The Vidette-Reporter.

The Law Department of the University may now be considered only a prominent feature of the institution, but also the leading law school of the West. It was established seven years ago, and its rapid and steady growth proves the wisdom of the Regents in establishing a school of law under the supervision of the State. The department is now self-sustaining, and has the present year an enrollment of 258 members, being 20 in excess of any previous year. The high repute in which it is held is a flattering recognition of the industry and ability of its faculty both past and present. The course of study remains substantially the same as in the past, and while the length of the term is still unchanged, the course of study and the requirements of the faculty demand incessant work on the part of the student, and thus, in one year, he is able to gain substantially the same benefits that he would in a longer course in any other school. For those wishing to practice law in the Western State this school certainly offers greater advantages than can be found elsewhere. Its graduates number over one thousand, and these are settled all over the Northwest, and are rapidly gaining positions of profit, trust, and honor. There will be 300 candidates for graduation, this year, and we are informed by Chancellor Ross that the present prospects point toward a much larger class next year than ever before. Much credit is due Chancellor Ross for the uniring energy he has shown in the improvement of this department since he was placed at its head. When the Legislature shall second his efforts with a liberal appropriation, a building for its accommodation, it shall have reason to feel truly proud of our Law Department.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ORATION.

No speech ever went more directly from heart to heart than Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg. The battle was fought in July, 1863; he made the speech on the battlefield in November of the same year. "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of this war. We are met to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground."

"And, while we think of the brave men living and dead who struggled here, we cannot consecrate it above our power to add or detract. It is the world's war, little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is, for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work that they thus far so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain, that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Edward Everett followed him with an address of an hour's length. It survives in print, but Lincoln's words were embalmed in the hearts of his hearers. There was much particularly inspiring in the circumstances and occasion. The occasion furnished the prime essential for eloquence—earnestness. It was Antony holding up the bloody mantle of Cesar, and saying, "Look! In this place ran Cassius' dagger through. Through this, and well-beloved Brutus stabbed." It was Demosthenes impelling, from the Greek heart-stones, invading Philip, or Cicero denounced seditionists Catiline. Have not these instances much in common with Henry encouraging the war and with Webster pleading for the constitution? But on Gettysburg all these sources of inspiration are combined. The surrounding groves are fresh, the summer rains have not yet effaced the holes dug in the ground by the shells, and the mark of the bullet is still shown on the trees with torn bark and foliage. The war is still raging, defeat and success are struggling in the balance; and how masterly does Lincoln use this occasion! When the manner and matter are analyzed, it would be difficult to suggest how anything more could be crowded into the same compass, and still no point of real importance is left untouched. In the first he reveals the thoughts of his hearers, to the struggles of their common ancestry in founding a government, "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." From that condensed statement embracing all our colonial struggle and the revolution, he leads to the present by asserting that the war now waging is only a test of the fundamental principle on which the government was founded. In the last paragraph is shown his own humility, reverence, and hope—dedicating anew the nation, rather than a battlefield, to the patriotic sacrifice of preserving all the past has secured. It is a miniature history; it is intensely sad and earnest; it breathes humility from first to last; it was a benediction in the lull of the contest, which the world will long remember. One can say that these simple words, echoing in minds of the soldiers, were not more effective in the subsequent victories than the addition of many cannon and regiments!..."
THE INFLUENCE OF PLATO.

'Plato's relation to the world is that of a superior spirit, whose good pleasure it is to take the part of a philosopher, and to do so for a time. All that he writes has reference to something eternal, noble, and beautiful, whose furtherance he strives to promote in every bosom.'—Goethe.

Emerson has said, "Out of Plato come all things that are still written among men of thought." This statement Prof. Eggert regards as a gross exaggeration. His reasons for this regarding it may be briefly summed up as follows: Plato entertained communistic sentiments on the subject of marriage. Goethe expressly disavowed such sentiments. The sentiments of Goethe, therefore, were certainly not derived from Plato. Furthermore, "most things" that are written among men of thought were not derived from Plato, because a very few of Plato are, at best, but "pretty dreams and poetic speculations," while those of Goethe (who, by the way, was a living, concrete phenomenon of modern, and medieval genius) are characterized by "clear thought and definite conclusions."

Now we must say, that, while we are willing to concede to the Professor that Emerson has somewhat exaggerated the influence of Plato, we are, nevertheless, able to find in him vastly more than "pretty dreams and poetic speculations." Nor does it seem to us, that, in the above comparison of Goethean and Platonic sentiments on the subject of marriage, the Professor has had the good fortune to chance upon an altogether happy illustration of his meaning.

To prove that the institution of marriage, as it exists to-day, has not been derived from the "Republic" of Plato, is by no means a difficult task, but to seize the other horn of the dilemma, and prove that the influence of Goethe, in this respect, has been any better than that of Plato, is a task beset with most serious difficulties. It is very much like quoting Rousseau's eloquent arrangement of the mothers of France for disowning their children, with the significant fact staring you in the face that he sent his own offspring to a foundling hospital. We have no fault to find with the moral theories of Goethe. They are admirable. But if we were anxious to give to the world an example of modern, as contradistinguished from ancient, virtue, we should hesitate some time before nominating for that position a man whose anti-communistic sentiments on the subject of marriage were so frequently belied by his communist practices.

"Whoever strikes at marriage, whoever, by word or deed, under-mines this, the foundation of all moral society, that man has to settle with me; and, if I cannot become his master, I take care to proclaim myself out of his way. Marriage is the beginning and end of all culture." Thus wrote Goethe, in his "Elective Affinities." And yet, so completely were these principles negated by his conduct, that he is universally acknowledged to have been a man "who shrunk from the golden clasp of legitimate marriage, as from some conventional shackle, which a free and great nature should avoid."

It may, perhaps, be thought necessary to limit the application of Emerson's dictum—"Out of Plato come all things that are still written among men of thought." It may even be thought necessary to limit it, by showing that marriage is an institution not derived from Plato. But to single out Goethe as its champion, is to be guilty of a species of hero-worship altogether unparalleled by anything that can be found in Emerson. Before concluding, we had intended to indulge in some further comment on the Professor's novel doctrine, that Plato's views are merely "pretty dreams and poetic speculations;" but we have already exceeded our space. Suffice it to say, therefore, that not only is there a slight difference of opinion on this point between the Professor and Goethe himself, but even so recent and well-accredited an author as Dr. Edward Zeller comes to the conclusion that "as Plato, in his capacity of philosopher, unites the boldest idealism with rare acuteness of thought, a disposition for abstract critical inquiry and a readiness to face difficulties, he does, as a man, combine severity of moral principles with lively susceptibility for popular opinion, as well as with a mind with tenderness of feeling, passion with self-control, enthusiasm for his purpose with philosophic calm, gravity with mildness, magnanimity with human kindness, dignity with gentleness."

L. B. R.

The recitations of Miss Minna Wright, at the Opera House last evening, were highly successful in an artistic point of view. The young lady possesses a rarely expressive voice, showing good culture and finely modulated. Her rendering of "Robert of Sicily" was an exquisite work; "Child Lost" was full of pathos and soul. Miss Wright's abilities are of a very high order, and the words misplaced would puzzle any but a veteran. St. Andrew's is a delightful summer resort—a very many people spend the summer here. It is located on a fine bay, and the harbor, rivers, and lakes in the immediate vicinity, furnish fine opportunities for sailing, rowing, and fishing. My room has a fine view of the bay, and I can see the steamers going to Boston and all points along the coast.

He closes with a description of a twenty-four hours' sea-sickness, which he experienced between New York and his present home, and sends regards to his numerous college friends. Shane, Harvey! The boys would like to hear you preach from the tower. May you always be looked up to.

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Mr. Bailey, class of '81, dropped in on us Thursday. Mr. Putnam's mother has been visiting here the past week.

Mr. Thompson, of last year's class, paid us a pleasant call Wednesday.

Some of the boys have been very punctual in their attendance at District court.

Rev. John M. Rogers, of Davenport, will be with the class next week and deliver lectures on Constitutional Law.

W. H. Bailey, Law, '81, is now located at Grundy Center. He was looking up his claims in this city, Thursday last.

Letters inquiring for locations for youngsters of "good moral habits" will begin to circulate pretty freely from now on.

The present class has decided not to disgrace the walls of the institution with a class picture. The institution should feel proud.

J. C. Moats, class of '89, and brother of Mr. Moats of the present class, has been visiting here for a few days. He is located at Eagle Grove, Wright county.

We understand there was a very interesting game of ball played Tuesday, between the Rev. Kenyon paid the class a pleasant call at District court Wednesday.

We understand there was a pretty frequent call from noW on.

The constitutional Law.

Some of the boys have been looking up to fall in love with some of the beautiful young maidens of Iowa City, Thursday last.

The following graduates are located at Grundy Center: Mr. C. Moats, of class of '89; J. H. Trundy, Class of 1892, and J. W. Ross, Class of '88. Not much infatuated with one of the present class has decided to circulate text books, new, and of the latest edition.

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Derivation of the word "restaurant." "Res," things, and "taurus," bull... "Bully things."

Geo. L. Hunt has taken a position as short-hand reporter in St. Paul, where he may be addressed.

Ed. Robinson left for Cheyenne, Wy., Ter., Tuesday of this week; he finds employment with a surveying party.

Jinnie is Commander-in-chief on the campus. He allows the Lieutenant to use it twice a week for dress parade.

A pleasant time was enjoyed at Prof. Philbrick's on Thursday evening, by the members of the Class of '82, who belong to the School of Science.

Lieutenant David Price, of the Regular Army, is visiting for a few days with the family of Mr. Charles Lewis. He is on his way to join his regiment, in California.

Seats for the last VIDETTE-REPORTER entertainment will be on sale at Ali's Bookstore, Saturday morning, June 10th. Price of seats 75, 50, and 35 cents.

Newcomb, Payne, and Baker have been chosen by Hatt Brothers as judges of the oratorical contest to decide who shall appear on Academy commencement next week.

Mrs. Putnam, of Davenport, has been attending a meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science, held here this week, and also visiting her son, St. Clair, who is a member of the law class.

We learn that one of the leading (?) attorneys of the city took a married lady out riding, and the next morning sent around half the livery bill to her husband. Oh, thrift, thou art a virtue, indeed!

The Irving's had a quiet last night, with the following results: Pres., W. N. Baker; Vice-Pres., P. L. Johnson; Recording Sec., P. H. Grimm; Cor. Sec., Harry Allen; Treas., T. Newman. The Zetagarians elect next week.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER dramatic entertainment should be classed among the rare treats of commencement. Miss Minna Wright comes highly recommended as an actress of great dramatic powers.

When an actress becomes a star, of sufficient magnitude, to take the stage alone in such plays as those of Shakespeare, she must be a success; Miss Wright, has done this, and you will have the chance of hearing her at the Opera House, June 17th, in the "Merchant of Venice."

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After a successful year as Principal of West Branch schools, Miss Knight contemplates a trip in visiting the various counties of the state.

The graduating exercises of the West Branch High School, May 25th, were in every way satisfactory, the programme holding the closest attention of a packed house from beginning to end.

"Who is that pretty girl with blonde hair and deep blue eyes, there in the jaunty hat?" asked Alfred at the lawn party. "Who replied Annie, "That taffy-haired girl with the tallow eyes and that nightmare of blue rays on her head?" Alfred mused for a moment. "That, brethren, is the way different people look at a pretty girl in a pretty hat."

The military department is affiliated. Jinnie declares the Battalion must keep off the grass, and now a poor Irishman, who lives near the University, brings a claim for damages, to the Captain, for eleven chickens killed in the shell by cannon-firing, the other day. Surely an argument against standing armies!

The library has just received a copy of the eulogies delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States on the life and character of the Hon. Rush Clark, who represented this district in the Forty-fifth Congress, and died while in the Forty-sixth. In the House, eulogies were pronounced by Price, Sapp, Carpen-

ter and Thompson of Iowa, Henderson of Illinois, Bennett of Dakota, Neal of Ohio, Manning of Mississippi, and Califton of Penn-
sylvania; in the Senate, by Kirkwood and Allison of Iowa, Beren-
ford of West Virginia, and Platt of Connecticut. Each speaker paid a high tribute to Rush Clark's character as a man and to the honesty and faithfulness with which he discharged his public duties.

The Iowa City Academy of Science convened in this city, on Wednesday, Prof. Beney, of the Iowa Agricultural College, Presi-
dent, in the chair. Several interesting as well as important papers were presented at each of the four sessions. Besides the President of the Academy and the resident fellows, there were present: Mrs. Putnam, as a representative from the Davenport-Academy of Science; Prof. Call, of Des Moines; Prof. McGee, of Farley; Prof. Herrick of Grinnell.

At the business ses-
sion, Thursday morning, Prof. Beney, of Ames, was re-elected President; Prof. McGe, Vice-President; and Dr. Hobby, of this city, was returned as Secretary and Treasurer. The Academy ordered the memorial resolutions for Mr. Putnam, who had died since the last meeting, spread upon the table, and that, with his biographical sketch enclosed, be printed in pamphlet form, with the proceed-
ings of the Academy.

The meeting, all felt to be a profitable one, but it still remains a wonder that so few of the citi-
dens and students should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to attend such meetings.

A FINE ORMIBUS.--In passing down College street to-day, our attention was called to one of Luse's omnibuses in Corbett's paint shop. Upon examination, we pronounce it the finest job of painting it has been our pleasure to examine in the West. The work was done by Mr. Fred Rockweiler, a German, who learned his trade in Philadelphia. This "bus will be brought out by Mr. Luse just as soon as the weather settles. The "bus line will carry students and their baggage from any part of the city to the depots for 25 cents. We advise them to leave their orders at the "bus barn or at the U. S. express office.

Cabinets, cards, and panel pictures at Spery's.

"Are you going to take that ugly pug dog with you again, Carrie." asked Charles. I really believe you take him to make yourself the prettier by the contract." "Don't be jealous of poor Pug, Charlie," replied Carrie. "I'll take you sometime when I want to look especially handsome."--New York Interior.

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stone's.

A sentimental youth asked his girl, "Why can't I spell Cupid?" "Can't you?" "No, for when I get to 3, I can't go any farther."--Chronicle.
The Vidette-Reporter.

The History Progressing.

The preparation and the canvass of the History of Johnson County is progressing satisfactorily to the company and those in charge of the work. The subscription already comprises many of the most prominent citizens of Iowa City, and a few of the townships of the county.

The work is being prepared with the utmost care and thoroughness, and will be made up in various parts, from states gathered from the best record and traditional sources without bias or prejudice; and those chapters which are made up to a greater or lesser extent from traditional sources, will be submitted in manuscript to old settlers for criticism, with a view to correctness. It is hoped the cities of this city and county will aid and encourage this important work.

Temperance Lecture.

Curtis Day delivered his lecture on Prohibition to a full house last Thursday evening. He handled his subject in a manner creditable to himself, and gratifying to the friends of the amendment. The speaker traced the history of the struggle with temperance, showing why the various measures were to a great extent unsuccessful, and then took up the amendment. He clearly demonstrated the rights of the State to prohibit, and satisfactorily answered the objections urged against the amendment. The address was concluded by an appeal to parents and to the young to see that this additional safeguard is thrown around the youth of the country, whose lives are constant danger from this demon, intemperance. Mr. Day, although a young man, has already developed a marked degree of ability as a thinker and speaker, and to predict for him a bright future.

The meeting was opened and closed with music by the male quartet. -Ex.

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A very good hit was made a day or two after the election, by one of the candidates. A gentleman approached him with, "Well, Mr.——, how do you feel?" He said, "I feel, I suppose, pretty much as Lazarus did." "As Lazarus did?" said the first speaker. "How was that?" He said, "Lazarus was licked by dogs, and so was I." -Ex.

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Last Wednesday afternoon the infantry battalion of the University tested the efficiency of its organization by marching through town, instead of executing the ordinary evolutions of the parade ground. The result of test was satisfactory in the extreme. We have never before seen the boys do themselves anything like the justice that they did on this occasion. Their bearing was steady, and their arms, when carried at a right shoulder, were inclined at somewhere near the same angle. The band, meanwhile, discharged martial music under the direction of their exceedingly efficient drum major.

The spectacle thus presented by a uniformed and creditably organized University Battalion, provided with its own band, is to say the least of it, certainly suggestive of great improvement in what Captain Chester used to call the "Commune." Straw hats and long linen dusters have been compelled gradually to give way to uniforms; and the self-respect of the Battalion has been correspondingly enhanced. Last spring the Regents passed a resolution that, in future, each student should provide himself with a suitable uniform; and the spirit of this resolution has been satisfactorily complied with. In addition to uniforming the Battalion, the difficult task of organizing a University band has been successfully undertaken. The two great points absolutely essential to military discipline, therefore, have been gained. The students now feel that they can reasonably take pride in being members of the Battalion. They are no longer a mere rabble with muskets, but a company of young men inspired with at least some degree of interest in the military art.

There is, however, still one respect in which the facilities for imparting a knowledge of this art are deficient. A level parade ground, moderately free from obstructions, is necessary in order to enable officers and men to act with promptness and precision. A ground of this kind, which might also be used for base-ball and other athletic sports, the University is unfortunately unoccupied of. To remedy this defect somewhat, the Lieutenant has determined, if the size of the armory is increased, as it probably will be, on rainy days to drill one or two companies within doors. We would suggest that the students be allowed to use this room as a gymnasium as well as armory. The necessity of some place where they could easily be removed whenever it would interfere with military evolutions.

We have thus summarized the noticeable features of the Battalion as they exist to-day, and feel perfectly assured that, at the end of next year, we shall have occasion to announce a still more favorable outlook.

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It is needless to trace the testimony. Suffice it to say, that a little toy pistol was produced by the defendant as the weapon used; but against the testimony of this man and his wife, four witnesses testified that the weapon was used a nickel-plated, 22-caliber revolver, each describing it exactly to the color of the handle.

The Justice in summing up, admitted that pointing a pistol at a man was an assault, but thought it more likely that four students were mistaken as to the weapon employed, than that the defendant and his wife would wilfully commit perjury; therefore he was in employed, than that the defendant and his wife would wilfully commit perjury; therefore he was in

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