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### OBITUARY.

Levi Smith Hanna was born in Indiana Sept. 3d, 1845, and came to Iowa with his parents three years afterward. He received his early education at Denmark Academy, but before his preparatory studies were completed enlisted in the 8th Iowa cavalry in 1862 and served through the war. While in the service he contracted the disease of the lungs from which he suffered at intervals for nearly twenty years until the end came. After the war he went to Asbury University but was soon called home by sickness in his father's family. He entered the Preparatory Department of the University in the year 1866-7, and graduated with high rank in 1873, though he had to struggle against occasional ill health and slender means that compelled extra work in term time and busy vacations. Among his classmates were Hon. J. G. Berryhill, Hon. M. N. Johnson, N. W. Macy, Esq., Rev. R. C. Glass, Supt. H. H. Seerley and Dr. A. O. Williams. Before graduation he taught Latin in the Preparatory department for one year, having among his pupils Miss Josephine Williams, of the Iowa City High School, Miss Laura Ensign, Prof. State Normal School, Mrs. N. B. Holbrook, Mrs. Hattie (aPrker) Campbell and J. J. Seerley, Esq. After graduation he became principal of Wilton Academy, and in the spring of 1875 taught the University classes in Latin during the absence of Prof. Currier in Europe. Soon afterwards he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Red Oak, then in connection with his law practice edited the Essex Index, afterwards moved to Clarinda and became one of the founders of the Clarinda Journal, of which he was proprietor at the time of his death. On July 22d, 1879, he was married to Miss Ella Kreider, of Prairie City, Ills., who,

with two children, survives to mourn his loss.

For the last four years his health was precarious, and each winter was spent in the south in the hope of overcoming or staying the disease, but with little or no success. When he was here last June he attended to his duties as president of the Alumni Association with some difficulty and his friends were filled with the gravest forebodings, though none suspected the fatal issue to be so near at hand. On his return home he was stricken down with a serious illness from which there was a partial recovery, and in December he went with his family to St. Augustine, Florida, to spend the winter. In February the writer received several letters from him speaking of the bad weather and poor health, but full of hope and expressive of the warmest interest in University affairs. Soon came a severe attack of pleurisy; two weeks of decline with some glimmerings of hope, and on the 15th of March he went to his rest.

As a student Mr. Hanna was never brilliant or showy, but, what is far better, painstaking and thorough, and held with a firm grasp the fruits of hard study. While he made his appointed school duties his first and main work, to be sacrificed to nothing else, he was not limited to these. He was one of the founders and first editors of the Reporter, and did some very creditable writing for it. He was a prominent and active member of the Zetagean Society, and did his full share in all manner of society work. During all his University life he was an earnest and manly Christian, who, while he did not shirk from public declaration of his faith, gave the best assurance of his sincerity and the strength of his convictions by his personal character and daily life. The years after he left the University were filled with hard work, too severe for so frail a constitution, and a good measure of success crowned his efforts. Though he has passed away in the prime of his manhood, too early for others, and to the bitter sorrow of his family, who will dare to say that it was unseasonable for himself?

We tender our hearty sympathy to his aged father who has already buried two sons, Robert P. and Thomas, both for years students at the University, to the surviving brother and sister, graduates of the University, and most of all to the stricken wife, so early left a widow.

A. N. C.

SENATOR ALLISON is to lecture on the silver question at Yale.

OHIO's representative at the Inter-State Oratorical contest is a married man with two children.

BELOIT College seniors are working for a "class day program," the first in the history of the institution.

### THE HOOSIER CONTEST AND ROW.

[Special correspondence to the VIDETTE.]

THE six successful contestants from the local oratorical associations of Indiana, assembled at the Hoosier Capital, Thursday April 8th, and after the invocation by Rev. Dr. Tuttle which Mayor C. S. Denny followed with an address of welcome, presented at English's Opera House the following program:

- Fanaticism.....Miss Emma Turner. Franklin College.
- The Problem of our Great Cities...J. M. Adams. De Pauw University.
- The Independent Voter.....J. M. Fesler. Indiana University.
- Skepticism and Poetry.....R. N. Thompson. Wabash College.
- Dangers of Social Caste.....B. F. Daily. Butler University.
- The Critical Test of our Institutions H. K. Fisher. Hanover College.

Everything went off smoothly until the third speaker was called when with him came also to the front, Mr. C. E. Sims; this seemed to be the signal for such an outburst, yell and cat-call as would have put to shame the most accomplished gallery of hoodlums. This lasted for about ten minutes, when the proprietor with an officer ordered both to their seats. Then order was restored and the program completed without further disturbance. The occasion for the disturbance had its origin in unharmonious fraternity relations that exists at the University and which lead to the failure in the home contest to agree as to who should represent them in the state.

The matter was referred to the executive committee of the State Oratorical Association for decision. The committee met at 2 o'clock that afternoon but had not been in session an hour before they split and in the wrangle that ensued, members that were not delegates gained admittance.

The President declared the meeting adjourned to meet immediately afterwards in his room. Three members of the executive committee and six of the delegates followed the President while the remaining two of the executive committee with twelve delegates remained in session. Each faction elected its officers and decided upon the orator to represent the University that evening. Each side went to the contest followed by a large delegation of sympathizing supporters determined that their man should speak. The outcome was as we have stated above and Indiana University lost its place on the program. The judges awarded the first prize, which is \$50 and the honor of representing the State in the Inter-state to Mr. J. M. Adams, of De Pauw University, and the second place with the prize of \$25 to Miss Emma Turner, of Franklin College. It seemed to be the the almost universal opinion that the decision was just. The orations for the most part were far above the average and seemed

to be a new departure in the line of college oratory; for once the dry bones of Rome or Greece and the bloody scenes of the French Revolution were not charged forth for the edification of the audience. The orations were on topics of vital importance to-day and though some of the thoughts on the future development of our social problems may have been a little chimerical, yet they had a pleasant freshness and awakened an interest through the audience that no worn out subject could do.

The daily *Alta California*, edited by John P. Irish, formerly of this city, has been placed on the library reading desk, through the kindness of Mr. Fletcher.

The *Aurora*, speaking of prospects for the year, says: "More students have applied for admission than the institution can well accommodate." The question very naturally suggests itself, what is the capacity of the Iowa State Agricultural College?

The *Aurora*, college organ of the State Agricultural College, made its first appearance for this school year very recently. W. E. Gamble, well known to many here, as an old time student of the Iowa City Academy and later in the medical department of the University, reigns as editor-in-chief.

The *Northwestern Journal of Education*, of April 7th, says of one of our S. U. I. Students: "Mr. E. H. Griffin, principal of the Gladbrook schools, has been re-elected with an increase in his salary of \$15.00 per month. This a compliment due his efficient work in raising the standard of those schools."

The Iowa legislature very wisely passed the bill appropriating \$52,000 for the support of the State University during the next biennial period. The finances of the state are in a condition demanding economy, but happily the wiser heads saw that to begin to exercise economy by crippling our leading educational institutions would be a fatal mistake.—*The Northwestern Journal of Education*.

The *Round Table*, of Beloit college, Wisconsin, after setting forth what it considers the advantage of compulsory chapel attendance concludes, "Now, a good plan merits extension. The seats on the platform, reserved for the faculty have presented a forsaken aspect ever since the commencement of the present college year. With twelve on the faculty, the attendance of professors at chapel, for the period named, has averaged about five, with occasional fluctuations. Of course a goodly array of professors impresses the students much more than does a presentation of their own strength. The impression left with the visitor cannot be over-estimated, for is not the faculty the college, in fact.

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Jessie Graham has secured a school for the spring term near Brooklyn, Iowa, near her home. It is her first experience and we wish her much success. Lizzie Kile will teach a school in Benton county and Kitty Roney will teach a few miles south of Independence.

We are glad to see several of our one time friends who have been out a term or more. W. H. McLaughlin has been making a brilliant record as a pedagogue during the winter near Riverside. Emil Naumann, one of the legion of Keokuk county's teachers, is also back, as is Morris Evans, who has been teaching near his home, Williamsburg, Iowa.

We are always glad to note the success of our old students. We extend our congratulations to Messrs. Dickey, Higbee and Young and Miss Philbrick, who were chosen, by their class work, among the ten who represent the class of '86, S. U. I., at its graduation. We also extend our "heartfelt sympathies" to Wm. Drew, who took the first prize at the Freshman declamatory contest. Will needs no recommendation from us, and we expect to "hear from him" in the future.

We are now started in our spring term, which bids fair to be a success. The enrollment is large, all but a few being old students. The program has never yet been arranged more satisfactorily for either teachers or students. The class in botany, Mr. Shimek in charge, has its usual quota of members, "nearly every body" taking it. It is the most popular spring study and well has a right to be, for in no science is the poetic and ideal so closely combined with the dogmatic. Other classes are larger than usual for the spring; the several classes in Algebra comprise almost the whole school.

The spring vacation which closed last week was a time devoted to needed rest, and was, we believe, thoroughly enjoyed all around. Helen and Ira Orton went home to Princeton, Mo. Ed Marechal was in Baltimore, Md., on business, though he managed to find some time for pleasure. Bayard Elliott was in Chicago and heard Sam Jones. Will Kenyon spent vacation with his family at Fort Dodge. Ella Graves visited with friends in Ackley. Chas. Mann spent a few days at Riverside. Prof. Graves was in Ackley, and on his way home stopped over at Independence, to visit Prof. W. E. Parker's Institute during his stay.

Elba Vandyke was at home, Belle Plaine, Iowa. Some of the boys staid in town to work (?) on their orations (?) but we won't "give 'em away." The beastly weather here was a kind of endured evil, having the least possible effect on the fun, though it may have affected the kind.

The F. C. Society wish to express through us their good wishes for the happiness of Miss Susie Whittington, who is the first of their sisterhood to wear the orange blossoms. She was married March 31st at Oxford, Iowa, to Mr. Yenter of that place. With her sister F. C.'s the school joins its congratulations. We also acknowledge receipt of cards of wedding, same time and place, of Martha McCleery to Norwood Linebarger. *Bon voyage.*

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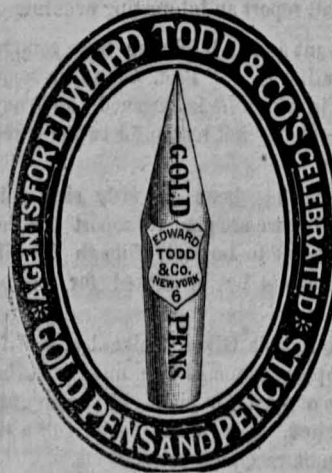
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Miss G. what is your idea of gneiss?

R. B. Clarke is in school again this term.

Miss Copeland resumes school work again this term.

The foot-ball has emerged from its winter quarters.

Porter is rejoicing in the return of his folks from the east.

Miss S. Laura Ensign, A. M. '89 visited the S. U. I. last week.

Lowden and Carl Pomeroy of '85 are in town for a short visit.

Fannie Hammond is again in school and will graduate with '86.

Several of the students have been enjoying the pleasures of "pinkeye."

Cornet Solo by Frank S. Aby Wednesday evening, 21st at Opera House.

Seats on sale for Gymnastic Exhibition at Lee, Welch & Co., Monday 8 a. m.

John M. Sammon, a former member of class '87, entered school again this term.

Band Concert and Gymnastic Exhibition on Wednesday 21st, at Opera House.

Club swinging by a class of 15 in concert with S. U. I. band at Gymnastic Exhibition.

Horizontal bar, parallel bars and "horse." Exercises at Gymnastic Exhibition.

Miss Laura Barber, of the Sophomore class, is teaching school out north of town this term.

F. A. Nichols, photographer of Elkaeder has been visiting his brother, E. R. Nichols the past week.

Miss Clara Hinman returned home this week after a three months' visit in St. Augustine, Florida.

The "Pyramids" which will be part of the Gymnastic Exhibition are a novelty, and well worth seeing.

Joseph Mekota, who entered the University with class '88, is in school this term again after a long absence.

Gymnastic Exhibition and Band Concert by S. U. I. boys at Opera House Wednesday 21st. Tickets 25 cts.

In the High School declamatory contest last Monday evening Miss May Williams in "The Famine" was victorious.

We hear that Miss Beem was quite sick during vacation, but she has so far recovered as to return to school this week.

Scene in the twilight, dashing Junior—"Hello, Mollie, old girl!" She—"I am Mollie's sister." Exit Junior in a Brown study.

Prof. in Philosophy—"How many rods in a furlong, Mr. Hump?" Mr. H., assuming his senior dignity—"Why, eight."

"Jimmie" and his aids are getting the campus in shape for the spring campaign which commences April 26, one week from Monday.

Anna Ross, '85, has been spending a few days in the city visiting her parents and University friends. She will return to Burlington Monday.

To accommodate a number of students mostly sophomores, Prof. Fellows has taken a second class in mental science, which recites at 10 o'clock.

Telephone dispatch just received from Mt. Vernon says they will be down next Saturday to play our Senior foot ball team. Altogether a crowd of 35.

Among the new students this term are James Murphy, Miss Clara Pugh and James McGraf. The latter, however, entered near the close of last term.

Quite a number of students took part in the pronouncing contest at the Unitarian church last Saturday night, and they all report an interesting evening.

Bryant and O. R. Young have gone to Muscatine to aid Prof. Crane in some work in which he is engaged, and they will probably not return for two or three weeks.

Leslie has been seriously sick this week, but we are glad to report that he is now able to be out, though he will probably not be in school for two or three weeks.

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Jos. Proctor, the well known and ever popular actor, in his weird and original creation of "The Jibbenainosay" supported by Miss Annie E. Proctor, as "Telle Do," and a well selected dramatic company, will appear at the Opera House April 29th.

The exchanges which come to us from the east are full of base ball talk; the practice of batteries, general preparations for the coming season and even of games played. Is the S. U. I. going to wake up and do something? We have good material for a 'Varsity team, and some of the classes could form strong nines. There is no reason why we shouldn't have them all.

The senior class at a recent meeting elected the following program for "class-day," oration, Miss Lillian Lewis; oration O. R. Young; oration, *De causa Universitatis*, J. H. Liggett; class poem, Miss Linder, class history, Nell Ingham; address to Juniors, Chas Porter. President, Eva Salisbury; Marshal, Shell Burrows; Choregus, D. W. Evans.

The declamatory contest took place on Saturday evening, March 27th, and was very well attended. The VIDETTE has been enjoying its spring vacation and at this late date no extended description of this contest will be attempted. Miss Grace Thompson took the Sophomore prize, her selection being "The Lady of Shalott," while "The Burning of Chicago," by W. A. Drew, was the successful Freshman declamation.

J. M. Grimm surprised his friends the last day of last term by packing his trunk and starting for Nebraska to join a surveying party. He writes that he is feeling well but seems to have half repented going, for he says he may possibly return to school yet this term. For the present he orders the V-R sent to Clarkson, Colfax county. He left C. E. Mills at Fremont and found E. H. Mayne on a division adjoining his own.

HON. JOSEPH SYMON at law alumnies of the class of 1886, has just made a vigorous speech in Congress against claims (by Confederate sympathizers) for property in New Orleans which was confiscated during the Civil war. He enlisted in the 4th. Iowa Cavalry in 1861, was transferred to the 29th. Infantry of which he was adjutant and Major, and is now a Representative from the Council Bluffs district. He is an honor to the University and to his old-time friends.

The "Mikado" Thursday evening was one of the best entertainments of the season. The Chicago Opera Co. is the best balanced troupe that has visited Iowa City in some time. John E. McWade, as Mikado, was a complete success. Stanley Felch as Ko-Ko can bring down any house; he was called back re-

peatedly. Miss Lottie Cruikshank, as Katisha, was highly appreciated. She has a difficult part, one that requires exceptionally good rendering to have it appreciated. Should the troupe return, they will have a larger house, containing all that were present Thursday evening and many others.

On the last day of last term the ten commencement speakers who are appointed by marks were announced as follows:

1 Julia E. Coon,	6 W. F. Mozier,
2 J. H. Dickey,	7 Inez C. Philbrick,
3 C. E. Eggert,	8 C. R. Rail,
4 Metha Hellritz,	9 E. H. Sabin,
5 O. F. Higbee,	10 N. C. Young.

Program of the Gymnasium Exhibition and Band Concert at the Opera House Wednesday evening next:

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Cornet Solo—Mamie Rosa Polka.....Magill	Frank S. Aby.
"Horse" Exercises.....Class of 12	Gymnasium.
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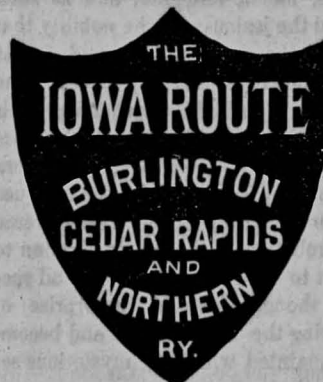
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The little city of Santa Fe, in Spain, which was erected as a substantial camp for the army engaged in the siege of Grenada in 1491, witnessed the execution of more important papers than the capitulations for the surrender of the Moorish capital, and the reception of a greater ambassador than the agents of Abdallah. For here it was that Isabella first became the patron of Columbus, and that great bargain was struck which, as it turned out, involved the exchange of half the world.

Columbus had tarried at the Spanish court eight years. A long time as we think for a man having such magnificent plans as he to be put off. We are accustomed to charge this delay to the ignorance, stupidity and pedantry of the age, and particularly to the ecclesiastics and the high nobility, who embraced for the most part the learning of those times and whose judgments were allowed to have importance with regard to the plans and propositions of Columbus. Ignorance is very often venial, but it is always hard to purchase in any age dullness and conceit, and the more difficult the greater the designs and blessings they have thwarted.

With the sovereigns it is not easy to find great fault. Ferdinand, being an intensely practical man, seems never to have taken a fancy to Columbus nor to his scheme. Still we do not read of his having opposed to him any very serious obstacles. But Isabella was from the first a ready and interested listener, and was of such character herself as to appreciate readily the nobility of Columbus' character, the grandeur of his projects and the loftiness of his genius. She would, probably, on the part of her own crown of Castile, have given him the assistance he needed much sooner than she did had it not been that when he first presented himself to her, and indeed during his whole stay at the Spanish court, the sovereigns were taxing to the utmost every resource of their treasury for the prosecution of the war against the Moors. While this work was on hand it was hardly to be expected that they would devote any part of their attention and money to an undertaking the outcome of which was at present so doubtful, and the prospect of profit pertaining thereto so uncertain. But aside from the lack of sufficient revenue Ferdinand and Isabella were importuned from various quarters not to accede to the propositions of their suitor. Though the question of land across the Atlantic was a topic of general speculation at that time, the theory of there being such was considered too vague and implausible to warrant the expense of fitting out a fleet and the hazard of a voyage to demonstrate its merits. The suit of Columbus had been rejected by the Portuguese, a people most skilled in nautical science, and the most successful navigat-

ors of that day. The council that Ferdinand and Isabella had appointed to give an opinion on his scheme pronounced it to be "vain, impracticable and resting on grounds too weak to merit the support of the government." Talavera, the confessor of the queen, and one in whom she reposed great confidence, intimated that the principles held by Columbus were open to the terrible charge of being unorthodox! A most utterly absurd implication as it seems to us, but which probably had more or less weight with a queen who, as to all spiritual concerns, placed great trust in this devout man. Columbus, besides, was a foreigner, and as such aroused the jealousy of the nobility that followed the royal retinue and fought under the royal ensigns. At a time when the Spaniards were doing such glorious things as planting the banners of Castile on the towers of the Alhambra and chanting Te Deums in the mosques of the infidel, they looked with extreme disapprobation upon any inclination to commit to a stranger the vast and specious, though doubtful, enterprise of traversing the unknown sea and becoming acquainted with the mysterious secrets of the waters.

So it is not strange that the solicitations of Columbus were prolonged and weary. In the absence of such obstacles as he encountered, and in far later and more enlightened times, genius has had to wait almost as long for a patron. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, after great pains in perfecting his methods, succeeded in 1837 in obtaining a patent on his invention, but it was six years after before he could get a small appropriation from congress to aid him making an extensive and thorough trial of it, and seven years before the first telegraph line was built and the first message sent. It is ever true that genius must be fortified with patience, that ages are heavy things to lift and the man who stands ahead of and above them must be content to wait till they rise to his own level. When such bold projects as finding out new hemispheres and harnessing the lightning, as well as that of committing suicide, become "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought," it is their tendency, at least in their incipient stages, with this regard to turn away their currents and lose the name of action. What is meant by these moral reflections is that not the least cause of the dilatory acceptance of the proposals of the Genoese mariner was that conversation which always hangs heavy on the skirts of innovation and advancement.

The tediousness of the story of Columbus at the Castilian court was beguiled in part by service in some of the brilliant and exciting campaigns of the Granadian war. It is not to be supposed, however, that to a man of his exalted mind and proud spirit this manner of life and this continual deferment of hopes was very tolerable. Twice in despair he turned his face toward France. Twice he was called back. Those few whom he had interested in his plans could not bear to see him thus quit the kingdom. Finally in the spring of 1492,

after great and numerous hinderances, the agreement was entered into that put the brightest star in Isabella's crown constituted Columbus a Spanish Admiral and made it possible for him to be the great discoverer that he was. For this consummation, and for all to which it subsequently led, the chief credit is due to Columbus, since through all the long negotiation he never for a moment relinquished his designs, and amid the dulness and pedantry of the churchmen, the sneers of conceited fools, the jealousy of knights and the coldness of Ferdinand, he had comported himself with the magnanimity, the address, the perseverance and the fortitude of a hero.

The joy and the curious expectation which filled the inhabitants of Palos as they saw the return of Columbus' vessel in the spring of 1493 were only equalled we think, by the wonder and awe that his ship had created in the simple natives of the new world as they beheld the strange object approaching their shores two months before. And the progress of the discoverer from Palos to Barcelona to recount to the sovereigns the tales of his voyage and adventures, accompanied as it was by every demonstration of honor on the part of the communities through which he passed was never surpassed, never even equalled by the triumphalia of any Roman warrior. The Roman victors, no doubt, had more pompous ceremonies performed in their honor, and were attended by processions more populous and more gorgeous; but none ever gained such a victory as he and were honored by that most sincere and worthy of all ceremonies, the spontaneous exultation and joy and praise of a people rejoicing over the accomplishment of a vast and peaceful achievement. The spoils he bore were of more value than the booty ever seized by force of arms, the treasures he produced were richer than the jewels of plundered palaces, and the birds and exotics of the far western isles were more graceful, more beautiful, more royal than any barbarian standards.

From this, the climax of his career, envy and malice pursued Columbus to the end of his life. He would certainly have been a happier man and we think as renowned, had he now given over all further effort in the way of discovery and exploration. He would not, indeed, have touched upon the great southern continent, seen it with his own eyes and pressed it with his own feet; but he would not, on the other hand, have suffered the humiliation of chains and been the subject of so much obloquy and hatred in his attempts to establish and govern a colony on the island of Hispaniola. The old jealousy entertained of him, now that he had really performed one of the greatest exploits of the age, sprang up with renewed intensity, mingled more and more with bitter concomitants of envy and maliciousness. He had done too much to do more. He had made the egg stand on its end. He had shown the way in which others were eager enough to follow, but not to follow after him.

In the midst of the misfortunes of his later years his best friend was the

Queen. The constancy with which she supported his cause, and her confidence in his integrity when all seemed to be crying out against him are amiable and admirable. They present one of the most pleasing passages in her life. She acted rather the part of a sister to him than of a royal mistress. That must have been a touching scene when, after he had been sent home in irons, they both sobbed together over his disgrace and his sufferings, and when he was melted to tears because he saw her weeping.

His failure as governor of Hispaniola can detract little from his greatness. He had nothing in his favor and everything against him. The companies that went out with him from time to time were not composed of people adapted for the founding of a colony or for contributing to the prosperity of a new community. They did not intend to till the soil, but to seek in it for gold. At no time from first to last did Columbus have on board with him men capable of appreciating his spirit or of aiding him in his undertakings. On his first voyage there went with him a band of adventurers, two thirds of whom deserted him before the voyage was completed. On his second voyage his company was composed nominally of emigrants, but in reality of enthusiasts for gold. On his third he took with him in lieu of any better, six shiploads of convicts; and on his fourth four cargoes of desperate adventurers and vagabonds.

The enthusiasts, convicts and vagabonds constituted the material out of which he was to establish an orderly and prosperous settlement. They were disaffected and insubordinate, idle and unwilling to perform the manual labor necessary for success. They were ready at once to revolt when Columbus enjoined this, and when he restrained them in their attempts to outrage and plunder the natives. These were difficulties near enough insurmountable. Still, we believe it is conceded that Columbus lacked somewhat in executive ability, and that some other man might have succeeded better than he. He was a man who, in looking forward as he always did to great, wise and beneficent ends, was often careless and imprudent in regard to the means to be employed. It should be remembered in his favor however, that what he accomplished he accomplished pretty much by himself. He never knew real and hearty cooperation. His equipments were usually paltry, and the resources placed at his command inefficient.

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ing citizen as yet far out at sea he discerns in the blue distance the shores of his native land stretched out beneath this western sky. It is the name the last view of his flag suggests to the dying patriot. America is in the geographical, scientific charts and common speech; but Columbia is the land where she dwells and reigns the goddess of liberty. America is written in international commercial transactions and diplomatic correspondence; but Columbia is sung in the hymns of patriotism, and breathed forth from hearts swelling with the inspiring impulses of national pride and love. America is a cognomen; Columbia is a title. America is our name in the market-place; Columbia is our name at the altar.

The name of Columbus is conspicuous in the list of the unfortunate great. Owing to certain circumstances his real merits are not marked as they deserve to be in the eyes of the masses of posterity. Out of the commonly received idea that he sailed expressly to find a western passage to the Indies, and that when he found land he supposed he had arrived at the Indies, comes the impression that the discovery of America was in a large measure an accident and not to be attributed to foresight, calculation and to a great and preconceived conception. This we believe to be very erroneous. It is apprehended that in the mind of Columbus there was no doubt of the existence of land beyond the Atlantic, but that what that land might be was, before he discovered it and after he trod it, more a matter of hypothesis than conviction. Whether this view be correct or not, the discovery of America was the result of long premeditation and endeavor, and more to the glory of Columbus than the discovery of the law of gravitation to Newton or the present movement of the spheres to Copernicus. He is greater than they, for while they were men of great thought, he was a man of both great thought and of great action, and had equally with them to contend with vulgar prejudices and superstitions.

It is mentioned also that Cabot saw the mainland of the western continent fourteen months before Columbus. It should rather be said that this happened five years or more after the vessel of Columbus anchored off San Salvador; and it is forgotten that had he not crossed the ocean and proved false the horror that the regions of the west were *terra incognita*, populated by headless men and many-headed monsters, Cabot's ship would never have sailed.

The discovery of America was the glory of Columbus and of him alone. It was the grand achievement of a great and noble man. It was an object he had brooded over for years and years in the face of discouragements and vicissitudes, the pain of which he alone felt and bore. Of all on board the little fleet finally given him to make his trial, he was the boldest of heart, the surest of success, and the least surprised, though

as happy as any to see land. How his heart must have filled as the cry of 'land' was repeated. He was glad, not with the vulgar gladness of being at length delivered from the perils of a tempestuous voyage, but with that elevated and serene joy which is the victory of a great mind when it knows for the first time beyond peradventure that it has been the chosen prophet and apostle of a mighty truth.

Columbus can not without the grossest injustice be denied real greatness, and that of the most laudable and commendable sort. As all the circumstances of his life and his acts become more fully known the more plainly will appear the worth of his character and the goodness and largeness of his soul. Right well might we appoint a holiday in honor of such a man. After perusing with Prescott the story of his life we are fully prepared at the last to make the closing words of that author our own: "There are some men in whom rare virtues have been closely allied if not to positive vice, at least to degrading weakness. Columbus' character presented no such humiliating incongruity. Whether we contemplate it upon its public or private relations, in all its features it wears the same noble aspect. It was in perfect harmony with the grandeur of his plans and their results more stupendous than those which heaven has permitted any other mortal to achieve."

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## LAW DEPARTMENT.

C. W. NEWBERRY, Editor.

In accepting the position tendered me I am fully mindful of its onerous duties. I sincerely trust the column under my care may be conducted in such a manner as to represent the law department as a whole and satisfactory to all. That this may be attained each member is earnestly requested to furnish such items and make such suggestions as he may deem proper. With kindest regards to all,

I am very truly,  
C. W. NEWBERRY.

A. L. Irwin will not be in school this term.

H. D. Hinkley, after an absence of several months, has rejoined the senior class.

Do not injure the feelings of a couple of juniors by asking them how many fish they caught one day last week.

On account of business cares J. W. McGrath is obliged to be absent from his class the present term, but will rejoin it next year.

Chancellor Ross last Monday appointed E. E. Edmunds clerk, and C. A. Merredith sheriff of the Junior Moot court for the ensuing term.

M. J. Daly, of the senior class, is absent from school this term. He is reported as engaged in the insurance business in Minnesota.

G. B. Barnes and I. P. Martin are absent from the junior class this term, but expect to return next year and finish the course with their class.

C. L. Marmon has been appointed librarian to fill vacancy occasioned by the absence from school of D. W. G. Sutherland, the former librarian.

Judge Love's arrival for his course of lectures this term was one week earlier than was expected. He began his first lecture last Tuesday upon the subject of Federal Practice.

The recitations and lectures at present are arranged as follows: Recitation in Forts by Chancellor Ross 8 to 9 A. M. Lectures by Judge Love 9 to 11, and Chattel Mortgages by Prof. McClain 11 to 12.

Counsel—Then you think he struck you with malice aforethought.

Witness (indignantly)—You can't mix me up like that. I've told you twice he hit me with a brick. There wasn't no mallets nor nothing of the kind about.

J. H. Doran will not be in school the present term, but will wield the ferule over a school in Minnesota for a number of months to come. He will return to his studies at the commencement of the fall term.

T. F. Bevington and D. W. G. Sutherland have completed their course, and at the last term of the supreme court at Des Moines were admitted to the bar. They will receive their diplomas from the law department at the close of the present term.

The Iowa legislature adjourned *sine die* last Tuesday at 3 P. M. The senate immediately reconvened and organized as a court to try the impeachment of Auditor Brown. It then adjourned until May 19th, to give the parties time to prepare for trial.

The junior class has been reinforced this term by the following new members: Alpha Morgan, Montezuma, C. S. Preston, Newton, John Snyder, Columbus Junction, K. S. Norgood, Hillsboro, Dakota, and Shell Burrows, of the present senior collegiate class.

A bill was recently passed by the legislature and is now a law, reducing the number of grand jurors from 15 to 5 in counties having sixteen thousand population or less, and to seven in those having over that number. This action is authorized by an amendment to the constitution adopted in 1884 which gives the legislature authority to reduce the grand jury to any number not less than five, or to abolish it altogether.

The following officers were elected by the junior class last Friday: W. S. Wallace, president; J. T. Sullivan, vice-president; B. J. Allen, secretary; Geo. Dawson, treasurer. The following were also elected officers of the junior club court: C. C. Clark, chief justice; H. K. Evans and W. H. Cobb, associate justices; O. H. Montzheimer, clerk; E. H. Wilson, sheriff; Hugh Clemens, A. Clawson and F. A. Bennett, committee to prepare statement of facts.

The United States supreme court has recently rendered an opinion upon an interesting question of constitutional law. The captain of a society in Illinois that had paraded with arms and was arrested and fined as being in violation of a law of that state prohibiting any military organization except the state militia parading in public without a license. The case was carried to the supreme court of the United States upon the claim that the law was in conflict with the second amendment to the Constitution, which says: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The court confirmed the constitutionality of the Illinois statute. The law of Iowa is substantially the same as that of Illinois, and this decision, therefore, confirms the law.

## THE RECEPTION.

The members of this department looked forward with pleasure to last evening's entertainment. Upon that evening was held the annual reception tendered by Chancellor and Mrs. Ross, assisted by the members of the faculty, to the students of the law department. The festivities were favored by a bright and balmy evening, and the fates being propitious all else held on the oven tenor of its way. Promptly at eight o'clock, from various parts of the city the aspirants to the great profession could have been seen wending their various ways to the elegant and tasty residence of our esteemed Chancellor. Presentations being

over, restraint was laid aside and all sought the enjoyment which the occasion offered. As the progress of events advanced refreshments at their proper time were served. Ample justice was done to the good taste and art of the hostess. And here especially was it demonstrated in actions of living light that the embryonic Websters and faithful devotees of Blackstone were fully equipped for the responsibilities and duties of any and every position which they may be called upon to assume. After the serving of refreshments the company were entertained by the rendition of some excellent music by Miss Cox and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark. And thus with song and merriment and pleasant conversation the evening was quickly passed away. And as each one said good night he did so with the feeling that he had been royally entertained. Suffice it to say that the reception was a success. That the students of the law school will remember this entertainment as one of the pleasant events and diversions of their laborious course. The thanks of each member of the department are extended to Chancellor and Mrs. Ross and daughters for their excellent entertainment and social reception.

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