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WHEN James Fenimore Cooper was on his death bed he enjoined upon his family not to authorize any account of his life to be prepared. As a consequence his valuable private papers have been sealed so far as public view is concerned, and until this year no complete biography has been published. Prof. Thos. R. Lounsbury, of Yale College, is the author of the new book, and the following is the closing paragraph—a fine eulogy on an admirable character:

"The fearlessness and the truthfulness of his nature are conspicuous in almost every incident of his career. He fought for a principle as desperately as other men fight for life. The storm of detraction through which he went never once shook the almost haughty independence of his conduct, or swerved him in the slightest from the course he had chosen. The only thing to which he unquestioningly submitted was the truth. His loyalty to that was of a kind almost Quixotic. \* \* \* There was a royalty in his nature that disdained even the semblance of deceit. With other authors one feels that the man is inferior to his work. With him it is the very reverse. High qualities, such as these, so different from the easy going virtues of common men, are more than an offset to infirmities of temper, to unfairness of judgment, or to unwisdom of conduct. His life was the best answer to many of the charges brought against his country and his countrymen; for whatever he may have fancied, the hostility he encountered was due far less to the matter of his criticisms than to their manner. Against the common cant, that in republican governments the tyranny of public sentiment will always bring conduct to the same monotonous level, and opinion to the same subservient uniformity, democracy can point to this dauntless son, who never flinched from any course because it brought odium, who never flattered popular prejudices, and who never truckled to a popular cry. America has had among her repre-

sentatives of the irritable race of writers many who have shown far more ability to get on pleasantly with their fellows than Cooper. She has had several gifted with higher spiritual insight than he, with broader and juster views of life, with finer ideals of literary art, and above all, with far greater delicacy of taste. But she counts on the scanty scroll of her men of letters the name of no one who acted from purer patriotism or loftier principle. She finds among them all no manlier nature, and no more heroic soul."

THE editorial on the subjects of scholarships in last week's VIDETTE-REPORTER introduces a topic which is doubtless interesting to all students and very important to many who find it necessary to earn the money they pay for educational advantages in college. It is the question as to the desirability of students receiving scholarships or financial assistance from any source. In the article mentioned, the principal statement was to the effect that the possession of a scholarship renders a student dependent and so has a tendency to lessen his self-reliance and ambition. Now, as a matter of fact, these scholarships are intended as rewards of merit, not attainable by students simply on the ground of their need of such aid, but awarded after proof of ability and willingness to work has been shown. After a young man has worked his way through his preparatory course and a sufficient portion of his college course to secure a scholarship, he has thoroughly learned the lesson of self-reliance and independence. The principles of thrift, economy, perseverance and the value of money have been thoroughly impressed upon his mind and have become ruling elements in his character. How much longer must he repeat the lesson after he has so completely mastered it? It is undoubtedly true that for the full development of a young man's manhood and independence, a certain amount of reliance upon his own resources is indispensable. But there is a limit beyond which a young man depending upon his own labor for his support loses more than he gains. Take, for instance, a young man who is compelled to work two years to earn money to pay his four years college expenses. Suppose he has good sense and ambition. His experience in self-support previous to the time when he is prepared for college is enough, and his time is too precious, now when his intellect is beginning to grasp the glories of life and realize its opportunities, when his nature is most susceptible to ennobling influences and his mind most easily and thoroughly comprehends the facts of nature and history, when it is of the greatest importance for the preservation of our country that the correct principles of honor, nobility and patriot-

ism impregnate his whole being—this is the period when his time is too precious to be occupied in mere work of the hands to get food for the mouth. That should be provided for him and he should work only to obtain food for the brain. The case of any other young man who earns his way as he goes is the same, except that he uses a portion of his time daily for that purpose—perhaps even a worse plan than the other, because a division of attention prevents complete success in either direction in which the attention is directed. If one who has a scholarship loses his self-reliance as a result of his dependence, what may be said of him who receives his entire support from home? The former is in much more favorable circumstances for the encouragement of self-reliance, for his dependence is only temporary; both before and after his college life he is thrown upon his own resources—a state of affairs he must fully realize. Social intercourse is not a luxury; it is as much a necessity for the development of one's higher nature as Latin or history is necessary for complete education. Nothing can profitably be substituted for it and its omission is a dead loss. Still the indigent student is deprived of social advantages and that, too, at a time when he most needs it—the time of the formation of his character. To obtain a scholarship is to gain a victory and the successful student is thus encouraged to strive for excellence above his fellows—a most desirable result in college or in after life. The possession of a scholarship by a young man who has real manhood and noble aspirations will not make him an idler or a spendthrift, especially since his previous training has had a strong opposite tendency, and if "by some hook or crook" one should obtain the scholarship who is too lazy to earn his money, such a lot would be all the better for some learning in his head. So, considering all these things, it would seem that scholarships or some other limited aid for indigent and ambitious students is very desirable and on the whole decidedly beneficial. W.

### ZETAGATHIAN EXHIBITION.

The eighteenth annual exhibition of the Zetagathian Society took place at the Opera House last Friday evening under very favorable auspices. The audience was unusually large and attentive, and kept up a deep interest in the exercises throughout the entire programme. After music by the S. U. I. band, Mr. O. D. Wheeler, president of the evening, announced the salutatorian, Mr. C. R. Brown; subject, "Human Error." It was a well written production, and showed careful thought and study. Mr. Brown surpassed his former efforts, especially in his delivery. Mr. Mozier followed with a declamation, "The Speech of Ringan Gilhoize." The

selection was probably not as good a one as might have been made, but the rendition was excellent. An oration on the "Growth of Liberal Government," by W. M. Walker, engaged the careful attention of the audience, and elicited a hearty applause. Mr. Walker maintained, as he always does, a high standard of eloquence, and delivered his production well. Miss Agnes Hatch next favored the audience with a delightful solo, entitled "Barbara Fritchie," which was followed by the debate, *Resolved*, That the best interests of the country demand further restrictions on immigration; affirmed by Harris and Lowden, denied by Kennington and Enlow. Mr. Harris in the course of a good speech, said that immigration to this country was increasing too rapidly, and that its character was such as to demand restriction. The speaker also referred to the riots and strikes in large cities as the work chiefly of foreigners. Mr. Kennington, the next speaker on the negative, had a well-prepared speech, and delivered it very clearly and forcibly. He very naturally asked, who it is that has been building up this country in the past, and why a class of people who have made America what it is, should now, when their services are still needed, be restricted from coming? Mr. Kennington believed that our future prosperity depended largely on our foreign immigration, and that on this account our gates should not be closed against them. Mr. F. O. Lowden closed the debate for the affirmative with a speech that added much to his high reputation as a debator, as the applause while speaking testified. Mr. Lowden spoke extempore, and consequently brought out his arguments in a forcible and effective manner. He believed that the foreigner, coming as he does from under a different kind of government, is not fitted for taking a part in our political affairs, and is incompetent to solve the questions which are constantly presenting themselves to the American people. Lowden was followed by J. S. Enlow, who closed the debate with a speech replete with statistics to prove that immigration was not injurious to the country. He maintained that the character of Europe and was not essentially different from that of our own, and that as far as difference in forms of governments was concerned, Europe was gradually tending toward Republicanism. He firmly refuted the argument brought forward by his opponents that too large an immigration at present would reduce wages in this country. Mr. Enlow closed his remarks by comparing the great flood of immigration to the overflow of the Nile, bringing yearly rich and bountiful harvests. The question was decided by the judges in favor of the negative. After music, C. S. Magowan recited "Jim Baker's Blue-Jay Yarn," in a very creditable and pleasing manner. It was a difficult piece to render, but Mr. Magowan did it justice. The Valedictory oration was next delivered by W. H. Cobb; his subject was "The Higher Culture." This was by far the finest effort of the evening. Thought, style and delivery were perfect. The applause Mr. Cobb received testified the high appreciation of the audience. A vocal duet, entitled "Sweet Tears," excellently rendered by Misses Cole and Hatch closed the programme for the evening. The 18th annual Ex. was a success.

## HAWTHORNE.

BY WILLIAM T. SHEPHERD.

In her own way, and by her own mysterious agencies, nature projects and completes her grandest works. These agencies may be inscrutable in their action; their mystic influence may extend far down through the rolling tide of years. Yet these unseen forces pass steadily and unerringly on toward the consummation of their purpose. It required centuries to produce a Caesar, centuries more to bring forth the mighty genius of a Napoleon, and a world's life time to give us the transcendent mind of a Shakespeare. But the men who have illumined the history of their country and age have not entered upon the world's arena to find it made beautiful for their coming.

It was not in the sunny south, beneath the snowy magnolias' shade, but in the cold and sterile north, in quaint old storm-beaten Salem town, that America produced her greatest delineator of human nature, Nathaniel Hawthorne. It seems a strange school for such a mind. There could have been but little of delicate and poetic sentiment conveyed to him by the rugged and barren rocks of old New England, or by the hoarse threatening voice of the sea wind, howling and shrieking in its baffled rage against the weather beaten gables of his native home. The plain old town, unadorned by architecture or art, the busy mart, the hardy fishermen daily periling his life for the most scanty subsistence—all combined to make a most desolate picture, the struggle of life in its most forbidding aspect.

The blood of the stern, iron-willed old Puritans flowed calmly and steadily through his veins as if every drop felt that it had a duty to perform. Were these the conditions to produce such a powerful and refined imagination? Superficial critics have answered no, but wrongly. This calm, sedate, indomitable strength of intellect was the very secret of his imaginative faculties. Many minds rise into the realms of fancy by their very lightness and vapidness. Hawthorne reached and maintained his exalted position by the exertion of his own mighty powers. The sublime and beautiful structures of his imagination never tottered upon weak and insecure foundations.

As Hawthorne is without a peer, so he is without a counterpart in the domain of fiction. He possessed the romance of Scott, the gentle sarcasm of Thackeray, the wonderful descriptive powers of Dickens. But beneath these qualities there is an under current of earnestness that distinguishes him from all the others. Scott deals with the unfamiliar, the past, Hawthorne with the real, the present. Thackeray depicts the peculiarities of nation, family, and individual; Hawthorne brings us into contact with the great throbbing heart of humanity. Dickens was a keen observer of men's actions, Hawthorne of their thoughts.

His mind was clear and calm as the icy waters in the lakelets of his native New England. Yet who can say that his conceptions lack vividness or his characters

telling? He needed not to torture and convulse his own soul in order to understand the storms of passion that disturb the breasts of men. With a master's hand he sweeps the hidden chords of the human soul in a melody, sublime in its intensity, beautiful in its harmony, plaintive in its sadness. He touches the secret springs of our nature and awakens those faculties beyond the influence of the external world.

He places before us the drama of the soul, the mighty struggles and conquests alike possible to the humblest wight and the noblest lord. He teaches us the unsung romance that may lie concealed in the breast of the least pretentious.

There is an earnestness and consistency of spirit in his works that betokens a mind as philosophical as it is brilliant. His keen psychological study enabled him to interpret as no other could, the trials and perplexities, the joys and the sorrows of mankind. He saw those conflicting forces invisible to a less gifted vision; he saw the whirlpool of passion that roared and seethed in the human soul of the most tranquil appearing; he saw the concealed worm of agony and remorse that gnawed at the heart of the world's most revered. He shows us the terrible, pitiless tragedy enacting in the bosom of the gentle divine and the struggling artist. The stern, conscience serving spirit of his forefathers bade him hold up to the light of day the miserable and abject form of sin.

Yet the man who conjures up before us these mournful pictures, these scenes of heart-rending pathos, was no cynical misanthrope. He ever points out to us the bright spark of goodness that glimmers hopefully ever and anon through the obscuring gloom of sin, bravely struggling to keep alive its mystic flame.

Hawthorne's works were not the fruits of morbid and melancholy mind, selfishly confining its conception of human trial and action to the petty compass of its narrow being. He was the master of all the creatures of his imagination and was never to be found among them. No dark shadow had ever crossed his path of life to shut out from it forever the lights of joy and happiness. His touching pathos and sterling earnestness did not spring from a soul haunted by gloomy memories or oppressed with a burden of woe.

The soft tone of sadness that pervades his works is the necessary concomitant of their depth and beauty of spirit. The higher emotions are from their very nature, serious. We experience no feeling of joy in the contemplation of the surging torrents of the mighty cataract. On the contrary we are awed. We are not amused by the sublime and the beautiful. The realm of true art lies far above this. Man's higher nature, the source of his holiest inspirations, the abiding place of his most God like faculties, is not bright and joyous. The evanescent brightness of mirth ill becomes the sombre and majestic brow of genius.

Of all that gifted group, the world's life painters Hawthorne had the truest appreciation, the most comprehensive understanding of his art. He portrayed life in its broadest and grandest phase.

Though his colors are necessarily local, his pictures ever shadow forth, in their simple features and mellow tints, that exalted and universal essence of life which dwells in the breast of all. The portrait with its soft haze of fancy, touches our feelings and sympathies like a long forgotten landscape of our childhood, dimly rising through the twilight of years gone by.

He was the exponent of a newer and higher idea. He was the literary representative of the grand era of essential and effective truth that was then rising above the dissolving mists of speculative theory. An era that had for its object knowledge as an active and not as a potential force, and a true idea of life's purpose. It was to this end that Hawthorne studied with such grand success the many and diverse elements that go to make up that most complicated human organism, society. He overthrew the false notions founded upon rank and position and taught the nobler and truer idea of a universal life of mind and heart. He shows that not every hero has been a mail-clad knight, proud statesman, or hardy mariner; that not every heroine has been an enchanted princess or a Joan of Arc; that the brow that has been stained by the sweat of toil may conceive the grandest ideas, accomplish the most heroic acts; that the soul of the peasant may be filled with the truest feelings, the most exalted sentiment.

Patient and unrepining Hawthorne had awaited men's acknowledgment of his genius. And richly was he rewarded. He was the first of American authors to be admitted into that august circle, the world's great authors. He saw the little star of glory that hope had set in the horizon of his boyish vision, rise on upward toward its culmination with ever increasing splendor. His work was done. Fame stood ready to crown his memory with her fairest laurels, to blazon her shining records with his name that will ever be a symbol of all lofty and noble sentiment, a key to fancy's choicest treasures.

## WIGGINS AND WEATHER PROPHECY.

During the few past years there seems to have been a special effort made to revive the old so called science of astrology, that played so much on the credulity of the ancients, but we are in serious whether some of the ancients were more credulous than are some of the present generation. When the daily press fills its columns with predictions of coming events in changes of the atmosphere; when men fear to follow their daily vocations, when women in their anxiety for the future wish to revenge themselves on a so called prophet, then we must infer that an indulgent public is to a certain degree in sympathy with such men as Wiggins, Vennor, Tice and others of similar pretensions. For a verification of the above statements we cite the attention of any reader to the papers of the past two weeks. While many of them declare Wiggins to be a fraud, yet from the amount of attention they have given the subject and the expressions uttered by Wiggins concern-

ing the storm of March 9th one might, and no doubt many do, infer that the prophecy was fulfilled. The first objection and criticism we wish to make is the title given these men. On authority of Webster a professor is one who professes or publicly teaches any science or branch of learning; especially an officer in a university, college or seminary, whose business it is to read lectures or instruct students in a particular branch of learning. We believe that neither Mr. Wiggins or any of his cotemporaries ever occupied such a chair in any school of learning. Furthermore they are not public teachers of science. There is a science termed meteorology, which treats of the atmosphere and its phenomena, but such preposterous predictions have never been made or claimed by its true pupils and has no desire to be linked with these so called weather prophets. With all the appliances that modern ingenuity has been able to invent, with numerous organizations both State and volunteer, with a vast corps of experienced and learned observers, the weather service the world over undertakes no predictions for more than 48 hours ahead at the utmost, and when as did the U. S. Signal Service last fall, predict a mild winter, we see how unreliable it is and how easy is exposition to ridicule and loss of confidence made. And yet Wiggins, Vennor, and others, on presumptions they decline to make public, they predict changes in the weather for weeks and months ahead. That these men sometimes guess right we will not deny, but when we consider the limit of dates and extent of territory for which they predict, prophecy is out of the question. A limit of from two to five days is generally taken for a storm with an extent of territory varying from the United States to the whole world, it is not surprising that they should hit it sometimes in certain places. Now anyone who is an observer of the weather and who will take pains to examine the necessary records, can see that a change in the atmosphere occurs every few days, so that with the ever changing condition of the atmosphere it is not a very difficult matter to make predictions, but are they fulfilled? We answer, very seldom. The times set for storm periods have frequently been the calmest days and *vice versa*. In his predictions of the storm of March 9th, Wiggins was partially successful, but the magnitude which the storm was to take was never realized. The eastern part of the United States and Canada was affected by low pressure, but over the greater part of the continent only an ordinary wind blew, accompanied in some places by snow. Over the greater part of the continent, however, only a very common wind blew. Low barometer and high winds characterize this season of the year as evinced annually. There have been many days during the past winter, when lower barometer and greater storms prevailed than did last Saturday, but no prediction of them was made by these storm predictors and no special note was made of them. To summarize, we claim that present knowledge and means allow no definite predictions to be made for more than 36 hours ahead; that science claims no responsibility for Wiggins, Vennor, etc.; that they are frauds and impostors; that the fulfillment of the prophecy of the storm of March 9th was an ignominious failure.

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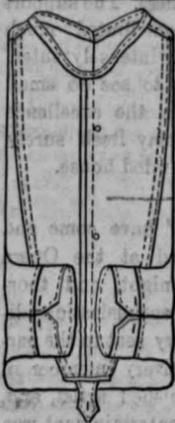
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R. W. Montague, with his cane, is in his classes once again.

Who does not enjoy a hearty laugh? Remember the Tourists.

Ed. Morgan starts for home to-day, to recuperate for next term.

The Irvings will give a funny programme on next Friday evening.

Miss Ella Brown, of Washington, is making a visit to her brother, C. R.

All are cordially invited to the joint session between the Laws and Zets.

Charles D. Stocker, of Des Moines, called upon his friends in the city on Wednesday.

Mr. A. J. Craven spent last Sunday in the city. He enjoys his work as Principal at West Branch.

Mr. Ingham, of the Algona Upper Des Moines, dropped in on us this morning. He will remain in the city a few days.

The High School contest on Thursday resulted in the choice of Miss Cora Ross, who will represent Iowa City in the contest at Cedar Rapids on the 22d of April. The choice was a good one, and we wish her all the success possible.

The Junior German Class have commenced their third work for this term, entitled, "Die Journalisten," by Freitag.

The Sophs oave outdone themselves. The ride to Mt. Vernon was too much. Their intended social last week was a failure.

Mr. Norton, of the Agricultural College, who was on his way to Ames, stopped over to see his friend, O. Y. Young, yesterday.

Mr. George L. Hunt, '84, who has been in Minneapolis during the past year, is in the city visiting his parents. He is going West next week to make his fortune.

After a diligent search the faculty have found the "unimpressible" young man for the leadership of the University Broom Brigade. For particulars, apply to Sam.

The Ohio oratorical contest held at Marietta resulted in a victory for Mr. Charles Kritchbaum, of Wooster University. His subject was "The Philosophy of Experience."

The Law who was so anxious to have all the china ware in the house saved, at the recent fire, was not so particular when he saw the crowd outside looking at what he held in his hands.

We are very sorry is is our duty to record the death of the mother of L. L. Miller. That gentleman went home yesterday, uncertain whether he would return or not. We would be sorry to lose so earnest a student and genial companion.

Prof. Fellows was absent from his recitations last Friday and Monday on account of the death of his mother, who has been living with him for some years. He accompanied the body to Illinois, where it was buried by the side of his father. He resumed his class work Tuesday.

The election at Irving Institute yesterday, resulted in the election of the following officers: J. A. Miller, President; E. N. Brown, Vice President; R. F. Galer, Recording Secretary; R. A. Greene, Corresponding Secretary; W. T. Shepherd, Treasurer. Rush C. Lake was chosen as June orator.

The Erodolphians held an election on last Saturday afternoon, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the spring term: Miss Ella Ham, President; Miss Hattie Cochran, Vice President; Miss Minnie Ingham, Recording Secretary; Miss Etta Hunter, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Cora Rynearson, Treasurer; Miss Jennie Hanford, June Orator.

The Juniors held one of their regular class meetings last Thursday afternoon and elected the following members to class offices, Charles Magowan, President; Miss Flora Clapp, Vice-President; Miss Belle Andrews, Secretary; W. F. Walker, Treasurer; Miss Cora Rynearson, Class Historian. A lively fight over

the position of Sergeant-at-arms then ensued, which ended in a futile attempt to elect Thayer and Clarke to that office. You have our sympathies, gentlemen.

The band acquitted itself with great credit at Cedar Rapids last week. Compliments were bestowed upon it by all hands, and they were all merited, as good judges state. The band has gained an enviable reputation throughout the State wherever it has appeared, and is still steadily improving. The boys are united in a laudable endeavor to make it the best organization of the kind in the State, and they are in a fair way to achieve that enviable distinction.

On last Wednesday evening the people of Iowa City were treated with a romantic comedy drama, entitled "Fogg's Ferry," by the Minnie Madder Dramatic Co. Of all the entertainments given in this city during the season, it was, without doubt, the best. The acting of Miss Madder in the character of "Chip," was excellent and faultless. The support was strong, and contributed much toward making the play intensely interesting. We were sorry to see so small an audience present, for the excellence of the acting and the play itself surely were deserving of a crowded house.

The jolly "Tourists" have come and gone. They appeared at the Opera House on Saturday night, and thoroughly delighted an enthusiastic audience, which filled every seat in the parquette and gallery. Every member of the company is a finished artist, and, taken as a whole, the entertainment was fully equal to the best that has been given in the hall for many years. It began with a picnic party, and ended with a trip across the continent in a Pullman car, during which many pleasing songs were sung by different characters, among which were selections from various popular operas.—*Decatur Republican*.

Wednesday evening seven picked men, called Backinsto's filled with a high conception of their physical powers, led by the far-famed, athlete Miller, and followed by all the hooting rabble of their neighborhood, marched up to the McChesney mansion, and with taunts and jeers, challenged them to a trial of strength. The McChesney warriors were not slow to answer. Immediately the apparatus for the contest, a long knotted rope, was brought forth, and then came "the tug of war." The Backinstos, confident of their own strength, at the first pull gave ? their opponents fifteen feet. Bitterly did they repent their generosity, for grunt and strain as they would, they could not recover the lost ground. Finally exhausted by useless efforts, they cunningly sprung a cry of "foul," but not being sustained by the umpire, the garland of victory was awarded to the denizens of Bloomington street.

Easter cards at Allin, Wilson &amp; Co's.

Next Friday evening the Laws and Zets will hold a joint session in the Zetagathian Hall, to which all are cordially invited. Programme:

Music—Piano and flute trio, Messrs. C. Z. and G. A. Day and Gray.

Salutatory—"The Laborer," W. F. Walker.

Declamation—"Only the Beautiful Sea," Paul Caster.

Music—Law Quartette, T. E. Stout, 1st Tenor; F. A. Vanderpoel, 2d Tenor; Frank Gray, 1st Bass; R. G. Morrison, 2d Bass.

Debate—*Resolved*, That the U. S. Government committed an error in granting the negroes the right of suffrage. Affirmative—R. H. Hawkins, W. F. Critchfield. Negative—W. M. Walker, S. B. Howard.

Music.

Valedictory—"The Old and the New Civilizations," F. G. Hanchett.

Music.

The time is drawing near at hand when the work in the gymnasium will cease, and if there is to be an exhibition given by the athletes, or any contest between them, it is time the matter was being discussed, and arrangements made for whatever is to be done. If something of this kind could be done, the interest in gymnasium work would be increased, and those looking on would no doubt derive considerable pleasure therefrom.

There are surely gymnasts enough in the several classes who are desirous of distinguishing themselves upon the bars and pole, to make a very spirited contest. The Association has not a sufficient amount of money in the treasury to be able to award medals, but the honor will be a sufficient incentive, and perhaps in future medals of some kind can be procured to award the best general athlete, and also to those making a specialty of any one kind of work. Let the athletes consider the matter, and, if practicable, let us have something of the kind the first of next term before the warm weather commences and takes away all enthusiasm for physical sports within doors.

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A letter to Mr. Erwin from Bushnell, Ill., Wednesday morning brought the sad news of the death of Mr. B. C. Moss, the injured law student. Though not unexpected it brought with it that sadness which is always felt at the loss of a fellow worker in a common cause. By his bright open manner he had won the esteem of his instructors and those of his fellow classmates with whom he came in contact, and by his death a promising young man is taken from our number. On Thursday the class adopted the following resolutions of respect:

WHEREAS, B. C. Moss has been taken from us by death; and,

WHEREAS, We greatly deplore his loss and deeply regret his untimely end, feeling that from our midst we have lost a kind friend and an earnest classmate; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Law Class, take this mode of expressing our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends in their bereavement, and that his seat be draped in mourning the remainder of this term.*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, published in the VIDETTE-REPORTER, and the Bushnell Record.ELI COLE,  
R. R. BALDWIN,  
EDWIN G. ERWIN,  
Committee.

On Tuesday night the lecture room was again crowded to hear the second of Judge Love's lectures. His subject, as announced, "Civilization; The Old and the New," had raised the expectations of the audience very high, when they considered the eminent ability and keen, logical, discriminating mind of the speaker, and the lecture which they heard must have satisfied even the most critical. Beginning by divesting the subject of the myths and fancies of the past, he proceeded to show in a clear terse style wherein the ancients excelled us and wherein we excel them, introducing many cutting hits on the most notable follies of the present and giving many curious illustrations of the disadvantages of the ancients, much to the delight and pleasure of the audience. There was the most marked attention throughout and the frequent applause indicated the happy manner in which the audience received the lecture, every one seeming to feel as though it would have been a pleasure to have listened as long again. We should like to give an outline of the lecture, but this would only distract from what was such a perfect whole, even if space permitted. The Judge has placed the class and others under many obligations by his kindness, and we assure him that it is not unappreciated.

Monday night the Jolly Tourists will appear at the Opera House. Don't fail to see them.

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## LAWS OF IOWA RELATING TO THE WIFE.

In Iowa the wife is legally regarded as a separate and distinct person, retaining in her own right and control all her real and personal property, and this, whether acquired by descent, gift, or purchase, and she may manage, sell, convey and devise the same by will to the same extent and in the same manner that the husband can property belonging to him. Neither can dispose of the dower interest of the other. The increase of her personal property belongs to her and cannot be taken for the husband's debts. Where the wife takes property jointly with her husband they take as tenants in common. Should the husband obtain control or possession of any portion of her property, the wife may maintain an action therefore against him the same as if unmarried. For her torts the wife alone is liable and her husband cannot be sued therefore, except in cases where they would be liable if the marriage did not exist; that is where they have been jointly engaged in the commission of the injury. Under the code the wife retains the right to receive the wages of her personal labor and may maintain an action therefore in her own name, and she may prosecute and defend all actions at law or in equity for the preservation and protection of her rights and property the same as if unmarried. But the wife has no general right of action against her husband. The section making the provisions just mentioned was relied on by the plaintiff in a recent case decided by the Supreme court, in which the plaintiff, a widow, sued the administrator of her deceased husband for fifteen hundred dollars for caring for, protecting and managing her husband during an insanity of sixteen months. The court however, refused to allow the claim, saying that if she could have a valid claim against the estate she would have one against her husband, and they ask: "Would the maintaining of an action against the husband for nursing him in his sickness greatly promote the happiness and harmony of the family?" "We cannot place a construction upon the law which would render such an action possible, or be fraught with consequences so disastrous to the best interests of society." The words, "wages of her personal service," do not mean that the wife becomes the hired servant of her husband and as such entitled to recover of her husband for services in the performance of the domestic duties which she has by the marriage vow bound herself to perform. The husband and wife assume mutual duties and obligations towards each other and the mutual discharge of the same by the parties constitutes the only compensation contemplated by law. The wife alone is liable for her debts contracted previous to coverture, and her wages, earnings and property, or rents and increase of such property, are not liable for the debts of the husband.

Under the code it seems she may contract and incur liabilities and the same

may be enforced against her to the same extent and in the same manner as if she were unmarried. This section was construed in a comparatively recent case. The facts were these: The wife had agreed to sign a mortgage of the homestead, and did sign an instrument in blank with that intention. She then went away on a visit. In the meantime, the husband discovered that the instrument was an absolute convenience, and concluded to sell the property. Without informing his wife of his intention he proceeded to effect a sale, and finding a purchaser, he filled the blanks in the deed, transferred possession and received the money. The wife afterwards asserted her right, but the court said that the statute in bestowing upon the wife equal property rights with the husband imposes upon her the same obligations. She had signed the instrument in blank, and an innocent person should not be allowed to suffer by her carelessness. We come now to the "family expenses," and here we find the husband and wife jointly liable. Family expenses include the education of the children. The acts and agreements of the husband relating to family expenses are binding upon the wife without any expressed consent on her part, provided there be no fraud or collusion between the husband and creditor. What constitutes a family expense depends upon the condition of the family as to wealth, habits, &c. What would be a family expense in one case might not be in another. The only criterion seems to be, "was the expenditure a family expense?" incurred for, on account of, and to be used in the family. If so, the wife's separate estate is liable. "The wife's separate property is liable for any contracts of which she and her family have derived the benefit." The wife may convey and encumber her real estate the same as any other person. She may even convey directly to her husband, and if the conveyance be untainted by fraud and fraudulently obtained, it will be upheld. Instead of, as at common law, a life estate in one-third of all her husband's real property, as dower, the wife now receives, in lieu of a dower, a fee simple title in one-third of all the legal and equitable estate in real property possessed by the husband during coverture, and which has not been sold on execution, or other judicial sale, and to which she has not relinquished her right. And this interest is not, as the interest of heirs, subject to the payment of claims against the estate. And the widow's right to the statutory share of her personal property cannot be affected by a will of her husband, unless she assents thereto. The wife cannot make a valid contract with her husband to relinquish her right of dower in his estate. The wife forfeits all her interest in the property of her husband when a divorce is granted for her fault. There are several provisions that apply more especially to the family. The first is that, the homestead of every family, whether

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The following was clipped from a stenographers note-book: I had eaten very heartily of raspberry jam before retiring for the night. (By the way this is one of the most popular dishes of the light-fingered fraternity). I dreamed that I was translated to the stenographer's happy hunting grounds, Hook City on Crook River. A beautiful specimen tree, with its fine circling branches suggested to me many improvements on the system of Short-Hand, but while being taken in by the many pleasures of this fairy land, his Satanic Majesty, the phonographer's chief genii appeared and said, "I have a contested election case for you, behold all is ready, write." I had taken the deposition of one witness, when I suddenly awoke from my slumbers to find myself lying under the bed, with a sheet tightly wound around my neck, and the walls of my room literally covered with Short-Hand characters. He further tells us that somehow next day there was a great resemblance between the proprietor of that house and him who had visited him in his dreams.

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