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It is surprising that a paper with the influence and assumed dignity of the *State Register* would stoop so low in the attempt to vent its spleen as to give credence and publication to any anonymous correspondence as pernicious as that which appeared in that sheet on Tuesday last. The *Register* well knows that no citizen, student, or any other person of reason or possessed of an ordinary sense of decency, would be justified in writing of Iowa City and the State University in the manner in which this sneaking libeler has undertaken. Why then does the *Register* publish an article of the kind unless in itself it partakes of the same spirit and motive which has prompted this hidden coward with a serpent's tongue to make a thrust at the vital interests of an institution, which is not alone Iowa City's pride, but that of the whole State. If the *Register* wishes to be just why does it not come or send some responsible representative who is not ashamed to give his name with his opinion, and make an examination of the state of affairs in this place, as compared with other cities of its size in Iowa, and then pass an honest judgment instead of lending its assent through a miserable apology for publication, to the sentiments of a dirty libel. There is not a citizen in this place or a student in the institution who doubts that the *Register* can be fair if it so chooses. But there is not one who is capable of respecting a sheet which will resort to this method of attacking Iowa's University. There are saloons in Iowa City; there is, it is true, a low license. But there is also as good a city government as any Iowa town possesses, and Iowa City can prove by its records, if need be, that its *pro rata* amount of drunkenness and disturbance of the peace is far below that of Des Moines, a city where "guarantee that the laws now on the statute book, or those that may be enacted, shall be enforced," is given

at least once every six months, yet which never was known to enforce any temperance law or statute. The students of the University speak for themselves and challenge comparison for industry and sobriety with those of any institution whether within or without Iowa. For the "legislature to provide that no more money be appropriated," would be for the people of Iowa, or rather the legislature, for we do not believe Iowa's people would sanction the act, to cut off their nose to spite the face. The *Register* would win many warm friends by setting itself aright on this matter.

PRESIDENT ANGELL of Michigan University in a recent report has the following to say with regard to the success of the co-educational system in European and American universities and colleges: As we have now for thirteen years, without the least embarrassment, admitted women to all the privileges of instruction in the University, we cannot but observe with gratifications how rapidly public opinion, both in Europe and America, is coming to approve the granting of substantially the opportunities for education to women as to men. It may be questioned whether this change in public sentiment is not the most important event in the educational history of the last fifteen years. We shall risk little in predicting that the institutions in this country which are furnishing separate instruction of a high grade to each of the sexes will at no distant day find, like ourselves, that there is no adequate reason why they should not save labor and expense by educating the male and the female students for the most part in the same class rooms."

The subject of college degrees came up for discussion at the late meeting of the College Association, and it is amusing to hear what some of the prominent educators of the country had to say with regard to the manner in which degrees are conferred in our higher institutions of learning. Dr. Ridpath, in the course of a long disquisition on the subject, suggested that college degrees show that students have done something; they look backward. Students possessing them claim to be able to do anything; they look forward and are puffed up with vain glory. The Doctor's plan is to keep a record of the alumni of the University or College and grant degrees later if deserved. A student may graduate an A. B., he thinks, and in a few years settle down into a clerkship or business where he knows less and cares less for the classics than the average beginner in the high school. This suggestion of Dr. Ridpath strikes us at once as being foolish and uncalled for. What difference should it make to a college faculty what business or profession a graduate adopts for his life work. The only question with a faculty should be

whether the work done by the student while in college, was sufficiently good to warrant the conferring of a degree. We are inclined to think that this new idea on an old subject will meet with little or no approbation.

It is interesting and encouraging to the law-abiding, order loving people of the United States to notice the practical unanimity with which our leading newspapers have denounced the Congressmen and others who attempted to secure the interference of our government to put off the execution of O'Donnell, the murderer of Cany. O'Donnell was plainly a murderer, and it has now come to light that he informed a friend before his death that he killed not in self-defense. It is unfortunate for Ireland that she has such friends, in consequence of whose deeds she suffers more than she does from her landlords.

ELI PERKINS, the much famed humorist, is delivering a lecture on the "Philosophy of Humor" to the students of the State's smaller institutions. Oskaloosa was the first inflicted; after which came Tabor and Iowa Colleges.

THERE seems to be a misunderstanding among some of the students in regard to the aims of the College fraternities, and we fear a desire on the part of a few to misrepresent their aims and to put their members in a false position. The fraternities as we find them in the University are organizations of a purely social nature. It is natural for a student upon entering college life to choose from the large number of acquaintances he is sure to make a few with whom he forms closer ties than those of mere acquaintanceship. A circle of companions whom he can recognize as friends to whom he can look for sympathy, with whom he can converse unreservedly and feel that his words will not be misconstrued nor his actions unjustly criticised. A number of boys thus joined by the natural ties of friendship unite themselves into a brotherhood that they may never perfectly enjoy the benefits to be derived from mutual sympathy and kindly criticism. The objects of the fraternities thus formed is a more perfect development of their members in every line of social culture, to secure a better idea of the true, beautiful, and good, and through mutual support, to try to live up to a higher ideal of true manhood. This is certainly a surer foundation upon which to have the life-long friendships formed during college days than that of mere class distinction. Fraternities are secret by nature as all confidences of friendship ought to be and are among true friends. But fraternities are in no need of apologies for their existence, they are based upon the same unchang-

ing principles of mutual interests which give life to the grandest organizations for good that benefitting our age. What higher aim has the church than the moral and intellectual improvement, perfection as near as possible of its members? And what excuse is there for the existence of different denominations, save a closer union of those of like sympathies? The artificial theorist may rail unceasingly against the formation of "college cliques," if he chooses to call them such, but they will continue to exist openly or secret, whether approved or unapproved, as they are the natural outgrowth of college association.

The literary societies have their place in every college polity. In the literary halls students meet for healthful intellectual contest, they are the drill schools for those battles of brain into which every student rushes or is thrown as soon as he leaves the college walls. They are valuable as fraternities are beneficial, yet from their very nature, gathering into one body as they do, and perhaps wisely, boys of different and opposite tastes, they can never take the place of the fraternities. Natural affinity is the passport to a fraternity, literary merit the test of society membership. These two college associations occupy entirely different spheres each of great value to the student, and neither in natural conflict with the other. The fear has been expressed by some that the fraternities will interfere with the prosperity of the literary societies and a few eastern colleges have been cited as illustrative for grounds of such fear. The illustrations we think are not to the point, for the cases are not parallel. There the literary work is conducted under the stimulus of a system of prizes under the management of the faculty; here, with two exceptions (the Declamatory and Junior Oratorical Contests) such work is left entirely with the students who rely upon the audiences in their halls for stimulus.

As long as the existing state of affairs continues, the literary societies must live and prosper, as there is nothing to take their place. We have tried to make clear to those who have been troubled, only with a misunderstanding, the object and position of the Fraternities, to those who willfully persist in misplacing the fraternities, who continually try to force them into unnatural and false positions. We have nothing further to remark, their motives are only too evident. Their selfish actions are sufficient condemnation. We only hope that they will bear in mind that even a minority cannot and will not stand injustice. And with this fact already before their eyes may they reap the reward due to a persistence in folly, and take upon themselves the consequence of the premium.

## SHAKESPEARE'S DEVIL.

The world must worship. Its own helplessness prostrates it before some superior power. However agnostics or infidels may deny it, the fact remains, bearing with it the attestation, of all history, sacred and profane. The belief in a Supreme Being who is the creator and ruler of the universe is the *one constant* factor of all civilizations; and the conception of deity determines at once the *line and limit* of growth for every nation.

The God of to-day is, of necessity, the God of all time, unchanged even by the flight of years,—the one *permanent* around which all changing nature moves. But man's conceptions of his character and attributes bears the mark of the age and circumstance; changing from century to century, and in the individual life from period to period. The God of the Hebrews appears in quite a different light from the God of the Christians. To what one of us has not the God of our childhood, like our playthings, given place to a very different being? Rome defied power; the French Revolution, reason; one defies love, another justice; this one nature, and that one spiritual self. God is to each, as for his individual self, his highest conception of the ideal, and no more; and even as a Chameleon are we transformed by this conception. Closely and almost inseparably allied to our conception of God, is that of the King of Darkness. He cannot be the simple absence of divine attributes, but he must possess an active principle. Creation labors in vain to formulate its conception of Deity;—no definition seems to meet every demand. The language of the lips cannot embody this deepest emotion of the heart. Men have been a little more bold in their characterization of the Devil, but it is left mainly to the imagination of poets. Homer defies the elements, not distinguishing closely between good and evil. Virgil gives us superhuman men; Dante, the Devil of the Medieval ages; Milton of the Renaissance; Goethe, of *modern* thought. These writers, were all of a deeply religious nature and reflect the theological ideas. Shakespeare is a cosmopolitan, in time and place, and mirrors the visible devil of the world—the practical devil. Dante's devil is treason and disobedience; Milton's pride of power and ambition; Goethe's, lust and negation; Shakespeare's, doubt of truth and pride of intellect. Of the former each gives his devil superhuman powers; Shakespeare, only the powers that pertain to man. The devil of theology is a fallen angel, a spirit; the devil of the practical world is the consummation of human depravity, an incarnate fiend. Shakespeare has undertaken no great epic poem, no theological discussion; but in his plays he has given us three "Crime Heroes," as some one has obligingly called them. The sum of them all,—the conception of this ripened brain is Iago, ancient to Othello, the Moor of Venice. He appears as no physical or mental deformity—nor as a crime hardened man. Nay! Iago is a young man; "I have looked upon the world four times seven years," says he. Of goodly form and pleasing address; in-

deed, on the outside, a *model* young man. His intellect is of the keenest. His loyalty and patriotism are common talk. He is called "honest Iago." What a sarcasm! It is in such a man that we find the vilest spirit, and the fair showing of honesty is made the wedge by which he prys his way into the confidence of those he would ruin. His youth and seeming honesty disarm suspicion. And Shakespeare has made no mistake in thus portraying the human devil; for,

"When devils will their blackest sins put on,

They do suggest at first with heavenly shows."

And naked "vice is a monster of such hideous mien" that it must needs hide itself under a cloak of hypocrisy. Very few will, like Faast, knowingly enter the service of the devil, with his character all spread out before them. Deceit and hypocrisy are the *devil's trade*; but simple honesty reflects the character of God. This hypocrisy is not forced upon Iago for self-protection. In our very first introduction to him he coolly remarks:

"For when my outward action doth demonstrate

The native act and figure of my heart In compliment extren'; 'tis not long after

But I will wear my heart upon my sleeve For claws to peck at. *I am not what I am.*"

A dreanful blasphemy of Jehovah! The very necessity of deception adds zest to any undertaking. He chuckles to himself most when he makes the *truth* deceive, so speaking it that it carries a lie. Hear him as he walks along.

"So will I turn her *virtue* to pitch; And out of her own *goodness* make the net,

That shall enmesh them all."

Thus he practices with each, except with Roderigo, who has no virtues, and so he uses his vices. He plays upon Othello by *hints* as if struggling to hide the thoughts of his mind. An open charge against Desdemona would be at once repelled by the virtuous Moor. He tells him to "beware of jealousy" when he seeks to rouse the "green-eyed monster." He professes honesty, when he is practicing his deepest "divinity of hell." "He most plays the saint, when most he acts the devil." The more tangled the web of deception, the more does he delight in it. Deception is one of the devil's tools, and Iago uses it so skillfully, that, with the web he weaves, he binds Othello to do the work of the devil, as firmly as ever Faust was bound. Oh, villainy! Thy name is *Iago*. Such villainy were not possible except in a man who doubts *all* virtue and truth. Not a sensualist himself, unless it be an intellectual one, he stirs the passions of others, and mocking at female virtue, he would sow the seeds of wantonness. He doubts or professes to doubt all truth. An Iconoclast of the most monstrous sort! He would tear down faith upon faith and leave the soul without an anchor. He would destroy in man that which is alone able to lift him out of his

despondency and from his worldly lusts. Is not that devil enough? And where lies the mainspring of such a character? Revenge it cannot be, and when Iago says so, his actions belie his words. His seeking for an external reason is what Coleridge calls "the motive hunting of a motiveless malignity." His evil is *innate*. He glories in his intellect, and its unceasing activity urges him from crime to crime. The very fact that a thing can be done is reason enough for doing it. He craves scope for the free exercise of what he terms his "wits." The straight path of uprightness is too easy—too plain for his travelling. In the winding ways of falsehood he may show his superiority. His intellect has such mastery that natural feelings and affections are crowded out. Milton's satan was touched with pity when he saw the happiness of Eden's pair; but Iago sneers,—

"O, you are well tuned now! But I'll set down the pegs, that make this music, As honest as I am."

Nothing sensual, nothing moral can appeal to him. No feelings of tenderness, no motives of policy, even, can turn him from the schemes prompted by his intellectual pride. It has the entire mastery.

Iago is the great type-model of the world's practical devil; and the earth is full of cases of arrested development. In the character of negation, Mephistopheles is only a superhumanized Iago. As to pride of intellect, Iago "bears the gree o'er a' the earth." The Caucasian race bows before its intellectual achievements. This same pride of intellect is cursing the face of the globe. It is cropping out in your professions,—in the law, in the ministry, among scientists. It is seizing the business man. It is laying its hand upon the brightest of your young men in the Universities and Colleges. It is the legitimate child of the German education and your own, which trains the intellect, but neglects moral and religious training. Such an education develops the embryonic Iago in each one of us. Shakespeare describes a devil more powerful than Dante's; more loathsome than Milton's; more practical than Goethe's; more dangerous than all. If Iago were weakly mean there were no fear, for few men will follow weakness in any shape whatever. But in him, as in the true devil, force and energy lend greatness even to his crimes, and man is allured. Physical power no longer claims any great number of devotees. I bid you beware of bowing the knee to intellectual prowess. If you must do homage to greatness, do it to the greatness of the soul.

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Prof. Parker's room.

## LOCALS.

Miss Delia Hutchinson returned from Muscatine the latter part of last week.

A volcanic eruption does not seem improbable at Iowa College.

President Pickard was called away to Des Moines last Friday morning. He returns Monday.

On another page of this issue will be found a scientific explanation of the red sunsets, by Prof. Leonard.

Miss Smith entertained both divisions of her literature class at her home Thursday evening. An exceedingly pleasant time is reported.

Mr. Holbrook, an uncle of Miss Agnes and Merritt spent Wednesday in the city visiting and calling on members of the faculty.

Quite a number of the lovers of the light fantastic were disappointed this week at not procuring the Northwestern band.

It turns out that Capt. Nutt, whom the villainous Dukes murdered, was a pupil of Prof. Parker while he was teaching in Pennsylvania some thirty years ago.

Mr. Monlux a graduate of the University and brother of Hal. H. Monlux visited the University during his short stay in the city. Mr. Monlux is now principal of the Atlantic schools.

Mr. J. E. McDowell stopped over Wednesday night on his way to Indianola, his former home. Mr. McDowell has been engaged in the Boot and Shoe business in Chicago, since he left the University and has been very successful.

Prof. Call has kindly offered to meet with and instruct a class in the translation and study of portions of the New Greek Testament. The class will be formed from the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes and will meet once a week.

Lest it might be thought that the great Junior social and sleigh-ride, which took place last week, had escaped our notice, we would like to state that a report of the same was crowded out of last week's

issue on account of its length. It was only a sleigh-ride out to the famous Lathrop mansion. And while the festive members of '85 were enjoying the hospitality offered within, some "naughty" and even "hateful" underclassmen without, appropriated the bobs for coasting purposes on a neighboring hill. When the party were ready to depart the bobs were missing and the robes were gone. Slowly and sadly the following morning the Junior bold with his lady fair wended their way on foot o'er hills of snow toward the city. The perpetrators are still at large, and the only reward for their capture is a promise to pay in the future by the unfortunate class of '85.

There is being fitted up in one of the Metropolitan halls, a gymnasium and amusement hall, and it is expected to be opened to the public on the 31st of this month. The managers, Messrs. Murray and Meyer, assure us that no expense or pains are being spared to make this new departure a pleasant and profitable place to visit. Among the many attractions there will be fencing-foils, boxing-gloves, dumb-bells, Indian-clubs, rowing-machine, horizontal and parallel bars, tennis-alley, rifle range, etc. Besides, a reading-room, provided with the leading papers, will be kept constantly open. This "amusement hall" will probably meet with the popular favor, and in fact the managers have already been promised the patronage of some of the best people of the city, both ladies and gentlemen.

The nineteenth annual exhibition of the Zetagathian society was quite a success. Although nearly all the seats of the dress circle were taken, the audience was not as large as might have been expected on such an occasion. The orations of the evening showed careful preparation both in thought and delivery. The declamations were exceedingly well rendered. The speakers on the debate evinced good taste in the selection of their subject and good points were brought forward on both sides. It can safely be said that no decision was ever more fairly rendered, however, than that rendered last evening by the Judges Prof. Parker, Dr. O. T. Gillett, and Rev. G. P. Folsom. One of the main features of the evening was the music which was considered excellent by all.

The Y. M. C. A. of the S. U. I. adopted the following resolutions on the death of the Rev. E. J. Evans:

WHEREAS, in the dispensation of an allwise and just God, our esteemed president, D. W. Evans, and sister, Libbie Evans, have been called to mourn the death of their beloved father, the Rev. E. J. Evans.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Y. M. C. A. of the S. U. I., hereby express our sympathy with our brother and sister, and our deep-sorrow for the loss they have sustained, and,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in THE VIDETTE-REPORTER and the county paper at their home.

FRED HALL,  
LINNIE HUNTER,  
R. A. SMITH,  
Committee.

They all slide down hill.

Miss Mary Stewart, of Des Moines, is visiting her friends Misses Preston and Ankeny.

Prof. Call has moved. His friends will find him at the "Seeley place," two blocks north of the University.

The third recital of the Western Conservatory of music will be given at the Conservatory Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 8 P. M. Programme will be announced in the *Republican*.

THE VIDETTE-REPORTER has been called upon this year to chronicle an unusual number of deaths among friends and those connected with the University. This week we are called upon to note death of D. W. Evans' father. Mr. Evans has the warm sympathy of the students and the faculty.

The Erodelpians will render the following programme this evening:

Music.—Miss Agnes Hatch.  
Retiring address.—Miss Filo Clapp.  
Inaugural.—Miss J. Hanford.  
Declamation.—Miss L. Selby.  
Music.  
Debate: Affirmative.—Miss Rynearson and Miss Cochran.  
Negative.—Miss Hunter and Miss Hatch.  
Oration.—Miss Andrews.  
Reading.—Miss Hughes.  
Vocal Solo.—Miss Alice Freeman.

The following books have recently been added to the library:

Körner's Werke.  
Richter's Levana.  
Hammer's "Schau um Dich und Schau in Dich."  
Reuleaux's Kinematics of Machinery,  
Walton's Problems in Theoretical Mechanics.  
Whitworth's Choice and Chance.  
Flower's Ostiology of the Mammalia.  
Cooke's Illustrations of British Fungi.  
Barrow's Oregon.  
Phillip Brooke's Sermons.  
Donnelly's Ragnarok and Atlantis.  
Seeley's Expansion of England.  
Anthony Trollope's Autobiography.  
Topelues' Times of Charles XII.  
Tytler's Marie Antonette.  
Miss Kirkland's Speech and Manners.  
Practical Etiquette, by N. C. Seward's works.  
Bancroft's United States, new edition.

## OBITUARY.

Seldom indeed does it fall to our lot to chronicle a sadder or more seemingly unfortunate death than that of W. C. Arper, which occurred on Friday evening, at about half past seven. Especially and strikingly sad is his death in view of his circumstances in life, which were of such a nature as to make life specially attractive and enjoyable to him. He was but twenty-three years and eight months of age, apparently strong and full of life, filled with a laudable ambition and enterprise, the future opened before him as fair and promising as often happens to a young man. During the past three

years he has been faithfully engaged in the study of law in this city and the law schools of Iowa, until a few months ago, when he passed triumphantly through a rigid examination and was admitted to the bar of the State, since which time he has been practicing law in this city. At the time of his death he was rapidly rising in his profession, and had every encouragement to look forward to eminent success in his chosen field. Socially he was warm-hearted, open, frank and generous, ready and willing to assist the needy and ever ready to accommodate a friend, and hence leaves behind him a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. He leaves a wife and an infant son about six months old. He is stricken down in the midst of life and bright hopes for the future, and we mourn with those whom he has left to grieve at his untimely death.—*Hastings, Minn., Weekly News.*

Ex-Senator Conkling has declined the invitation of the Kansas State University to deliver an address during commencement time.

President Fairchild has produced a piece of educational history of deep interest, in his history of Oberlin: The Clergy and the College. 1833—1883. The narrative covers the fifty years of this college, and commences with the heroic struggle of the founders to make it representative of a vital and influential Christianity in the world. It explains the special features that were given to the institution at the beginning, and remain in it. A chapter is devoted to the financial history and material development of the college and its present position and needs. Oberlin represents not so much a kind of theology as a kind of aggressive Christianity; and it deserves to be supported, not only for this, but for the fact that it offers the advantages of higher education to great numbers who cannot at all afford to pay for it in the older Eastern colleges.—*Independent.*

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## LAW DEPARTMENT.

J. R. CALDWELL.

Some sensitive souls prefer the fact that the great pay their attorneys salaries. It is only justice of this class to state that heard any of them give such fears or voice any scornfully reject all over soulless bodies for their in the future. Neither having heard any attorney of such salary complaints think there is much extra the whole matter. That that Judge Dillon is in 000 per annum; that Judge receive \$35,000 per year. Dillon resigned from the cepted a position in the School at \$8,000 a year time he is in possession of lucrative practice. salary is said to be \$8,500 serving the right to practice account. Ex-Senator Solicitor General of the a salary of \$15,000. Co without a soul have mentality in this matter of their interests and intelligent super require the best talent; they get it. Scott, Mc many others find it scarce and much more than these corporations that country in public staple outbid the corporation men or their equals will.

On Friday Judge Ad last lecture to this class of sage counsel to its mandated, as he always attention of all the been with us two hours three weeks lecturing "Domestic Relations" "Corporations" and courteous manner and he has the good will of all the class. He goes responsible duties of While recognizing the separation the student regret it.

January 18th, the H was called to order by Judge was elected 8 Minutes of previous and approved. On Monday, bill No. 9 relating discussed.

Affirmative: Messrs. Wertz, and O'Bryan. Keeler, Kellar, Thom Mr. McFall moved that made the special order evening, motion carried and Ball responded to dress the House. H Bill No. 10 relates to the CHAS. KAM.

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Some sensitive souls grow nervous over the fact that the great corporations pay their attorneys such immense salaries. It is only justice to the students of this class to state that we have not heard any of them give expression to any such fears or voice any determination to scornfully reject all overtures from those soulless bodies for their valuable services in the future. Neither do we recollect having heard any attorney or recipient of such salary complain. Seriously, we think there is much exaggeration about the whole matter. The alarmists report that Judge Dillon is in receipt of \$100,000 per annum; that Judge McCrary is to receive \$35,000 per year. When Judge Dillon resigned from the bench he accepted a position in the Columbia Law School at \$8,000 a year. At the present time he is in possession of a large and lucrative practice. Judge McCrary's salary is said to be \$8,500 per annum, reserving the right to practice on his own account. Ex-Senator John Scott was Solicitor General of the Pa. R. R. Co. at a salary of \$15,000. Corporations being without a soul have no maudlin sentimentality in this matter. The magnitude of their interests requires careful and intelligent supervision. They require the best talent; they pay for it and they get it. Scott, McCrary, Dillon and many others find it scarcely less honorable and much more lucrative to serve these corporations than to serve their country in public station. Let the people outbid the corporations and these men or their equals will serve them.

On Friday Judge Adams concluded his last lecture to this class with some words of sage counsel to its members and commanded, as he always does, the closest attention of all the students. He has been with us two hours a day for the last three weeks lecturing on the subjects of "Domestic Relations" and the law of "Corporations" and "Insurance." Of courteous manner and equable temper, he has the good will and high regard of all the class. He goes to discharge the responsible duties of his high station. While recognizing the necessity of the separation the students, none the less, regret it.

January 18th, the House of Delegates was called to order by the Secretary, Mr. Judge was elected Speaker *pro tem*. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. On motion of Mr. Hayward, bill No. 9 relating to the tariff was discussed.

Affirmative: Messrs. McFall, Hamilton, Wertz, and O'Bryan. Negative: Messrs. Keeler, Kellar, Thomas and Danskin. Mr. McFall moved that bill No. 9 be made the special order for next Friday evening, motion carried. Messrs. Guthrie and Ball responded to invitations to address the House. House adjourned. Bill No. 10 relates to the veto power.

CHAS. KAMANSKI, Secretary.

The athletes of the Law Class meet now twice a week.

Programme of Law Literary, Thursday eve. Jan. 31, 1884.

Autobiography, Ward.  
Debate—Resolved, That judges and legislators should not be allowed to accept free passes on R. Rs.

Affirmative: Messrs Hopkins and Packard.

Negative: Messrs Nettels and Larson.

Declamation, T. D. Griffith.

Valedictory Oration, P. H. Judge.

Music interspersed.

Sumner Literary Society, Thursday, Jan. 31, 1884.

Music.

Oration, Loneliness of Purpose, H. C. White.

Declamation, Whitney.

Debate—Affirmative, R. G. Miller and Buck. Negative, Needham and McFall.

Music.

Oration, Edgar.

All cordially invited to attend.

Henry Artz, a graduate of '81, was present on the 21st and addressed the class. He is now located at Gravity, Taylor Co., Iowa.

Mr. Graham, of the Law class was married on Monday evening. Fourteen of the Law students called on him that evening and were received most hospitably. Mr. Graham was received in a very demonstrative manner by the boys on Wednesday. He made a speech to them at the recess, which was listened to with attention. He concluded by advising them to go and do likewise. After the speech, cigars were in order. Mr. Haywood did his best to effect an equal division of them, but cannot be said to have achieved an unqualified success. Mr. Graham's many friends wish him and his bride long life, health, happiness and prosperity.

E. O'Bryan has gone a short visit to his home in Jefferson Co.

Messrs O'Dea and Shelden went down to Muscatine on Wednesday and after a five hours examination were admitted to practice at the Bar of the State of Iowa, May success attend them.

Despite the extremely cold weather a great many of the Law class have shaved off the luxuriant mustaches and whiskers which adorned their manly features. Conspicuous among them are Messrs Lane, Edgar, Birnatzski, Converse, Schulte and Southard.

See Mr. Judges card in Friday's Republican.

Program in Law class next week from 9 to 11 A. M., Real Property, Chancellor Ross; from 11 to 12 A. M., Bailments, Prof. McClain. The lesson in Real Property on Monday concludes Dower and takes up Jointure. In Bailments considers the subject of Innkeepers.

Judge Love says: I certainly think there is no other one thing that equals this art in giving a lawyer who possesses it, advantage over another who does not.

## SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

A reduction is made to classes of six or more who take the course by correspondence.

Miss Bird Werden is organizing a correspondence class in Wilton and meeting with fine success.

Isaac Bennett is now stenographer for Henry C. Withers, a prominent lawyer of Carrollton, Ill.

Miss Nellie Hutchinson, assistant in the School of Short-Hand, is organizing a class in West Liberty.

Robt. C. Walker, editor of the Crittenden Press, Marion, Ky., has begun the course of instruction by mail.

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Miss Ada Gaston has been promoted to the position of stenographer for the Union Pacific Railway Co., at Omaha. Her salary is eighty dollars per month.

Miss Coralie S. Roth has accepted the position of stenographer for the Garneau Cracker Manufactory at Omaha, Neb. She leaves for her new field Monday, and has the well wishes of the many friends she has made in Iowa City.

It should be borne in mind that the beginning class meets at 4 P. M., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. After one more week students can enter this class only by procuring the assistance of a private teacher.

Stenographic writing is *multum in parvo*. A whole sermon can be written on the back of an envelope. Some students are able to write their history lesson on their thumb nail and then pass a creditable examination—of course!

The Short-Hand characters which appeared last week read:

"Many men of many minds,  
Many birds of many kinds."

Some advanced students even could not translate it, because the plate had been inserted upside down. Next time try standing on your head and it will all be plain.

The publishers of the leading stenographic journals keep our office supplied with their latest numbers. Every student and reporter should read at least one of these periodicals. We would especially recommend the *Reporter's Journal*, published by Scott-Brown, New York, and the *Short-Hand News*, published by Brown & Holland, Chicago.

New enrollments are Schell Burrows, Anna Nobodyty, Will Martin, G. F. Hunt, Miss Frankie De Lano, Albion; Charla Shane, Greenburg, Ind.; Mrs. Cena Ellis, Dubuque; Kittie Voorhies, Fairfield; Charles Bennett, Promise City; Hattie Lewis, Bedford; Bertie McClearn, Iowa Falls; Wm. Hall and Ed. Freeman, McPherson, Kansas; W. M. Oungst, Editor *Republican*, Harlan, Iowa; M. L. Zook, Editor *Republican*, North Auburn, Neb.

The Medical Department of the University of Vienna does not give diplomas to women, as has been sometimes stated.

The following is said to have occurred in one of the colleges in the interior of Georgia:

First Student—"Good morning, Father Abraham."

Farmer—"I am not Father Abraham."  
Second Student—"No; it's Father Isaac."

Farmer—"Nor am I Father Isaac."  
Third Student—"Well, then, you are Father Jacob."

Farmer—"No, nor Father Jacob, either."  
First Student—"Well, who are you, then?"

Farmer—"I am Saul, the son of Kish, whom his father sent to hunt the asses—and I have found three of them."—*Ex.*

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Of these the last two only have appeared worthy of serious thought, and it now seems well nigh certain that the volcanic dust theory has pointed to the true cause.

Some of the links in the chain of evidence which leans to this conclusion are these:

1. These phenomena were first seen in India and the regions contiguous to the Sunda straits, from whence they rapidly spread around the equatorial regions of the globe, and thus more gradually found their way northward and southward. In India we find the first mention of them on the 28th of August. In Venezuela and at Panama on the 2d of September, at Honolulu on the 5th of September, in southern Africa some time during the first half of October, in Europe in the early part of Nov. In this country they are of even later date.

It will probably be some months before the times of appearance can be tabulated with accuracy so as to show the progress of this sunset wave over the face of the earth.

2. The grand link in the chain, and a very strong one, is, that in Spain and in Holland, there has been brought down with the snow and the rain, a quantity of dust or sediment which upon comparison with the volcanic ash sent from Java, appears to be identical with it. This statement is so important as to deserve careful mention. From the issue of Nature just received, we learn that at Madrid an eminent geologist writes: "I have this day analyzed some fresh fallen snow with the following results, namely, that I have found crystals of hypersthene, pyroxene, magnetic iron, and volcanic glass, all of which have been found in the analysis lately made at Paris of the volcanic ashes from the eruption of Java." From the same journal we learn that in Holland, during a violent storm of rain on December 13, it was noticed that as the drops of rain falling on the window panes dried away they left behind a grayish sediment. This

sediment was analyzed by the professors of the agricultural laboratory, and found to contain particles of the same character as those found in the volcanic ashes from Java, only the particles were much smaller.

As a third link in the chain we may recall the fact that such phenomena have been seen before, though on a smaller scale, and that the regions in which they have appeared have been contiguous to some volcano or volcanoes then in eruption. For example, in 1783, during and following the great earthquake in Calabria and Sicily—such sunsets and such unusual coloring of the sun were seen in Europe. Voyagers on the Pacific ocean off the west coast of America and in the neighborhood of the Sandwich islands have spoken of the gorgeous sunsets, but these are regions over which volcanic dust is likely to be found.

The greatest difficulty in the way of a general acceptance of this explanation of the present universal appearance of these phenomena, is that it is hard to conceive either that a sufficient quantity of volcanic ash could have been ejected from the Sunda straits to spread out thus over the entire globe, or that it could have been borne with such rapidity around the world. This Java eruption was not only unparalleled in the loss of life which it occasioned, but probably also in the intensity of its energy, and in the amount of ash and cinder that it hurled into the sky.

Take these descriptions, quoted from letters published in various late numbers of the Nature. A British ship, the Charles Bal, was in the straits of Sunda at the date of the great eruption, August 27. On the 29th, when about ten miles from the crater Krakatoa, saw the island crowned with thick, dark clouds, and clouds or something propelled from the northeast point with great velocity. Two hours later, amid a strange sound as of a mighty crackling fire, or the discharge of heavy artillery at short intervals of time, saw a repetition of the same, only much more furious. The matter or whatever it was being propelled with amazing velocity toward the northeast. It had the appearance of a furious squall of ashen hue. Darkness soon spread over the sky, and hail of pumice stone began to fall on us. In about an hour the larger pieces ceased to fall, but small cinders and ash continued until soon the decks were covered to a depth of three or four inches. The ship steered off to the Java shore. By 11 o'clock the next day, after passing a terrible night, they were distant about thirty miles from Krakatoa, and the sky had measurably cleared away. But at 11:15 they heard a fearful explosion, and saw that large wave of water as it rushed into that and adjacent islands carrying death to so many thousands of people. In a few moments the sky was entirely covered, and it became so dark that at noonday they could not see one another on the deck. And then for two hours there followed a down pour of mud and sand, and I know not what." From this time on to midnight the sky continued dark and heavy and sand continued falling at intervals. The captain says that "such darkness and time of it in general few would conceive, and many, I dare say, would disbelieve."

Capt. Robt. Williams reports that on the 28th and 29th of August, when he was 970 miles northeast from Krakatoa volcanic dust was continually falling on his vessel. Commander Coghlan reports that the British ship Meda, on the 30th, while on the west coast of Australia, 1,060 miles from Krakatoa, passed through a falling shower of volcanic ash and dust. Mr. Hamilton writes from Yokohama, Japan, that two days after the eruption, the sun was completely obscured, and on its re-appearance was quite blood-red in color, while every now and then jets that looked like smoke passed across its disc. This continued for two days. Facts such as these pre-

pare us to appreciate somewhat the magnitude of this eruption, and lessen the doubt we might otherwise feel in regard to the universal dissemination of minute particles of volcanic ashes in our upper air.

Before closing this brief statement of a few of the leading facts bearing on this subject we will mention a paper communicated to the Royal Society of England, by Mr. R. H. Scott.

In this paper Mr. Scott calls attention to a remarkable disturbance of the barometer, indicating that a great atmospheric wave rolled around the earth both ways, from the scene of disturbance in Sunda straits, on the 27th of August, its advance westward being at the average rate of 674 miles per hour, and the progress eastward at the rate of 706 miles per hour. The ebbing and flowing of this aerial tide was noticed at from five to seven returns, so that there was a fair opportunity for determining accurately its velocity.

The discussion of the results of this grand convulsion, this great Java eruption, is no doubt destined to occupy a prominent place in the annals of science. And the sunset effects will be found to be only one of the many points upon which the range of our view of nature's operations is to be enlarged.

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