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The contest.

The Vidette this week publishes two communications with regard to the recent contest, one from a lady, the other from a gentleman. In reading these letters we wish it to be distinctly remembered, that Mr. Sampson wrote his article upon an urgent invitation from the Vidette editors; and in no way was it thrust upon us. Furthermore, we desire to say that, as editors, we are eminently satisfied with it, and believe that it marks an epoch in the criticism of oratory in western colleges. There may be sentiments and opinions to which we take exception, but that does not invalidate the article as a whole nor detract from its usefulness. In times past there has been too much of Wilby-washy criticism for our own good, and if Mr. Sampson’s article has started—and we believe that it has—the students faithfully upholding the subject, it has performed an inestimable service to college orators present and college orators yet to come.

However, this does not prevent us from saying that in the communications before us, there are some good points; for instance, that the Faculty should do more to make our orations better, if they are not up to the required standard. Let this strike home to the members of the Faculty concerned, and if they have any suggestions as to how to better our contests, the students will surely be glad to hear them. Let both sides take a common-sense view of these things and work in harmony.

As Others See Us.

"None as blind as those who will not see," and so find the students who will not accept of good wholesome advice. But there were a few statements made in Mr. Sampson’s article which we believe will be retracted. The last criticism which that article will invite should be confined to the limits of communication. The Vidette is a paper of wide circulation, and without doubt reaches a large number of the friends and relatives of the contestants. To a disinterested reader the article in question would reflect quite seriously either upon the discretion of the judges or the radicalism of the writer,—either of which would bring any but pleasant feelings to the minds of the contestants. Different people have different ideals of oratory, but that ideal which disregards all others is, to say the least, narrow and unphilosophic. To say that one orator excels another is admissible, but to express an opinion that a production marked sixth in thought and style by three competent judges, contains more original thought than all the rest put together is radical and uncharitable in the extreme. The first, and also the last speaker are "radically wrong." Their ideals are positively ruinous, and their merits are to result of study rather than natural grace. For the second speaker, the writer has "only praise." For the first time in the history of oratory, the world finds a man in whom there is no fault, and to whose measure of eloquence and perfection no drop can be added. Such criticism be traying a mind either too mean in its exaggeration or blinded with prejudice. However honest and candid criticism may be, if it falls of charity and respect, its good effect will be greatly weakened, if not entirely lost. To all appearances, Mr. Nelson won first honors,—three or four other men to the contrary, notwithstanding. He did so in the opinion of six judges, and a large majority of intelligent auditors. The oratorial contest, unlike the declamatory contest, does not end with itself, but selects a delegate who shall represent our literary and oratorial interests in the State contest. It is certainly discouraging to that representative to know that his friends and rivals, may, even the judges on the State contest, will read such a fratricidal report from his own school. Let us place University interests before personal opinion, and let us have "Ethics" in criticism as well as in "Politics."

I would suggest to the writer, that the contest was a contest of orations, not essays, of orators and not stump-speakers, lecturers, or reformers. It is not the "survival of the fittest" rule in oratorical as political affairs. Give Nelson the support and encouragement, he becomes a representative of S. U. I., and then abide results. "The rest is silence."

Why Don’t They Help Us?

The article last week in regard to the Oratorical Contest caused a decided amount among the students. Being one of the few who agreed with Mr. Sampson in his choice of Mr. Wick as first, I desired to find out the objections which others raised. I discovered that many considered Mr. Wick’s oration too much of a political speech,—that it savored too much of a stump speech. The opinion seemed to be that the oration was too practical; in fact, that it was not philosophical enough for a University oration. Is not this the best kind of philosophy, which deals with the public life of a citizen?

Now, I have heard that Mr. Sampson, in his classes Friday morning, made the statement that he regarded orations as the bane of this institution, for this very reason, that the students do not appreciate an oration which deals with the practical side of life, but instead prefer discussions upon abstract ideas. Students, we see the truth in these statements. Such discussions as those I have just mentioned will never help us in active public work. Let us, then, give up to the light we have.

There is one question I would like to ask. Mr. Sampson quoted several of the professors as coinciding with him in his views. Now, if the professors do not approve of the methods pursued by the students, why do they not show that we are the correct methods? The professors are all that can be desired in the class-room. But the minute the student leaves the classroom and attempts something which will aid him directly in preparing for active life, that minute the professor says, "You may shift for yourself," or he says, “I do not approve of your methods, because they are wrong.” I return to the former question—if our methods are wrong, why are we not shown the correct way?

I do not plead for a chair of oratory. That is by no means necessary. But I do plead for a greater knowledge of oratory on the part of the students, which can only be gained by instruction from those under whose guidance they are. Nor do I ask that the professors burden themselves with the responsibility of a student’s life, for professors and students should to a certain extent be independent. I ask only for a little more interest than has been shown, and a little more advice than has hitherto been given.

I wish to add one point which comes from one of the recent graduates. It is this: Those students who enjoy work of this kind study oratory during their school-life. At commencement time the speakers are chosen not according to their ability as orators. Many have never had any instruction in oratory, and are therefore subject to much humiliation on account of their lack of powers. Is this fair and just to each individual student?

In the January number of the Deed there are two articles especially interesting to S. U. I. students. The first is by Prof. Anderson, on "Lowell for Posterity," in which Mr. Lowell receives candid and weighty criticism from an ardent admirer. The second is by Albert S. Cook, on "Anderson’s Edition of Hazen’s Essays." Mr. Cook is a master of English Literature in Yale University and ranks among the best two or three literary scholars in America. He has nothing but praise and echoes of "well done" for Mr. Anderson’s Hazen’s Essays. He believes the chief merit in the book to be the entire absence of that cumbrous self-glorification which editors find so agreeable; and pronounces it especially meritorious because of its sound text, judicious notes, and clear, concise introduction.

Prof. Loos is to be congratulated upon the influence he had in the late contest. Three of the orations were decidedly economical in their nature and go to show that he has set his students to thinking upon these serious questions.

A member of the Faculty of the Medical Department gave his students permission to yell and give cheers. It is generally granted that a man of his age and supposed judgment knows better than to try playing at such boyish pranks.
To a Skull.

Monday skull from ancient Rome
Tuesday skull from Beloii
Wednesday skull from Oxford
Crumbling, worn, modesty gone, broken, faceless and soon
Through the dusty twilight creep
From thy ghostly sockets deep, among impression and how
That beyond my vision run,
That around me cling and creep
Into thy phases once
From the dark abysmal tomb.
Where thy bones have not yet gone.

Monday skull from ancient Rome,
Hence, into thy catacomb,
For thy shades round me stealing
Into rocky walls congealing
Bein' to the winding crypt.
Where the monster's tamer is
Into graves from grey stone clipped
Mutilated, and the stone
I can see the passage winding
Where the soul no respite finding
With its low cephalic means.
Seeks its own decreeing bones.

News and Notes.

In the early history of Harvard, students were subjected to corporal punishment. They were thrashed in the presence of all their comrades, the exercise beginning and ending with prayer.

The judges for the State Oratorial contest are announced as follows:

On Deliver—W. L. Eaton, Osage; H. B. Larabee, Christan; and Judge Phillips, Des Moines.

On Thought and Composition—Judge Donn—L. S. Rogers, Decorah, and Smith McPherson, Red Oak.

George Kennan, the traveler who gained such notoriety by his travels in Russia and Siberia, and gave the result of these in The Century Magazine, is now lecturing to immense audiences.

The Portfolio.

President C. K. Adams, of Cornell, has just returned from Europe and says after months of study at Oxford and Cambridge, that they are not as well endowed as the public is led to believe.

It was the work of Prof. H. D. Williams and Mr. Willis, of the department of industrial art. Two years ago Prof. Williams published a similar book of Shakespeare.

Drake University will be represented in the State Oratorical Contest by J. E. Northup.

The subject of his oration is "Our National Destiny." Yale's Faculty numbers one hundred and twenty-one.

The aggregate College donations for last year were $80,000.

The age of graduation from Oxford is said to be between twenty-two and twenty-three.

Connecticut has the largest number of college students in proportion to population—3 out of 50.

Instead of the rush and the nightly haz ing tours, it is the custom at Wellesley for the Sophomores to串联 the Freshmen at the beginning of the year.

E. E. Smith will represent Parsons College at the State Contest.

Seventy-one American colleges were represented by 185 students at the University of Berlin last season.

The latest registration report from Harvard shows a total of 1,200, of whom 209 are seniors, 256 juniors, 277 sophomores, and 361 freshmen, besides 137 special students.

Canada has forty colleges; Brazil has forty-five colleges and scientific schools, and India has eighty colleges.

The University of the City of New York, in all its departments, will have enrolled this year at least 1,300 students. This is an advance of 300 over last year. It is expected that of these, 750 will be in the medical college, 200 in the law school, 150 in the college of pedagogy, 100 in the resident graduate department, and the remainder in the departments of arts and sciences.

Prof. A. N. Currier has an article in the January number of the Popular Sciences Monthly on the decline of rural New England. Prof. Currier is one of the oldest and best known of those connected with the State University at Iowa City. For many years he has been Professor of Latin there, filling his position with ability and satisfaction to authorities and pupils alike. But in the midst of his labors he finds time to study up and write out his views upon the decay of rural New England, and makes as clear and periphrastic a statement of the subject as any that has ever been given to the public—front.

The portfolio might have taken the following from the "Blue Laws" of New Haven as the text for his Krautz Sonata:

No gospel minister shall join people in marriage. An agent may marry them, as he may do it with less scandal to Christ's church.

The sum of $200 is proposed to be raised by the students of Williams to build a chapter house common to all the fraternities in the college.

The larger proportion who fail to pass physical examinations as West Point cove defective vision. The next greatest cause of failure is cigarette smoking.

Then let us have a yell—a Texas yell for Texas students at the Texas University—Texas University.

We wait and tremble.

The Mount Union Dynamo advocates a uniform size for college papers. Why not establish a a opening establishment, and make the reading matter uniform?

It is rumored that the new Vassar dormitory will, with two windo in each room, instead of heating apparata. The girls will keep warm by constantly walking from one mirror to the other.

Strange as it may seem the "Kirkness was originally a Flemish religious festivity. The Simpionians recently autoston the faculty of that institution by concluding chapel exercises with the college prayer.

At the University of South Carolina, tuition is free to an applicant filling a certificate of inability to pay. The same is true at S. U. I.

The University of California at Berkeley, opposite the Golden Gate, is one of the wealthiest educational insti
tutions in the Union. Besides an endowment, it receives an annual income of one mill on every $100 of property. Last year that income exceeded $100.

The violent efforts of the Breve to "explain" the recent "scholarly attainments" of some of Cornell's students is quite commendable, and no doubt essential; but we think it would have been more effective had the reference been to S. U. I. Moreover, it has been omitted.

Our Y. M. C. A. building, the result of voluntary contributions of students and friends of S. U. I., is a standing monument to intellectual and spiritual purity, while the flourishing condition of religious and literary organizations speak for themselves.

A recent newspaper letter from a student of an eastern college is cited as follows:

"The student of Berkeley makes the passer-by wait and tremble. There is said to be a student of Berkeley who entered his room after the word and gives Matthew Arnold's definition as follows: "On the side of beauty and taste, vulgarity; on the side of mind and spirit, unintelligence,—this is Philistinism." Don't apply this epithet to a writing unless you want to use a very strong term."

There is a ludicrous combination of extremes, down on south Clinton street. A little one storied stone house, with two windo in each room, instead of heating apparata.

They are having University of Illinois and military class. The military faculty of Illinois is what different platoons in the cadet corps. They have attained their studies. For this rule has been a letter. William M. is one of the compa
ty, thus falling in his branch. The dead are forced in his cause.

The Sophomore Smith College refused to conform to the consequence of the Faculty, they in their resignation perform their duties re

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Mardis Gras

For the Mardi "February 10, 3 Cedar Rapids & make a very brief speech from stations on sale until February 20. For Morgan County, "February 10, 3 Cedar Rapids & make a very brief speech from stations on sale many companies, etc., apply to a company, or, 3000.
They are having a time of it at the University of Illinois. The Faculty and military class have got into a quarrel. The military class in the University of Illinois is arranged on a somewhat different plan from our own, students being admissible to it only when they have attained a certain grade in their studies. For some years, through the influence of the rule, this has been a comparatively dead letter. William Miller, ’92, captain of one of the companies, failed in one study, thus falling below the necessary grade. The dead-letter law was enforced in his case and Miller reduced to ranks. He made up enough of the required standing by a special examination, but the Faculty refused to reinstatc him. In consequence of this action on the part of the Faculty, twenty officers signed in their resignation and refused to perform their duties until Miller should be reinstated. What the outcome will be is difficult to say; the Faculty and students are in a difficult position trying to patch matters up. The same kind of affair happened at Champaign once before.

Chicago Herald: Uncle Dick is doomed; nothing can beat General Palmer.

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Columbus Junction is to have a new college.
Van Oosterhout is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.
W. R. Boyd, '89, of Mechanicsville, visited the Varsity last Saturday.
Instructor Lodeman was unable to meet his classes on Monday.

The Seminary of English History will hold its meetings on Thursday, instead of Saturday as formerly.
The seminary of Political Science has been discussing the late work of Charles Booth, on London.
The Oratorical Association met last night and passed a number of amendments to its constitution.
Penn College will this year be represented in the State Oratorical Association for the first time.
Earnest Evans, a student of Wesleyan University, has been indited by the Federal court for forgery.
Brown, you want to be careful how you shut doors after you. It is sometimes more dangerous to shut them than to leave them open.

Prof. Cooper has accepted the superintendence of the Des Moines city schools. When he will leave the University he has not yet definitely determined.

President Beardshear, Trustee Dunbar and Boardman, of the Agricultural College are now on a tour of inspection of the several Agricultural Colleges in the west and east.

H. C. Dorcas will conduct the Y. M. C. A. Gospel Meeting to-morrow, Sunday, Feb. 8, to be held at 4 P.M. in the Christian Chapel. Subject, "The Eternal Things." Central verses, 1st Peter, 1:23-25 and 1st John 2:15-17. All young men are invited.

This week we received a communication from a well wishes with regard to placing the college exchanges in the Library. The request is an old one and has often received the attention of the editors and will probably continue to do so; but as yet we are not in a position to report favorably. However, we rise and report progress. The article was too long for publication.

The Vidette-Reporter is the organ of the S. U. I. and it is supposed to represent the entire school. However, this is not true. On department, viz, the Dental, the department that boasts of so many earnest and close observing students, are not among us. This is not our fault. We extend to you the same cordiality as to the former professional departments. Will some one explain why this should be?

We announced last week that Prof. Cooper had been offered the position as Superintendent of the Des Moines schools, and we are sorry to inform our readers with this issue, that he has accepted the position of his own accord. He will sever his connection with the University at the end of this term. It is indeed painful for us to give up so valuable an educator as he has proved himself to be. Not only his immediate pupils feel the loss, but the entire college realizes the loss.

Mr. Anderson gave his fourth lecture at the Unitarian church last Monday evening. It has been thought by many to be the best of the course so far. His subject was Howes and Mr. Anderson regards Rousseau as having had an immense influence in education. He did away with the rod and the sermon as the main instruments in the education of children. He stands for the simplification of manners, education, religion, politics, literature, in short, the whole social fabric. We are sorry that space does not permit of a comprehensive outline of these lectures. But no outline, or synopsis, of course, can do them justice; to be appreciated fully, they must be heard.

The last Vidette-Reporter contained a tirade against the indolent spirit, in which our friend (?) was hussled along without ceremony to the outer gates and left with the rest of the lepers.

It is not my purpose to vindicate the spirit nor extenuate his baulkiness; but to set up another picture, that our readers may contrast him with a far more odious character—the wholesale tobacco factor, we may call him. He is not like other men. He walks in a cloud, as Venus was wont to do. He occupies a position in the thoroughly populated area of nearly thirty miles. It is a subtle influence, and one that our other men. A subtle influence goes on before, and announces his approach with unfailing accuracy. You meet him everywhere, but especially in the Library. There he delights to mingle with the students. There he can be seen to bear the charm of his manners and the brilliancy of his conversational powers, he takes a triumphant progress through the book room. But observe. The pleasure of a chat with him is bought at a price, for his clothes are resplendent with tobacco, and his auditors must endure an atmosphere tainted with his breath. The books he returns bear his work for weeks afterward. Many readers are by this means partially cut off from the privileges of the Library.

To a large number in the University, tobacco is thoroughly distasteful, and the man who inflicts his sated arousal upon them is no less than the incarnation of selfishness.

Let him study "personal liberty" a while, and, regarding his axioms, win the thanks of those who now involuntarily recoil from him.

BETTER ENTERTAINMENTS.

Better entertainments are sought for, and a better class of entertainments, than the Opera House managers seek to furnish us. We have patronized with every class of every kind of music that has appeared here. Louis James, Dixey, Madam Carrington, and all the other actors and singers of the first class—never failed to draw full houses, which have been largely composed of students. But the managers seem to prefer renting the Opera House to a sharp troops to grieve a target to a good one, even though they never lose on the first-class entertainments. They have not enough enterprise and nerve. They are afraid of a little risk.

Good performers are an essential to student life. They relieve the mind; they are exhilarating; they are educational. They give them an acquaintance with the stage, which is a goldmine of opportunity. He who is entertained; he is taught; he is relieved; he is disillusioned; he is given subjects for thought and topics for conversation. If he does not have access to a good show, he will attend a poor one, whose tendencies are not along the line of his study. He will do this simply because the mind must have a periodic relaxation of some sort.

There is but one Opera House here and the managers have a monopoly. They should not, however, abuse it. Let them get up a little more courage, secure about twice as many first-class troops, and the students will be on hand with their shekels. The tastes and notions of nearly eighty hundred students ought to weigh a little more in the minds of the managers, especially since the latter have nearly all made money where they kept it, and have an early grave—and, if ignored, will cost him his popularity.

Enthusiast drove from my mind all thoughts of my own discomfort. Only fifteen minutes more was that chasing pate exposed to the rigors of our northern climate, until he reached his destination and began to thaw himself over the hall radiator. I was about to commend him for his valiant conduct, but was struck dumb by his changed countenance. The genial light had left his eyes; the shaven pate exposed to the rigors of our northern climate, until he was surrounded by the fumes of the mud room. Personality was supplied by a tincture of success, which is quite a factor of our modern life.

I know no of what future but by the personal satisfaction from the activity of the template the evidence is quenched to us, in the monumental relics of their activities that we applied to the Imperial Rome with a and forsaken as a plumed to great empirium, and the conquests of three centuries add, we gather up knowledge of that is to be known to us, but there is none that is so near as the imagination of man. The marble grandeur may be the record of man but this "to dead" stands for a ideal of which we may disagree with the ultimate, was to its most worthy of the early Egyptians, the Iran sect grew rapidly upon of their living their dead. Fresh from Jerusalem, filled with resurrection, the for Rome was to them go to all the corn of external things, red and yellow, poor and land abob costly for their use. All of Rome were beggars, the religion, the Christianity and the contrast; on All
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T. A. Kitchen, class 89, has opened an office at Williamsburg, Iowa.

Did any one see Thompson at the reception on Wednesday evening?

J. B. Clark writes from Montana that he is "digging at Real property."

C. M. Wright, attorney of Wapello, Iowa, was a visitor at the University Thursday.

J. M. Grimm, class of 90, now practicing in Cedar Rapids, was a caller on Wednesday.

G. E. Pickett, class 90, has formed a partnership with County Attorney Burner, of Blackhawk county.

R. L. Wick's oration on "Ethics in Politics" at the Oratorical contest was well written, and will bear close examination.

B. L. Brown, Wyoming, Iowa, John Blinn, Waterloo and John McIntosh, Atalia, are among the new names called in the Junior class since last week.

At this writing the enrollment in the Law department is one hundred and thirty-nine. This exceeds the number enrolled in any other one year in the history of the institution.

Mr. I. K. Wilson, who attended the law department one term during last year, has decided to abandon the study of law. He is now running a weekly newspaper at Earham, Iowa, of which place he is postmaster.

Mr. J. S. Shields, who was a member of the Junior class last year, concluding he would enter the Collegiate department last September and resume the study of law in '90, has again changed his mind, and appeared in the Senior hall on Thursday morning and informed us that he will graduate with the class of '91.

It was a pleasant joke that Judge Kinne treated the Seniors to, the other morning, when he appeared a few minutes after the hour, and a number of voices began calling for a speech. Judge Kinne, in response, said he did not "intend to commence his lecture until the hour had arrived, but since some of them were anxious for a speech, he would commence now." The few minutes extra occupied by the Judge in lecturing on the law of corporations were well spent and were highly appreciated by every member of the class.

One of the really enjoyable features of college life that lifts the load of care from the students mind, is a social gathering such as occurred at the residence of Chancellor McClain on last Wednesday evening. Through the kindness of Chancellor McClain and his estimable wife, their gracious parents were open to all and every one present seemed to enjoy himself.

President Schaeffer, Judge Kinne, Professors Wambach and Hayes and a majority of the law students were present and many pleasant acquaintances were made. The occasion will remain as a bright spot in our memories that is to come. We feel constrained to say that Chancellor and Mrs. McClain have the hearty thanks of the students for their kind

Medical Department.

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"God and the doctor we alike adore, But only when in danger, not before."

The danger ever, both are alike required, God is forgotten, and the doctor slighted."—Ben Jonson.

Berger is among us again.

Schoffs is still on the sick list.

Heald returned home Wednesday.

Class meetings have been the rage this week.

Clark is reported to be recovering from his long illness.

Perpendicular Strabismus is the disease which is afflicting some of the students of the first row on the south side.

Sams was called to his home at Clarion, Iowa, Tuesday morning, by a telegram announcing the death of his sister.

A new story, entitled "Over the Cascade, or Romance of the Dissecting Room," is being written by one of our talented members.

Behring received the following note from one of the young ladies during the lecture on Physiology Tuesday afternoon: "You ought to dye your mustache, or shave it off."

A Dental student says that the muscles of the arm are used in respiration. He must have been thinking of the gentle respirations of love, where a strong arm is sometimes used to assist in breathing a sigh.

A few middle year Medics have organized a quiz club in Chemistry.

Prof. Rockwood has been engaged to conduct the recitation. This is a good idea. We need more frequent recitations in all branches.

Mr. Snyder, one of the commissioners of Pharmacy, came down from Grinnell, last Saturday, and examined several of the pill makers for admission to the bar. They will soon be commissioned to compound prescriptions.

The many friends of Frank Dalbey will be glad to learn that he is nearly convalescent. Frank was "very near it," and it was only the constant attendance of Dr. Littig and the good, careful nursing of his mother that pulled him through. Ask Frank, when you see him, if he knocked out the little nigger.

When the banquet was mentioned to them, they were shocked. Their mammas told them they must never indulge in banquetting, as they might die a premature death from high living. But when informed that wicked dancing was on the programs, they left their homes and came to the dance. The crowd did not come from a line from Virgil: "Steteruntque comes et vaniunctus hecaton. Comes steteruntque et vaniunctus hecaton."

Physicians as a rule get more kicks and curses than praise and blessings. They take their own lives and the lives of their families in their hands whenever they are called to treat contagious diseases, and none know it better than they. If there is any class of men on earth entitled to the gratitude and love of humanity in general it is the class of conscientious, pains taking, humane physicians, such as make up the membership of the profession in this city. The Democrat refuses to bow to dictator or potantate, and has mighty little regard for a good many men in positions of profit and trust but it does its lot to the medical fraternity generally. — Class Do. Dem.-

A Don't.

When on a cold and frosty morning, The side-walk cracks to test of frost; Your teeth keep up a constant light, To see which knocks the other out, When mercury is out of sight, And ink and literature is from, The wind is higher than a kite, And singing through your whiskers blows, Don't mention it. for 'tis a sin, To come that rusty blinf, Of asking with a purple grin, If it is cold enough.

Salary.

The salaries of Harvard's professors have recently been increased to $4,500 a year, while the assistants and instructors are receiving in their second term $3,000 instead of $2,500, as formerly.

This reminds us of the much to be regretted fact that a number of the professors in the State University of Iowa receive salaries which are shamefully out of proportion to the amount of the work they perform. And this fact is all the more surprising when we remember that it is Iowa, a state ever proud of its educational su. port, pernicious, that is thus shamefully rewarding the professors in its highest educational institution, men who have spent and are spending the best of their lives in building up the University and giving to it the place it now holds among the leading educational institutions of the country. The idea that a professor of the first rank, and of such only are we speaking, should receive a yearly salary of only $8,500 or perhaps $3,000 for his services, borders on the ridiculous. It is truly surprising that we have the superior class of professors that we now have when the state pays such petty salaries. Of course we do not expect the state to grant salaries ranging from $4,000 to $6,000, but we do think that it should be a matter of general importance in rewarding its public educators.

The Darkest Picture.

Pictures of faces of loved ones doar.

We look at them often, and sigh through your whiskers.

But when they are alone can bring back scenes.

For all my heart your true with sunshine rays.

At the bidding of Love, Mercury sits at the side.

And this picture is perfect, when their are no tears.

Yes, but if pictured by art is the life long.

In the west amongst the trees where whispers love—man—

The gate is the fence and the walk that sin.

Through the dearest of post cards never

Then all the sweet charms of home I can see with faces at the windows winking at on.

Absolutely "Armful."

"You have hearted," said a youth to his sweet heart who stood,

While he swung in the howse, at the light's doors.

"I have heard of the Danish boy's whylo-

What I wish that the Danish boy's whylo-

And what would you do with it? Tell me so-

While an arck smile play ed over her beautifull.

"I would know it, he answered, and then my fair maid

When the arm play ed in the girl's arm like an angel of go-

"Is that all you wish for? Why, that's my yours

What you wish any mag. the faire maid miente.

"A favor so slight one's good nature sends,

And the playfully staled herself by he his.

"I would blow it again," said the youth, "I wish it.

And whisper would work so that not even modesty's

Would be able to keep from my own your sons.

And she smiled and placed her arm around his neck.

"Yet once more would I low, and the next

Would bring me a third time as exquisite blues.

"You would lay your fair cheek on this best one of mint.

And your lips lasting past it would press a kiss.

The maiden laughed out to her innocent gue.

"One kiss to the other, and then the kiss your face might have."

Fortunate People.

The London Times reports that the English know it to be true—that the more than half a billion dollars of unclaimed fortunes in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales belong to people in America whose forefathers emigrated from the old country. There are also large fortunes of the same class in Germany and other European countries. We have gained a number of such claims and have several in hand now which we expect to gain. If your ancestors came from across the sea, write us all about it, and inclose 25 cents for a reply. We charge nothing for investigating, and if you have a good claim we will attempt to settle it on very reasonable terms.

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