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THE VIDETTE-REPORTER,  
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PARSONS COLLEGE graduated a class of fifteen Wednesday, five ladies and ten gentlemen.

THE article in this issue on the 17-year locust was written upon our solicitation by Miss Minnie Howe.

LECTURES have been given in Volapuk at Yale, the first American College at which the language has been introduced.

D. N. RICHARDSON'S attention is respectfully called to the following item taken from an exchange: A couple of Harvard students were fined \$100 and costs each, for maintaining a liquor nuisance at the college.

THE last number of the *Central Ray* was a Memorial paper. It contains a poem by Geo. W. Gardner, President of the institution a few years ago, and in that poem we find this reference to Prof. Currier:

The learned professor left his chair,

And girt his sword and shield;

Led out his classic soldiery

For practice in the field.

THE next and last issue of our paper will be published Wednesday afternoon, June 20th, commencement day, and will contain a full account of all commencement exercises. Many city subscribers will have left for home when the paper is mailed, and will want their papers sent to them. They should before that time leave their addresses with the business manager or at Fink's. No attention whatever will be paid to requests for papers after Commencement day.

A copy of the *Van Buren Democrat* has come to our hands, which contains an account of the closing exercises of the Keosauqua schools. We find this com-

plimentary notice of M. C. King, '87, who has had charge of the schools the past year: "Public sentiment gives Mr. King the highest credit for the efficient manner in which he has administered the affairs of the schools, and for the rapid progress they have made under his administration. He is a man of high qualifications in his profession, of sound judgment and earnest purpose. He will succeed, even where chances are against him. Each of the other teachers have received much praise for meritorious work they have performed, and have met the deserved approbation from the patrons of the school."

THE latest we can get with respect to the fracas at Ames is that there is an inclination on the part of college and civil authorities to let the whole matter drop. Recent developments do not place the "antis" in so unfavorable light as before. There seem to be two sides to the question. Still the disturbance is not held at all justifiable by any parties.

THE *Hesperian* and *Zetagathian* societies will give the play known as the "Deestrice School," at the Opera House next Tuesday evening. The play is one which has been much talked about, and has met with much success throughout the state during the past winter. It is designed to amuse, and wherever it has been given it has succeeded in accomplishing that end in a marked degree. Much effort has been put forth to make it a success here, and numerous local hits have been inserted which will make it especially amusing to an Iowa City audience. We feel confident that no one will have to regret having gone to this play.

It is impossible for us to state whether the Investigation of the University will go on or not. The members of the committee sent in some bills on their recent adjournment, but the State Auditor refuses to pay them; giving it as his opinion that state funds cannot be paid out on concurrent resolutions of the General Assembly. The state attorney-General sustains this view. The Executive Council of State it seems can do nothing. All that the Auditor can do is to issue certificates which may be cashed at the next meeting of the Legislature. In case this should be done the committee would have to run the risk of doing their work for nothing. Secretary McFarland is in Des Moines doing what he can to open a way for the committee to go on with its work. It would be a great misfortune for the investigation to stop at this juncture.

It is with much pleasure that we place before our readers a short communication from Dr. Pickard relative to what

appeared in our paper last week:

*Editors Vidette-Reporter:* Thanks for your criticism of what I was reported to have said at the last session of the committee. The stenographer's report will read something like this:

Chairman: What is your opinion of the character and influence of the new professors?

Ans.: With a single exception their general influence is good.

Chair: You refer to use of tobacco?

Ans.: I do. But I will say that much as I detest tobacco, and earnestly as I would discourage its use by students, I must say that I would rather have students under the influence of a man who smokes privately, than under the influence of a man who publishes slanders about his associates.

Chair: You refer to the pamphlets that have been published?

Ans.: I do.

You will see that the very brief report in the *Republican* changes the character of one of the evils of which I complain, and it leaves out entirely the examination which led up to that remark. The use of tobacco is an evil, but not the greatest evil.

### SMALL COLLEGES.

Goethe says: "A character is perfected in the stream of the world." Bacon says "A crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures." Here are two great truths from two great minds. The one utters one of the grand principles of society; the other does not contradict but supplements it by limiting its practicability. The one says: Go forth into the world; rub against your fellows; let them polish you, and, if necessary, knock off your peculiarities; extend the hand of fellowship; and finally come back a full man. The other says: Wander not aimlessly about in the hurrying crowd, but make men "company;" link your fortune with them; divine the emotions of their hearts, fathom the depths of their souls; move among faces you can call your own. These words are practical. Let us see how we can apply them.

The paramount benefit of a college course is development of character; the production of men who present a strong and clearly defined individuality, and yet retain those subtle relations to the mass which enable them to move with uniformity and ease. It does this because of the peculiar relations which exist between students. Some time in the four years, nearly every emotion and characteristic comes to the surface. None of our little crotchets escape notice, and reciprocal criticism is not wanting. The "crank" is "ground;" the popular man is courted; the stable man is respected, congenial spirits affiliate; hostile spirits clash—a miniature world, the best preparation for that larger world outside. It is Goethe's "stream of the world."

However great the other advantages of Harvard and Yale, this character-building process finds its highest perfection in smaller institutions—in Amherst, in Dartmouth, and in our own Bowdoin. It may exist to some extent in large colleges in the form of sets and cliques; but it is based upon caste more than upon personal characteristics. It is like entering a large city. A student is personally acquainted with but a small percentage of his own class-mates, and knows scarcely more than half of them by sight. The class ties are drawn less closely. He is literally among strangers. It is Bacon's "sea of faces." The large college possesses superior facilities, the small college possesses superior men; the large college possesses better instructors, the small college possesses better material to instruct. The typical Harvard man will develop more dash, more social polish, and will be the more genial in conversation. He will also possess much external tact. But the small college man will analyze character, he will read human nature, he will divine the thoughts of his fellows and utilize them to the best advantage, and, in four cases out of five, he will "get there." And why? Because he has not only followed the suggestion of the German poet; but he has also heeded the admonition of the English sage. He has not only perfected his character in the "stream of the world;" but he has also remembered that a crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures.—*Bowdoin Orient.*

### To Class '87.

Please inform the undersigned permanent class secretary, as to your prospective location, work, etc., for the ensuing year, on or before the first day of September, in order that I may be enabled to prepare a complete annual report in time for the first issue of the *VIDETTE* in the new school year. Would be glad to hear from every member of the class.

E. FRANK BROWN, Kearney, Neb.

Last Tuesday, after a two week's absence, Prof. Patrick returned from Baltimore, whither he had gone to pass his final examinations at Johns Hopkins for the Doctor's Degree. On Wednesday the Professor lectured to the class Philosophy on "American Universities," dwelling especially on Johns Hopkins, where he himself has studied for two years.

The work in International Law closed rather suddenly Wednesday. Dr. Pickard said he was aware that several in the class wished to take the State examination Friday and Saturday, and he would give them one day to rest. Before dismissing the class he made a few remarks containing much useful advice and counsel, and assuring his pupils that they would ever find him their friend and well-wisher. The applause that greeted this farewell was sincere we know.

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## LITERARY DEPARTMENT

## Memorial Ode.

ZETAGATHIAN SOCIETY, MAY 30, 1888.

## I.

I rear no monument of lofty verse  
Unto the memory of our honored dead;  
'Tis not for me their valor to rehearse,  
Nor crown with glory each heroic head.  
Yet let my pray'r  
Be as the Roman poet prayed:  
Grant that I may one garland fair,  
One modest wreath of flowers modestly arrayed,  
Lay, with a nation's wealthy offering, on the  
graves  
Of our sleeping soldier-braves—  
Unto those "Foremost in the fight"  
An offering slight  
Like children's prayers, half comprehended  
And but half intended.

O you, my friends of equal years,  
Who stand, with hopes that hold afar all fears,  
Spurning the things of childhood's day,  
And eager to pursue your way,  
Armed with the armor and the weapons bright  
That sixty centuries have been forging for your  
fight,  
That you might battle for the right,  
For manliness and womanhood!  
O have you thought, O have you understood  
The meaning and the duty of those rites,  
Which, half in festal play,  
You, standing at their slumber-sites,  
Paid to the dead to-day?

## II.—I.

Who are these sleepers, then,  
That live and speak again,  
Whenever as to-day,  
We choose to lend our ears  
To what they say  
With living voice that echoes through the years?

## II.

War, war, war, war!  
It sounded near, it sounded far!  
It sounded far, it sounded near,  
Its terror fell on every ear.  
Then they went forward manfully,  
To fight the fight of unity.  
Fathers, brothers, husbands, sons,  
All the loved and loving ones.  
And some went forward with that simple faith  
That knows no accents but "my country and my  
God!"  
Went forward faithful, faithful to their latest  
breath,  
And with their latest life-blood stained the  
battle-sod.  
And some impetuous forward charged,  
With spirit fired and with mind enlarged:  
They met the enemy as if a bride  
And with a half-spoke "Hallelujah!" died.  
And some, for whom the Muses mourn in vain,  
Brought to the sacrifice their large-endowed  
souls,  
And, 'midst the horror-blasts and war-drum's  
rolls,  
In actions wrought their noblest, most enduring  
strain.

## III.

So they fought and so they died,  
Now they're sleeping, side by side;  
Fathers, brothers, husbands, sons,  
All the loved and loving ones,—  
They, who, falling in the fray,  
Have left us but a memory—  
Ah, though a Memory with glory crowned,  
A Memory with Honor's chaplet bound!  
And some there are who died and sleep unknown,  
All friendless and unknown,  
With that Grand Army of the Honored Dead:  
To them no breeze has ever blown  
The one, heart-piercing cry of love, grief-fed.

## IV.

All were gallant, all were true,  
And on every grave we strew  
Flowers of love and gratitude,  
Tokens of beatitude  
That is theirs in peaceful death,  
Theirs and ours in the faith  
That their lasting monument  
Is the country they did save,  
And for which they forward went  
Heedless of the grave.

## III.—I.

They sleep within a million graves  
Throughout the length and breadth of this wide  
land,  
While unto us their message waves  
Down from the oaks and cypresses that stand  
As guards and ministers above the bones  
Of these now resting ones.

## II.

All the lessons that they teach  
Are for every day;  
And their influence must reach  
To our daily way.  
Daily must we win the light  
Of liberty, and truth, and right;  
Daily must we bare the might  
Of the righteous heart.  
Daily must we take our stand,  
Meeting Evil hand to hand,—  
Him and his insidious band,  
Trying every part.  
Duty is not less in peace,  
Heroism does not cease,  
With the cannon's roar,  
With the spell of war.

## III.

True, theirs was a nobler devotion and more  
grand,  
Whose glory needs must see the doom of days;  
Not emulation but our love must it command  
And gratitude, that all things justly weighs.  
Gratitude must fill our every pray'r,  
Gratitude must urge our every vow,  
Gratitude must lighten every care  
That darkens our duty-facing brow.

'Tis gratitude in heart and word and deed  
Alone can render their just meed  
Of praise and glory to the dead.

If our hearts to purpose high be wed,  
If our words shall be of truth and right,  
If our deeds shall aid the glorious fight

Of life and for humanity;  
If we in heart and word and act  
Shall keep that liberty a fact

For which they died so manfully;  
If we shall leave a fatherland intact,  
A name, and fame, and heritage unstained  
Unto a later, stronger race:  
Then will those heroes have attained  
Unto the purpose they did place  
Before their hearts when forward they  
Marched, brave and bold, their deathful way  
For country and posterity!

## IV.

This is our duty by those silent braves:  
They gave their talent into our trust;  
And yearly by their greening graves,  
And yearly o'er their honored dust,  
We promise by the offered flowers  
That the talent which is ours  
Carefully in trust to hold  
Shall returned be ten-fold.

## IV.

Such is the meaning of those rites,  
Which, half in festal play,  
We, standing by their slumber-sites,  
Paid to the dead, to-day.

## "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso."

BY GUIDO H. STEMPER.

In *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso* Milton  
has given us two exquisite pictures, each  
of a mood. They are unmistakably  
companion pieces, showing the touches  
of the same mind, the same hand; but  
the one was inspired by woods and sun-  
shine and blue sky, and the medley of  
people continually passing and repassing,  
the other by the starry night, books, and  
the spirit underlying antique ideas. The  
difference of sentiment and coloring is  
purely external, and we must look to the  
poet's environments for its motive.  
The heart that conceives and utters  
them remains unchanged. It is in both  
cases the same firm soul, grand in its  
simplicity, simple in its grandeur, the  
mind whose sense for all beauties,  
whether eternal or traditional, is ever

undulled but moderated; the mind,  
which, in the study bears pleasant  
thoughts of the joys of life, and then  
again, among the merry villagers, draws  
felicitous comparison between their mer-  
ry-making and the Greek choral dance,  
germ of the drama. In both cases it is  
the same keenly impressionable nature,  
ruled over by a strong though stern mind.

These two different moods he may  
have experienced in a short space of  
time—a day. Nothing is more likely than  
that Milton should take an afternoon  
walk over English fields, throw off the  
sober cast of mind that becomes a stu-  
dent, and allow the song of birds, the  
blowing of the zephyr, the whisper of  
the trees, the busy hum from the vil-  
lage or the farm house, to throw their  
enlivening spell over his heart and make  
it even buoyant. Nothing is more like-  
ly than that, under these influences, his  
mind should revert to men, upon whom  
these and kindred influences are contin-  
uous, and to picture to himself the merry  
gathering about the May-pole, the won-  
der-filled circle about the hearth, the  
pageantry, behind which must be some  
life-giving idea, and which may become  
sublimated to the refined pleasures of  
masque and epithalamion. All these  
mirthful, joyous things can awaken the  
heart, but not arouse it to passions; and  
Milton, while under their spell is borne  
along on this gentle stream of pleasure,  
which is not strong enough to carry him  
beyond humanity, whither indeed he  
would not go, into realms of shadow or  
supernatural light.

Nothing is more likely, on the other  
hand, than that Milton, returned from his  
walk with buoyant heart, should take up  
sober things with a keener relish. He  
has, in heart at least, been a man among  
men, and can now with more exact ap-  
preciation converse with the great minds  
of the past, and draw from this converse  
that which is forever human. And as  
he follows his guide Plato into untrav-  
eled realms, or studies the march of the  
constellations, or is present at the expo-  
sition of heroism from Prometheus to  
Othello and Macbeth, of pathos from An-  
tigone to Desdemona, he instinctively  
feels that these pleasures touch those  
finer fibers of his soul that respond to  
the Divine in its highest manifestations,  
that here alone he should spend his  
days, and he prays:

"But let my due feet never fail  
To walk the studious cloister's pale,  
And love the high-embowed roof,  
With antic pillows massy proof,  
And storied windows richly dight,  
Casting a dim religious light,  
Then let the pealing organ blow  
To the full-voiced quire below  
In service high, and anthems clear  
As may with sweetness, through mine  
ear,

Dissolve me into ecstasies,  
And bring all heaven before mine eyes.  
And may at last my weary age  
Find out the peaceful hermitage,  
The hairy gown and mossy cell,  
Where I may sit and rightly spell  
Of every star that Heaven doth shew  
And every herb that sips the dew;  
Till old experience do attain  
To something like prophetic strain."

These poems are the expressions, the  
one of the man, the other of the scholar.  
Milton was both man and scholar. As a  
man he was a patriot, sacrificing to the  
commonwealth literally the sight of his  
eyes. As a scholar he was above all a  
poet, who read

"In the fair humanities of old religions"  
the lesson of the one-ness of humanity.  
As a man and patriot his strong soul be-  
came stronger, and so the harmonies of  
the poet became fuller and richer. Both  
as a man and a scholar approaching to  
the One Ideal, it was even as if, in later  
times, his wish did receive fulfilment,  
and

"—Old experience did attain  
To something like prophetic strain."

An article in the *Stylus* on "Self-Made  
Men," says that a majority of the self-  
made men have had a liberal education.  
Before admitting this it is necessary that  
we arrive at some understanding as to  
what society regards as the distinguish-  
ing characteristics of the self-made man.  
We hardly think that society would re-  
gard a man whom it had liberally edu-  
cated, whom it had started in life's  
course strongly armed in the possession  
of an enlightened brain and a trained  
hand, and who might afterwards, through  
the industrious employment of his ac-  
quired power rise to a point of eminence  
among his fellow-men, as a self-made  
man. It would rather say that he had  
been a faithful steward, that he had  
nobly fulfilled his obligations as a citi-  
zen, and that he had in turn become  
the creditor. We are not accustomed to  
hold up as examples of self-made men  
such men as Jefferson, Emerson, and  
Beecher, but men like Lincoln, Burritt,  
and Johnson, who early in life were en-  
tirely deprived of the advantages of an  
education and the privileges which  
wealth brings. They became great  
through their own unaided perseverance  
and industry, through contact with the  
world, through that stern but true  
teacher, personal observation. We say  
that man is self-made whom society  
gave nothing and who of himself has ac-  
quired much.—*Ex.*

CORNELL UNIVERSITY is to have a de-  
partment of journalism. At the opening  
of the fall term, classes will be formed  
from the Seniors, Juniors, and post  
graduates. Professor Brainard Smith  
will give a series of lectures on the con-  
dition of newspaper work to-day in the  
great cities. Two classes will be organ-  
ized very much like the city staff of a  
large newspaper. Prof. Smith acting as  
managing editor, and instructions will be  
given in the editing of copy, in condens-  
ing it, preparing it for the printer and  
writing headlines.—*Crimson.*

PRINCETON College, on May 26, was  
honored by the presence of Mrs. Cleve-  
land and party. President McCosh  
gave a large reception in her honor in  
the morning, to which were invited the  
Faculty and upper-classmen. In the  
afternoon the party witnessed the  
third championship game between Yale  
and Princeton.

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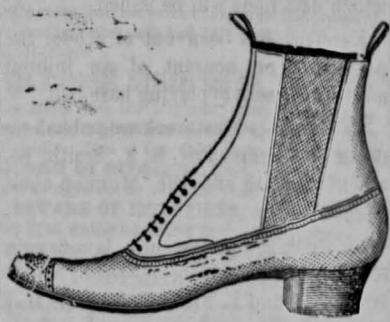
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### LOCALS.

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Fish market, 123, Iowa Avenue.  
J. H. Sinnet was in town last Sunday.  
Lichty is doing some fine work on the diplomas.  
The Academy Junior class have a picnic to-day.  
Dont miss your opportunity to laugh next Tuesday night.  
Jimmie's Cleveland-tree is beginning to feel encouraged.  
Student to Professor of Greek.—"Is my name written there?"  
Prof. Patrick took up his regular work in the class room last Thursday.  
The library will be opened during the summer on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12.  
Miss Lou Rankin has returned home from her year's work as teacher at Glenwood.  
"Young" Stutsman left yesterday to attend High School commencement at Burlington.  
Miss Minnie Preston, en route for Chicago, stopped off here and attended the panhellenic.  
Miss Etta Galvin, of Garfield University, Kansas, will spend Sunday with Zoe Williams.  
Many of the Seniors spent yesterday and to-day taking the State examination under Mrs. Durley.  
The *Geologist's Gazette* is the name of a little 6 by 9 eight page monthly paper published at Elkader.  
One feature of the "Deestrick Skewl" will be the costumes that our ancestors wore in childhood days.  
Mr. Kleese, Mr. Hughes and the two Misses Hughes, of Columbus Junction, former pupils of Mr. Gibson of the Senior class, are looking over the University with a view to future attendance.

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

All books loaned from the library are called in on Monday, June 11th, after which date none will be issued.

Kenifeck has been out of school the past week on account of an injured ankle, the result of playing base-ball.

As announced last week we publish today a letter from Rev. R. A. Smith, '85, touching Utah and the Mormon question.

Brown & Brown is a new law firm in Kearney, Neb. It is composed of Norris Brown '82, and E. Frank Brown '87. May it prosper.

Rev. Geo. F. Reinking will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church to-morrow morning, and Rev. Rome S. Walker in the evening.

The Seniors are through with their work and are now waiting for the proper authorities to certify that they are educated people.

The young men have changed their lounging place from the central steps to the shade of the first tree on the right of the stone walk.

Miss Lischer, a sister of Julius, and Miss Miller, both of Davenport, are visiting with Miss Hoering. They expect to stay during commencement.

The officers of the Erodolphian Society for next Fall term are: Pres. Esther Green; Vice-Pres., Emma Edgar; Recording Sec., Mary Barber; Treasurer, Nell Harney; Corresponding Sec., Miss Butler.

The following are the officers elect of Irving Institute for next fall term: Pres., Mr. Burton; Vice-Pres., Mr. Park; Rec. Sec., Mr. Heald; Cor. Sec., Mr. Myers; Treas., Mr. Stover; Sargeant-at-Arms, Mr. Flynn.

Mr. Gibson has secured the principalship of the Kossuth schools, Des Moines county, for the ensuing year. Mr. Higbee, class '86, who has filled this position very satisfactorily the past year, retires for higher salary. The people of Kossuth are to be congratulated on securing Mr. Gibson's services.

Prof. Geo. L. Leslie has closed his school work at Sheffield, Ill., and is now home for vacation. Next year he will take charge of the schools at Laverne, Minn., getting a higher salary than heretofore. Mr. Leslie is a man of thorough attainments, fine pedagogical ability, and is deservedly and steadily rising in his profession.

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### The Pan-Hellenic Banquet.

There was peace and joy throughout all the Kingdom of Greece Thursday evening. It will be remembered that in the Fall term the Delta Tau Deltas entertained in royal style their brethren of all the other fraternities. Thursday evening the compliment was returned, and the Beta Theta Pis, the Phi Delta Thetas and the Phi Kappa Psis, entertained the Deltas. At 9 o'clock when all the guests had arrived, the St. James presented a lively and brilliant scene. Every fraternity man in the institution was there with his lady, with very few exceptions, and many members of the Faculty with their wives felt that they were students again, and mingled in the happy crowd. If there have been any jealousies or quarrels among the fraternities they were forgotten, banner met banner, and all enjoyed themselves under the common emblem of good will and fellowship. The dining room cleared of tables served as usual for the ball room, but had an especially clean and bright appearance, owing to a new coat of paint. The dancing began promptly, and constituted the chief amusement of the evening. At 11 o'clock all filed down to the banquet. This had been prepared in the empty store room formerly occupied by Allin, Wilson & Co. The thought struck us as the fifty-five couples seated themselves along the long tables on each side of the room, that probably every one who was now there for the choice bites that delight the physical appetite had been there before for intellectual nourishment. We had only exchanged books for cakes and sandwiches. The supper was prepared by Mr. Fred Grandrath, and did credit to his good taste in two senses. A sumptuous display of the best that can come from a good cook's kitchen. Even olives came clear from Greece to see their old friends. This beautiful picture was soon destroyed in the happy manner common on occasions of the kind, and

then Mr. A. E. Swisher, Esq., a member of one of the first fraternities organized in the State University, in the capacity of toast master, introduced President Schaeffer, who responded appreciatively, and with words of commendation, to the toast "College Fraternities." Mr. C. E. Pickett, after getting such an introduction as he never had before, spoke on "The Investigation." Dr. L. W. Andrews told us the difference between the western and the eastern student. All the addresses were happily given and well received. The banquet finished, all took their way back to the hotel to finish the dance. This was done without difficulty at an early hour in the morning, and the happy young people left the place of festivity with memories that will be pleasant and long.

### BASE BALL.

So many games have been played this week that only a brief account of each can be allowed. On last Saturday Iowa College sent her team down to play the S. U. I. team. The University boys were confident of victory and so started out in a listless manner, letting the Grinnell boys make two runs in the first inning. After this they played a fair game. The I. C. boys made hits at opportune times, but unfortunately bunched their errors also. The game was close and exciting, and ended with Willey of I. C. dying attempting to steal second. Score, S. U. I. 6; I. C. 5.

Monday the long discussed battle of the giants took place i. e. the Zets and Irvings met to war on the ball-field. Friend and Tracy were the battery for the Zets, while Nichols and Lischer officiated for the Irvings. The Zets took the lead at the start and held it throughout. The Irvings could do nothing with Friend's pitching, and he showed himself a twirler of first-class quality, keeping the Irvings down to four base-hits and one earned run. Nichols pitched a fine game also, since he was out of practice, and allowed only 8 safe hits. The fielding was quite good on both sides and it was quite a creditable game. Blake umpired, giving the highest satisfaction to both sides. Score, Zets 10; Irvings 3.

Tuesday, Rock Island came down to again play the S. U. I. Browner and Zeis were the battery for R. I., and Connelly, our last year's pitcher, and Blake, for S. U. I. Our boys took the lead at once, and kept it during the entire game. The boys seemed to have obtained the secret to Browner's left handed curves, for they hit him fully. All the club batted well and very few fielding errors were made. The score was 6 to 3 in favor of S. U. I. There were rumors of a "playing horse" by R. I. that night, so eager were they to play a game the next day. But the game was arranged, and it was announced for \$100 a side. This was probably an advertisement. The game took place Wednesday afternoon, and was a Waterloo for the visitors. Orelop went into the box for S. U. I., and Browner again twirled for R. I. Blake hit the first ball for a two-bagger, and

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that opened the fusilade. Errors by Rock Island were numerous, and when nine innings were up, S. U. I. had 12, and R. I. 2 runs. There were rumors of a sell-out by Rock Island, and the *Republican* makes the statement that there was such a deal, having no testimony except the statement of some of the R. I. players who were eager to assign some foreign cause for their defeat. To us there appears no sufficient evidence to prove the existence of a deal. This thing is certain, however, if there was such a bargain, those who bought the R. I. boys off were foolish, for S. U. I. can defeat R. I. in any fair match. No words can express our contempt for such a thing as a "sell-out;" it is an insult to the spectators and to the team that wins the game. While we do not believe such a deal existed, if such did exist, no conscientious S. U. I. player will give any such an affair his support, and it will destroy all legitimate base-ball in the S. U. I.

EDS. VIDETTE REPORTER,

Dear Sirs:—The eyes of the world have been on Salt Lake City, for almost forty years, because it is the home of the Mormons, because it has been a great ugly cancer which no one has known how to cure. Perhaps no one knows yet, but public sentiment is growing against it and sober men say "Mormonism will grow out of our body politic as it grew in—by degrees."

Recently, however, not the eyes of the world, but of thousands of business men, have been turned toward the City of the Saints, not so much on account of the Saints, however, as on account of the numerous resources of the country. While the climate is almost perfect, it, like California, is not the only kind of resources the country has to offer. For its wealth of coal, lead, silver, copper, etc., while the wonderfully healthful and fertile valley teems like a veritable "garden of the Lord"—with all that can gratify the senses of man or beast—all unite to make this a most inviting place, for the miner, the farmer, the manufacturer and the merchant, but especially for the real estate man. In a word, Salt Lake City has been having a boom, and like some western cities it is not going to be boomed to death, either. While much of it may be artificial, manufactured for speculation, it has brought to the city much of substantial improvement; it has brought eastern capital, brains and culture to stay, and these are just the things which Mormonism cannot stand. These, with education, are bound to show it up in its true light, and sometime—it will be generations hence,—may work its ruin. It is a significant fact that all converts are made abroad. This is because the missionaries do not preach polygamy or any of the unwelcome doctrines, but rather the attractive ones of God's living in direct communication with his people—again, by revelations to his prophets and apostle. Zion is represented as almost Heaven. Many a poor peasant's heart has been broken on

coming here to find the true state of affairs.

But recent legislation is doing much. While they boast more polygamous marriages than ever, it is not true, and if a man be a polygamist, he is one by the "U. G. Railway," only.

The city has 25,000 population. Its broad streets, straight, lined with a great abundance of shade trees, of poplar, locust, honey-locust, walnut, box-elder mulberry, etc., the water running in the gutters on either side of the street, with the many fine business blocks and dwellings, all unite to make a most beautiful and attractive city. When one looks over the city, contemplates its magnificent proportions, he cannot help but admire the mind, with its wonderful executive ability, which built the city, and did so much to build up the great system behind it. Yet the thought of all the ignorance, depravity and crime, which the system fosters, soon drives away admiration for its founder, and you think that of all places, this is indeed the one, "where every prospect pleases, and man alone is vile."

The Temple is not yet completed, and on account of the seizure of property by the United States Government work is almost stopped. The Tabernacle is one of the largest auditoriums in the country, seating about 10,000. Its acoustic properties are almost perfect, so that one can hear quite distinctly in any part of the house. Lake bathing is the finest the world affords, and during the summer is the great attraction. The season is just opening.

The Sunday after my arrival I was greatly pained to learn that W. A. Young had died here, and that his remains were taken home the day of my arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Sturges are here; at present he is working on a railroad survey.

In a word, my impressions of the city of the Saints are favorable. I like it. It is the place for energy, brains and money. But woe to the man who has nothing but a poverty of all three.

R. A. SMITH.

Salt Lake City, May 29, 1888.

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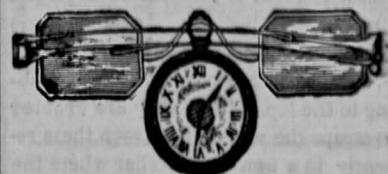
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### Some Observations on the Cicada.

The 17-year locusts are here. Iowa City naturalists have been watching for their emergence into the upper world for some time past with a goodly degree of interest since the opportunity to study their habits comes but seldom. Observations thus far have necessarily been few and incomplete, but they may be of some interest to readers of the VIDETTE-REPORTER.

The first appearance of the brood was in a yard on North Dubuque street, Wednesday, June 6th. Trees, fence, grass and shrubs were covered with the cast-off pupa skins or the winged imagoes. The 17-year locust, *Cicada septendecim*, belongs with the Hemiptera or bugs proper. The mature insect is from one and one-half to two inches in length, with a stout, cylindrical body, broad, triangular-shaped head, prominent eyes and two pairs of transparent wings, the first of which are somewhat longer than the body. There are three small ocelli on the back of the head between the eyes. The mouth parts are modified into a long tube for sucking. The body is black except the legs, the borders of the wings and the eyes, which are red. This circumstance has given our species the common name of "red-eyed cicada." It is a very good specific distinction. The veins in the outer pair of wings darken toward the tip where they form a very distinct w, which in the brood of '61 in the popular mind meant war. The appearance of the larva in its last stages is very much like that of the imago except that the body is yellow or brown, and instead of the broad wings there are small wing-pads fastened at each side of the thorax. The head also is more decidedly beak-like, and the first pair of legs are modified into strong, lobster-like claws for digging. The cylindrical burrows which the larvæ dig when the time for their transformation is approaching can be observed almost any where by scraping away an inch or two of the soil. In these they spend the last few weeks of their life underground in a state of inactivity. In damp places they sometimes extend their tubes four or six inches above the surface. Climbing to the top of these they are enabled to escape the water. I have seen these recently in a newly dug cellar where the small, cone-shaped houses were standing as thickly as the dandelions by the roadside. Curious to see their manner of working, I opened some of the burrows in our garden, and poured water around them till the earth was thoroughly moistened. In a short time the larvæ came up and began their work. Each one would scrape away a bit of mud from the side of his burrow and work it into a soft, putty-like mass with his claws. Then turning, head down, he thrust his beak deep into the little lump of mud, turned completely over again, and crawled up to the opening, carrying the mud on his head. Here he stuck the mud carefully to the side of the burrow, scraping his beak clean with the claws. This was repeated again and again till the opening was entirely closed.

As the time for the final transformation approaches, the larvæ ascend to the top of their burrows and push their way to the surface. They appear in great numbers a short time after sunset. There seem to be a number of excellent reasons why the change should take place in the night; at least it does then take place. Some peculiar instinct seems to direct all that appear within a certain radius towards the nearest tree, though they often turn from a smaller tree to a larger one. They do not always strike the tree, to be sure, but they invariably start in its direction. The transformation is exceedingly interesting, being a typical one, and is easily watched. The different stages as I have observed them are as follows: Whatever the larva finally reaches he fastens himself firmly upon. This takes some time, since perfect security is absolutely necessary. With the first movement the tip of the abdomen is broken loose from the outer covering and drawn forward some little distance. At the same time the anterior portion swells out and upward and by means of a violent muscular exertion, the pupa skin is burst open along the dorsal side of the thorax. The thorax, after a few moments' rest, is gradually pushed up through the opening, followed by the head, which is pulled out of the old husk with comparative ease. The ligaments on each side of the body by which it is attached to the pupa skin can now be seen. The wings, which have been folded and doubled and carefully packed away inside the wing pads, are next slowly and carefully released. Now our Cicada works away with a terrible energy, pulling first one leg, then another out of the old cases, till the body is free except for the abdomen. At this stage he hangs, head downward, for about fifteen minutes, resting from his labors. You wait, expecting every moment to see the soft body fall and be crushed, but nothing of the kind happens. All at once he gathers himself together, catches hold of the old skin with his feet, pulls the abdomen loose, and walks away down the branch in safety, quite as though this remarkable performance were an every day occurrence. The transformation thus far has occupied about forty-five minutes. The unfolding and gradual expansion of the wings takes about fifteen more. When the imago first emerges from the pupa skin, the whole body, except the eyes and two glossy black spots on the thorax, is soft and almost perfectly white. The color begins to appear almost immediately, however, and in a few hours our Cicada is black as any bug need wish to be. Just what causes or makes possible this rapid change in color would be an interesting problem for someone to solve.

The Cicadas can neither bite nor sting, and are perfectly harmless. They probably eat very little during the imago stage. All the mischief they do is done by the females when they deposit their eggs. These are placed in parallel rows just under the bark of tender growing twigs, which, owing to the number of incisions made, are often killed. The twigs of the oak and apple are said to be preferred, though any tree is liable to

their attacks. After the eggs hatch, the young larvæ drop to the ground, where they burrow for seventeen years, clustering on the roots of trees, and sucking the sap with their beak-like mouths till they are ready for their short life of three weeks in the sunshine.

Only the males sing. If we lift up the wings of one we will see under each, on the dorsal side of the first abdominal segment, a white, finely grooved membrane. This is the drum. Strong muscles attached to the ventral side of the body are connected with this membrane by a fine ligament, and it is by the rapid contractions of this muscle that the membrane is alternately stretched and relaxed, and the succession of sharp clicks produced which make the shrill, piercing sound for which the Cicada is famed. Riley describes the general noise of a tree-full of Cicadas as a compromise between that of a distant threshing machine and a distant frogpond. He also classifies their notes into the low sounds, which is produced in early maturity, the high, shrill screech, lasting sometimes fifteen or twenty seconds, which is the prevailing note of the assembled males in the height of the season, and lastly, an intermittent, chirping sound of from fifteen to thirty notes at a time. The only sound I have heard thus far is the first; a low, complaining whirr, by no means unpleasant. It is said that the sounds can be produced artificially by irritating the muscles or pulling them back and forward.

There are many different broods of *Cicada septendecim* in different parts of the United States, and each brood has its separate territory. One appeared in central Iowa in '78. The brood we are now studying extends over a large part of eastern Iowa, northeast to Dubuque, and east of the Mississippi. Observations thus far have necessarily been very incomplete, but many new and interesting facts in regard to the structure and habits of these insects will doubtless be brought to light in the course of the summer.

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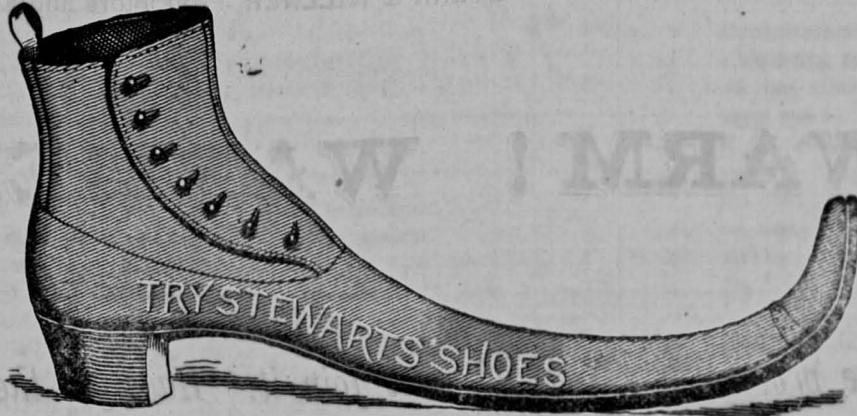
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