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The Biological Department S. U. I.

The following sketch of the facilities afforded by the Biological Department of our University is presented in the hope that a better appreciation of the means thus afforded will stimulate an earnest use and an honest pride on the part of those following or intending to follow lines of study in Natural Science. These advantages can be best understood by a brief review of the courses of study and methods pursued in this department.

Systematic Zoology. This class is accorded free access to the Museum and is expected to make constant and practical use of the various collections and the rapidly growing zoological library on the Museum floor. These collections embrace many species of mammals, birds, etc., not usually accessible to students in western universities, as well as valuable osteological preparations of the typical groups of vertebrates. By means of these specimens a just appreciation may be gained of those structural peculiarities upon which zoologists base their classifications. The lectures on zoology by Prof. McBride are admirably adapted to emphasize the salient points of the science and to instruct the student how to study animals. The specimens are then intelligently studied, notes and measurements taken, comparisons instituted and authorities consulted. The result is, or should be, a definite knowledge of animal forms such as books and lectures alone could not confer.

Botany. A more complete equipment for the study of plants than our University provides would be hard to find. The energy and enthusiasm of the Professor in charge have given his specialty the prominence it deserves. The dissecting tables in the laboratory are models of their kind, their slate tops having the solidity of marble without its liability to damage from acids. Each student has his compound microscope and accessor-

ies, dissecting tools, re-agents, etc., and is prepared to investigate for himself the facts discussed in the works to which he is referred or in the lectures and explanations given by the Professor.

The Herbarium, on the second floor, is elegantly fitted up and the extensive collections of flowering and phenogamous plants, ferns, mosses, wood-sections, fungi, etc., are suitably arranged and labelled, forming a valuable adjunct to the lectures and laboratory work. The five terms devoted to Botany embrace work not usually included in the college course. The knowledge here gained is practical enough to suit the most utilitarian views, and of direct value to an agricultural State. Here the student is sent out to study the forest trees and is instructed as to their manner of growth, fertilization, distribution, and economic value. The destructive mould on leaves, blight on grapes, smut on corn, and rust on wheat are all brought into the laboratory and scrutinized under the microscope. The life history of these baleful fungi is worked out, the time and manner of reproduction noted, and any methods of destroying or preventing these plagues are explained.

The *Structural Botany* of the winter term is a revelation of wonder and beauty to the student as the microscope reveals the living and moving protoplasm or the endless variety of designs in the arrangement of plant cells. The nature and origin of the food supply derived from plants is studied, and the amount of starch and proteids in various plants compared.

General Biology. In Prof. Calvin's department we find an equally well equipped laboratory for the investigation of the anatomy, physiology, etc., of animal forms. The fall term is devoted to a course in the elements of Biology. Commencing with the unicellular plants and animals, the student is introduced to the secrets of their structure and life as revealed by living specimens under the microscope. The hydra is next the subject of investigation serving as a type of the great sub-kingdom Coelenterata. Then come higher forms of life. The clam is taken from its watery home to yield its life secrets under the scalpel and microscope. The cray-fish is fished from its retreat and the student conceives a veneration for an animal that lives under the weight of such numerous appendages with such fearful names. The frog next yields its life to science, serving as a type of the sub-kingdom Vertebrata. A few days spent in studying the histology of animal tissues completes the work. The winter term is devoted to the study of *Human Anatomy and Physiology*. The lectures by Prof. Calvin relating to Physiology are supplemented by laboratory work. The anatomy is illustrated by the human skeleton and disarticulated skull, and further

demonstrations are afforded by dissections and anatomical preparations of animals of convenient size: Here it is that the superabundant cat finds a painless death and a useful end.

In the spring term *Comparative Anatomy and Physiology* forms a fitting continuation of the previous work and is amply illustrated by a multitude of specimens from the Museum.

Histology. This class is one of the most flourishing in the Biological Department. All students interested in Natural Science desire to own a good microscope, and a proper use of this instrument involves a knowledge of the various manipulations used in the preparation of objects for examination. It is to meet this want that the histology class has been organized. Prof. Calvin has attained an enviable proficiency in this line and the classes under his charge turn out work of the highest grade. The facilities here afforded for gaining a practical knowledge of the injection, staining, cutting, and mounting specimens are probably not surpassed in this country.

Geology and Paleontology. In no respect is the Biological Department better equipped for successful instruction than in Geology. It is to this science that Prof. Calvin has devoted the greater part of his time and labor, as the bulk and value of our collections will witness.

The *General Geology* of the spring term is a broad and thorough introduction to the fundamental truths of the science and a sound basis for the work that follows. The fall term is devoted to a study of the Geology of the Northwest. Pupils here acquire a practical knowledge of the best methods of study. Typical fossils of the successive formations as they occur in their region are carefully drawn and described and their geological and zoological position definitely fixed. The result is a real and available knowledge of the geology of Iowa, instead of the partially understood generalities so often taught as Geology.

The Winter term's work is a continuation in special lines of that done in the Fall. Students select certain groups of fossils and "work them up" according to the system in vogue among working Geologists, among whom they may now be numbered. The student who takes these three terms work is qualified to successfully pursue geological investigation to any extent his time and inclinations will permit.

Special Features.—There is one feature which has been introduced into our Biological Department which has, perhaps, been attended with more pronounced success than any other. I refer to the systematic and extended combination of notes and drawings in all laboratory work. A special note-book is manufactured for this purpose, and students are

expected to make careful drawings not mere sketches of almost every object studied. Most of these drawings are made from the microscope and all admirably serve at least three purposes. 1st. They serve to definitely fix the object studied in the mind of the student. 2nd. They constitute, in connection with the accompanying notes, a first-class illustrated text-book of the subject studied, giving the student some tangible result for his work. 3rd. They give the best of practice in free hand drawing. At the World's Fair at New Orleans these illustrated note-books from the Biological Laboratory, S. U. I. attracted much attention and were far ahead of anything of the kind exhibited by any other college or University.

The *Theses* constitute another valuable feature in our biological work, and usually exhibit a mastery of the subject and fidelity of illustration which can safely challenge the best work done in any institution. Almost all of the Theses produced last year were of a very high order and at least four were well worthy of publication. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when the University will realize the advantage of publishing all the really meritorious work done here. Such Theses as those of Mr. Keys, Miss Ankeny, Miss Thomas, and Miss Preston of last year would not be likely to suffer by comparison with the published work of other Universities.

The *Museum*—Space forbids any extended mention of this important adjunct of the Biological Department. A better idea of its extent and condition can be gained by a visit than from any description. A word however, in regard to the legitimate aims of such a museum may not be out of place. These are:

1st. *Use by Students* in connection with their study of Zoology, Anatomy, Geology etc. It is hoped that this aim is being reasonably well realized, although more extended and systematic use by students will be furthered by every available means.

2nd. *Use by the Public* in the line of popular education. The Museum if properly managed and intelligently used should rank with the Public Library as an educational force. Such a use is now being made of our cabinet. The number of what might be called "regular visitors" is by no means small. The practice of parents bringing their children and teachers their classes, is becoming common and should be encouraged.

3rd. *Use by Specialists.*—This is an aim of the future rather than the present. But it is certainly desirable for the State to possess collections of sufficient completeness to enable such of her rising scientists as attained marked proficiency in any line of Natural Science, to work up their specialties without being forced to go to other states in search of material.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT

An Ink-Bottle's What-Not.

BY SUEZ.

NOT THE THIRD—BEEFINE INSPIRATION.

The hermit has just returned from supper well pleased with the quality of beef he purchased to-day.

Taking his seat by a table drawn close to a cheerful autumn fire he falls into a short space of sermonizing. This is a great habit of his, though to-night, contrary to what is usual with him, he expresses his thoughts aloud. The text from which he speaks all will agree is a hard one.

"Here upon my table," he starts, "lies the Indian arrow head I found in the bed of the dry forest brook. The brook has been away all summer, and I, like a pilfering sneak, have ransacked her bed and found this jewel. The invention of the savage is the curiosity and ornament of civilization; The Indian's weapon is the harmless toy of his usurper. The stone is dumb through all its experience from the home of its dusky fashioner to its place on the parlor mantle, the shelf of the museum, the table of the antiquarian or, I may add, of the hermit. And yet, did it not sing one short, shrill death-song as it flew forth from the bow toward some mark?—Dumb, yet to me it has a sort of language. It tells the present of the past: civilization of barbarism: the garden of the wilderness. Out of shapeless stone the Red Man carved a symbol of his character, severe and rugged. His arrow shot further than the deer it struck. It has come down to us through centuries not now the message of death but of knowledge. The white man in secluded leisure walks through the same forest where once his savage predecessor rushed by in the chase. The deer and beasts are gone, and with them their wild pursuers. The wood is left to quiet and to the uses of a gentler race. But its old possessors left witnesses to their existence. The white man gazes at these, filled with a curious wonder of the past. His own race seems to have promise of an everlasting possession. Will it never be swept away? Will naught remain of it some day but what is carved in stones or writ with giant hands in mounds?"

So much do we hear from him. He relapses again into silence. Possibly he is thinking great half formed thoughts about the aborigines, hard to express.

Presently Luppitta arrives, and entering the room pleased that his steps toward it are ended and that his visit is beginning, asks familiarly.

"Well my neighbor as myself, how do you feel in every part of your manifold being this evening?" "Oh, I feel bunkum. I had some of the finest roast beef for supper that I ever tasted or at any rate my remembrances of it are more vivid than of any other. I can feel it permeating my whole system, I feel as though I were growing stronger every moment. Every once in a while I imagine I can feel fairy cows crawling out of the ends of my fingers. I feel as

though I were slowly turning into a ranch, with thousands of fat cattle in me, herdsmen on fine horses, sweet grass, and mild, cool breezes blowing fragrant with the breath of the prairie's flowers, and—"

"Hold on, Wagisse, I've eaten roast beef: but it doesn't turn me into a steer or give me the ranchirium tremens."

"But you have never tasted beef like that I had to-night. Let me go get you a piece."

"No, you needn't. I had all the supper I wanted. I tell you I had oysters for supper. They were the finest I ever ate or, at any rate they were the last I ever ate. I can feel them squirming through my whole system. I feel as though I were growing strong as a whale every moment. Every once in a while I imagine my finger nails are clam shells. I feel as though I were slowly turning into a big ocean, with all kinds of good fish in me, fine vessels sailing over me the sweet voices of beautiful maidens singing on the decks, and all the stars of night reflected in my waters."

"I declare, Luppitta, that's poetical. But why make fun of a fellow for enjoying his supper? I do not think there is enough of the Epicurean about you. I believe in a man's liking to eat a good big meal of good things, and in his taking great satisfaction in a strong well ordered stomach and digestive apparatus. If we must carry around with us an animal nature, why not make the best of it?"

"I think it is right to do so; but you make an excess of it. You allow it to entirely predominate over your intellect. Under its influence now you stuff all your thoughts inside of cow-skins."

"About as often as we eat, we ought for a short time to deliver ourselves up to the gambols of our satisfied appetite, permit our stomachs instead of our brains to do our contemplating for us, siestacize ourselves, not going to sleep necessarily, but playing with the animal within us. It is best for our mental constitution to do this. Brain cannot live on thoughts alone. I believe that as a rule you will find that a capacious, faithful stomach can always be looked for just two or three feet beneath a powerful brain. In order to be wise a man must half the time be a fool. In order to be more than an animal a man must be an animal."

"In order, you say, to be more than an animal a man must be an animal. A hog is an animal. Therefore to be more than a hog a man must be a hog."

"I did n't give you your first premise precisely as you seem to understand it; but nevertheless you have arrived at pretty near the truth, though it sounds a little bad."

"I see you are irrecoverably under the influence of inspiration at present. We do not differ very much on the subject we have been talking about. I think we ought to be Epicureans enough to keep in sound, robust health; but we should not be gluttons and gormandizers. That is what you think too. I wonder if you would dare agree to finish our discussion of this question some time when the cook has just served you a bad

dinner. We could add what you say then to what you have said to-day, divide the sum by two, and get an average that would be nearly the right thing."

"I am afraid your plan would not work so well as you imagine. I never say anything when I have had a bad dinner or at least very little, so your average when you struck it would still smell of the choicest dishes of the festival. When beef tastes as good as that I had to-night I like to speak of it."

"You surely have fully discharged your duty. I see you have come across an old stone arrow-head somewhere."

"Yes I took a ramble in the woods to-day, and found that among some stones in the bed of the brook."

"The poor Indian! We keep driving him further and further away every year. Before long he will be as much of a curiosity as these arrow-heads are now. What right have we got here?"

"Of late years a mantle has been found that covers up or takes away a multitude of national sins. It indeed converts those sins into ex post facto virtues. That mantle is 'Manifest Destiny.' It gives us a right here. We are here because a superior has a right to drive out and supplant an inferior civilization. Civilized nations that make conquests among barbarous or heathen nations should do it not on the ground of national interest, but for the sake and in the name of humanity. This principle I know is liable to be greatly abused, but it is the best rule I know of for the case. As for us, the history of our country from the earliest times to the present abundantly proves our right to American soil. I am sure I do not feel that I am really and merely a usurper. However, were I asked to formulate a code of conquest laws, I should acknowledge at once my inability to do so. Time alone is the justification of many national actions. Humanly speaking they cannot be defended as just, yet in the light of history, in the light of destiny, from the standpoint of humanity, they are right. Good will come out of evil. Half the world, it is possible, is in man's hands; half of it in God's. Justice has several courts. Judged by a common and universally recognized law, an action might be wrong; appeal the case to a higher court, and the judgment would be reversed. Before God Judas even may be less a traitor than he seems to the world to have been when he kissed Christ. Was it not so that the prophecy might be fulfilled? Yet I would not seem to lessen man's responsibility for his actions, though, accepting the theory of an over-ruling Providence, I believe every traitor fulfills a prophecy as truly as did Judas, or, in other words, becomes a factor in the accomplishment of a destiny. But we are getting into smoky atmosphere."

"True enough, smoky. You are coming close to Joseph Cook's question of Fate and Free Will. How do you dispose of that question, Wagisse?"

"I see you want to push me up further into the smoke. I do not dispose of it. I do not know whether there is a higher power than his own controlling in some mysterious way the actions of man or

not. I suspect there is. Granting that man is a free agent and that he is at the same time carrying out in his operations the design of some higher being, I do solve the difficulty by calling it insoluble. In the solution of certain mathematical problems it is necessary to assume that two parallel lines, if produced to an infinite distance, will come together. Fate and Free Will, two absolutely irreconcilable ideas in our minds, if referred to the infinity of God's wisdom, may perhaps there find a coincidence. We may assume, if we please, that somewhere beyond our reason they can be reconciled; and acknowledge the operation of both. I do not say, though, that I choose to do this."

"You might well set up for a theologian. Well, I guess we will not move back to Europe for fear we have done wrong to the Indians. How's your beef by this time?"

"Doing very well. But you closed that subject once. Suppose we read some in the 'Fairy Queen.'"

"I am willing. Pick out the best part of it, and begin."

The two have started off for a stroll with the "Fairy Queen;" and as we are not invited, perhaps we would do well not to accompany them.

CO-EDUCATION has suffered somewhat of a back-set. The Rev. Hiram C. Hayden was recently installed as President of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, which at the present time includes Adelbert College and a medical department. His advent to the Presidency was signalled by the trustees abolishing co-education and announcing the project of a separate college in the University for women. The fifteen young women now in the college will be permitted to complete their studies, but no more girls will be received into Adelbert. The trustees say that they do not wish to be understood as condemning co-education of itself or in any other place, but they "are satisfied that the existence of co-education in the institution is a hinderance to its highest success in educating young men and thus fulfilling the purposes for which it was founded and its endowment mainly secured." The trustees "place upon record their sympathy with all efforts for the higher education of women" and request the new President to take such steps as shall seem to him expedient to establish such a college for young women. The trustees place something else upon record, too, not so creditable to them.

First Student: What were the reasons necessitating the organization of the Republican party?

Second Student: To make virtue the object of politics.

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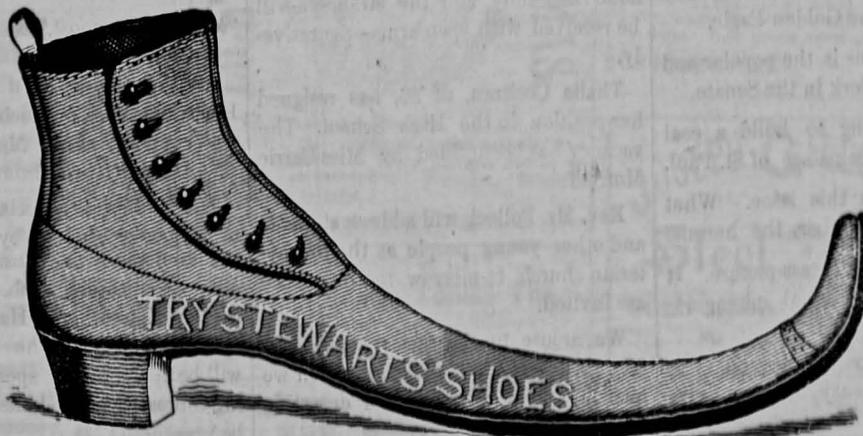
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We are glad to learn that Mrs. Currier's diphtheria is a very light form.

Professors Pickard and McBride have presided at chapel, this week.

"There seems to be some doubt, professor, that he ever did join it."

Keene presented "Richard III" at Davenport last Friday evening.

Miss Lulu Miller, of Davenport, is the guest of Miss Hannah Hoering.

H. I. Coughlin was unable to attend recitation, the fore part of the week.

Examine the immense line of fine suits displayed at the Golden Eagle.

Miss May Williams is the popular and accomodating bill clerk in the Senate.

Oskaloosa is going to build a coal palace to rival the ice palace of St. Paul.

"Not" the last in this issue. What think you of our neighbor, the hermit?

Look at the "Medic" class-picture. It is certainly an intellectual phenomenon.

Co's. B. and C. are the only ones, so far finding it necessary to take extra drill.

Go to the Opera House to-night for a first-class shave and hair-cut.

Harry Clark will play a tuba solo at the concert.

The Gym. will fill two numbers in the Band Concert.

Mrs. Kimball and Chas. Impey will sing a duet at the concert March 2d.

The Cedar Rapids "Em Bee Klub" has no equal in the State. Hear them March 2d.

Ask Bacon why he wants to break the "Poor Young Man," when he is already broke.

The State Oratorical contest will be held in the Opera House next Thursday evening.

Go to Cash & Hunt's meat market, opposite Opera House, for choice meats of all kinds.

According to one of our brilliant Juniors, Russia has a republican form of government.

Miss Winnie Lewis has been unable to attend recitations this week, on account of illness.

D. Powell Johnson and Cliff Musser spend Saturday and Sunday at their homes in Muscatine.

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Let all the sons and daughters of Iowans wear the emblems of loyalty next week at the contest.

C. C. Clark's many friends will welcome the opportunity of again hearing his splendid voice March 2d.

Pres. Schaeffer has been occupied at Des Moines this week, we presume, working up the appropriation.

If a "Medic" gets plucked he goes on a "toot" for consolation. If he gets through, he goes on a "toot" to celebrate.

The dancing school was rather a drain on the good loyal forces of the Erodolphian society last Saturday night.

The preliminary declamatory contest at the Sophomore and Junior classes will be held next Saturday morning.

The Latin classes have been excused from recitation the past week, but not from advanced lessons assigned them.

Henry M. Morgridge, who entered the University with the class of '70, is now attending the Keokuk Medical College.

The various contest committees have done their duty and the strangers will be received with open arms—figuratively.

Thalia Cochran, of '86, has resigned her position in the High School. The vacancy has been filled by Miss Carrie Mordoff.

Rev. Mr. Pollock will address students and other young people at the Presbyterian church to-morrow morning. All are invited.

We arouse to the fact that the best part of the school year is gone, when we hear the "Medics" talking of deserting us in two weeks.

Tickets for Bill Nye now on sale at Wineke's, 50 cents.

Swindler, a brother of our Dan'l Swindler, will be one of the delegates from Iowa College.

There is altogether too much noise about the Central Building at about 9 o'clock. Gentlemen, forbear.

If you are proud of your Alma Mater say so when occasion offers. If not you had better not wear her colors longer than you can help.

Dr. Jennie McCowen, S. U. I., class of '68, is president of the King's Daughters, a branch of the Working Women's Lend a Hand club of Davenport.

Prof.: What is the meaning of hysop in reference to the Bible?

Freshman: I am not acquainted with the ancient classics.

Techentin went home last Friday, and liked it so well that he stayed until Tuesday. It is a pity that more of us do not live in Davenport.

Prof. Currier has been quarantined" this week by the illness of Mrs. Currier, with diphtheria. We hope his misfortune will not last long.

C. A. Vanvlack, who entered the University with the class of '89, was in the city last week. He is now studying law in an office at Waverly.

Among the many attractions in the coming concert will be a "Ladies Trio" composed of the following: Miss Chase, Mrs. Donnan, Miss Cox.

Freshman girl getting work done in Dental Department—Prof. to Operator: Do you want a patient? No, I have this little girl to work on.

We hear that Weaver has a very tender affection for valentines. They are not near so nice, Weaver, when you find out that *the boys* wrote the poetry.

Mr. Dye, recently Principal of the Franklin Academy, Nebraska, has removed to this city with his family. Mr. Dye has entered the Junior Law Class.

The book-bindery in connection with Lee's Pioneer Bookstore does first-class work. If you have any books that need re-binding, it will be handsomely done there.

The Medical column in the VIDETTE has been a very interesting and instructive part of the paper this year. It is well edited, and reflects credit upon its department.

"Much, more, most," so says the grammar,

Another rule we must demand;
Little less, Most, or much less clamor,
For much more, Most, we cannot stand.

The preliminary declamatory contest to be participated in by gentlemen of the Sophomore and Junior classes will occur on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 9 A. M. in the Zetagathian Hall. The eight speakers receiving the highest marks will be appointed to speak in the coming contest. All students are invited to be present.

The VIDETTE REPORTER brings us good news. Among the contestants chosen we see the name of J. S. Nollen, one of Old Central's brightest stars. May Heaven's highest blessings rest upon you.—*Central Ray.*

The Laws still come to the front. Mr. Forest, a representative of that dignified body, was married last week to Miss Cunningham, of the Commercial school. They will still continue their work in this city. Congratulations.

C. P. Beyer, of the Dental Department, was subpoenaed last week, as a witness in the Kingsley murder case, at Waverly. Mr. Beyer was occupying an office on the same floor with Kingsley when the shots were fired, so is a very important witness.

One evening last week seven boys clad in blankets of various colors, suddenly made their advent dancing and "sagwaing" into Monnet's room. After tipping over the chairs and table together with the lamp and books, spilling the pitcher of water (into the bed,) and rousing the folks next door from their nocturnal reveries they gave the war whoop and departed.

The University Band deserves great credit for the many fine concerts that have been given under its auspices in the past. The present one promises to excel any previous one. The Band is in good shape, and will render some fine selections, and no expense has been spared to secure the best local talent, and in addition to all this, arrangements have been made for the presence of the finest male quartette in the State, and one of the most popular vocalists that ever lived in Iowa City, namely, C. C. Clark.

The sets of University publications preserved in the library are being made up for binding for greater convenience in reference. They will include sets of University Catalogues and Reports, catalogues of the several departments, programmes of commencement exercises of all departments, of class day, literary societies, and alumni association and banquet of all society entertainments; class exhibitions, oratorical contests and band concerts. Any one having any of the programmes previous to 1879 and are willing to donate the same to the library will conter a favor by so doing.

The Librarian particularly desires to obtain copies also of the university catalogues for 1860-1, 1861-2 and 1886-7; and of commencement programmes for 1887.

The library possesses a collection of the catalogues of a large number of the colleges and universities of the United States. These papers; Miss Mary Barber, the assistant librarian has arranged in alphabetical order for more ready reference, she has also made a list of the same for future reference.

The managing committee from the Erodolphian and Irving societies wish to hereby express their appreciation and sincere thanks to all their friends, who in any way contributed by kind aid

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

C. J. SEARLE, Editor.

Prof. Gilman's wife has recovered to such an extent that she is able to sit up a portion of the day.

The Seniors had another examination this week. The Juniors will probably have their share of the fun next week.

H. F. Schultz, class of '85-6, and R. A. L. Dick, class of '86-7, constitute a law firm in Lindsay, Neb. R. A. L. Dick reports business fair and that he is getting his share of it.

The members of the class who sit behind G. A. Crawford have become expert at dodging—overshoes, etc. George doesn't often take such spells, but it's hard to tell when they are coming on.

Died, at her husband's residence in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, on the 22nd inst. Mrs. Ella M. Chrisman, wife of Wm. H. Chrisman, daughter of James H. Peasly, of Illinois, aged 33 years.

Mr. Chrisman was in the Junior Class of 1885-6 and expects soon to return to the Law Department, accompanied by his brother.

Justinian Institute was favored at its last session with two treats. A five minute speech by Mr. Rawson, subject, "Communism." A piccolo solo with violin accompaniment by Heberling Bros. Both were really treats and much appreciated by the society.

SIREWID ADVICE TO A YOUNG LAWYER.—A learned lawyer advised his pupil, who was about to enter upon the practice of the law, as follows: "When the facts are in your favor, but the law opposed to you, come out strong on the facts; and when the law is in your favor and facts opposed to you, come out strong on the law." "But" inquired the student "when the law and the facts are both against me, what shall I do?" "Why then," "talk around them."

The official organ of the legal fraternity, "Phi Delta Phi," was placed in our hands for perusal and consideration. The suggestion was made that we call the attention of the class to the matter and perhaps it would lead to the establishment of an organization in this institution. The fraternity is modeled after the collegiate fraternities and the object, as stated by the official organ, is "the organization of a select society, which will bring together the brightest students of each class and enable them to develop the social side of student life more fully than would otherwise be possible." We find in the list of its organizations, the best legal institutions of the land are represented and that members of the bar so eminent as Justice Waite and Justice Miller of the Supreme Court of the U. S. are members of the fraternity. Our limited information on the nature and object of the fraternity is apparent, but perhaps enough has been said to at least lead to investigation.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.—It has been truly said that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. So, may it be said,

that ceaseless toil is the secret of success in any calling in life and without this, failure will be the inevitable result. A man may have genius, he may have extraordinary aptitude in his calling, yet to accomplish much, to distinguish himself among his fellows, he must attend to his business, he must work, *he must work earnestly, assiduously and with all his might.* This is the *sine que non* for distinction and success, short of which no ambitious young man would fall if he would help himself. And we would emphasize this in view of the sharp competition we everywhere see, and the high tension of life peculiar to the age in which we live and the grand country to which we belong. The poet said of Christians, "sure we must fight if we would win." This applies to every relation of life.

"The survival of the fittest," is the universal law for all living things, and the higher and more perfect the order, the more manifest is the law. It is especially manifest in the professions of men. Who are the fittest? *They chiefly who earnestly exert themselves.* Genius, great mental aptitudes, are of course greatly to be desired and will, other things equal, give their possessor a great advantage. But greater than these, greater in results and more to be desired, *is the disposition to work.* The former without the latter must be futile. The latter without the former may accomplish wonders. Hear what Charles Dickens says: "My own invention or imagination, such as it is, I can most truthfully assure you, would never have served me as it has, but for my habit of common-place, humble, patient, daily toiling, drudging, attention * * * have never believed it possible that my natural or acquired ability can claim immunity from the companionship of steady, plain, hard-working qualities, and hope to gain its end." But a greater than Dickens, our own Alexander Hamilton, who as a lawyer and statesman, was almost without a peer in this or any other country, said: "Men give me some credit for genius. All the genius I have lies in this: when I have a subject in hand, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the effort which I make, the people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought." Such is the testimony of these great men, whom the world calls geniuses in their respective vocations. And is not such testimony encouraging to us, plodding mortals with whom success and distinction is attainable only by earnest toil and attention?

Thus far we have been speaking generally. But what shall we say of the law,—a profession that requires the highest discipline of the best powers of the head and the heart, a broad and practical knowledge of the civil institutions of the land and those eternal principles of equity, upon which these are founded, and that varied learning necessary to its application to the affairs of men? Truly may we say of the law, that it is the *scientia scientiarum*, the

science of sciences. If we have respect to its theory, it is as profound as theology, for it is founded upon ethics. If we have respect to its practice, it is as practical as farming or carpentry, for it is founded upon common-sense and regulates our every-day affairs. If we have respect to its application, it is almost unlimited, for it embraces within its scope a knowledge of all the relations of man and all the rights and duties incident thereto, and all vocations, and all sciences, and all interests. If we have respect to its object, it transcends the science of medicine, for the latter looks to the physical ailments of man, the former to the moral. As the moral is above the physical in the complication of the subject, so must the sagacity and experience necessary to moral diagnostics and remedies, transcend those of the physical.

Surely then, he, who would win in this profession must bring to his task, an assiduity and attention, persistent and untiring. More than this, he must bring to the vast undertaking, a resolution, that shall inspire him to fight it out on this line if it takes a life time.

THE TALE OF BILL NYE

It is Not Long, but It Has a Number of Very Interesting Features.

The Brilliant Humorist Tells of Some of His Western Experiences—The Press Club Entertainment.

[Chicago Mail.]

A tall man with a beardless face and wearing a pair of black-bound eye-glasses perched on a rather long nose, sat swinging his leg over the arm of a chair in the office of the Tremont house. A small, soft black hat was pulled down in a careless way over his left ear. Peeping out from under the rear of the hat could be seen a half-moon where his forehead ended at the back of his head. The man was Bill Nye.

Eleven months in the year he writes for the *New York World*. In February he is given a vacation, which he improves by delivering about thirty lectures during the month. To state the situation more accurately, he works during the month of February, and has a holiday the other eleven months. Mr. Nye has changed considerably during the past four years. He used to wear a luxurious brown beard which covered his face entirely, and, his opinion to the contrary, notwithstanding, added considerably to the beauty of a benign countenance that has graced many brilliant assemblages and many lynching parties in the Rocky Mountain regions. Nye has survived the rush of cyclones, the giddy whirl of fame, the exciting career of a Wyoming post-master, an attack of spinal meningitis, and numerous other offences, and says that he is enjoying better health than he has known in many years.

In talking about old times in the far west, he said: "I am told that all sorts

of stories are in circulation about my first appearance as a newspaper man, and that a number of people have disputed for the disgrace that clings to my debut. Old Dr. Hayford, of Laramie, Wyoming, O. H. Rothacker, formerly of the *Denver Tribune*, and now editor of *Omaha Republican*, a blacksmith at Laramie City, and a wild yearning for something to eat, are said to be responsible for my adventure into journalism. I remember well the day I went to Laramie City. I had 35 cents in my inside pocket. I went to Dr. Hayford, who was printing a little paper at Laramie, and asked him for a job. He told me he needed a man, but didn't take particular pains to inquire as to my experience and ability. He was careful, however, to state that if my services were satisfactory he would give me \$50 a month, and at the end of the year he would increase my salary. They did not figure salaries by the week out there then. As I had to pay about \$11.50 a week for board, I did not have much money left to put into the bank at the end of the month.

"I worked for Dr. Hayford about a year. I reported the local happenings, pulled the old Washington press, brought in the coal, wrote editorials, swept out the office, read proof, and otherwise devoted myself to those simple little things which prepare one for modern journalism. At odd moments I studied law, and at the end of the year was admitted to practice. About that time I delicately but firmly hinted that an increase in my salary would be appreciated. Like a certain letter that was looked for, the increase didn't come, so I resigned and opened an office. Shortly afterward I was elected Justice of the Peace and Police Magistrate.

"I found I had many idle moments. Somehow the people did not tramp each other under foot in their wild desire to secure my legal services, and so, more for the fun of it than anything else, I began writing letters for the *Cheyenne Sun*. I wrote a letter every week, and was paid \$1 a column. Subsequently Rothacker wrote to me from Denver, and offered me \$30 a month to write letters for the *Denver Tribune*, and after a while increased the pay to \$50.

"While all these exciting events were being added to the story I was appointed postmaster at Laramie. Incidentally I was also chosen as commissioner of deeds, appointed a notary public, taught a Sunday-school class, hired out my services as a mining expert, and engaged in a few other pursuits. The *Laramie Sentinel* was printed every night and distributed still damp and fresh the next morning. The Republicans wanted another paper and they purchased the material for the *Boomerang*. I was installed as editor and conducted the paper until my hair fell out and spinal meningitis laid me low.

"I went to Greeley, Col. and stayed there under treatment for several months. Greeley is a prohibition town, but I survived the spinal disorder and the privations of the place, and, after closing out my business at Laramie, went to Hudson, Wisconsin.

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"It was while at Hudson that I had my memorable conflict with a Wisconsin cyclone. I emerged from the struggle and the ruins of a lumber wagon with a broken leg and various other injuries. After recovering I went to New York. I want to say that most of the rumors regarding my work on the New York World are incorrect. They asked me what I would charge to give them a letter every Sunday. I made my price, and they said they would pay it. I don't grind out a column every day, but I dash off a few pages scintillating with genius once a week. Occasionally I furnish a small article during the middle of the week. You readily see, therefore, that I am not wearing myself out with overwork, as has been intimated.

"The doctors of Greeley told me that I would not entirely recover from the effects of the spinal meningitis until five years had passed. They guessed it.

"It was about five years ago that I was taken with the trouble. Each year its effects have gradually disappeared, and now I believe I am in better health than I have ever known before.

"I will lecture at a number of places in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. I expect to go to Omaha and out to Kansas. I do not know just how James Whitcomb Riley and myself will arrange our entertainment at Central Music hall next week. When we were together last year he usually gave them about four numbers, and I occupied a similar length of time. We are not together this year, but simply meet here for the purpose of appearing at the Press club's entertainment."

"Are you getting out any more books?"

"Yes. My former wads of wisdom and philosophy were issued in small volumes resplendent with paper covers and gems of etching. My last work will be issued on the subscription plan. It is larger than the others, and as I will get one-half the profits I hope to make something out of it."

Mr. Nye lives on Staten Island. As this is leap year it is no more than right to give publicity to the fact that he has a wife and four children, two girls and two boys. One of the boys already shows evidences of possessing some of his father's peculiar characteristics, and threatens to become a humorist. In private life Mr. Nye is genial, courteous, and full of quaint sayings and quaint ideas. He is a great favorite among newspaper men, is entirely unaffected, and not at all changed by his success as a humorous writer. He is paid a regular price for his lectures. As he puts it: "I speak my piece, get my pay, and take the next train out of town. I find that this is the wisest way."



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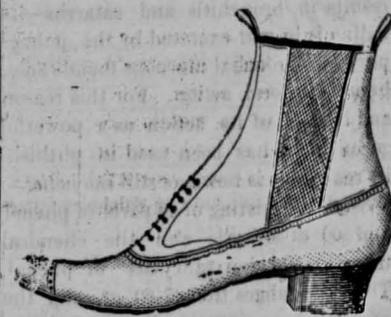
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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

A. L. HAGEBOECK, J. H. SINNETT, Editors.

Most of the students have had their "finals" in *Materia Medica*.

The address for the faculty, this year will be delivered by President Schaeffer.

The Seniors undergo every privation to hear Judge Adam's 9 o'clock lecture.

Jacob Beebe was appointed clerk of the Junior Moot Court for the February term.

Dr. James Reaves recently cut 1259 serial sections from a human embryo $\frac{3}{8}$ inches long, and 1252 of these sections were mounted on 76 slides.

M. Pasteur has recently received two fine prizes, the "Pressa" prize of 12,000 francs, and the great "World's Prize" of the Italian Academy of Science of \$2,400.

The class picture is finished and is pronounced by good judges the finest group picture ever made in this city. The Elite Studio deserves great credit for such fine work.

The members of the graduating class performed some wonderful operations, Thursday. This is one of the very few schools in the U. S. where the student is required to perform upon the Cadaver such operations as are made upon the living subject.

Students expecting friends to attend Medical Commencement should instruct them to be here in time for the Concert March, 2nd as this will be one of the most interesting events of the March Commencement, and promises to be a grand affair.

Before another issue of this paper, the "First Years" will be narrating to their friends at home the many thrilling happenings of the dissecting room &c. &c. We hope that they are all sufficiently impressed with the merits of this school to return next Fall to complete the course, and in the meanwhile will give the Medical Dept. of the S. U. I. such a "send off" that the number of "Medics" will be thereby greatly increased by another year.

We have succeeded in getting the following information about the new antipyretics and organic compounds that are so frequently mentioned and so extensively used. At present the professor is enthusiastic over them but what ten years use may bring out as facts no one can tell. They are evidently valuable as antipyretics, what importance this may have in pathology is at present a question.

Iodol—This contains 85-90 parts of Iodine in combination with a constituent of the mineral oil pyrol. It occurs as a white or grayish powder, has little or no taste and is entirely free from odor. Insoluble in water, it dissolves readily in ether, chloroform and benzine. The dose varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 grains. Since it has effects very similar to those of Iodoform without the offensive odor toxic activity, it is very widely used as

a substitute. Iodol is an excellent antiseptic and deodoriser and as a local application to wounds, chancres, chancreoids, ulcers &c. is fast suspending iodoform.

Internally it has been used with good results in bronchitis and catarrhs—its iodine is in part excreted by the pulmonary and bronchial mucous membranes, hence the local action. For this reason and because of its action as a powerful germicide it has been used in phthisis; its real value is however still *sub judice*.

Salol—Consisting of 40 parts of phenol and 60 of salicylic and the chemical name would be salicylate of phenol. The dose ranges from 5-60 gr. and the maximum quantity to be given in 24 hours is from one to four drachms. According to the latest authorities salol is insoluble in the gastric juice and therefore inert until it is met by the pancreatic secretion. By this it is separated into its constituents phenol and salicylic acid.

It has no toxic effects, the normal temperature is little affected by it but febrile heat is so strongly acted upon that the temperature sometimes descends a degree or two below normal. It is also somewhat diaphoretic and acts upon the nervous system as a motor depressor and cerebral sedative, hence in fevers, not alone reduces temperature, but relieves pain and gives sleep.

The greatest value of salol is in the treatment of acute rheumatism and in this disease the dose ranges from 15-30 gr., though it may be increased as the severity of the case demands, remembering however the maximum for 24 hours. In rheumatism its action is almost like that of salicylic acid.

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