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"The Sublime and the Rediculous in Out of the Way Places."

After having announced that the next lecture in the course would be delivered by Judge Wade, on Thursday evening, Professor Weld introduced the speaker of the evening, Professor Nutting.

The lecture was all that the subject would indicate, containing many beautiful descriptions of scenery and of animals. The entire lecture was illustrated by many amusing stories and anecdotes.

At this time of the year teachers, students, and speakers are tired from their long application. So let us get away from our every day tasks and study for a brief hour the sublime in nature and things bordering on the "rediculous" I wish to tell you about a certain young friend of mine whom we shall call Harry. Harry was a lover of nature and like most young naturalists was fond of gathering birds eggs. One day he climbed to the top of an oak tree—a boy is no good who can't climb a tree. After enjoying the view of the surrounding landscape and the pure air he turned his attention to the nest. Yes there were eggs in it which, when shaken, gave notice of near incubation. He had left his coat and hat at the foot of the tree, so putting one in his mouth he started down. Crack went something in his mouth and

Harry does not lose his love for nature as he grows up, but starts out to study its wonders. He first went to California where he admired the gigantic forests and rich flora.

We stood on the summit of the mountain of the Holy Cross. To describe such a scene as he witnessed is impossible. There is no sound, no life. The crack of a rifle has an unearthly ring. Harry is very busy here collecting specimens, and meets with a few adventures.

Finally he starts from New York, on his first voyage. He felt lonely as the boat started, but his spirits rose the next morning as all the splendor and grandeur of old ocean spread out before him; but soon sea sickness came to mar this beauty for him. He finally landed in his travels in Costa Rica. He hired a mule for a ninety mile ride into the country. For two days he met nobody who could speak English, then he came to an inn which had the sign—American Hotel. Joyfully he stopped and to find there was no one there who could talk English. After a three weeks stay at the capital he took up his residence in the little town of Cot. Here he awoke out of a dreamer to witness an earth quake, Cot was supposed to possess rare virtues for healing people of infirm minds. Harry's occupation was not intended to give the inhabitants any very favorable opinion of his mental soundness. An old lady one day seemed much interested in his specimens, Harry grew enthusiastic. "Never mind," said she, patting him on the head, "you will be better soon."

The next year Harry found himself in Nicaragua. While on an excursion he found two great human figures caved in stone. What memories they

called up? Of what race were they? What history lies here concealed? Even more interesting to him was the curious burial urns which he unearthed. The most interesting of them all was that of a little child.

Harry had often wondered what were the thoughts of one about to meet a violent death, but here in Nicaragua he experienced it. A storm over-took his frail boat one day and it seemed that every minute would be the last. Afterwards he was surprised to find that he had vaguely thought how it would feel to drown, and how sublime was the terrible storm.

Phi Delta Phi.

The meeting of the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity last evening was honored by the presence there for the first time of Judge Kinne, of the Supreme Court. The Judge is here lecturing to the law classes, and last evening enrolled himself as an honorary member of the fraternity. Following the meeting the members enjoyed an informal banquet. Among the honorary members present and responding to toasts were, Chief Justice Robinson, Judges Kinne and Wade, Chancellor McClain, and Professors Hayes and Rohbach. Speeches were also made by members of the fraternity, W. F. Kopp acting as toast master.

Accessions to General Library.

(Continued from last issue)

Appleton—Physical Geography.
Am. Book Co—Elementary Geography.
Hinman—Eclectic Physical Geography.
Tyson—Guide to Practical Examination of Urine.
Greeley—American Weather.
King—Methods and Aids in Geography—(3).
Hinsdale—How to Study and Teach History.
The following are accessions to the General Library for the Month of February:
Newsholme—School Hygiene, or Laws of Health in School Life.
Herbart—Science of Education etc.
Atwood—Complete Graded Arithmetic.
Eaton—New Arithmetic.
Meiklejohn—English Grammar.
Sloane—Practical Lessons in Fractions by Inductive Method.
Sutton—Pupils Series of Arithmetic.
White—Number Lessons, for 2d and 3rd. Grades.
Sutton—Pupils Series of Arithmetic Higher Grade.
Wright—Nature Readers—Seaside and Wayside.
Barnes—Studies in American History.
Redway—Teacher's Manual of Geography.
Nichols—Topics in Geography.
Hyde—Practical Lessons in English, for Grammar Schools; Advanced Lessons in English, for Grammar Schools; Practical Lessons in English, for Primary Schools.
Meiklejohn—English Language, History, Grammar etc.
United States—Naval Observatory, 1889.
Cong. Church—Minutes of National Council, 1892; Yearbook, 1893.

Iowa—Report Supt. Pub. Ins. 1893.
Riehl—Burg Neideck—Introduction and Notes by Prof. C. B. Wilson.
Cassino—International Scientific Directory.
United States—Proceedings National Museum—1892; Bulletin—catalog of Lepidopterous etc., in Boreal Am. Bulletin—Monograph of N. A. Proctorypidal; Bulletin—Myriapoda of North America.
Holbrook—New England Grammar.
New York—Glance at System of Schools of.
Wright—Female Life Mortuary Experience—1863 to 1892.
United States—American Republics—Haiti; American Republics; Nicaragua.
Nalleson—Notes on Early Training of Children.
Candolle—Monographia Phanerogamarum.
Smithsonian Inst—Reports of Regents, 1891.
Bureau of Ed.—Catalog A. L. A. Library at Columbian Exposition.
Georgia—Paleozoic Group. Geological Survey.
Quaritch—Catalogs—4 vols.
Stosekel—College Hymn Book—Yale College.
United States—Interstate R. R. Com. Report, 1892.
French—Notes on Surname of Francus etc.
U. S. War Dep.—Uniform of Army from 1774 to 1889—III.
Sydney (Australia) Catalog—Australasian Bibliography.
Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of the English Language.
In addition to the above, there was received from eighteen States, the latest reports of Superintendents of Public Instruction.

Glee Club.

A fair-sized audience gathered in Close Hall, Wednesday evening, to hear the opening concert of the S. U. I. Glee Club for the season of 1894. Before the program began, Professor Ruggles announced that the Misses Minkler and Lewis, on account of sickness, were both unable to appear. In spite of this disappointment the Club, assisted by Misses Kleckner and Felkner, gave an excellent program, and one that was thoroughly appreciated by the audience. The selections were mostly of a high grade of music, and in this regard the program might be improved for a mixed audience by a more liberal interspersing of popular glees and humorous songs. An indication of this might be seen in the reception accorded the rendering of the college songs toward the close of the program.

The first number, a glee composed by Professor Ruggles, "Our College Home," was a creditable introduction to the program. The composition has in it, we believe, elements that may make it quite popular.

"The Bedouin's Love Song," and "The Bugle Song," were both difficult pieces, but they were sung with much merit.

Perhaps the best number of the evening, with the exception of the rendering of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," by Messrs. Lester, Bush, Freeman and Conrad, was the

solo and chorus, "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep." In this Mr. Wilson sang with much effect, the chorus supporting him well. Mr. Wilson has an excellent voice of great compass, and he in a great measure contributed to the success of the program.

In the second part a pleasing variation was afforded the audience in a recitation by Mr. Wilson, on "How Amelia Learned Elocution."

The absence of Misses Minkler and Lewis was filled by Misses Kleckner and Felkner, who favored the audience with some finely executed instrumental music. A duet from "William Tell" was especially good and much applauded.

It would be futile to attempt to give merited notice to each of the several numbers; but suffice it to say that the Glee Club deserves great credit for the excellence it has attained, and its appearance in the cities to be visited on the proposed trip will speak well for the University. This is an organization that should be abundantly supported by all students who delight in music and desire a wider cultivation of the art in this institution.

Freshman Program.

The Erodelphians will give a Freshman programme Saturday Evening, March, 10th.

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One of the things of which the University is proud and which we hope the visiting committee of the Legislature sufficiently lauded in their report, is the barbed-wire fence that delineates the south walk. We doubt if any of the honorable gentlemen at Des Moines, their well-known rural extraction notwithstanding, are capable of constructing, even on their native heaths, a fence that is so symmetrical and "capable" as this fence is. Its posts are not too close together so as to involve unnecessary expense, nor are they so far apart that they permit the wires to sag. The line, barring a few post-al malformations, is eminently straight. The wires are four in number, equidistant, and parallel. The barbs have two prongs a piece, are six inches apart, sharp, and wonderfully tenacious of a student's clothing. We venture the assertion that the most breechy cow in all Johnson county would by preference go around instead of through this fence, in order to reach the green campus beyond; and we note that even the Medics are now habitually following the example of the hypothetical cow. We wonder at the Register when it charges our University authorities with being unpractical theorists. The barbed-wire fence along the south walk refutes the charge; it is a bristling monument to the unglazed utilitarianism that riots in these halls.

The student who reads the daily papers cannot fail to become disgusted with the political methods which are practiced in Washington. It is not surprising that college orations so continually follow the line of ethics in politics. National prosperity it seems is no longer regarded as a matter of serious importance except as it furnishes a pretext for the upholding or tearing down of some political party. The members of the party out of powers stand back and rub their hands in ghoulish glee at

business failures for in these they see the growth of dissatisfaction among the voters and consequently an opportunity for their personal advancement. This accusation is no truer now than it was four years ago. The trouble is that there is not enough of a feeling of responsibility among our public servants. Responsibility to party with all its attendant evils has superseded responsibility to country. On the face of these conditions we believe that there is a call for a more active participation in government by the college students and professors of this country, by men who study the principles of government and not merely the methods of vote getting. The attitude of indifference which college men have been so wont to assume toward the political questions of the day is unwise; because politics are not what they should be is no reason for refusing to take an active interest in public affairs. The good of all should be guarded by all.

College Notes.

Baker University is happy. A literary department has been assured it by the Secretary of War.

Robert W. Emmons, '96, has been elected captain of the Harvard football team for next year.

Among the notable deaths recorded last week is that of Librarian Poole, of the great Newberry Library of Chicago, and compiler of Poole's Index to Periodical Literature.

The winner of first honors in the recent Kansas State Oratorical Contest, J. W. Wetzel, of Winfield College, has been accused of plagiarism by a writer in the Topeka Capital. A majority of the colleges in the Association, however, bitterly denounce the accusation.

Sophomore Class Meeting.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, there will be a meeting of the Sophomore class in the South Building, for the transaction of important business. A full attendance of the class is desired.

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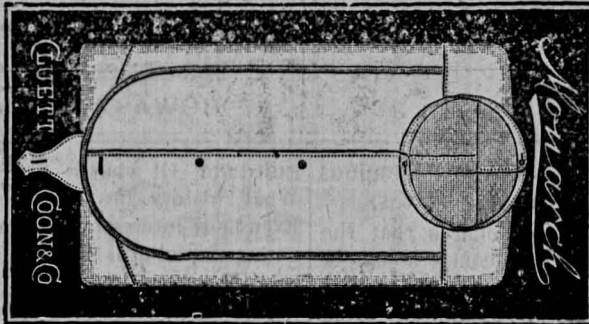
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W. J. Van Vliet, L. '94, has returned to school after an absence of three months.

Lieutenant Vogdes postponed the recitation in tactics from Wednesday until Friday.

The classes in Sophomore German had examinations yesterday under Professor Wilson.

Luverne Sorter, ex-'96, has returned to her home in Iowa City, after having spent the winter with her brother at Mason City.

F. L. Runner, L. '94, has rejoined his class. He has been teaching school and studying in an office in Muscatine since last June.

All athletes should bear in mind that State Field Day will be held on June 1st, this year, and should begin as soon as possible to prepare for the events.

H. H. Jacobs, the captain of Wisconsin's Varsity crew is the man who took second place in the Northern Oratorical League contest at Oberlin, last year.

The class in Political Science have been having examinations this week. They now take up the study of Railway Transportation in the U. S. for the remainder of the term.

The postponed lecture of the Y. M. C. A. course will be given by Judge Wade to-night. Mr. Wade's subject is "The Patriot and Poet." The character is that of the distinguished Irish patriot, James Boyle O'Reilly, and should be of great interest to all students.

LATEST STYLE HATS AND FURNISHING GOODS AT BLOOM & MAYER'S.

Secretary Blunt and H. C. Dorcas, and Miss Nannie G. Carroll, who were in attendance at the International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement held at Detroit, last week, returned Tuesday morning.

The *M. S. U. Independent* is a new semi-monthly anti-fraternity newspaper published at Missouri University. Its editor-in-chief is also President of the "M. S. U. Barb" society, so we judge that the battle against fraternities is on in earnest.

The Republican Caucus in Des Moines, last evening nominated (which in this case is equivalent to an election) Col. J. W. Garner, of Columbus Junction, A. W. Swalm, of Okaloosa; F. W. Mahin, of Clinton, and J. D. McCleary, of Indianola, as regents of the University; Richardson, of Davenport, and Burrell, of Washington, retiring from the board. Col. J. W. Garner will bring with him the advantages of an experience of some years as regent of the Agricultural College, at Ames.

The fourth annual contest of the Northwestern University, branch of the N. O. L. will be held this year on next Friday evening. The contestants are: E. I. Bohen, J. M. Ericson, C. A. Kellog and W. F. Burns. The contest will undoubtedly be an unusually interesting one, for all the contestants bear good records as orators.

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