently more deeply absorbed in the mustache than in the story. He continued:

"She arrived at the mouth of the river Lena about three months ago. The Jeannette was crushed—"

"What?" asked the girl, quickly standing up.

"Jeannette was crushed by—"

"Oh! but wasn't that just too lovely! Only think to be completely crushed!"

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"Jeannette, of course."

"Oh! how I wish I had been in Jeannette's place!"

Then the press of business necessitated turning down the gas.—*Ex.*

NEBRASKA CITY, May 11, '82.
 Editors *Vidette-Reporter*:

The pathos of my profane-signatured friend has affected me so deeply that I would be disposed to assume the authorship of *Lebeur d'Amour*, could I do so without the entire loss of my own self-respect. Like the small boy who said to his grandmother that he hoped she would die first, because he could stand trouble better than she could, I would be willing to exonerate Damnum O'Injuria of any connection in the matter, "perjuring myself like a gentleman," were it not for recent and unexpected developments that make the question one of personal honesty, instead of merely a violation of all the accepted rules of art and construction. As it is, I feel forced to make an explanation as to the true facts in the case, without regard to who may suffer in consequence.

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able mind, the contribution being received and published under his own name by responsible editors, well acquainted with his peculiar and inimitable chirography. Contributing it, however, most unfortunately, does not settle the question of its authorship. Of this I had doubts from the first. It was not in his usual style of poetic construction, it lacked the spirituality, the graceful sentiment, the Miltonic imagery, in which he, more than any other living poet, excels; and while I hesitated to accuse him, even in my own mind, of plagiarism, the conclusion was at last forced upon me by the discovery of the original.

I now close the controversy, for there can be no reply to this, with the assertion that the lines appearing in THE VIDETTE-REPORTER entitled *Labeur d'Amour* may be found in Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, edition of 1881, page 136, under the title "Love in Youth," two changes only being made in the transcription, and these of slight importance.

None can regret the aspect which the discussion has taken more than myself, and I sincerely hope that the public will look upon the conduct of Damnum O'Injuria simply as an indiscretion of youth, rather than as anything more serious. That he is capable of original thought, the letters that he quotes in his last communication fully demonstrate; and I can but consider the dishonorable action of which he has been guilty, if not attributable to lack of experience in literary matters, as one of the idiosyncracies of genius, for which there is no accounting. That he keenly feels the equivocal position in which he has placed himself, his last contribution shows, in its attempt to entirely disown any connection with the poem. Let us leave him to the reproaches of his own conscience. H. L. W.

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MONDAY, JUNE 19—Class Day, 4 P. M.

Law Oration, Col. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, 8 P. M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20—Law Commencement, 8 A. M.

Commencement Oration, Hon. G. Chapman, of Council Bluffs, 3 P. M.

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Alumni Oration, Mrs. Loughridge, of Annamaconda, India, 8 P. M.

Alumni Poem, J. M. Helmick, C.B., of Davenport, 8 P. M.

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