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It is with regret that we announce the retirement of Mr. J. W. Bopp from the editorial staff of the VIDETTE-REPORTER. Mr. Bopp has for two terms conducted the Law Department, and it is but simple justice to him to say that he has been the ablest editor that department has ever had. Mr. Bopp possesses rare journalistic ability, and we predict for him a brilliant future.

A FRENCH protestant theologian, Fontanes, in speaking of the German Lessing, makes the following remark: "Without betraying one's own country, without wishing to lower it, one may admit that in the domain of the spirit and intellect, and particularly of religion, Germany has always had an initiative, a power of direct recognition, a boldness of investigation which it would be childish to deny, and which indicate its mission in modern civilization." "In literature as in theology he (Lessing) has cleansed the Augean stables. He has opened new careers, inspired new and special labors, re-awakened enthusiasm; he is the father of modern criticism." Madame de Stael had said of Lessing, some 75 years ago, that "Diderot (with whom some have compared him) put into his pieces the affectation of the natural in place of the affectation of the conventional, whilst the talent of Lessing is truly simple and sincere." Fontanes adds to the remark quoted: "I believe, therefore, that we ought to study the masters of German science with greater care and to renounce the stale jokes about their unfathomableness." The stale jokes here referred to will, of course, continue to be made. It is so much easier to joke than to study.

ALL the nations in the world, except four fail to make their incomes equal their expenses. These four are the United States, England, Belgium, and Holland. Our country seems to present by far the best showing, because, notwithstanding the monstrous extravagances of Congress in some directions,

the government is rapidly reducing its debt. England manages to apply a few millions each year to the reduction of her immense national debt, while Holland and Belgium just about "make both ends meet," and thus keep even. Austria has just asked for a loan of over seven million dollars to cover half the deficit of 1883, and the finances of the other great powers of Europe are in a deplorable condition. They borrow money and invest it in gunpowder and expensive armament. These they proceed to use up, and the result—as far as national prosperity is concerned—is about as substantial as the smoke their countless cannons emit. Such investments have no productive force, and they resolve themselves into simply a system of brag, rendered necessary by their position "It is a curious subject for speculation when and how this continual piling of old Pelions of new loans upon Ossas of new debts is going to end," says the *Globe-Democrat*, and adds, "The puzzle of it is, who is going to be finally the loser by this international game of brag. Somebody will some time be left to hold the bag." Fortunate United States! With murmuring oceans on two sides, barbarians on the south, and a wilderness on the north, (except that comparatively small territory which the cities and towns of Canada, not a rival, occupy), there is no great enemy from the outside world to strive against, and no great army or navy is necessary. She may invest her surplus revenue in railroads, improvements of natural highways of commerce, in the education and protection of her people, and the promotion of all legitimate industries. These will all react, bringing additional wealth and happiness.

In a letter lately received from a former student, now at Harvard, mention is made of the perfect stillness which is maintained in the library of that institution, and a comparison instituted between that studious, quiet and assured freedom from interruption, and the noisy bustling reading room and library of our University, as the writer remembered it. The comparison was fair enough for former years, but we can now congratulate ourselves that during the past year, in our new quarters, a very different order has prevailed, and quiet is preserved to a reasonable degree. We think that far the greater number of those now frequenting the library, go there to study. It is true that there are a few whose "conversational turn" is so strong that their entrance is a signal for some disturbance of the calm, and their vicinity is generally *murmurous* to say the least, yet that so much has been accomplished toward overcoming the habits of years, and reducing the library to its proper condition as a resort for those who wish to read or study or think, is matter of re-

joicing. Some, indeed, may be found who regret the gay assemblages of the reading room of the past. There was, in fact, many a delightful conclave in that old northeast corner with its crowded tables and deep window recesses. Here a Zet or Irving caucus, and there a class committee, yonder a group about a lexicon, noisily preparing the day's translation, or a half dozen laws looking over the morning papers and discussing the telegrams, or a youthful guest or two entertained with peanuts and University small talk, while amid all the commingling roar and clatter some few intently, yes, really studying and other *tous les deux* withdrawn to the window embrasures apparently oblivious both of the racket and observing eyes. All this formed, indeed, a charming kaleidoscopic scene, but it must be admitted it was not appropriate to the place. It might have been a carnival but never a true reading room. And so we may say success to the new regulations, and a cordial invitation to the few who do not appreciate what is fitting but must eternally be talking, to remain away.

THE United States can boast the possession of some of the greatest natural wonders in the world. We would refer especially to Niagara Falls and the National Park. The question as to what extent these unrivalled wonders may, with propriety, be utilized by corporations for money making enterprises, is one which has received considerable attention within the last few years from the newspaper press. The unlimited power which Niagara Falls would afford if properly utilized has led capitalists to turn their attention in that direction as a feasible location for vast mills and factories. But earnest appeals have gone forth, calling for the protection of Niagara by Congress against such desecration. There can be no argument in favor of the establishment of such schemes there, for plenty of unutilized water-power exists in that part of the country, and even if such were not the case, the loss of the natural ornaments around the falls would be far greater to the country at large than the loss would be if the mills and factories were never built. Desecration also threatens the National Park, for companies would like to obtain monopolies of certain branches of industry that tourists would be compelled to patronize. For instance, one corporation would like to own all the hacks and other conveyances, another company would like to own all the hotels, and so on. A contract lately entered into between the officers of the department of the Interior and certain capitalists may be the entering wedge which will in time make a gap wide enough to admit these monopolies. However, the contract in question provides for such control by the Government over the enterprises proposed, that

there shall be no evil results, as will be seen. This contract provides for the erection of seven hotels in the National Park, one of which is to cost \$150,000. The sites for all of these buildings are specified and the charges are to be under the control of the Government. The contract will hold for ten years, and at the end of that time the value of the property is to be adjudged by arbiters and the Government may assume control of it. If these regulations are strictly adhered to, the hotels will prove a great convenience to travelers; but if they are not, they may become a means of great extortion.

The following rules for debate were given by Prof. Fellows:

1. Secure a clear and exact statement of the question.
 - a. The proposition you advocate.
 - b. The proposition of your opponent.
2. Study both sides of the question.
 - a. Begin with the opposite side.
 - b. Study your own side in the light of this.
3. Adhere to your own question.
4. Arrange the arguments then gathered so that they will naturally support each other.
 - a. Arguments for indirect proof.
 - b. Arguments for direct proof.
 - c. Arguments for refutation.
 - d. Review a and b.
 - e. Omit weak arguments.
 - f. Place the strong points last.
5. Resent not only abstract arguments but also concrete illustration.
6. Be brief in refutation.
7. Treat your opponents with respect.
8. Maintain self possession and good temper.

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She was a fair Vassar miss of nine-
Teen summers, fond of gum;
He was a sturdy Acta man,
(His summa hadn't cum.)

They talked of dancing, gloves, and fans,
Of Schurz, and of The Nation,
When cautiously the maid began
To turn the conversation.

She said she long had had in mind
A Press Association,
And hoped that she might count upon
His full co-operation.

The youth remarked their minds were one,
A very pleasant unity;
And said he thought they should embrace
This happy opportunity.

He gave the maid his firm support,
And took hold with a will;
And, thanks to them, the I. P. C.
Is well and prosperous still.

—Crimson.

THE HIGHER CULTURE.

[An oration delivered at the Zetaganian exhibition by W. H. Cobb.]

The genius of humanity develops slowly. Through ages of inquiry, conjecture, and effort, the simplest truths are discovered and new conceptions are realized. The past in strewn with the ruins of worn-out theories and decayed institutions, and each step in the march of man from barbarism to civilization is marked by the birth of a new idea.

Two general eras characterize the world's progress.

There was a time when physical culture was the idol of the age. When the overplus of energy worked itself off in combats of muscle and physical endurance. The victor in Olympic games and gladiatorial contest were a prouder crown than sceptered kings. His ideal was the mighty Hercules, the hero of twelve labors and the God of strength.

But the incarnation of this idea is seen in broader fields and martial arrays. The history of early nations is little else than that of wars, of armies falling on a thousand bloody fields, of tottering thrones, of crumbling empires and wasted dominions. The whole life and thought of the people were within these limitations. From these, poets, painters, and sculptors drew their inspiration. Homer sang the matchless prowess of Achilles; Virgil, the downfall of Troy and the hardships of Æneas. Pamphilus painted the wanderings of Ulysses, and Phidias chiseled into living marble the perfect forms of physical culture.

But long before this era had reached its culmination men, born in advance of their time, had grasped the idea of mental supremacy. Gradually it grew. Philosophy sprang into being and found its grave in science. The conquest of truth became the passion of the age. Reason, confident in her resources, sent forth her sons under all auspices and in every direction. The astronomer followed the wandering stars, detected their elements weighed them in his balances and deduced their laws and motions. The geologist dug into the bowels of the earth and read the rocky pages of her history. The chemist and naturalist

pried into the intricate secrets of matter and life. And in every department they have traced the footsteps of truth to the border line of the infinite.

Mechanical genius has not been idle. Everywhere ideas have assumed material forms and thoughts have been woven into action. The cunning brain of man has devised railroads, humming factories, halls of learning, and temples of worship. It has trimmed the white wings of commerce and has worked itself out in all the comforts of civilized life.

With these wondrous revelations of spade and crucible, of microscope and telescope, the thought—activity of the age has become intense and the man of to-day, standing upon the shoulders of sixty centuries, represents the evolved culture of the ages.

But in the great scheme of human development the end is not yet. Physical culture flourished, then yielded its scepter. Mind blossoms and bears fruit. But mind can never scatter the wild warring forces that have deluged the past with blood and are filling the present with contention and discord. Truly knowledge is power. But it is the same to the demon that it is to the angel. In itself it is neither good nor bad, a blessing nor a curse. Like the sword it derives its character from the direction which its possessor gives it. Though the intellect blaze with celestial brilliancy, sensuality and avarice, ambition and jealousy, vanity and pride will live and act, and act, too, in a broader field, with a keener eye, with a deeper wisdom, with a more refined art, and work out with more terrific energy their desolating effects.

There is another realm, an inner world, beyond the reach of lance or scalpel. It is in the heart, the home of the soul. Here are the sources of creative energy, the springs of human action. I know the heart does not make the thoughts any more than mountains make the streams that gush from their glassy sides. But it forms their conditions within the mind and makes the channels which gather up the thoughts and roll them in deeper and deeper currents to the fields of activity. The judgment is its informer, the will and conscience are checks and modifiers. But upon all these it has a reflex influence, blinding the judgment, bending the will and perverting the conscience. Hence from the heart originate the noblest impulses and the wildest discords; within it the fierce fires of passion burn and the gentle dews of heavenly grace distill. Through it man's life is led to the wildest and widest extremes or glides gently on in the golden grooves of peace. The higher culture, is the culture not of the head in knowledge, but of the heart in wisdom.

It is a beautiful hypothesis of a certain school of thinkers that there is a progressive order among created beings, from the smallest particles of inanimate matter to the highest archangels around the throne of God. Through countless ages of growth and differentiation man has reached a higher plane than his earthly associates. His individuality is of the most comprehensive type. Brain is a

link connecting him with beings irrational, heart with spirits immortal.

Whether this be true or not it is certain that man has not yet fully realized the vast resources and possibilities of his nature. Humanity has come warring, struggling, surging through the ages, seeking a panacea for its ills, yet neglectful of its higher powers through whose aid alone the discordant elements may be harmonized. In halls of state and thoroughfares of life passion holds undisputed sway. Only from altars of religion have those influences gone forth which are binding lives with the silken cords of love and uniting all mankind in a common brotherhood.

Emerson says: "Very few of our race can be said to be as yet finished men. We still carry, sticking to us, some remains of the preceding quadruped organization. If love with tears and joy, if want with his scourge, if war with its cannonade, if trade with its money, if Christianity with its charity, if art with its portfolios, if science with its telegraphs through the deeps of time and space can set man's dull nerves throbbing, and by loud taps on the tough chrysalis, can break its walls and let the new creature emerge erect and free—make way and sing a paean the age of the quadruped is to go out, the age of the heart is to come in. Man's culture can spare nothing—needs all materials."

We are laying the foundation of a grander temple than any of which the Greeks ever dreamed, and we toil amidst the dust and rubbish waiting for the goddess and the shrine. Nothing shall drive from me the belief that there is arising here in America, amid all our cares and frivolities, a type of culture new to history, from which shall proceed in ages yet to come an influence more tender, a majesty more pure and grand than any which intellect ever could attain.

Through tears and smiles, through the joys and sorrows which have united hearts in all ages, through the exercise of rights never before conceded, of duties never before imposed, the spirit of progress is teaching the golden rule. The time is coming when "nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares, their spears into pruning hooks" and humanity as a unit will bow at the shrine of conscience and acknowledge the sway of her scepter.

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And I once, in my romancing,
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I forget this always when
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When her heart is at its lightest,
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If he walks with a stride, and he wears the expression of a martyr, the deepest heroic misery, his back button is attempting to saw his neck.

If he habitually walks near the edge of the pavement, and wears a meek, pensive look; he is a family man.

If he is the genius of elegance, he politely gives the inside of the pavement to each handsome young lady, rudely jostling or crowding off in gutter each washerwoman; he is a gentleman, but a fop.

If he bears a very stately bearing, his chin well pointing up, and elegant paid-for clothes; he is not a R. R. agent, nor even a defaulting bank clerk, but he is a clerk in a dry goods house.

If his form is long, lean and lank, his shoulders stooping, his forehead and intellectual, his features careworn, his eyes restless and on the alert, his ear supporting a nicely sharpened pencil, his pockets stuffed with manuscripts and greenbacks, and his walk a combination of energy, speed and ungainliness; he is a reporter.—*Ex.*

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know they were there. I call that elegance." "Is that what you call it?" said Holland, the actor. "Well, we call it gall."

There was a young lady called Nancy,
 Who, for bric-a-brac, had such a fancy,
 That a family jar,
 'Twixt her par and her mar,
 Delighted the soul of Miss Nancy.

Bradlaugh sings:
 Miss Parliament, I love you true:
 Oh shorten my probation;
 I cannot take my oath, will you
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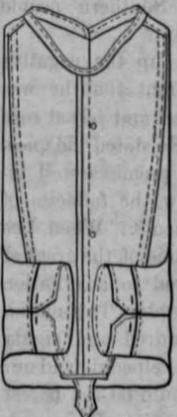
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LOCALS.

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There will be no issue during vacation week.

C. E. Wickham has joined a surveying party.

The Laws held their class election last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Harvy Ingham returned home the fore part of the week.

Selleck is diffusing spiritual light somewhere in Dakota.

Grind, ye Juniors, grind, for the time of the contest is near at hand.

Mr. Hitchcock, of last year's class, has been in the city during the past week.

Mr. Fitch, who has been teaching school during the winter, returned on Monday.

E. Joel Cornish has secured a position with an influential law firm in Omaha, Neb.

A gust of wind saved the life of one of our seniors the other day. Ask C. R. for particulars.

Mr. McDowell has been on the sick list for the past few days. We look for his speedy recovery.

Several of the students spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Prof. Hinrichs on Tuesday.

Kansas State University wants to play the S. U. I. a game of football. Come to us and we'll satisfy you.

And thus is the winter of our discontent rendered exceedingly delightful by a week's examination in chemistry.

The Misses Scofield, of Washington, have, during the past week, been the guests of the Misses Wilson on Johnson street.

Miss Mina Selby has been elected assistant in the Waterloo schools. Miss Selby is eminently fitted to fill the position and we congratulate her upon her good fortune.

A. J. Craven spends Sunday in the city.

A Vassar girl says onions are good for keeping the lips from chapping and the chaps from lipping.

Miss Anna Wilkinson, of Atalissa, is making her sister Lucette a visit of a few days. She will remain over Sunday.

Mr. D. L. Skiff came down from the Normal school last night to visit his brother. He was present at the Zet business session and was very much impressed with the decorum of that orderly society.

The entertainment given at the Opera House last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Unitarian church was exceedingly entertaining, and proved a success financially.

We regret to announce that Lieut. Thurston will not be with us next year. Next term will be his last as Major of the S. U. I. Battalion, as he goes to New Orleans in July.

Miss Anna Hinrichs has been compelled to be absent from school for the past week on account of sickness. She is, however, convalescent, and will return to school again soon.

Mr. Hal D. Allen surprised his friends on Saturday eve by appearing in the city. Business which seems to agree with him, would not permit him to remain longer than Monday morning.

Prof. Parker was called to Nebraska the fore part of the week by the death of a brother-in-law. The Professor returned on Friday, in time to examine his class before the end of the term.

The Iowa City Academy has changed hands, the Hiatt Brothers having sold out to Mr. Graves, formerly of Ackley. Mr. Graves is a gentleman well known in educational circles and will make a first-class manager of the Academy.

The long promised index to the *Popular Science Monthly* has just been received and placed in the library. It includes volumes I. to XX. and supplements. The index to the succeeding volumes is continued in the Periodical Index on cards.

The election of the Hesperians a week ago resulted in the choice of the following officers: Miss Nellie Custer, President; Miss Lulu Gorton, Vice-President; Miss Inez Philbrick, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Linder, Treasurer; Miss Kate Reed, June Orator.

By some mistake a report of the Zetagathian election was omitted in our last issue. The following officers were elected for the spring term: W. H. Cobb, President; W. F. Walker, Vice-President; Coe, Secretary; C. H. Magowon, Treasurer; J. T. Chrischilles, Anniversary Orator.

Mr. Bricker, who will graduate at the Conservatory of Music at Boston next year, writes as follows: Zeigler of class '78 will graduate at Harvard this year; Patrick, valedictorian of class '78, graduates at Yale; Younkin is pursuing his studies at the Boston Theological school; Wilcox of class '81 is at Harvard.

There are a few unwritten laws of our library to which attention needs occasionally to be directed, such as the use of the shelves as footstools; elevating the feet to the level of the head; spitting upon the floor. The latter offense very seldom occurs, and we are glad of it, for it is a most odious habit, though why any one should consider the staircase a more fitting place, is not quite clear.

ZETS AND LAWS.

The joint session of the Laws and Zets last night was one of the most successful programmes given to the public for a long time. Every available place for a chair or standing room was taken early and every one seemed to expect something rare and all the other societies had adjourned.

The opening exercise, a pleasing trio by C. L. and G. A. Day and Frank Gray, put every one in good spirits for the salutatory oration by W. F. Walker. His subject, "The Laborer," gave him a fine field for thought, which he covered well. His delivery was earnest, giving the impression that it was not a mere matter of memory, but that he felt what he was saying of those who were "once slaves, then Serfs, but now freemen."

Paul Custer then delivered in a creditable manner, "Sparticus' address to the Roman envoys." His appearance and voice were well suited to his subject.

The Law quartette, composed of Messrs. T. E. Stout, F. A. Vanderpoel, R. G. Morrison, and Frank Gray, next sang "Over the Beautiful Sea" in such a happy style that they were heartily encored.

Mr. R. H. Hawkins, of the Law Literary, opened the joint debate on the question, *Resolved*, That the United States government committed an error in granting the negroes the right of suffrage. He started out with a clear, condensed statement of the leading reasons existing after the war, for granting the elective franchise, such as the strong sympathies aroused by the war, the desire to use these votes by the leading party, the fear of the Southern white, etc., and then went on to show that these were not such reasons as should govern a nation in determining matters affecting all time to come. Ignorant voters make bad government, as shown by "carpet-bag" rule. If a similar attempt were now made to throw eight hundred slave voters on us here in the North we would then have some idea of how the Southern people felt.

W. M. Walker took up the negative and it was soon apparent that he was familiar with his subject and felt at ease before his audience. He stated the question clearly, and from premises well taken proceeded to show the fallacies of his opponent's arguments. When Lee surrendered to Grant one of the greatest problems ever presented to any nation faced the American people. This nation owed to the one hundred and eighty thousand negroes who helped defend our flag a debt which it would be the basest ingratitude not to recognize. He regard-

ed the right of suffrage a natural one and no government had a right to exclude a class for illiteracy when a large proportion of its own members are in the same condition. The inhuman "black laws," the hatred of the whites, made it necessary to go down to the very root of the whole matter, and closed by challenging his opponents to show a better way.

Mr. W. F. Critchfield closed the affirmative with a carefully prepared and well delivered argument. He argued that the negro was not capable of exercising the right of suffrage intelligently; that the act only increased the hatred between the two races; that it gave the carpet-baggers from the North a chance to control the South by the ignorant negro vote, to the ruin of the Southern States. His main argument was drawn from recent statistics showing the rapid increase of the negroes. He drew a dark picture of the condition of this country when the blacks shall outnumber the whites. He thought a better policy would have been for the government to have colonized the negroes. His speech was received with hearty applause showing that he had made a splendid impression.

S. B. Howard then took the floor to close the debate for the negative, and, as usual, made straight for his opponents' arguments. He turned Mr. Critchfield's main point to his own advantage by showing the disasters that would occur to this government by the rapid increase of the negroes if they had been left an alien class without any interest in the government. He scouted the idea of colonization and showed that it would have been impossible. He then reviewed the good results of emancipation, and proved it was not less to the advantage of the whites of the South than of the blacks. It broke up that old system of false aristocracy and liberated and elevated the poor white classes, thus reconstructing the South on the only true basis of safety and prosperity—the freedom and equality of labor. Mr. Howard's speech lacked the rhetorical dress of Mr. C.'s and his uncomplimentary allusion to his opponent's argument was hardly necessary, and is deserving of criticism. His argument was clear-cut, going right to the essence of the whole matter, and no doubt was a large factor in winning the decision, which was two in the negative and one in the affirmative, Prof. McClain, Prof. Fellows, and Dr. Gillett acting as judges.

T. E. Stout's pleasing instrumental solo, "The Persian Patrol," after which the valedictory oration on "The Old and the New Civilizations" was delivered by Mr. F. G. Hanchett, President of the Law Literary. This was the oration which was awarded first honors at the Inter-State contest last year. Mr. Hanchett has a clear, forcible delivery which would command attention independent of the subject, retaining that individualism which marks it as distinctively his own. The thought and style fully accorded with the delivery and showed that his laurels had been well won. It was, indeed, a rare treat, fully appreciated.

An instrumental duet by Misses Hanford and Payne closed the entertainment, which was one of the most successful presented for a long time.

LAW DEPARTMENT

J. W. Borr, Editor.

Editorially, good bye.

"All aboard going"—home.

Last paper this term.

Not a speech this week.

Who will write us a class so

No reduced rates for this vac

"There is more than one skimmer."

Club courts have been at this week.

Real Property examination and Tuesday.

Base ball is breaking out again shouldn't it?

How would a game of football during vacation?

"There is never a cloud so has a silver lining."

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Write your home newspaper pendency during vacation.

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We should have said J. L. R. Corrydon, Iowa, instead of J. A. son.

Jealousy is sometimes strong reason, but it cannot succeed end.

We met the enemy and they—rowing. We should smile—they.

Commencement speakers will nounced about the first week term.

The report of the joint session night will be found in the college department.

Mix well the freedom of your opinion with your reverence opinions of others.

Mr. Silas, Keeler, of Belmont, was looking over the department week preparatory to entering term.

How many letters asking about chances for an opening for a young man "with good moral habits" will this vacation?

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J. W. Bopp, Editor.

Editorially, good bye.

"All aboard going"—home.

Last paper this term.

Not a speech this week.

Who will write us a class song?

No reduced rates for this vacation.

"There is more than one hole in a skimmer."

Club courts have been at a discount this week.

Real Property examination Monday and Tuesday.

Base ball is breaking out again. Why shouldn't it?

How would a game of foot ball suit during vacation?

"There is never a cloud so dark but has a silver lining."

Sever and Brown, of '82, have been in the city for a few days.

Write your home newspaper a correspondence during vacation.

Letters of openings offered are beginning to make some of the boys happy.

Examination is like rowing a boat in a storm, much depends on keeping "cool."

Dworack was "out" Wednesday night to the amusement of the class next morning.

We should have said J. L. Roberson, Corrydon, Iowa, instead of J. A. Robinson.

Jealousy is sometimes stronger than reason, but it cannot succeed in the end.

We met the enemy and they—did the crowing. We should smile—so did they.

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C. F. Albert, of Vinton, a former student of Tilford Academy, of which Mr. C. T. McCarty was principle, has been making a visit to C. T. and family this week.

On Wednesday evening the class, accompanied by the band, gave the faculty and newly elected President, Miss Brayton, an appropriate and hearty serenade.

If asking questions of the faculty between recitations has any influence in securing a place on the commencement programme, several members have a "dead sure thing."

An observing exchange remarks that "when a man goes to law he does not stop to count the cost. He leaves the clerk of the court to do that, and as a rule, none of the items are omitted."

Most all the boys will remain here during this vacation. A session of the literary society is suggested for next Saturday p. m. It would help to pass away the time and bring the boys together.

Judge Love will deliver his lecture on "Shylock, or the Merchant of Venice" on his way back from Council Bluffs, early next term. The manuscript of the lecture having been mislaid, this could not well be avoided.

The result of the class election was as follows: President, Miss Emma L. Brayton; Vice-President, F. W. Raymond; Secretary, W. C. Putman; Editor, F. G. Harris, to whom we extend what is left of our pencil, and who will speak for himself.

The examinations throughout have been very fair, and about as good a test of one's general knowledge of the subjects passed over as could have been made. Every question seemed to be clear and to the point, and touched only an important matter.

The second Friday evening will be taken up by the oratorical contest in which the following gentlemen have consented to take part. Any others desiring to take part can do so by handing their names and subject to the editor any time this term: T. E. Stout, Eli Cole, H. W. Cole, J. J. McCarty, J. M. Chambers, C. W. Bingham, J. D. Nichols.

The following is the Law Literary programme for the first Friday evening of next term:

Declamation—C. T. McCarty.

Select reading—Jones.

Debate—Resolved, That the disadvantages of great corporations outweigh their advantages. Affirmative—Baldwin, Rice, and McHatton. Negative—Erwin, Raymond, and Tollefson.

Oration—J. J. McCarty.

The Hon. Emory A. Storrs is to deliver the June address for both Law and Collegiate departments jointly on Monday evening of commencement week. Arrangements have been made by which the departments alternate in the choice of the speaker, and the choice this year fell to the Law department. This explanation is given because some have thought the address for the Collegiate department only, and that other arrangements would be made for the Laws. The speaker is one of the most eminent lawyers in the United States and a very able effort may be expected.

Mr. F. G. Hanchett's valedictory in the joint session last night was a very fitting close to his society work. As President of the Law Literary, he has steered clear of all breakers and leaves it strong, harmonious, with an excellent record. His example alone was worth much and, while some may be jealous of his strength, all must admit his ability as a presiding officer.

As the term comes to a close our old officers lay down their class-honors, and in so doing, no one can do it with a better record than C. F. H. Carrithers, the class President. Law class meetings have been noted for their noisiness heretofore, but his administration has been a notable exception. Quiet, firm, courteous, he has won the respect of his strongest opponents and his friends are justified in their pride over his election.

In the selection of Mr. W. C. Putman for permanent secretary the class did a very wise thing, besides fittingly recognizing one of the best, though retiring and unpretentious members of the class. This office demands careful, trusty work and one in whom every member of the class has confidence and to whom they will cheerfully send the required information. The right man is certainly in the right place this time and we hope all will be prompt in sending him at the proper time all desired information and they need have no regrets for their choice in this the most important office in the last election.

This week closes up the entire work of the department on the subject of Real Property under Chancellor Ross. It has generally taken part of the spring term to complete this part of the course, but by the thorough sifting of the large three volume treatise, which we are compelled to use, by the Chancellor, several weeks have been gained. The synopsis, in about two hundred pages, of the entire subject has cost him a large amount of labor and was only possible after having every part of the work at the finger's end. Real estate and railroads occupy so large a share of the lawyer's time and attention that the importance of such a drill on the former can hardly be overestimated and this, we think, has been fully appreciated by the close work and application manifested to what would, under other circumstances be very dry.

Miss Emma L. Brayton has been re-elected to the honorable position of class president for the spring term. In this action the class has not only shown its gallantry, but has paid modest worth a well deserved compliment, producing a general class harmony hardly possible by any other cause. After the election, the lady was sent for, and in the following few but touching words addressed the class: "Classmates, this is a strange position for me; one which I feel honors me too highly. I have already had many courtesies for which to thank you as a class. Each day of this year I have had reason to feel grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness. And now, when you have seen fit to bestow this honor upon

me, I want you to know that I fully appreciate not only this but all that has gone before. I will try to serve you to the best of my ability, and I know that each one of you will do all you can to make the duties devolving upon me easy and pleasant. I know not how to express what I would say to you. I can only, simply thank you."

This week Judge Love closes his tenth annual course of lectures before the law department, and it is with the extreme regret of the entire class that his work among us closes. The course of his lectures has been long, occupying nearly two months with two hours each day, but in all this time there has been neither repetition nor a single unimportant statement or use of time, while he has received an attention which only a man of known and great ability could command. From the very beginning every one seemed to feel that they were listening to one whose statements could be taken as authority, and the dignity with which they were made gave them a permanent place in the mind of every listener. Every thought of monotony was carefully prevented by enjoyable diversions and pleasantries, so thrown in that they made a relief without diverting the mind from the subject under consideration. The department is fortunate in having the benefit of that scholarship which has made the Judge a valuable man, not only to his State, but to the courts of the nations with which he has been connected for more than a quarter of a century. The class of '83 will always feel that they have a fair show before Judge Love, and we hope many coming classes may have the benefits which we have had in listening to his instructions.

By permission we give a few of the closing sentences of the last lecture on Maritime Law, and would be glad to give more if space permitted:

"Commerce is not only the friend of peace and civilization but it is the friend of freedom as well. Commerce cannot indeed breathe the air of slavery. Enslaved nations have never been noted for maritime enterprise, Commerce has always flourished most in republics and free monarchies. Athens, Carthage, Tyre, Rome and the Greek Islands in ancient times; Genoa, Portugal, Venice, Holland, England and the United States in modern times, bear witness to this truth. Freedom loves the free air of the sea.

O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea
Our thoughts as boundless and our souls as free.

The history of Spain furnishes another illustration of the fact that commerce and liberty go hand in hand. Castile and Aragon were free monarchies like England under Ferdinand and Isabella, and the Spaniards were then full of commercial enterprise. But Cardinal Ximenes, and after him Charles V., subverted the free monarchy, and destroyed the liberties of the Spanish people, and then the great soul of Spain died within her. As the beautiful flower and the life-giving plant wither and die in the shade of some giant oak, so did the fair twin sisters, commerce and liberty, "languish," and "languishing die" in the black shadow of Spanish despotism!

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Since each one seemed to be best!
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A plan which amply sufficed.
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The next wrote with amazing great speed,
But not half of it could Mr. C— read.
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Where is Congdon?

C. R. Brown has taken Miss Gardner's
position here.

Former students are getting situations
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O, let this club
Of Beelzebub
Insult our land no longer!

They are bad indeed,
As the thistle weed,
Which chokes our fertile mowing;
Compare them nigh
To the Hessian fly,
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