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We made out, brief mention last week of the death of Dr. blank, one of the Regents of the University. We take the following from the Iowa City Republican:

THE LATE DR. BUTTON.-We have already announced the death of Dr. Henry C. Blank, one of the Regents of the State University. His death is lamented by his fellow members and by all who are connected with the University, by whom he was held in high esteem. We find in the Outlooks' Herald of Saturday, a sketch of his career, some portions of which will interest many of our readers.

He was born near Dayton, Ohio, September 16th, 1835, his father being a pioneer settler in that region, and being a warm admirer of Henry Clay very naturally named his first born after that statesman. When young he was sent to school near Indianola and most of his youth was passed near La Porte, in that State, on a farm, and he procured the rudiments of an English education in the printed school. At the age of sixteen years, his health failing, he was advised to go on a tour for a time. He therefore secured the position of book on a vessel, and spent two summers on the lake between Chicago and Buffalo, New York, teaching school during the intervening winter at Racine, Wisconsin. Returning home, he there applied himself most studiously to his books until, as a student of medicine, he entered the office of Doctors McMillan and Hillyard, both of whom were connected with the Indiana Medical College at La Porte. He afterward attended this college two years and then spent one year at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which institution he graduated in 1857. He at once came to Iowa and located in Poulk county, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and met with fine success. In 1855, he moved to Polk. Marion county, where he met and afterward, on September 30th, 1856, married Miss F. Matilda Fulton, at Muskingum county, Ohio. Of this marriage two sons and three daughters were born, all of whom died young. The eldest son, 1853, moved to Moravia and married Miss Anna M. Gilson, of Iowa City, in 1856. He then returned to La Porte, Ind., and was by the Governor appointed First Assistant Surgeon of the Fifty-First Volunteer Infantry. He has since resided in that city, and is one of the most prominent of the medical profession. In August, 1863, he was appointed Surgeon of the Fifty-Second Volunteer Infantry, and in the following winter was assigned to the command of a regiment of the 125th Illinois Volunteers. He has since resided in that city, and is one of the most prominent of the medical profession.

More About Contests.

In continuation of last week's article, we would offer a few suggestions concerning plagiarism. But in doing so, let no one for a moment imagine that we expect anything of this nature in our late contests, for we do not. But it is an evil liable to appear at any time, and against which all possible precautions should be taken. We believe it would be very costly to increase the chances of detection if each contestant were required to give the president of the senatorial association, in addition to the five copies as required, as many copies of his oration as there are contestants, which should then be distributed to the other contestants. As it now is, there are generally some of the judges who refuse to have any reasonable chance of discovering plagiarism. The president of the association has a copy of all the orations, but no one expects him to carefully examine them with a view of detecting a plagiarized oration. But if each contestant had a copy of all the orations, there would be a greater probability of discovering plagiarism, if it should at any time appear, and also much less probability that any thing of that nature would ever appear. The desirability of rooting out all possibility of plagiarism, each and every contestant has the right and ought to have the privilege to protect himself against all such illicit methods before the final contest is held and have accomplished their dishonest purpose.

We hope many of the students will make it a point to attend the State Oratorical Contest to be held at Des Moines, Thursday evening, Feb. 3d. If three or twenty, or more signify their intention to go so soon, there is little doubt but that such fairs will be granted by the Rock Island Company. The following, taken from the Des Moines Register, will be of interest:

"We are not able to make as full an announcement of the State Contest as we would like, as no part of the program has been received from the State committee. Indeed, a number of the colleges have not yet held their "Home" Contest. As announced in our last issue the State Contest will be held in the Opera House, between 7th and 8th on Walnut street, Thursday evening, Feb. 3d. All orators and delegates will be given free entertainment at University Place, two miles north-west of the business part of town. Those who are strangers in the city should take the street car (the yellow one or the one with the green light) which comes near the University. The banquet will be given Wednesday evening, and a social evening meeting of the association will be held as usual on the following day. A grand, good time is expected and a large attendance desired. Make this an opportunity of visiting the capital and attending one of the finest contests ever held in the State. It will be a good time for former students to visit the University and renew old acquaintances. It is hoped reduced fare may be secured on all the roads entering the city, which would make only a small expense. Don't forget to come and don't forget the date, Feb. 3d.

CORNELL COLLEGE sends this year to the State Oratorical Contest two orators and two sets of delegates. This contest is the result of a quarrel in the Home Association of Cornell. Between the credentials of these two rival delegations, the State Association will be called upon to decide. The matter excites intense interest at Mt. Vernon, and it is not improbable that a large portion of this interest will be centered in the person of the two orators who will take part in this contest, which will be held at the proper time at Des Moines.

Prof. Leonard lectured on Astronomy at the Hayes' school home last Tuesday night. This was one of the series of lectures being given at that place by several members of the faculty. In speaking of the course some time ago, we copied from the Republican and thereby did injustice to Prof. McBride whose name did not appear. He was the first one to speak there, and from his lecture originated the idea of a course of lectures. His subject was "Energy in the Plant Cell." This prompts us to inquire why we might not have such a course of lectures by members of the faculty. A lecture once a month would be of great interest and profit to the students, and we believe the professors would gladly respond if asked to do so.

The Medical building is draped in mourning on account of the death of Dr. Robertson, of the Medical Faculty, who died early Thursday morning. A special train, having on board members of the medical faculty and students of the medical department, left the city at 9 o'clock this morning for Muscatine. The funeral occurred at 10 o'clock this afternoon. A more extended notice will appear in a subsequent issue.

Last Sunday morning Prof. Olney, who was one of the leading mathematicians of the country and was the one who predicted that the science which are very popular.
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LAW DEPARTMENT.
P. S. WAVE, R. W. MYERS, Editors.

The clerk of the Supreme Court for the term to Mr. Honetlee.

Mr. B. J. Allen stood 88. in his recent written examination for the bar.

The next session of the Law Library will be held in the hall next Thursday evening. All are invited.

The Junior Club Court elected officers for the ensuing term at their meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th.

Owen Robertson, ’82, is located at San Antonio, Texas, and lately has been elected to the office of District Attorney.

Through the kindness of Chancellor Ross, the new students are given a weekly drill in Code Reading outside of the regular work.

The court rules which have appeared in these columns take effect July 4, 1887. 5,000 copies are to be printed for distribution.

Mr. John Snyder attended the convention of the Y.M.C.A. organizations of Iowa colleges, at Fairfield, the 16th inst., being one of the K. U. I. delegation.

Mr. Lew Ellett, of Red Oak, Ia., a friend of Mr. Pomroy, is in the city for a brief stay. He contemplates entering the Law Department next year.

The Junior representative and co-editor of this department, is welcomed into the sanctum. Mr. Myers was a member of the last graduating class at Ames.

Messrs. Dick and Shultz, of the Junior class, will appear before the footlights next Tuesday evening in "Driven From Home," in the characters of two legal lights, States Attorney and Lawyer Hart.

Chancellor Ross favored the audience at the opening session of the Law Library, by an account of administrators, which were of course good, and were duly appreciated by those present. He dwelt upon the possible and probable future of students in the department, and added a few words of counsel and advice to those engaged in the study of law.

The present session of the District Court in the city gives the students a good opportunity to obtain a glimpse of law in real life, and view the practical working of legal proceedings. The students are not slow to appreciate the value of this as shown by their attendance, there being twenty-five law students present in the court room at one time—Thursday afternoon.

The Senate, in addition to the eye-wear and house cases on the subject of probate law, are making a study of the principles of probate law that have been adjudicated and become fixed by the federal decisions. Chancellor Ross is presenting to the class, in lecture form, the leading cases illustrative of this subject. We are thus enabled to gain a wider and fuller knowledge on the subject than a simple study of our own state law could give. There is no more important branch in our course than this. A lawyer familiar with its doctrines and laws, has a blessing to any community. Probate work is, too, a lucrative part, of legal business. If there is any one general yard of law, more than any other, that demands men of ability and integrity, it is the one under discussion.

The Junior Law Library Society made its first bow before the general public last Saturday evening. The program was a good one, and although some of the speakers were given but a short time in which to prepare, it was carried out in a manner quite creditable both to themselves and to the class. The debate was especially good and exhibited a considerable study of the subject by the speakers. There is enough talent in the Junior class to support a reading literary society if the members will but take an interest, and exert themselves to make the society a success. And it is in a matter in which law students, if any, should be interested, for, while a good speaker is not necessarily a good lawyer, still the art of public speaking is a very useful accomplishment to any member of the profession, and one which will well acquire. Take hold of it everybody, you will never regret the study. It is a matter in which the profession will be interested, for, while a good speaker is not necessarily a good lawyer, still the art of public speaking is a very useful accomplishment to any member of the profession, and one which will well acquire.

Frank McClain, in a recent lecture, showed the development of the principle that a court has authority to direct or to set aside the verdict of a jury. We get the principle from the demurrer to evidence, which, since judges have been clothed with discretionary power, set aside verdicts and grant new trials, is little, if at all, in use. The demurrer to evidence was in substance a method of taking the case from the jury and allowing the judge to decide the question of law raised. It admitted the truth of the evidence offered, but denied it to be sufficient to sustain the party offering it.

Practically, the same result is reached in Iowa practice, by a motion to direct the verdict of the jury. When there is an absence of evidence tending to establish the plaintiff’s claim; when there is an absence of evidence tending to establish the defendant’s claim, some essential fact, without which, there can be no recovery; when “without conflict,” as the court said in 2 N. W. R. 419, the evidence shows some matter which defeats the right of recovery, in each of these cases the court may, on motion of the defendant, or on its own motion, direct the jury to find for the defendant. It is the duty of the jury in such cases to obey the direction, and the verdict may be set aside by the court when rendered contrary to such direction.

Starr v. D. R. R. Co. 31, 419, illustrates that though the plaintiff fails to prove some of several essential facts, the jury may properly believe in the evidence which supports the defendant. The plaintiff proved that deceased, for the benefit of whose estate the action was brought, was killed by defendant’s train, that the defendant was guilty of negligence, but did not show that plaintiff was not guilty of contributory negligence, and the court properly directed a verdict for defendant.

In Allen v. Wiedner, 54 Ia., 628, there was no evidence to support the claim of plaintiff. From it we learn that at some later time, over his power to set aside verdicts contrary to evidence or instructions and certainly then may direct what it shall be. Thus, as soon as the weakness of plaintiff’s case is known, the court says, we will proceed no further to do so, would be idle formalism and would entail useless expense. It seems the demurrer is a powerful weapon in the hands of the defendant, while now in addition to the defendant’s right to move, the court itself may take the initiative.

The right does not depend upon the sufficiency or insufficiency of the evidence offered by the moving party. The truth of the adverse party allegations is admitted, but their sufficiency, even if contradictory, is denied. After the defendant has made his defense the plaintiff may also move that the jury be directed.—See 67, Iowa 316.

This doctrine rests almost entirely upon decisions, but is well defined and clearly enunciated in Iowa.

A case in which there would warrant a trial court, to set aside a verdict and grant a new trial would not be parallel with one in which a court might properly direct the verdict of a jury.

For if there is any evidence to establish the allegations, the court would err in taking the case from the jury; (see last citation) but there may be no evidence adverse to the evidence before the jury, the question of its sufficiency may be scrutinized in determining whether a new trial shall be granted.

Probate Rules.

I. Calander.—The clerk will enter upon the court calendar and bar docket, only such cases in probate as require the action of the court.

II. Reports and Inventories due and not filed.—On the first day of each term the clerk shall report to the presiding judge at the session, unless the estate is under the jurisdiction of either the circuit or probate court, for orders in probate and the probate court, on or near the fourth Monday in January and July, to the court, shall make such report for orders in probate and the probate court and the case has not been closed.

III. Reports.—Each report of an administrator, executor, guardian or trustee, shall be self-explanatory, and the court, or the clerk, from a personal examination, shall examine, and order the court has not been closed.

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REPORTER.

"Bank!!!" "Sleep, Baby, Sleep!"
John D. Zellor visited us last week.
"Mr. H.—will you please scorch that some away?"
Lea Wilson visited old friends at the Academy this week.

Academy Column.
C. H. Schumacher, Editor.

Applications for a widow, under the State will be heard by the Boards of Supervisors, in the several counties. The occupations of the widow, as well as the property, are in the hands of the guardian.

Several new students were enrolled during the past week.
Bayard Elliot, class of '98, is receiving his friend in No. 7. Sharon Township.
Miss Dell Pott is home on a vacation.
Jennie Swenson, of the Iowa State University, is teaching in Hutchinson, Kansas.


It has been rumored that we are soon to have another banquet. Hope it's true!

E. S. Polk & Co.'s new Gazetteer "sets" up in ye principal's private sanctuary.

W. R. Young will not return to school this term on account of the poor health of his father.

The F. L.'s are in a very prosperous condition, having initiated several new members this week.

Jeanie Garvin received the price for greatest improvement in scholarship during the fall term.

Miss Emma Davis has not been able to return to school this term on account of the sickness of her brother.

J. M. Davison, class of '82, has been admitted to the class of '90 in the S. U. and taking nine students from the Academy who have entered the freshmen class this term.

At the election of officers, the Athenian society, Friday eve., January 14th, the following officers were elected: President, Russell; Vice-President, Carpenter; Secretary, Davidson; Treasurer, Tag.

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BUT no change in the weather, and the Freshmen and Sophomores are being prepared for the presentation of the play next week.

The Freshmen and Sophomores are busily preparing for their respective declamatory contests.

The Sophomores are preparing for their big Spring show, which usually appears in April, and the Sophomores are eagerly awaiting the announcement of their names.

A foggy day is forecasted for the next few days, which might delay the Freshmen and Sophomores in their preparation.

Don't miss the Freshman's and Sophomore's shows, and be sure to see the Senior's show on Friday evening.
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A deltoid, a quadrilateral with one side equal to the sum of the other three sides, is known as a deltoid because it resembles a delta. The deltoid curve is a curve that is formed by the intersection of two circles. The circle with the smallest radius will touch the other circle at two points, and the circle with the largest radius will touch the other circle at one point. The curve formed by the intersection of these two circles is known as a deltoid. The deltoid curve is used to describe the shape of a wing, and is often used in the design of airplanes.

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There is no adequate language for the abstract. We walk as masked men in a world of masked men and play that we know each other. There are no words to sympathize in our highest ideas, and for those thoughts which the soul thinks when most to itself. Spirit in its essence bears no analogy to substantial objects upon which our common language is true, and all comparisons between mind and matter are necessarily imperfect. The outer world we may describe; the inner world is indecipherable. Human beings took the earth in his hands and strove with ingenuity speculation to comprehend the mysteries of so curious a ball. Philosophy, science, natural law, all visited him to beg again their destination, and there found a master who took their secrets for a ransom: but the universe of man's own soul has no interpreter. Its language is deep, and its transaction is a divine riddle. In its laws, its life, its mystery, cannot be set forth in the insufficient rags of articulate speech.

It is in vain that bow the knee to genius for a guide or a worship heroes? They hear no prayers, and we are laughed at for our idolatry. Genius is unique only so long as it is lofty and inaccessible. It becomes a name and a hero, who is the child of its creation. The prophet with his vision, the poet with his song; the thinker with his great idea, so long as he retains its secret, is above us and a genius; but all things bid him speak, and the moment he speaks he again becomes our kin. Feebly and partially he has given it out, a fragment, a voice, that we ourselves perceive in the background of our own being. With the words he lifts us to the height on which he stands, where we realize with pain that his is still a distant secret. We, but himself can see further, that having spoken, he can speak no more. Our great thrust cannot be quenched with only a draught from the brook, deep riches of existence. Words are but small globes, and we have, few larger vessels. Great songs to us in uncouth cadences his Elegy; we hear Briton sighing and sighing for his Mary in Heaven; but himself takes hope as Longfellow repeats a Psalm of Life: and the troubled spirit of Poe asks of the raven at midnight if they show a sign of life so rich a fruit of so great a poem the soul is still unripe.

In despair we formulate our words, for they seem useless, and there is a fuller language than that of our tongues. We cannot speak. We cannot explain why nobody affects us; but is so. The soul delights in music. The notes of a distant flute have melted men to tears, and comforted hearts to forget their grief. Hymns have led armies to victory and souls to Heaven. The sounds of a drum may seem the very heart-beat of a noble life, and as we listen to the steady strain of martial music there appear to pass in review the nations of the world, and we hear the music of the ages. Our narrow patriotism becomes a broad philanthropy. Humanity, with all its manifold history, with all its achievements, its triumphs and its failures, its hopes, pleases with us for sympathy in thought and act, and implores us to live manfully and true, commensurate with the greatness of our age, true to all creation. And our dreams are not all empty. O soul, cherish thy dreams, and call them not mere dreams, for they are the insignias of thy dignity, the finger marks of God! And they contain a promise of future victory. God is a potter and men are clay. The vessels are broken, but they are not broken. The vases will yet prove worthy of their clay.

In our strange musing with ourselves, in those rare moments when our faith is said to come, we can hold communion with no kindred being; for the infinite within us cannot clearly appear through the finite about us. But we cannot be alone. Fleeing to nature for refuge, we and the universe are one. In the great silence we 'call ourselves to judgment.' We repudiate and would fain drive out the evil within us; and feel that our virtues as visible as our vices are to erring men. Here every soul grows great; herein every self is exalted. We cannot fully tell our longings, our yearnings, our cherished silver in life to our circumference, our world to our universe, our meaning; and he could not understand. It is impossible for us to tear aside the mantle of our own individuality, and make known all our motives, all our hopes and regrets, all our spurring up of flags degrading. These we cannot explain, and no one, however intimately known and comprehended. Our communion must be with the Infinite which we know cannot mistake us. Ambition must bring forth her metamorphic power, and raise the passions heights of solitudes with no witnesses but God and the silent stars.

There is a majority in each human soul which says, "We will do homage, and a serious warning which is entitled to our faith. Men have been the cause of measureless misery. "Every word of God" is his motto. His enemy's words are not worth discussing. He has a world of skepticism. It has wrought his influence through all time, and cast its dark mirage shadow through all the centuries. It makes the past a sad record of crimes and wrongs, and estrangement whose bitter harvests have been reaped by generations in tears. Men have been consciously striving for happiness; they have had joy; society in all its ranks and conditions presents a placid exterior; but within are the slow burning fires; underneath are the storming currents. The world is full of unrighteous crimes, the broken motives, unorganized, and bleeding hearts make awful cries. It is a dama..."

We went bravely to that land whence no traveler returns.

The last words he uttered were: "Bury Bur-..."

Graves was fast asleep when the catastrophe overtook him.

Dreaming he heard in the usual song: The voice of a voice, a woman chanted again, all singing in the song.

"Miss de Law: "I sported Law Darren. We be free now!"

We had no board a Noble: it lived; but the things..."

Thoughts in the matter of "Attitude" be waited to himself above.

Also, we had a King. We made this the most im-

We said we had a King. It's probably there..."

A horse had not yet died; giving birth something new!"

In those and we add one Bullinger, also of my know-

Thought of the purpose of his trip we hardly under-

On some more pleasing clime we judged his agent to go for ward.

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