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To the Students of the Collegiate Department:

Desiring to be relieved from further duties and responsibilities connected with the editorial management of this paper, and returning thanks for past favors received, I respectfully resign the position of editor of the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

J. H. LIGGETT.

ALL of our readers who heard Keene last season as Shylock, or the previous season as Richard III will be glad to hear him again Monday night as Othello. Whatever may be the criticisms passed upon his acting by others, among students of the University there is but one opinion, that is that his superior has not appeared before an Iowa City audience, while it is very doubtful indeed if the American stage furnishes a greater Shakesperian actor. His support last year was far from being above criticism; but it is unjust to confound an actor with his support. Students in common with citizens can but consider themselves under obligations to the managers of the Opera House for the care they have used in furnishing good entertainments. Several companies promising "a great take" financially have been turned away to the end that the season might consist of a series of entertainments worthy of the "Athens of Iowa." The appearance of the best the stage furnishes is at great financial risk to the managers. You, play goers, by your patronage are to determine whether in seasons to come Emma Abbott, Sheridan and Keene shall come again. You may assist in getting the best, you can demand the poorest and the cheapest.

THE exact sphere of College journals is not yet determined beyond dispute. In fact college journalism is of such recent growth that time has not been sufficient to develop its features and peculiarities

to their fullest extent. The practice of guardianship is rapidly coming into vogue although a goodly number of our contemporaries still draw their inspiration from that source. The feasibility of such independence necessarily depends upon circumstances. If the purpose of a college journal be to voice solely the sentiments of instructors, there can be no dispute as to where the authority should rest; but if instructed as well as instructors are recognized as having opinions, the control then assumes a different aspect. For state institutions, where each student is free to think for himself, free expression of opinions also should be conceded and an entire independence is undoubtedly the best plan. No serious danger is to be feared from conflict between faculty and students resulting from such independence, for there is an identity of interests and the body of students attending state schools are of mature age and supposably of mature judgment. Again the form of the college paper is a disputed point. A very large majority of our exchanges adhere to the magazine form which we are compelled to admit makes a much neater appearance than our own paper; and again we must insist that the circumstances under which each paper exists must adjust these points. Our neat contemporaries come to our table monthly, a very few tri-monthly. The VIDETTE makes its appearance every week responsive to the demands of its patrons for local news. It is sheer nonsense for any western college to think of publishing a weekly magazine. Any such proposition would stagger the shrewdest financier that ever guarded the material interest of a college paper. It is too expensive. The VIDETTE, while appearing in a newspaper form, and attempting to furnish its readers the latest items of interest in its local columns, endeavors to maintain a literary tone through its literary department, giving to its readers representative literary productions of University students. Our co-temporaries should bear in mind the fact that the VIDETTE is published weekly instead of eight or nine times during an entire year.

WHITTIER COLLEGE, located at Salem, Iowa, was completely destroyed by fire on the morning of December 4th. There was but one building, and as the fire was beyond on control when first discovered, every thing was lost, including library, cabinet of mineral specimens, apparatus, etc. The loss is estimated at \$6,000; insured for \$1,000. As the name indicates it is a Quaker institution, and was founded in 1867. The poet in whose honor it was named was present at its dedication. It has been decided to continue the school in the Quaker church for the present and to prepare as rapidly as possible for the erection of a new building.

A MEETING of the graduates of the State University residing at Des Moines will be held in that city to-night for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. This move, though tardy, is a highly commendable one. Des Moines being the capital of the state and the chief center of its political influence offers an unusually favorable field wherein an effective alumni association may make itself felt in promoting the interests of its *Alma Mater*. If other cities as Minneapolis, for example, can maintain such an organization with a far less number of S. U. I. graduates, then surely Des Moines, with its 80 alumni, has every inducement to maintain a similar one. We hope to hear of the success of the scheme.

A WEEK ago last Monday morning, ex-President Welch of the Agricultural College gave a very interesting talk at Chapel, which we neglected to notice last week. He spoke of the evil results of getting a lesson imperfectly. Such work brings no discipline and results in no good. More than that every lesson imperfectly solved strenghtens the habit of doing things in a half way manner, and thus has a positively evil tendency. "Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well," and it is only the lesson that is mastered that repays the labor put upon it. Although apparently quite old, ex-Pres. Welch speaks with a great deal of vigor and energy, and we dare say is an interesting and enthusiastic teacher.

Among the persons that are on the next State Teacher's Association programme is Miss S. Laura Ensign, teacher of Geography and History at the Iowa State Normal School. There is no Iowa woman that has shown greater power, nor had greater success as a teacher. Her "Outlines of United States History," published last summer, brought her into notice as a close student of our country's career. It is with great pleasure that we note the fact that she is on the programme. Her many friends and acquaintances rejoice in her distinguished success in all lines of educational work.

"With zeroes frequent and grim,
With standings full of despair,
A Freshman stood in Geometry class
Flunking with pitiful air.
Flunk! flunk! flunk!
Too lazy to study or work,
He took his seat with faltering steps,
And dreamt the 'Song of the Shirk.'
* * * * *
'Oh, Profs., with visages stern!
Oh, tutors, with merciless eyes!
It is not Freshmen you're wearing out,
But innocent ponies' lives.
Flunk! flunk! flunk!
Too lazy to study or work,
Learnin' at once from the need of excuse
To lie as well as to shirk.'"

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KEENE AS OTHELLO.

The important dramatic event of the season will be the appearance of the season will be the appearance of the tragedian, Mr. Thos. W. Keene, who on Monday, December 21st will appear as "Othello," speaking of his delination of that character the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* says:

Mr. Keene presents a practicable and well considered conception of Othello, one which is likely to secure valuable recognition as the performance becomes more rounded and symmetrical. The turgid, heavy and sonorous style of declamation is reduced to a minimum, the scenes being treated as conventionally as possible, which produces a singularly happy effect, enlisting a new regard of the character. The idea is that of a hasty and passionate nature subdued to the environments of place and position, the soldier and alien Venitian, but ready to assert itself on the instant of provocation. There is a quiet air of superiority about the impersonation, too, that is becoming and which gives weight to certain scenes in compensation for the discorded fervor of speech and violence of action. In this way, Mr. Keene succeeds in doubly intensifying the passionate outbursts of the Moor when the real awaking of his nature bursts the temperate bonds of judgment in the whirl and tumult of furious jealousy. And this is no artifice, either. It is a rational treatment of a reasonable conception, and shows the conclusion of intelligence. Following this clearly defined course, Mr. Keene introduces some eminently sound readings and interpretations of the lines that are effective in many ways. In the scene between Othello and Iago, where the insidious poison of the treacherous scheme is insinuated to the mind of the husband, there is much beauty to the performance of Mr. Keene. Relying upon vehemence rather than upon boisterousness, speaking with fervor but not in frenzy, the earlier part of the scene is defined with a skill that shows the slow progress of the alert mind to conclusion that resolves to tear the offender all to pieces. At this point, suddenly assured of Desdemona's wanton practice, Othello starts forward to immediately execute his threat, and is only deterred by the interference of Iago. This is a good dramatic incident. It is certainly consistent and impressive. In such little variations as this Mr. Keene has succeeded in giving a unique coloring to his portraiture of the Moor, and as they are numerous throughout the play, the performance is one of diversified interest. Seats now on sale at Fink's.

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jury by the English constitution, that is the freedom to publish at will, without permission from the government, subject to the liability to criminal prosecution if the matter was what the law termed libelous.

But in 1790, probably before the Fox bill had been introduced, a section was incorporated into the Pennsylvania constitution adopted that year, which after guaranteeing freedom of the press declared that "in prosecutions for publications investigating the proceedings of officers, or where the matter published is proper for public information, the truth thereof may be given in evidence, and in all indictments for libels the jury may determine the facts and the law under direction of the court, as in other criminal cases."

These two clauses, one allowing the truth to be shown as a defense under certain qualifications, the other making the jury judges of the law and the fact in such cases, were incorporated in almost identical words, into the constitutions of Delaware and Kentucky, in 1792, and in substance, if not in the same words, into almost every constitution adopted since. Yet there never has been in the history of these states any cause to fear that the citizen shall be oppressed or curtailed in the freedom of expressing his opinions by unjust prosecutions for libel, the sole occasion for these provisions being evidently a response on this side the Atlantic to the popular feeling in England leading to a modification of their constitution.

In our own state constitution the provision as to the truth being shown as a defense, is preserved, but the declaration as to the rights of the jury is omitted, it being enacted, however, as a part of the statutory law. E. M.

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Prof. Robertson will close his series of lectures on sanitary science and public hygiene Monday evening next. His deep interest and thorough knowledge of the subject has proven them to be very interesting and profitable.

Anatomists divide their science, as well as their subjects, into fragments. Osteology treats of the skeleton, myology of the muscles, angiology of the blood vessels, splanchnology the digestive organs, or department of the interior, and so on.

Before another issue the lectures will close for the holidays in which the oppressed, hardworking medical student should enjoy and hail with pleasure and delight, and throw aside all studies, go home and see parents, friends, sister, or—you know—and have a good time generally, forgetting all about studies and enjoy a genuine recreation, then on coming back you can prosecute your studies with renewed vigor and zeal by the relief obtained from the pleasure and recreation.

Not less patient, resolute, and persevering than Harvey or Jenner was Sir Charles Bell in the prosecution of his discoveries relating to the nervous system. Previous to his time the most confused notions prevailed as to the functions of the nerves, and this branch of study was little more advanced than it had been in the time of Democritus and Anaxagoras, three thousand years before. Sir Charles Bell, in the valuable series of papers the publication of which was commenced in 1821, took an entirely original view of the subject, based upon a long series of careful, accurate, and oft repeated experiments. Elaborately tracing the development of the nervous system up from the lowest order of animated being to man—the lord of the animal kingdom—he displayed it, to use his own language, “as plainly as if it were written in our own language.” His discovery consisted in the fact that the spinal nerves are double in their function and arise by double roots from the spinal cord—volition being conveyed by that part of the nerves springing from the one root, and sensation by the other. The subject occupied the mind of Sir Charles Bell for a period of forty years, when, in 1840, he laid his last paper before the Royal Society. As in the cases of Harvey and Jenner, when he had lived down the ridicule and opposition with which his views were first received, and their truth came to be recognized, numerous claims for priority in making the discovery were set up at home and abroad. Like them, too, he lost practice by the publication of his papers; and he left it on record that, after every step in his discovery, he was obliged to work harder than ever to preserve his reputation as a practitioner. The great merits of Sir Charles Bell were however at

length fully recognized, and Cuvier himself, when on his death bed, finding his face distorted and drawn to one side, pointed out the symptoms to his attendants as proof of the correctness of Sir Charles Bell's theory.

Tying her bonnet under her chin

She tied her raven ringlets in.

But not alone in the silken snare

Did she catch her lovely floating hair,

For tying her bonnet under her chin

She tied a young man's heart within,

—Nora Perry.

And many a time that little chin

He's heard from since, you bet and win!

Many bonnets she's had for her raven hair,

And many a time he's been called a bear;

And now she is throwing her ringlets back,

And she says she'll have a sealskin sacque!

—Courier Journal.

Buttoning her sealskin up to her chin,

She glideth out and she glideth in,

And the eyes of women with envy are green

But the erst young fellow is seldom seen,

For in a dark office he labors like sin,

For the fairy who tied and roped him in.

—Chicago World.

Teaching Physiology is usually attended with much discouragement on the part of both pupil and teacher. Those seeking better methods will be glad to learn that the Normal Book Concern, of Ladoga, Ind., announces the publication of a little book which must necessarily prove of great service to all who study or teach physiology. It comes under the title “Physiology Outlined,” by J. F. Warfel, teacher of the Natural Science in the Central Indiana Normal School, Ladoga, Ind. It is a complete and scientific topical outline of the subject. It is the third in a series of similar books, following U. S. History Outlined, and Civil Government Outlined, which have passed through several editions and become very popular all over the country. The History and Physiology are issued in paper at 15 cts.; in cloth, 25 cts. Civil Government 10 cts. For copies, address the Normal Book Concern, Ladoga, Ind.

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Senior orations due December 21st.
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LOCAL.

"I object Mr. Presiden."
 Lee, Welch & Co's bookstore.
 Keene in Othello Monday night.
 Love will not be in school next term.
 Miss Helfritz will assist Allin, Wilson
 & Co. during vacation.
 R. A. Greene, C. E. '85, has been visit-
 ing friends in Des Moines this week.

Students should call on Miss Helfritz
 at Allin, Wilson & Co's. during the next
 month.

A recent meeting of the teachers of
 Mills county was presided over by H.
 G. Lamson, '84.

Keene is a decided success as Othello,
 and his support is good. Seats now on
 sale at Fink's.

Lieut. Knower started this morning
 for Baltimore, Md., where he will spend
 the holidays with his family.

Miss Sophy Hutchinson, who has
 been visiting friends in Des Moines re-
 cently, returned home yesterday.

Miss Delia Hutchinson, B. Ph. '83, and
 valedictorian of her class, is now teach-
 ing in the West Liberty High School.

Miss Myra Call, A. B. '85, is in the
 city to spend the holidays with her sis-
 ter, Miss Prof. Call, and visit old friends.

We are glad to hear that Miss Evans
 is rapidly recovering from her illness.
 She took the train for home this morn-
 ing.

Blanding's visit was shortened by the
 receipt last Saturday of a telegram an-
 nouncing the illness of his father at
 Dubuque.

Clemmer has about recovered from his
 attack of pneumonia. He was out
 Thursday for the first time, and went
 home yesterday.

Prof. Wm. C. Preston, assistant profes-
 sor of chemistry and natural philosophy
 in the S. U. I. from '69 to '82 is visiting
 friends in the city.

Students who remain during vacation
 will have an opportunity to hear "Pat
 Rooney," who will appear at the Opera
 House, January 2d.

L. B. Athay of the Sophomore class
 was obliged to leave school on Wednes-
 day on receipt of a telegram announcing
 the sickness of a friend.

Students can procure Outlines in
 Ancient, Mediaeval, and Modern His-
 tory, by S. Laura Ensign, A. M. '79.
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Miss May Dolsen and Miss Agnes
 Hatch arrived last evening from Mus-
 catine and will assist in the musicale
 given this evening by Mr. Powell John-
 son.

William Steven Perry, D. D., LL. D.,
 Bishop of Iowa, together with Mrs.
 Perry and Miss Richardson, their niece,
 is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Boal. The
 Bishop will officiate at Trinity church
 to-morrow.

T. Q. Records formerly connected with
 class '86, visited friends in the city dur-
 ing the week. Since leaving school he
 has been acting as book keeper in the
 asylum for the feeble minded at Glen-
 wood, Iowa.

At the recent meeting of the Iowa
 Surveyors and Engineers at Des Moines,
 we notice that Prof. B. Shimek, C. E.
 '83, is a member of the Committees on
 Highways and Bridges, and on Sewerage
 and Water Supply.

Harvey Ingham A. B. '80, LL. B. '81
 who is editing a paper at Algona, has
 been visiting for several days with his
 sister, Miss Nell Ingham, of the senior
 class and his brother George, and look-
 ing up old friends in the University.

Many of the students have received
 invitations to a musicale, to be given in
 the law lecture room this evening by
 D. P. Johnson, Jr., assisted by Miss
 Agnes Hatch and Miss May Dolsen, of
 Muscatine, and the Misses Jessie Smith
 and Nell Cox.

J. T. Chrischilles, '84, is spending a
 few days in the city visiting friends.
 The upper classmen will remember him
 as the efficient editor of the VIDETTE
 during his Junior and Senior years.
 "Chris" reports progress in the study of
 law at his home, Algona, Iowa.

Thursday night marked the return of
 another alumnus, A. C. Hobart, '85, who
 will spend a few days renewing old
 associations, and living over again old
 scenes. Since graduation he has been
 engaged in the study of law in his
 native town Cherokee, in the office of
 one of the leading lawyers of that place.

So many of the students desire to take
 "human anatomy and physiology" next
 term, that Prof. Calvin thinks he will
 have to form two divisions to accommo-
 date them. They will probably recite
 at 8 and at 9 o'clock. As this is the first
 introduction of that study into the col-

lege course, this great demand for it ar-
 gues that it fills a general want and has
 come to stay.

Lieut. Knower delivered his lecture
 on Frederick the Great's military system
 to both divisions of the Modern History
 class last Tuesday afternoon. The lec-
 ture was carefully prepared and well
 illustrated by blackboard diagrams. It
 is unnecessary to say that the lecture
 was highly appreciated by all.

The members of the Political Economy
 class instead of passing an examination
 are required to write an essay on some
 of the subjects discussed during the
 term. The nine receiving the highest
 marks on essay, by judges selected by
 the class, will be presented with several
 valuable publications on economical
 subjects.

We have received substantial com-
 munications from T. B. Keplinger, W. J.
 Maughlin and C. M. Wirick the past
 week. All these gentlemen wish the
 VIDETTE-REPORTER success, and have
 helped in a material way to make it a
 success. Getting up a paper and cooking
 a rabbit are quite similar—in the former,
 the first thing is paper and printing
 which cost money; in the latter—but
 you probably see our point by this time.

"Mr. Thomas Hitchcock, a former
 graduate of the S. U. I., but now principal
 of the West Branch school, was elected
 assistant teacher in the high school.
 Miss Ella Ham was the other teacher
 selected, but we are not informed as to
 her position. Miss Ham is a lady of
 rare accomplishments, and will, undoubt-
 edly fill any position assigned her in a
 satisfactory way."—Wednesday Republic-
 can. This adds two more S. U. I. alumni
 to the pedagogue roll of Iowa City.

Teeters has just got out a "Holiday
 Annual" in the interest of Holiday trade
 in Iowa City. In addition to the "Ads"
 it contains three excellent literary
 articles: "Christmas Giving," by G. C.
 Matthews, "Christmas in Germany and
 Austria," by Griez, and "The Siege of
 Paris and its Christmas-Tide," by E. B.
 Washburne. Commendable energy,
 "Teet."

Prof. Parker has been elected by the
 alumni of Oberlin College to deliver the
 annual alumni address next commence-
 ment. Oberlin is one of the grand insti-
 tutions of the west and the honor is a
 high one and worthily bestowed. We
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It is rumored that the faculty have de-
 cided not to allow students to schedule
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 after. This is a movement in the right
 direction; with the addition of work in
 the literary societies that most of out
 students have, three studies are all that
 can be profitably taken at one time. If
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 ways results in imperfect work in some
 of our studies or injures the student's
 health, and either result is sufficient
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All books are called in on Monday, December 21st.

The student, who borrowed a private copy of Haven's Mental Philosophy, will please return the same to the library without delay.

The Department of the Interior has completed the library set of the "Congressional Globe."

Prof. Fellows has presented to the library a copy of his revised and newly compiled edition of "Watts, on the Improvement of the Mind," which has been noticed in a former number of this paper.

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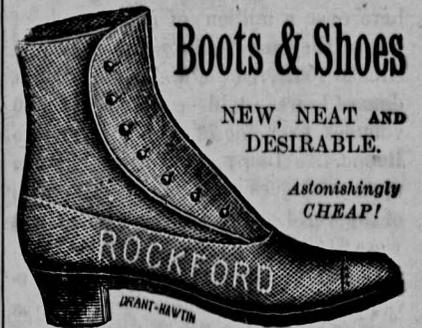
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And over the border he rode and ran.

He savagely said; "I'll take off the head
Of the smart Aleck yonder and bring him in
dead,
And paint all the towns of Bulgaria red."

Prince Aleck arose and put on his clothes,
And filed his eye-teeth and painted his nose,
And fired a big list of hard words at his foes.

The battle began and the Servian clan
Rolled up like a leaf the Bulgarian van.
"Ho, this is a picnic!" cried King Milan,

Prince Aleck was wary and not a bit scary;
He blocked up the road with a dictionary,
And made the fierce Servian's plans miscarry.

Then all in the row were mixed up anyhow,
And Milan at a council of war said: "I vow
They've got the Bulgarian bulge on us now!"

They fit and they fout, with slaughter and rout,
And left the outsiders to wonder and doubt
What one and the other were fighting about.

When, spite of their grit, they both had to quit
And take an account of the fight, that was fit,
It happened that neither was bettered a bit.

—New York World.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN LIBRARY.

United States Minister Lothrop writes to Henry M. Utley, of the Detroit Public Library, an account of his visit to one of the renown libraries of the world, as follows:

The Imperial Library at St. Petersburg is said, (with what truth I know not,) to rank third in the world, the number and quality of its treasures being considered.

I spent the morning there a few days ago, under the guidance of its most courteous librarians. A few words on what I saw may be of interest to you.

Like all the Imperial buildings, the Library Palace is of immense extent. It was founded by that most remarkable woman, Catharine II, whose hand seems everywhere in St. Petersburg, almost as conspicuous as that of the Great Peter. Most fitly a magnificent bronze statue of the great Empress stands in the square opposite the library, and a fine full length portrait meets the visitor soon after he enters.

The library is, of course, not in a single room, but fills two stories and many rooms. These rooms are lofty and well lighted, especially those of the upper floor. There are said to be gathered here over a million of books, and, of course, they are of all tongues. A large circular room, whose walls rise like a dome, I was told contained 60,000 volumes, ever one of which related to Russia. Another room was wholly given up to catalogues of the various libraries of the world, of which it was said there were 6,000 volumes.

Of manuscripts there is a large collection. The most notable is perhaps a collection of Hebrew manuscripts, many of which were huge rolls of parchment or leather. It was said to have been the collection of a learned Hebrew Rabbi, and to have cost the Imperial government 250,000 thalers. There are great numbers of letters and writings of distinguished men, many of which are dis-

played under glass, so as to be easily examined. Two especially struck me, as showing the sharp revenges of time. One was an order signed "Napoleon," dated at the Kremlin in 1812. Directly below it was one of "Alexander I," dated at Paris in 1815.

The Slavonic alphabet is said to have been invented about A. D. 850. There is preserved here a wonderfully beautiful Slavonic manuscript copy of the Evangelists, made A. D. 1060—or nearly four hundred years before printing was invented. Each letter is at least one-fourth of an inch high, and is as perfect as if engraved. The ink is as black and the parchment leaves as fresh as if made yesterday. The whole makes a book of the size of a large folio bible. It is of course preserved with the most religious care. This reminds one of a still greater treasure. I mean the world famed Codex Sinaiticæ, or Sinaitic manuscript bible, found in 1859 by Tischendorf in the monastery at Sinai, and believed by him to be the oldest manuscript bible known. This is also kept with the utmost care. It is, of course, on parchment, and makes a large volume. I was permitted to examine it carefully. It is kept in a special glass case, carefully locked.

There is no end of old bibles, and in a great variety of tongues. They are displayed in endless glass cases so that they can be seen with great ease.

I was much struck with the great beauty of the writing and the printing of many Oriental books. Some were in gilt and some were in silver lettering. There was a very large and beautiful Persian book entitled "Universal History." I could not help wondering what kind of histories they write in Persia. How the world must be lied about there! Though, as for that, history everywhere seems largely made up of lies. When I remember that Herodotus wrote, before libraries were, and told about as much truth as his successors do, perhaps they may write average histories in Persia. As I have exchanged cards with the Persian Minister here, I hope for an opportunity of asking him about it.

In one section of the library sits Voltaire, in marble, of life size. Around him is his entire library, bought by Catharine after his death.

Perhaps, however, the thing that most interested me was the reading room. I had never heard of it, and what I saw quite took me by surprise.

The room is a lofty, well lighted hall, about 100 feet long, and about half of that in width. It is fitted up throughout with seats and writing tables, and furnishes accommodations for 300 persons at once. It is open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., and here, says the librarian, "everyone, man and woman, even the mujek in his sheep skin, may come and have for study any book in the library that is to be given out." About 200 persons were seated reading at the table when I was there, and several of them were women.

Now I well know that these observations are very superficial, but I also know that things in themselves trivial

are often interesting, when told to us by one who has seen them and enjoyed the seeing. So I hope it may be in this case.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Urgent Need of Legislative Provision for its Support.

[Dubuque Herald.]

There is no institution, no property and no care of the State of Iowa that is in such urgent need of provision for its support as the State University. Its income from all sources is scarcely \$60,000 a year, an amount wholly inadequate to support it properly. By a mistaken policy on the part of the early State, the large grant of land for university purposes from the United States was sold for what the lands would bring, and in reality realized less than four dollars to the acre. And the income from these funds has actually decreased instead of increased, because as the State has prospered the rate of interest on the university land fund has been reduced. As the State has grown, the demands of the University and the needs of a higher education have increased, and at the same time the queer anomaly has resulted that this very prosperity has reduced the income that supported the University. Besides the natural growth of the institution, and the increasing number each year of the young men and women of the State who flock to the school, the legislature has most every session added new departments and new attachments to what already existed, but without adding to the funds for the support of these new departments. The legislature has by its liberality added almost every session some new expense, but has utterly overlooked all provisions in the way of money for meeting these enlarged expenditures. Within a comparatively few years there have been added to the original collegiate course a law department, a medical department, a homeopathic department, a dental department, a pharmaceutical department, and a scientific hall; and at the same time the legislature has not provided any additional source of revenue with which to maintain them, with the exception of the student's fees, which are neither expected or designed to go very far toward meeting the additional expenses that have secured. In fact, the very liberality of the legislature in making appropriations for new buildings has caused additional expenses for maintaining and caring for them, and even this additional expenditure has not been provided. The truth is, the legislature and the people of Iowa have been endeavoring to create a university that will compare favorably with those of our sister States, and not only meet the growing wants of Iowa, but it was hoped would reflect some credit upon the State as well; and at the same time have not provided any money with which to meet these constantly increasing expenses.

The time has now come when all this should be remedied, and the coming session of the legislature is the party and the time when it should be done. Never was there a time so auspicious for such a movement as the present, and never will there be a time when it can be so well done as now. The "war debt" is all paid off, and the State has no other debt. The State treasury has no demands upon it, except for current expenses. The State Capitol, which is such a credit to the State, is now completed and paid for. A young State like Iowa is compelled to make provision for her needs in a slow and experimental way. This she has done, and has done it carefully, safely and well. Our rate of State taxation, which is less than that of almost any other State in the Union, only two and one-half mills for all purposes, has been sufficient to pay off all the war debt; to build and pay for a magnificent Capitol, of which an average of over \$200,000 a year has been expended during the past fifteen years; the Agricultural College has been endowed and put on a safe footing; the various State institutions have been both paid for and liberally maintained; in fact, there is nothing now wanting but an endowment by the legislature for the State University, and in a very few years that great institution will thus be on a safe and broad foundation, financially as well as in other respects; and then it will not be constantly vexing the legislature and the public with its urgent calls for aid.

What is wanted of the legislature is simply to cause the existing tax of half a mill on the dollar to be set apart each year for a term of years to create an additional permanent endowment for the University. This can be done without increasing taxation by as much as a penny. All that is needed is to continue the existing half mill of taxation, and apply the proceeds to the endowment of the University. Six years ago, it will be recollected, the rate of taxation was increased an extra half mill to pay off the war debt and to build the new Capitol. The war debt is now paid, and the Capitol is completed. No further use is wanted of this half mill tax either to pay war debts or to build a State house. Let it, therefore, be applied to a permanent fund for the State University. It will be no hardship; it will not increase taxation; it will put the University on a splendid basis; it will keep Iowa in the front rank of higher education, as it is in common schools, in the low percentage of illiteracy, and in so many other respects.

The regents and the friends of the University have taken hold of this matter in earnest. The plan is feasible, expedient, cheap, and adds nothing to the burdens of the State or of a single man in the State, not even to the extent of a penny. Let the legislature give us this permanent endowment for the University.

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The University, Chicago's critical journal, in its issue of December 5, contains timely, thoughtful and trenchant article on the "mind cure" and "physical research" crazes by Dr. John Dewey, of the University of Michigan. Doctor Dewey calls attention to the many glaring absurdities perpetrated by this new order of scientists, and to the necessary, inherent futility of most of their investigations.

In the University (Chicago) for December 5, Gilbert Coleridge, son of Lord Coleridge, the well known English jurist contributes a bright essay entitled "Some Traits of Charles Lamb." In a private letter to the editor, Mr. Coleridge says: "It is of course impossible to throw any new light on the life of Lamb, but having had access to many of my ancestor's [the poet's] letters in my father's possession, and also many of Lamb's MSS., I have been able to get clear and trustworthy information about him."

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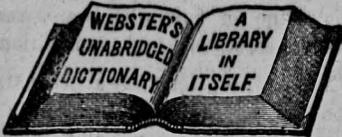
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LAW DEPARTMENT.

T. F. BEVINGTON, Editor.

Arthur Bemis has been on the sick list the past week.

MARRIED.—Charles Fancher, of class '85, to Hattie Ward, December 3d, 1885, at Shelby, Iowa.

The examination in Code Pleading takes place Monday, at 9 A. M. First examination in Evidence Monday, at 4 P. M., and second, Tuesday, at 8 A. M.

W. J. Wade, of the law class, will spend his vacation in New Jersey and New York, looking up a case which has fallen into the hands of the firm with which he is connected.

At the joint class election which took place Thursday afternoon, the following officers were elected: O. D. Wheeler, president; W. S. Marshall, vice-president; E. H. Wilson, secretary; H. K. Evans, editor.

A young lady of Rockford, Ill., who is now attending the Union College of Law in Chicago, has recently accomplished a wonderful work. She being one of two ladies who attend the before mentioned school, has by the circulation of a well-worded petition, led to the abolition of the use of the nicotine-loaded leaf in the lecture hall. One right good-looking lady whose natural modesty and common sense have been well tutored, might be a beneficial student in our own school. A lady who can substantially reform one hundred and fifty law students in regard to the use of tobacco, would surely have a refining effect upon those who have fallen into the "over-rough manish" habit of the use of over-shoes other than for feet protectors.

Judge Love finished his course of four weeks' lectures on Evidence yesterday. The Judge has impressed upon our minds the great importance of this branch of the law. In following quite closely the text he has made plain to us the fact that only a part of the law of Evidence as laid down by the author, Prof. Greenleaf, is applicable to our system of procedure. His thorough knowledge of this subject is so well-known that it is useless for us to comment upon it. It is the amount of systematic knowledge which he has left with us as students that the school, including the faculty, and their followers, are proud of.

As the above notice of the result of the election on Thursday indicates this column is for the winter term to be under the supervision of Mr. H. K. Evans. Without being verbose or in any way tiresome, speaking from my own standpoint and not as your representative, I wish to thank you, gentlemen of the law department, for the support you have given me during this last term's work. But while my work as editor is done, we all have a "part to play" in the future of our column. Let us in this, as in all other work as students, be enthusiastic. An active, sympathetic band of readers, and contrib-

utors of serious thought and "mother wit," can but lure our newly elected editor on and on, by lending inspiration to his purpose. If the past is a correct index of the future, we can surely look forward without fear to a career of "grandest harmony and sweetest peace."

A POPULAR IDEA DOUBTED.

The Constitution of the U. S. provides that "No person shall be twice put in jeopardy, etc." and in most of the state constitutions a similar provision is found. These constitutional provision have been followed by legislative acts in some of the states looking toward the same end. This provision in substance is found in art. 1 sec. 12. of the constitution of Iowa. The Iowa courts looking at this provision as do the majority of the state courts, have uniformly held that, "Where a defendant has been convicted of a lower degree of the offense than that for which he was indicted and put upon trial, such conviction operates as an acquittal of the degree for which he was tried, and if he appeal and secured a reversal he can only be again tried for the offense, or the degree of the offense, of which he was convicted." State vs. Tweedy, 11 Iowa 350; State vs. Clemons, 51 Iowa 274.

The students and lawyers of Iowa may be surprised to learn that this once popular opinion is now doubted by the supreme courts of at least the following seven states: Kansas, California, Indiana, South Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio and Nebraska. See, State vs. McCord, 8 Kan. 232; People vs. Keefer, 3 Pac. Rep. 818; Veatch vs. State, 60 Ind. 291; State vs. Commissioners, 3 Hill (S. C.) 239; Commonwealth vs. Arnold, 6 Crm. L. Mag. (Ky.); State vs. Behimer, 20 Ohio, St. 572; Bohanan vs. State, 15 Neb. 209, also 1 Wal. 127. The whole subject is extensively discussed in the November number of the Criminal Law Magazine, p. 841.

The late Nebraska case which was decided in September has excited much attention. It is here held that "On a plea of former conviction under an indictment for murder, the fact that the defendant was convicted of murder in the second degree, will not be a bar to conviction of murder in the first degree on a new trial." It therefore appears that this constitutional provision as found in the Constitution of the U. S. and the various states is only protective and may be waived by the defendant. 1 Mal. 127. In Harley vs. State, 6 Ohio 400, it is decided that the simple verdict of a jury is not sufficient to entitle defendant to protection on the ground of previous acquittal, but that to be of any force there must be a judgment on the verdict.

By the popular or Iowa rule, the jury in fact render two verdicts, the one convicting defendant of the lower crime and the other acquitting him of the higher. But the contrary doctrine is that the verdict is an "entirety" and the question as to degree is a secondary consideration. The charge is the unlawful killing, and a new trial, a re-examin-

ation of the whole issue of fact. According to this theory which seems reasonable, and is fast gaining ground, the defendant upon his own motion to set aside the one verdict which convicts him of the lower degree, at the same time sets aside the other part of the double verdict, or the verdict which acquits him of the higher degree. Thus viewing the case, the provisions of the various statutes that "No person shall be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb for the same offense," is but a constitutional right which may be waived by defendant.

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Iowa

Our attention has been several articles in the Iowa assailing the University and administration. The influence of the *Iowa City Post*, as regards either for or against the University, not warrant a detailed reply, articles, even if the peculiar strou mechanism of the argument render such a thing impossible. The majority of those who their utter absurdity will be and will be responded to fiercer than a smile. The first "liminary" article, as the editor consists of a disjointed attack on President and some of the belonging to a particular re-nomination, and with considerable bravado exposes the terrible State University is fast becoming a denominational institution. It shows, to its own satisfaction, the University is declining as diminished attendance, declining any further endowments, and the Board of Regents. The second attempts to prove the first by markable statistics, so skillfully put both as to omission and commission, as to shake our faith in the proverb, that arithmetical possession the virtues of the Washington. To those acquainted with the President, and with the nature, without further comment, the first charge, of denominational influence, will be recognized as most absurd and silly assaults upon the University. The fact that the President but the Board of Regents appoints the Faculty, hardly have occurred to the eminent editor of the *Post*. That the University measurably improved under Pickard's administration, in appointments, in

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