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THE STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Our orator and delegates returned from the State Oratorical Contest last Tuesday evening. Many and conflicting have been the reports we have had from them during their protracted absence, consequently their return was anxiously awaited in order to learn the facts with regard to the contest. They arrived upon the field of action on the evening of February 26, and being met at the depot by a delegation from the I. S. A. C., were escorted out to the college and given very comfortable quarters with Prof. Osborn. The boys speak in highest terms of the hospitality of the Professor and his wife. On the evening of arrival a reception was tendered the orators and delegates in the college chapel. Everything passed along in a very social sort of a way for a little while, when knots of students were observed withdrawn from the crowd and engaged in earnest conversation. To the unobserving this signified nothing. But to the delegate who was at all critical, it warned him that he must be looking after the laurels of his institution, for those little crowds were simply laying the wires to catch whatever offices for the coming year they could. Suffice to say that so far as the University was concerned, in the condition she was and with all the colleges jealous of her proud reputation, it was impossible to elect one of her students to any of the offices of the Association. The business meeting convened the next morning at 10 o'clock in one of the society halls. All the credentials being handed in and no objections being made, the next important thing was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in giving Cornell the Presidency of the Association, Simpson the Vice Presidency, Drake Secretary and Treasurer, Tabor the Delegate, and Grinnell the location of the next contest. Lenox college was

admitted into the Association. The Association then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock the next morning. At four o'clock a banquet was given to the delegates and orators in the college dining hall. This was quite provident, as it kept the voracious orators from eating much and saved something for the State Senate, which arrived at six o'clock. The spacious dining hall was packed with students and visitors, at least 350 being present to partake of the delicacies of the season and the hospitalities of the college. Several toasts were proposed, one of which, "The State University and the State Agricultural College," was responded to by one of our delegates.

At 8 o'clock began the contest and also the rumpus which has come so near rending in twain the Association. Much has been said and reported concerning it, but very little to the point. The contest was held, but on the following day so many glaring mistakes and unconstitutional acts had been indulged in that it was moved to declare the contest null and void. This question was decided out of order by the chair—an appeal was taken, and it was carried over his head by a vote of 20 to 6. The whole question is, were the judges properly appointed and did they have a chance to decide upon the merits of the orations according to the constitution? Only one of the judges had a chance to do this, one of the others was objected to, and the third one was entirely unknown until named from the platform, and he did not read the orations, which was unconstitutional and in itself enough to declare the contest void. The question was not raised as to the ability or honor of the judges, but only as to whether, under the circumstances they were called upon to act, it was possible for them to arrive at a just and constitutional decision. Some may ask, why were not the objections made beforehand? No chance was offered to object. The speakers were drawn up on the platform, the audience assembled, and the invocation pronounced. The president then named the judges and introduced the first speaker. Under such circumstances it would have been impractical if not impossible to object. Every one who went into the contest knew that it was unconstitutional and that if any one objected the next day it was liable to be overthrown. As to whether it would be sustained or not was merely a matter of individual opinion. All took their chances and after it was over not only one, but almost unanimously was it declared "null and void." Every college with the exception of Drake and Upper Iowa were in favor of the new contest, and gave it their hearty support. It was decided to hold the contest in Des Moines, and the Association adjourned to meet at Callanan college at 4 o'clock. Mr.

Moore, the deposed president, continued to act as the presiding officer, and thus by his very actions countenanced that it was a legal body according to the constitution of the Association. While waiting for the report of a committee at Callanan college, he made out the credentials and gave them to Mr. Dyer and Miss Estey, knowing that the Association had declared at Ames that no contest had been held. The point of order was made that he had no right to give out credentials contrary to the will of the Association. He declared this out of order, and set himself up as sovereign over the actions of the assembly. He was not sustained, and by a unanimous vote the credentials were demanded to be returned to the Association. The institutions holding the unconstitutional credentials refusing to return them were expelled. After Mr. Moore stated that he had given the credentials to Mr. Dyer and Miss Estey he declared the Association adjourned until next February, without any motion being made to that effect. This is a sample of the childishness that characterized all his actions, and of the farce that he had been trying to play upon the Association. When refusing to obey the commands of the Association his office was declared vacant by a unanimous vote, and a new president elected, who recognized that he was the servant of the Association and the Association not the servant of him. The second contest was held in Des Moines at Foster's Opera House, and Walter McHenry, of the Agricultural College, took first prize, and C. H. Pomeroy, of the University, second. These gentlemen will be present at the Interstate Contest in May, and demand the recognition of their credentials as the legal ones, and they will be backed by twelve of the fourteen colleges in the Association. H.

The McCall bill for the reorganization of the Iowa Agricultural College Board passed the House last week by a unanimous vote. The government of the College is now practically the same as that of the University, the Governor and State Superintendent being ex-officio members of the board, while each congressional district is represented on the board.

The attitude of the Legislature towards the University was pretty definitely defined when the following resolutions were considered in the House on Monday last. The vote for indefinite postponement standing 50 for and 26 against:

Resolved, That while we consider it as a fact that every child of the land is entitled to the opportunity of acquiring a good common school education, we further declare it to be the sense of this House that higher school, collegiate and professional education should be left to

private enterprise and individual effort. Therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the several committees of this House are hereby instructed not to report any appropriations for the establishment of, or support of schools to educate persons in any of the learned professions.

In response to our own query for a system of marking for oratorical contests as a substitute for the present system—the incarnation of all the evil mathematical genius the University has produced—we offer the following simple and just one: Add the grades given by the three judges to any given oration, and divide the result by three. This result represents the collective opinions of the judges. This system is more just because it makes grade its basis; grade one by one judge means the same as grade one by another judge. The present system is less just, for, although the judges mark on a scale of one hundred nevertheless 80 per cent by one judge does not mean 80 per cent by another.

PROFESSOR EGGERT contributes an able article to the April number of the *North American Review* on a "plea for Modern Languages." The article will be highly appreciated by the readers of the *North American*.

THE withdrawal of Messrs. Howard and Newcomb from the Republican Publishing Company brings the editorial and business management of the *Republican* again under the control of Mr. Herbert S. Fairall, the former efficient editor and proprietor. The friends of Mr. Fairall rejoice to see him back at his old post, and with the hand of welcome extend also their wishes for a future full of prosperity and success. Students of the University will find Mr. Fairall always ready to render them a favor, or aid them in any enterprise within the range of his profession.

M. McClure, '85, of Waterloo, is visiting friends in the city.

Messrs. Howard and Newcomb returned from Minneapolis this morning.

F. W. Mueller has left school, returning to his home at Davenport, where he will go in partnership with his father in the lumber business.

Mr. Carl H. Pomeroy has received his credentials from the President of the State Oratorical Association, to represent the State as delegate in the Inter-State Convention.

Next Monday C. E. Wickham will start out with a surveying party in the employ of the B., C. R. & N. company. "Wick" will be missed by all, but particularly by the band boys. His abilities as a baritone player are almost extraordinary—certainly so considering the time he has been playing, and his loss to the band is a great one.

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THE MIRAGE.

[Delivered by J. A. Dyer at the State Oratorical Contest at Ames, March 13th, 1884.]

Of all optical delusions none perhaps is more deceitful than the mirage. Many years ago when the Egyptians first conquered Nubia a body of them were crossing a certain desert. Water failed. Yonder on the horizon they saw a beautiful lake guarded by branching palms, and in spite of remonstrances from their guide thitherward bent their course.

All perished in pursuit of that phantom which led them deeper and deeper into the wilderness. No lake was there; what they had seen was the mirage, a seductive illusion floating in the air. In many respects, life is a desert whose horizon is studded with mirages; and to discriminate the real from the unreal is no easy task. Many oases, however, delight our pathway, oases which are guide boards, or rather supplementary to that great oasis to which all are steering. It is so broad that the corners of the earth may not contain it; so high that heaven's altitude may not out-top it; so vast, so boundless that the aspiration and the inspiration of the past, present and future might be poured into that receptacle and its space be inexhausted. Such is the magnitude of that oasis denominated happiness. The attainment of happiness is the main-spring of all action. The plowman who drives his team afield at sunrise, the carpenter at the bench, the smith at the forge, the engineer at the throttle, driving his locomotive across the plain with the fury of the wind, or plowing Atlantic's billows, the merchant at the counter, the lawyer or physician at his office, the bonanza king in his palace, the senator at the capitol—all strive, believing that the accomplishing of their designs will bring happiness. Now the most successful counterfeiters of happiness are pleasure and ambition. But what is pleasure? Of the thousands who have seen her and been enveloped in her silken folds, none have so truly photographed her as Burns. In early youth—that time of life when knowledge and experience begin to dissipate the mists of the unknown—when youth itself is startled by the swift extension of its horizon—when rosy day-dawn is garlanded with fresh-scented roses and girdled with purple morning-glories—while standing in that greenest of dells, youth—with childhood narrowing to the back of him and manhood broadening in front of him,—while the violets are at his feet, and the sun-beams are kissing the dew-drops—while breathing vespers redolent with the sweetest perfume—while listening to the silver-throated birds hymning their sylvan choruses from their woodland homes, he sees a female form start from the horizon. Her figure is symmetrical; her face beautiful; her inviting glances are from eyes of softest brown; but that certain fullness beneath betokens sensuality and dissipation. Her hair is disheveled, but there is a glory in that disorder. On her lips, nectar steeped, are strung pearly kisses. But see! Raising her snow-white arm, she speaks: *I am the Goddess of Pleas-*

ure. Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow— No! Pleasure does not want any to-morrow. Pleasure would tear to-morrow from the calendar of time. To-morrow is the dagger that leaves Pleasure bleeding and fainting in her own stronghold. To-morrow savagely tears open the breast of Pleasure, and pelts her unprotected heart with the hailstones of remorse. But Burns was charmed by her mien, and, reveling in her eyelight, was deluded by her promise. She beckoned him to follow. And from that day Robert Burns was the votary of pleasure—its vassal and its champion. Away he flies in pursuit—catches her at length and embraces her in all the ardor of intoxication—hugs the delusion to his breast. But the inebriate at times is sober—releasing his grasp he sees in his hands the apples of Sodom turned to bitterest ashes—flinging them to the wind he exclaims:

But pleasures are like poppies sped—
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed.
Or like the snowfall in the river—
A moment white, then melts forever.
Or like the borealis race—
That flits ere you can point the place.
Or like the rainbow's lovely form—
Evanishing amid the storm.

The attainment of great successes does not necessarily bring happiness. One may accomplish their every intention and yet die in grief. A Vanderbilt commits suicide. Morton, Chase and Douglas, like Moses, were led up the Nebo of political eminence where they might see into the "promised land," yet not be permitted to enter it.

King Solomon—whose court was resplendent with purple and gold, to whom was brought the tribute of nations, whose consorts were a hundred, whose intellect was God-given, he whose lips had tasted every pleasure, whose ears had drunk deeply of every song of praise—cried out, "All is vanity!" And that boy of Corsica, whose toy was a brass cannon, who in youth stormed the mimic snow-forts at Brienne, whose guns thundered at Jena, Ansterlitz and the Pyramids, he who was now the terror of Austria, the dread of Germany, the plague of Russia, the thunderbolt of Europe, whose history for a time was the history of the world, whose name to-day comes ringing down the ages—was his life a success? Go, ask that solitary isle yonder in Atlantic's sea, and the restless wind and waves that rock those lonely shores, forever, as they sweep the silent crags, are moaning one eternal requiem. No! Oh no!

Napoleon had seen the mirage and heard the siren. But the most brilliant combination formed by the shifting scenes of the kaleidoscope of history is in the person of Alexander the Great. He was the king who, when shown the Gordian knot, drew his sword and cut it, freeing that monarch who like a furious tornado, black with insatiate vengeance, was to drive his zig-zag course into the midst of the thrones of the world and dash them about as a fretful child its playthings. Here was a king who sat upon a pyramid of thrones, and whose mandates issuing from three-walled Babylon were as supreme as the eternal decree of God. Thousands stood

round him eager to catch his slightest wish and speed its execution. The corridors of his palace were filled with voices singing his triumphs; the hanging gardens themselves were thronged with musicians whose lyres, golden-stringed, flung wave upon wave on the moon-lit air till the grand harmony swelled "vast to heaven." And even to our day borne palpitating, across the abyss of time, comes the laudations of Alexander the Great. And though he knew immortality was his, and though conquered nations submissive lay at his feet, he wept that there were not worlds to conquer. Alexander's life was a mistake, and strangers inherited his throne. Why were not these men happy? Alexander as well as Napoleon fought on pretenses. But hear Cardinal Wolsey, "who once trod the way of glory and sounded all the depths and shoals of honor": "Be just and fear not. If I had served my God with half the zeal I have served my king, he would not have cast me off in my gray hairs." Into what paroxysms of terror a violated conscience hurls its victim. To obliterate the compunctions of conscience Louis VII of France, with the fire of desperation, throws his kingdom into the balance and leads the second crusade. Richard the Third strode to the throne of England over dead bodies of princes murdered treacherously. Let us see him as Shakespeare sees him on Bosworth battlefield. It is midnight. Richard starts from a troubled dream. Conscience was at work. The lights burn blue. His murdered kinsmen stand around him in their grave shrouds. He cries, "Is there a murderer here? No! Yes! I am! Then fly!" May God pity those who would from themselves divorce themselves and fly whither they know not. Let us change the scenery. Alone a German monk stands before an assembly of kings. Pointing to certain books, an official asks: "Do you acknowledge their authorship?" "I do." "Will you condemn them and recant?" Europe breathless, waits the answer. Will he forfeit his safe conduct, and risk the fate of John Huss? But unwavering came the reply: "I cannot."

Alexander was valorous when behind him were the serried ranks of the Macedonian phalanx. Napoleon was intrepid when he saw a hundred thousand Frenchmen rallying round his victorious eagles and heard the universal shout, *Vive l'Empereur*. But the knight of the Reformation flung the gauntlet in the face of the world. Here was a heroism whose sublimity and grandeur towered as far above the world's boasted great as bold, bald, blazing Mont Blanc above the rocks that cling at its base. Young man, obey thy conscience. It makes men braver and better. A mighty conflict is coming; yea, it is at our very gate. I hear the call for men—men of courage and of steel. I see the marshaling of armies. Labor and capital are in arms. Centralization of wealth is centralization of power. This fact is branded on every page of history. Then rouse, O, Columbia! Awake thee, for the trumpet is calling now! Seize monopoly by the throat, and in one supreme effort hurl this Moloch from his throne and

"stamp the residue with thy feet." Then sing "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Though it may be dormant now, yet I have faith in American individuality and patriotism, and I know that when the flood and flames of national adversity shall have rolled over us, sweeping away the dross, the gold will be the brighter for its purging. O, republic grand and great, the world's Eldorado, the brightest star in the constellation of nations, wheel on unfeeling in thy course! God holds thy way.

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(He) "Sweet Florence!"
(She) "Dear Lawrence!
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(He) "Ho! Florrie!"
(She) "Hem—Lorrie!
Home soon!"
(He) "Yes, to-night."
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March 25th is the date for the next Northwestern.

Blazier, of class '82, was in town a short time during the week.

W. E. Howard of Nashua, a cousin of S. B. Howard visited the latter a short time ago.

Messrs. Bemis and Fitch attended the State Oratorical contest at Des Moines last Monday.

Mr. Montague, of Mason City, father of Miss Carrie and "Dick," was in the city over Sunday.

President Pickard was away at Des Moines one day of this week to attend to University matters.

Books falling due during vacation should be returned or renewed before the close of the term.

Students, if you want a good bath or shave, call at the Opera House Barber Shop and Bath Rooms.

Miss Ada Lloyd, class '82 who has been teaching in Des Moines for the past year is at home visiting her parents.

Prof. in Greek—Mr. J——, why did the Persians not know how to swim? Mr. J——Because, perhaps, they had never learned.

It is with a mingled feeling of pleasure and regret that we announce to our readers that this will be the last issue of the term.

Dr. Whitley, of Traer, visited with Prof. Call during the fore part of the week, and returned with his wife on Wednesday.

Messrs. Howard and Newcomb left for Minneapolis Wednesday morning to spend a week or more in looking up business matters.

Prof. De Long, of Pella University, visited the class in Astronomy yesterday morning. Prof. De Long occupies the chair of Astronomy at Pella.

At the shooting match at Murray & Meyers' Gymnasium last Wednesday the prize medal was awarded to Mr. Moffit, of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The "Report of the State Board of Education of Connecticut" is just out. Of this famous body of educators Chas. D. Hine, a graduate of our Law Department, is Secretary.

Prominently mentioned among the names of those who are candidates for the Republican nomination for Secretary of State, is that of F. D. Jackson, a graduate of our Law.

An able article on "Sight Reading of Latin," by Prof. Currier, appeared in the *Iowa Normal Monthly* for March. A copy of the same has been placed on the table in the library.

Hon. Sam Clarke of the Keokuk Gate City has been chosen to deliver the Commencement oration at the next Collegiate Commencement. A better choice could not have been made.

Prof. in Zoology—"How does the camel store up water for use?" Student hesitates and finally answers—"I don't know. May be in the humps on his back."

F. M. Fultz has been obliged to suspend teaching school for some weeks, owing to an attack of typhoid fever, from which he is now recovering.

The Librarian requests us to state that through the kindness of one of the public-spirited citizens of Iowa City a copy of the *Independent* will be kept on file in the library. The *Independent*, it is perhaps well known, contains the lectures of Joseph Cooke.

A Dakota paper says: "District Attorney R. H. Smith, Law '82, the Florence town site rustler, returned from a visit among Iowa friends last week, and was not married either. The blizzard stricken people of that State are all turning their eyes toward Dakota."

It did not take the senior long to convince the Professor of Astronomy of the truth of the statement that the chief difference between the earth and the moon was that the latter was a burnt up body while the former was fresh and verdant.

The S. U. I. band discoursed sweet strains of music to the public in front of the Opera House and also in the University campus Wednesday afternoon. The occasion being the "benefit" given in the evening at Ham's Hall. The band is making remarkable progress and is by far the best band ever organized in the city.

Prof. Kuhn is at work on the composition of a choral symphony with which he intends to enter the proposed musical competition at Vienna. We were favored with parts of it from the piano score the other day, and we pronounce it simply grand. We predict success for the composition, and consequent honor to the composer, and distinction to Iowa City, his home, as well.

Mr. W. C. Putnam, of Davenport, secretary of the '83 law class requests us to insert a notice of the issuance of a card stating that a report of the present location of all the members of class '83 will soon be issued. He also desires the whereabouts of each member together with all information concerning other members of the class and twenty cents to defray the cost of printing and postage.

Although it is quite generally known about the University and in the city that Messrs. Howard and Newcomb have severed their connection with the *Republican*, it may not have reached many of our alumni readers, for whose benefit we would mention the fact in these columns. The young gentlemen have probably decided upon a course of action by this time, but have not yet acquainted their friends of it. That they will be successful in whatever they undertake is certain.

The House Committee of the Legislature to whom was referred the request

of the University for a special appropriation of sixty thousand dollars for building purposes, reported favorably last evening, and as the Senate Committee had previously made a favorable report it is hardly probable the measure will fail in its passage. If the appropriation is secured the foundation of the new buildings will be put in this year, and the work pushed on to completion next season.—*Republican*.

The fracas between the Freshmen and Sophomores last Wednesday afternoon in Prof. Booth's room resulted in the destruction of several dollars' worth of property, which the two classes have been called upon to pay in the shape of a fine. If the matter is dropped upon the payment of the fine and "the line is drawn at that," those who were engaged in the squabble can consider themselves fortunate. Expulsion from the University perhaps would not be too severe a penalty to inflict on the leaders.

The University Band benefit last Wednesday evening was fairly successful financially, the boys clearing about \$30, which they will deposit as a fund for future increasing. Their ambition to get new uniforms, as laudable as it is, did not have the encouragement from the students that it ought to have had. One could almost count upon his fingers the college boys who were there. There ought to be some interest and loyal feeling on the part of the students toward an organization which adds so much to the enjoyment of the military exercises and the various occasions where the band takes a prominent part. On the present occasion the balcony was well filled and the skaters comfortably numerous. To all those who have so enthusiastically aided them the boys return thanks.

The *Varsity* (University of Toronto) in the course of a very able article on "Graduate Failures," remarks: "The University occupies a place in educational development, at once the keystone and completion of the prior stages of that development, and radically different from them. Here and here alone, does education cease to be dogmatic. Here students must be dealt with, and consulted, not as classes, but as individuals. Individuality is recognized, and more than this, is made a foundation of all further study and progress. Only in so far as this is so; only in so far as the Universities deal with men as men, and exert their influence for the developing and drawing out of the inherent possibilities of each mind in its own separate entirety, do they fill the place they were founded to supply. This is the ideal towards which their perfecting should aim. And it is now the recognized ideal in the nations of the highest national enlightenment; in some cases, an ideal almost realized. Educationists, theoretical and practical, in Germany, England and Scotland, are gradually sweeping away all obstacles that stand in the way of freedom in this, the highest stage of education. But there still exist Univer-

sities, and they are not unknown amongst us, which are such in name only. So long as such institutions continue to admit within their pale those not yet fit to leave the school or college, and to place before them objects of study, incentives and rewards, incompatible with any true exercise of freedom of choice and pursuit in thought and investigation, so long do they discourage originality and encourage mediocrity; they are guilty of a breach of trust in the betrayal of the confidence reposed in them. They are not likely to send forth into the world such men as the world expects them to produce."

The Erodelphians present the following programme at the Opera House this evening:

Music,	-	S. U. I. Band.
INVOCATION.		
SALUTATORY ORATION,		
Agnes Hatch,	-	The Light of the Dark Ages.
MUSIC.		
Vocal Solo,	-	H. W. Clark.
DECLAMATION,		
Belle Andrews,	-	The Wreck of Rivermouth.
ORATION, ¹		
Lillie Selby,	-	Social Conscience.
MUSIC.		
Instrumental Duet,	-	Stanton and Mauglin.
DEBATE.		
Resolved, That further Congressional Legislation to Secure "Civil Rights" is Desirable.		
Aff.—Sarah Loring,	Neg.—Jennie Hanford,	
		Hattie Cochran.
MUSIC.		
Instrumental,	-	S. U. I. Band.
DECLAMATION,		
Ella Ham,	-	The Death Bridge of the Tay.
VALEDICTORY ORATION.		
Nora Meyers,	-	Emphasis.
MUSIC.		
Vocal Solo,	-	Agnes Hatch.

We are indebted to the *Varsity*, one of our most interesting weekly contemporaries, for the opportunity presented the present corps of editors for again calling the attention of our readers to the fact that we possess a font of Greek type. The following from the above mentioned exchange serves our purpose nicely:

Miss Alpha, though she led her class,
Was yet a most unlovely lass;
She had a little sister θ ,
And she would often bang and β ,
And push, and pinch, and pound and
pelt her,
And many a heavy blow she δ :
So that the kitten e'en would μ
When θ 's sufferings she ν .
This Alpha was so bad to θ ,
That every time she chanced to meet her
She looked as though she longed to η ;
And oft against the wall she jammed her,
And oft she took a stick and λ ;
And for the pain and tears she brought
her
She pitied her not one ι .
Then θ cried with noisy clamor,
And ran and told her grief to γ ,
And γ , with a pitying ψ ,
Would give the little girl some π ,
And say, "Now darling mustn't χ ."

The hymn beginning, "The consecrated cross I'd bear," had just been sung and in the momentary quiet that followed, the perplexed youth cried to his father, "Say, pa, where do they keep the consecrated cross-eyed bear?"

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H. C. Sheldon is the best attorney in the town of Broken Row, Nebraska. It must be so, because he says so.

Judge Love has not resigned his Professorship in the Law Department of the State University. The only foundation for the rumor to that effect is that he has resigned the lectureship to the medical classes upon the subject of medical jurisprudence, and Judge Shiras has been appointed to that lectureship. By this arrangement the Law Department secures the full services of Judge Love, and the Medical Department obtains the services of a new and valuable instructor. Judge Love likes his work here as lecturer to the Law class, and the work likes him.

The Law Class has been canvassed with the following result:
For such a tariff as we now have there are 11.

For a gradual reduction, still retaining a tariff that shall give the American manufacturer an advantage over the foreign manufacturer, 49.

For a gradual reduction to a basis which will afford enough revenue to pay the expenses of the government—a tariff levied for that purpose only, 21.

For a gradual, continuous reduction till no tariff restriction exists on foreign commerce, 26.

The Proposed New Court.

That the Supreme Court of the United States is several years behind in its business, with no reasonable prospect of ever catching up under existing conditions, is a well known fact. Various remedies for the overcrowded condition of the court calendar have been suggested, such as a large increase in the number of judges and the division of the court into sections. None of these schemes have ever been vigorously pushed, however, and the continue to accumulate.

Measures for a partial relief of the pressure of business before the court have been introduced lately by both Mr. Dorsheimer, of New York, and Mr. O'Neil, of this city, either of which, if passed, would be good as far as it went. They provide a new Court of Appeals, intermediate between the Circuit Courts and the Supreme Court, to which all cases are to be taken which arise between citizens of different States. They also provide for the present relief of the Supreme Court by a reference of all cases of this nature now pending to the new court, if it shall be established.

A measure of this kind is very earnestly advocated by the Law Association of this city. While the plan suggested may look like a multiplication of tribunals to little purpose, it must be remembered that our present system of United States Courts was intended for a much smaller population and volume of busi-

ness than the country possesses at the present time. If the proposed new measure is the best that can be secured at present it should be passed by all means. A partial remedy for the present overcrowded condition of the court of last resort is better than no remedy at all.—Philadelphia Times.

The work of the term draws to a close and the weary student will have an opportunity to recruit his exhausted energies during the vacation. Both instructors and pupils need it. It is a fitting moment to review the work of the term. We have had the Law of Bailments, under the guidance of Prof. McClain; the Law of Domestic Relations, Corporations and Insurance illuminated by the expositions of Judge Adams; the Law of Agency, Partnership, Sales of Personal Property, Admiralty, and Bills and Notes explained and illustrated by Judge Love; the Law of Railroads by Hon. John F. Duncombe; and last but not least by any means for ten weeks we have had one lecture every day, and often two, on the subject of Real Property, with its curious and difficult learning, by Chancellor Ross. In addition to this regular class work we have had particular attention paid this term in the Moot Court to the subject of pleading. Every member of the class has had a decision to read and a case to argue in that court. The club courts were also kept up. Once each week those who wished to acquaint themselves more intimately with the writings of the greatest master of the English language were met by Prof. Booth. Three Societies, the House of Delegates, Law Literary and Sumner Society, were maintained. Such is a brief outline of the work which has engaged our best effort. It has not been performed by the few while the many have lagged—the writer of this does not know of a single sluggard in the class. To most men there comes after long continued effort a period of depression and doubt—a time of self-reckoning. The law student is not exceptional. We realize that we stand as it were on the threshold of a great undertaking—the enlarged mental vision reveals to our troubled gaze the magnitude of the task before us—the known so insignificant—the unknown so vast. It is well at such a moment to indulge in retrospection, and a pertinent query is, How much of this law were you familiar with at the beginning of the term? You become conscious of progress. There is inspiration in the thought of advancement—courage and joy in its realization.

The following letter written by the Hon. John F. Duncombe to a leading member of the Legislature, is so pertinent to the subject of "Cheap judges being the most expensive of all luxuries," that we have asked the recipient of it the privilege of printing it here:
"You will pardon this letter. I have felt for years that one of the most fruitful causes of court expenses in Iowa, is the fact that our judges, in whose hands we trust property, life and liberty, are

paid salaries which, after deducting expenses, would be below a first class clerk's pay. The result is, we cannot, without great sacrifice to the individual, get the best material for judges, or if we do at times succeed in this, they are compelled to resign. It is a matter of wonder that we get as able men on the bench as we now have. But they cannot remain long. Judge Henderson, our District Judge, is as able a judge as we have in the State. He is worth to the State three times what he gets. He has been kept on the bench by the urgent request of the lawyers in the district. He will not remain longer than fall. We must lose him from the bench. You well know that first class lawyers earn from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per annum in Iowa.

Judge McCrary resigned to get the position offered me in 1872. My fees have averaged \$9,000 to \$10,000 per annum for a dozen years past. What office can any man of ability hold on the bench, and not be the loser? The time has passed in Iowa for cheap judges. Cheap judges are the most expensive luxuries the people can have. The people pay twice as much in expenses as all the judicial salaries amount to, which could be saved in many cases by more competent judges. I know that most of our judges are able men. But take a man like Judge Henderson, how can he pay \$600 per annum expenses, leave a good practice, neglect his business, spend a large part of his time thinking about how he can make the balance of his paltry salary support his family, and do justice to himself or the people of his district? He is constantly worried, and his worry makes him unable to do his duty well. It is a shame and disgrace to the State that a reasonable salary is not paid the judiciary. I trust you will do all in your power to aid the State in securing the best material for Judges. You cannot get it and retain it unless these salaries are increased."

The Century for April contains some fine articles. The frontispiece is a portrait of the poet Sidney Lanier at fifteen years of age, accompanying an interesting article and another portrait of the poet as a man. "The White House" is a profusely illustrated article by E. V. Smalley. An historical article by Geo. Alfred Townsend tells "How Wilkes Booth Crossed the Potomac." The conclusion of the able "Notes on Dante's Exile" is accompanied by numerous fine illustrations. "The New York City Hall," "Among the Magdalen Islands," (the third paper describing the cruise of the "Alice May"), and "Progress in Fish-Culture," are the remaining illustrated articles. Besides installments of "An Average Man" and "Dr. Sevier," there are many interesting features, among the number being "Uncle Tom Without a Cabin," "The Destiny of the Universe," "New Zealand in Blooming December," "Arnold on Emerson and Carlyle," "Morse Chan" (a tale of old Virginia), and some fine articles among the "Open Letters" and "Bric-a-Brac."

SHORT-HAND COLUMN.

ELDON MORAN, Editor.

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When the matter in hand is entirely finished, he may ask for the spelling of proper names, insert words which he failed to hear or record, and make necessary corrections. Apparent grammatical and verbal errors need not be called up, but should be corrected by himself when the transcript is made.

The thoughtful student need not be told that since all the plans and secrets of his employer's business must be made known to the corresponding clerk, the most implicit confidence is reposed in him, and loyalty, integrity and devotion to business are presumed by the relationship established. He should not only be so discreet as not to divulge office secrets, or betray implied confidence, but he should show plainly by his conduct that he is faithful to his employers, and interested in their behalf.

No matter how well accomplished a private secretary may be, his services will not be sought, if he has not cultivated habits of prudence, and shown himself to be safe and trustworthy.

Adoring one (in lavender kids and a blue scarf): "O! how I wish I were that book you clasp so lovingly!" She: "How I wish you were, so that I could shut you up!"

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I've met with great re-*verses*,
I'm in a swift decline;
Cho-*lyric* are the curses
That leave these lips of mine.

In youth 'twas my desire
Im-Moore-tal fame to gain;
Ah! then my hopes *satire*
Than the average weather-vane!
But now, in desperation,
I'm forced to give up *Pope*;
Alas! my sweet ambition
Now *stanza* show to "slope!"

These hopes that once I cherished
For *hymn*-mortality,
They long ago have perished,
For *rhyme* dunce, you see!
All thoughts of fame I've banished,
Renown I've sought in vain;
My *Poe*-t's dream has vanished—
May it never come again!

—Tribune.

LITERARY NOTES.

Charles Langheimer, the convict whom Dickens made famous, and who for years has been known as "Dickens' Dutchman," recently appeared at the Philadelphia prison and asked to be given quarters there, saying: "I've come home to die. There is no place like the penitentiary."

Matthew Arnold's paper on "Literature and Science," which will appear in *The Manhattan* for April, has some of the matter contained in the lecture with that title which he delivered in the United States, but differs from it in important respects. It has some sharp thrusts at those who clamor for a "practical" education for youth.

Judge Neilson, of Brooklyn, has written a book, which will soon be published, entitled, "Memories of Rufus Choate." The volume includes letters from several eminent people in various professions, who, in response to Judge Neilson's request, have written their impressions and recollections of Mr. Choate.

Dr. Edward Lasker was fond of writing epigrams. Here is one written when a student:

GREAT AND SMALL.

An advocate of mighty size
Was 'gainst a small one pitted;
"Ho," said the large one, full of scorn,
"You're for my pocket fitted."
"Granted," the little one replied,
"Then would the news be spread,
More knowledge in your pocket's hid
Than's stored within your head."

Many good stories are told of the university career of C. S. Calverley, the English poet, who died recently. While at Oxford the master of his college summoned him one day, and said: "I don't know, Mr. Calverley, how it happens, but whenever I look out of the window I see you jumping over that wall." "Well, master," replied he, "it certainly has often struck me as odd that whenever I jump over that wall I see you looking out of the window."

The ages of some of our American authors are said to be as follows: R. J. Burdette is forty, Bert Harte is forty-five, Mark Twain is forty-eight, W. D. Howells is forty-six, Thomas Baily Aldrich is forty-five, Joaquin Miller is forty-two,

James Russell Lowell is sixty-four and John G. Saxe is sixty-eight.

Professor in German: "Mr. W., how would you decline *guter, alter, rother, Wein?*" Mr. W.: "I shouldn't decline it."

"Is Mr. Matthew Arnold lecturing here to-night?" asked a stranger of the ticket seller. "Yes, sir; do you want a seat?" "Yes, if you please." He was handed the ticket, and as he started to go, the gentlemen at the box office remarked: "please go up stairs as quietly as you can, sir; the audience is asleep."—*Philadelphia Call*.

"A lady friend of mine," says a writer in a contemporary, "who is of a somewhat literary turn, wanted to glean all she could about the author of the 'Essay on Man,' who, as everyone knows, lives by the banks of the Thames. Walking into a highly respectable linen-draper's shop at Twickenham, she mildly asked of the young gentleman behind the counter if he could tell her where Pope used to live. The amiable youth spent a few minutes in quiet thought, and then called across the shop: 'John, can you tell the lady where the pope used to live?' However, before the answer could be given the proprietor of the shop appeared and said: 'Nonsense, you stupid fellow; the lady wants to know where Mr. Pope, the builder, used to live.' Such is ephemeral fame, and such is the local antiquarian knowledge of Twickenham."—*Liverpool Post*.

An earthquake observatory is the latest thing in the way of science. It has been established near Tokio by Prof. Milne, of the Imperial Engineering College of that city. This novel institution is fitted up deep down in the coal mines of the Island of Takashima, not far from Nagasaki. Instruments are placed at different levels in the mines, which will afford measures of the relations in time, intensity, etc., between earth-tremors below ground and those observed at the surface. These minute and almost imperceptible movements of the earth's crust have already been the subject of experiments in the researches into the lunar disturbance of gravity by the brothers Darwin who suggested two or three years ago the necessity of underground observations in order to get rid of the accidental disturbances which seem to be fatal to successful experiments at the surface.—*Tribune*.

Boston literary persons are discussing anew the mystery of George Eliot's life. A letter by a Plymouth clergyman named E. C. Towne was published some time ago and renewed the interest in this painful subject. Mr. Towne wrote that "the assertion so much insisted on in various quarters that a rare happiness came to George Eliot from what is called her marriage is as contrary as possible to the real truth, which was that, apart from her faithful efforts to make the best of the case for everybody, she was the most wretched and suffering of human beings. The true story of her life has yet to be told. The story that has been told for so many years as to Mr. Lewes never had any truth in it. It was first used to cheat George Eliot into

a relation which with any suspicion of the truth, her soul would have abhorred and it has been used ever since to make current history tell lies favorable to Mr. L. H. Lewes."

Here are a couple of love-songs, at once both Latin and English, one of the amusements of Dean Swift. There is a mine of wit and originality in the learned trifles:

"Apud in is almi de si re,
Mimis tres I ne ver re qui re,
Alo ver I findit a gestis,
His miseri na ver at restis."

"A pudding is all my desire,
My mistress I never require,
A lover I find it a jest is,
His misery never at rest is."

The next, in the same style and vein, is equally happy:

"Mollis abuti,
Has an acuti,
No lasso finis,
Molli divinis.
O mi de armis tres,
I mina dis tres,
Cantu disco ver,
Meas alo ver?"

Moll is a beauty,
Has an acute eye,
No lass so fine is,
Molly divine is.
O! my dear mistress,
I'm in distress,
Can't you discover
Me as a lover?"

We remember another of Swift's exertions in this kind:

"Laetus paco fit tis time!"

"Let us pack off—'tis time!"

—Student.

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