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WHITTIER'S CENTENNIAL HYMN.

Our fathers' God! from out whose hand
The centuries fall, like grains of sand,
We meet to-day, united free,
And loyal to our land and Thee,
To thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one.
Here, where of old, by thy design,
The fathers' spake that word of thine
Whose echo is the glad refrain
Of rended bolt and falling chain,
To grace our festal time, from all
The zoans of earth our guests we call.
Be with us while the New World greets
The Old World, thronging all its streets,
Unveiling all the triumphs won
By art of toil beneath the sun;
And unto common good ordain
This rivalry of hand and brain.
Thou who hast here in concord furled
The war flags of a gathered world,
Beneath our western skies fulfill
The Orient's mission of good will,
And, freighted with Love's golden fleece,
Send back the Argonauts of piece.
For art and labor met in use,
For beauty made the bride of truce,
We thank Thee, while, withal, we crave
The austere virtues strong to save,
The honor proof to place or gold,
The manhood never bought or sold!
O make Thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safe-guards of Thy righteous law.
And, cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old!

CORRESPONDENCE.

Putnam Seminary—Death of its Principal—Melancholy Meditations and Beautiful Thoughts Gracefully Clothed in the King's English by our Lively and Interesting Correspondent.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO, MAY 20, 1876.

MR. EDITOR:—We have passed through strange sad scenes since I wrote to you last. Our principal, whom we all so truly loved and honored, has passed away, gone to join the bright innumerable throng of the redeemed. To many in your city he was known as a dear friend, and to them his loss will come as a personal bereavement. His noble life and perfect character, endeared him to thousands of hearts, but those who knew him last loved him most. The Sunday night before his death, he preached in the church which we attend, a solemn and impressive sermon from the text, "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul." His voice as he repeated the question with thrilling intensity seemed like one from another world, indeed his whole discourse appears to have been a prophecy, for ere another Sabbath dawned God had folded his hands to slumber and had called his faithful servant up higher. So quietly he passed away, it seemed not death but rather entrance into life, still the shock was so great, that to us the very wheels of life all ceased, and a melancholy silence shrouded the universe. We have taken up the broken threads of our daily life again, and are weaving on the web, but we sadly miss a hand that was wont to be skillful in the labor, and a kindly voice that cheered us on over rough, dark places.

A few more weeks and our happy school life here is over. Buds and flowers whisper of the merry June, and when the month of roses scatters its wealth over earth, it will grace our commencement day. Many are the eager hearts that hurry time along in its flight, for we find it difficult work these long bright days to chain our thoughts to dull lessons and wearisome scales, when green fields and bright flowers tempt the eye through open windows. A few afternoons since, when three o'clock had released us from school duties, a friend and I

walked some distance leisurely enjoying in a dreamy half-conscious way, the "tender grace" of the day, until we came to an old dilapidated enclosure, which was entirely new and strange to us. Feeling some curiosity, we pushed through the rusty worm-eaten gate, and entering found it to be a "city of the dead." A heavy silence, like a bird of night brooded over the place, and it was overgrown with weeds and briars. Moss covered graves and discolored marble marked the resting places of many who had slept for years in this now neglected "acre of God." We followed the semblance of a path which led among the narrow homes of the dead. It was chilling and sorrowful to see the desolation of the place. On one grave we read "Mary wife of —, aged 18." Truly hers was a brief biography. Born, married, and died summed up the history of her life. I fancied I might add forgotten, for of such importance is human life in this world, we are lost to memory when our "little lives are rounded by a sleep." In many tiny stories we read of little ones, whose pilgrimages on earth were scarce begun ere they were ended, of eyes only opened on time to close for eternity. One stone I noticed in particular; it was broked down and almost concealed by the vines which had twined themselves around it. Stooping down, and brushing aside the grass, I read this half-effaced inscription,

"Stop and see as you pass by,
As you were now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for this, then follow me."

She too had been cut down in the flower of womanhood. I wondered if she had been loth to part with the beautiful earth, or whether she had gladly laid her head to rest from the world's weary strife, then again. I marveled why she should wish to leave so melancholy and weird a message to those who should come after her. On we went stopping now and then to read the names of those who had lived and loved so long ago, until at last we neared the most remote corner of the yard. Hearing voices we lifted aside the branches of a tree which had grown across the way, and found several little boys standing before a vault which they had broken open. Their lively speculations were brought to a sudden close by our appearance. Mute with astonishment we stood gazing on this work of desecration and before we were able to say anything, another actor appeared in the scene, in the person of an old man. The snow of many winters had whitened his hair to silver and the ruthless hand of time had furrowed his brow. His evident indignation surpassed ours, and a torrent of angry, reproachful words, directed toward the youthful sinners, broke the ominous silence. The old man spoke with so much bitterness, that I ventured to stem the current of his wrath and ask, "Do you know who is buried here?" "Know, of course I do, he was a great man in his day and owned all the country around here," he said as he described an imaginary circle with his arm. Then turning to the terror-stricken boys he continued, "This is what you learn now-a-days is it, this is the respect schools teach now?" "Not at all sir," replied my friend, warmly resisting the injustice. The old man's looks softened as he stooped and picked up a fragment of a rock. "Aye, not all it may be, but there is so much neglect, so little reverence, and they can't even let the dead lie in peace." The sorrowful, sad tones touched our hearts, and we bowed reverently to the aged man, and passed



View of the Omaha High School Building.—From a Photograph by Eaton.

ries of the long ago. A flood of rich golden sunlight lay over the place, and a light wind shook the leaves daintily; everything in bright beautiful nature seemed utterly at variance with the decay and desolation around us. Quickly we left the gloom behind us and walked forth into the glad fresh beauty of the spring day. Crowning the summit of a hill, in the distance, we saw tall shafts of gleaming marble which marked another burial ground, beautiful as nature and art could make it, where all day long the birds sang sweet melodies, and where fair flowers graced the borders of the walks. A striking contrast to the one we had just left, but it mattered little to the quiet sleepers, all alike were laid low, dreamlessly resting, "far from the madding crowds ignoble strife," away from all care and contention.

They were very subdued hearts and faces we carried home to tea that evening, and in spite of the gay, bright laugh and conversation of the many girls, our thoughts wandered among the dim aisles of the past, which our fancy peopled with strange shadows and figures, and many were the histories we wrought, where joy, sorrow and death were strangely blended, as in our curious human lives the sunlight is ever checkered and crossed by gloomy shade.

ELTA HURFORD.

THE MAN WITH A SYSTEM.

The Gambler's Wife—Pen Pictures.

In every description of the great gambling hells of Europe, mention is made of the crowds who sit around the green cloth without staking anything, but employ themselves continually in pricking the turns of the cards with a pin on a piece of cardboard. The first question the uninitiated asks is, what is their object? Are they merely amusing themselves by playing a little love game against the bank to see how many millions they could make or lose if they had them to risk? One glance at their faces is sufficient to answer any question as to their performing their task for pure amusement; they seem to be working for a living, and come every day as regularly as those who risk their money. Sometimes, indeed, they join the ranks of these latter and play for a time, and then return to their daily business of pricking holes in a card with a pin.

What is their object? They are the modern alchemists in search of their philosopher's stone which is to make them rich and young again. This

break the bank. Gamblers tell you that there is no doubt some men have found it, and point to the fact that in such a year a young Frenchman or a Russian prince or one of our fellow countrymen broke the bank at Hamburg or Baden-Baden night after night and finally carried off millions. You see, it requires considerable money to play this system as, to make up for the percentage of the bank, the bets have to be increased every time we lose, so a slight run of bad luck will exhaust our capital, when the next turn or two would put us all right and on the high road to fortune. Unfortunately, however, the money of the ordinary gambler, never grows into that wonderful capital, and so he drifts along toward suicide, physical or mental—the pistol or the croupier's rake.

This is the common type of the gambler with a system, though there are exceptions. I once became acquainted with one of them, not at the table, but in a very different way. His family became very intimate with ours while we were passing the winter in one of the German capitols. His wife was an English lady brought up in Germany, and married to a German baron, and was on these accounts a very desirable acquaintance. The acquaintance between the baroness and my mother had ripened into friendship before we knew anything about the baron, except that he was a baron, that his parents were wealthy and lived at a country seat somewhere in Prussia, and that he had a certain fixed income from some property in which he had a life interest, but why he remained away from his interesting wife and family so long and where he was, we did not know for a long time. Finally he made his appearance. He was not at all remarkable for looks, and might, as far as appearance went, have been taken for a quiet middle-aged merchant or broker, but his conversation showed that he had seen a great deal of the world and knew how to describe what he had seen. He was a very delightful companion and, what seems more wonderful to me now, a man of very domestic habits and very fond of his children. It was delightful to see him in the evening with his three little olive branches gathered around him listening to his stories and playing all sorts of little games which he had taught them. We were all charmed with him and felt very sorry when, after a short stay of two or three weeks, he left as suddenly as he had come. On inquiry we found he had gone back to Hamburg. By this time we were intimate

enough to feel at liberty to ask questions, and the most natural one was, what on earth is he doing in Hamburg in the winter? He surely is not an invalid in need of the baths. O dear, no, said his pretty wife, he has only gone back to play his system a little; the rents have just come in, so he has some capital. Then it all came out. The charming baron was one of the alchemists and had the receipt for the philosopher's stone in his pocket all the while he was playing with the children and chatting with his wife and friends around the harmless tea table. To us with our crude American ideas of a gambler as a man with a dyed moustache and heavy gold chain, accompanied by a cold hard eye, or a reckless spendthrift, using this as the fastest way to perdition, though not disdaining the assistance on his road of the kindred vices of wine and women, it seemed impossible that this highly respectable and very amiable middle-aged gentleman could really be a knight of the green table. Since his wife said so, however, it must be so, and how we pitied her. Such a fate for a beautiful and highly refined woman—liable at any moment to be reduced to utter poverty, to have the very clothes sold off her back to afford her wretched partner one last chance with fortune. We expressed our sympathy in fitting terms, but found it was entirely superfluous. To be sure, she acknowledged it was a little inconvenient to have her husband away from her so much, but then she intended to remedy all that by joining him at Hamburg, as soon as he got their apartments ready. As to money, it did make rather a difference to have half their monthly income invested in such a very secure bank, but then what remained, with the help of her own little income, was enough to keep them from all danger of starving, and as she spoke, she looked complacently around her elegant apartments. The baron never touched the last half, O no, he was too sure of his system to resort to any such extreme measures in order to hasten fortune. If he could sell his property he probably would, as such an amount of capital would render his success certain, but, as it is strictly entailed, he is content to wait till he can have enough of a run of luck to furnish him a base of supplies for his grand campaign. He plays now on a small scale and with a system modified to suit his limited means, but when he gets together a sufficient sum, then he launches out into his great system, but up to this time without success, owing to runs of bad luck coming before he has got together enough to withstand them. He has just perfected his system so that two thousand francs will be almost safe as a capital, and is going back to try and win that sum with his minor system and a capital of two or three thousand.

Did she believe in his system?

Well, she really didn't know. Sometimes after a great run of luck she thought she did, and then again, when all the money was gone, she rather thought she didn't. It seemed very reasonable when he explained it to you, but then she had no head for figures, and supposed she was no judge. At any rate, it gave the baron employment and kept him happy. No run of bad luck discouraged him, and when all the money was gone he was perfectly content to settle down to quiet domestic life till the rents came in again. In a word, notwithstanding all our well meant efforts, she could not be brought to realize the wretchedness of her lot, and we had to leave her in the same provokingly contented state of mind in which we found her. I suppose her reprehensible husband

must have had good luck this time, for he never came back, and in a month or so sent for the family to join him. We missed them greatly, and on our way home in the summer rather went out of our way to pay them a flying visit at Hamburg.

I suppose that, to give this sketch a proper and edifying conclusion, I ought to say that we found them suffering the bitterest pangs of poverty, the plump little baroness wasted with consumption, confined to her bed in a squalid lodging, while a famine-stricken brood of youngsters whimpered around her, and the father was staking the proceeds of the last cherished souvenir of better days at the table, but sober truth compels me to acknowledge that I never saw a much more contented and cheerful lot of people than this wretched gambler's family. The baroness was very proud of her handsomely furnished apartments in the pleasantest part of the town; the children had bread and butter enough and to spare, and even had sugar on it to boot; and the baron, though far from dead-broke, spared time enough from his usual business to show us around the town and entertain us charmingly all day. Our last impressions were the pleasantest, and we cannot comfort ourselves in our quiet respectability and fortify our virtue by thinking of the awful fate of our jolly, good-hearted, but rather reprehensible German friends. We can only console ourselves by wondering what became of them when the new Empire swept away all the gambling hells of Germany. Did the baron say, "Othello's occupation's gone," and retire to the quiet of domestic life, or has he followed his beloved game to sunny Italy and is now watching the red and black at Monaco.—G. E. M., in *Yale Literary Magazine*.

It seems proper that the public school and Sunday school children of America should possess some memento of the great centennial anniversary celebration throughout the country. The centennial certificate bureau, which furnishes memorial certificates struck off at the International Exhibition at Philadelphia, have also issued two other classes of certificates suitable for the scholars in the schools of the Union.

Artists and writers who have examined these documents have pronounced them elegant, both as works of art and in a literary point of view. They contain portraits of George Washington and of President Grant, engravings of the exhibition buildings, and finely designed groups of emblematic figures, and are signed by U. S. Grant, President of the United States, William Hartranft Governor of Pennsylvania, and W. S. Stokesley, Mayor of Philadelphia.

Clergymen and teachers join in recommending the purpose for which these certificates are issued. The low price of thirty cents, at which they are distributed, to cover the expense of production and transmission, brings them within the reach of all. As stated in the body of the document, "This certificate is given for transmission in a durable form to the family and descendants of the person therein named, to show that the youth of the country joined in the celebration of the great event, at their respective abodes throughout the Union."

THE opportunity of inviting Queen Victoria to be present at the opening of the centennial exhibition has not been improved, and has gone by; but it is still possible to invite her for the more interesting ceremony on the 4th of July, when Mr. Evarts will deliver his centennial oration.

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THE ABOLITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

The thing to do is to abolish the High School and so called higher education altogether. The luxuries of education are to be paid for by those who want them.—*Herald*.

We are surprised that the editor of the *Herald*, who has so often claimed to be the friend of the young men of Omaha should seek to overthrow their best interests. It is the High School and higher education that has given many a poor but ambitious young man, the benefits of a good education. We cannot divine the motive of the *Herald* in thus persistently advocating this ruinous policy, unless it be that it has allowed itself to be swayed by the clamor of the landed few who have no children to educate, and whose only cares are their selfish ends. The wail of paying taxes for this higher education comes from the wealthy man—not the poor man—and it is actuated by a motive that should be discountenanced by every true friend of this Republican government. The rich man has no sons to educate, or, if he has, he wishes to send them to some private institution of learning. The poor man may have a dozen sons and for want of a free institution of learning, he must keep them at home, and they must be content with a very common education. This would draw a line of demarcation, between the rich and poor; it would be practically resolving back to a government composed of two classes, aristocracy and plebeians. Orators and statesmen who have boasted of freedom and equality in the United States, and pointed with pride to our excellent system of free education, have always laid a stress upon the fact that the son of a poor man had here all the privileges in the way of receiving a good education that were accorded to any class. "Equality before the law" was our watchword, and its principle was practically inculcated in our schools. "Let the luxuries of education be paid for by those who want them," says the editor of the *Herald*. He might have added—those who can afford them. What, we ask, will you do if you want them and cannot pay for them? Will the poor young man—whose father, perhaps, left a foreign country and came to free America, with the happy thought uppermost in his mind, that here he could give that son a good education—be compelled to stand aside and see the son of the father who can pay for this luxury pass on ahead of him? We earnestly hope that no such rash act as the abolishment of free high schools and higher education will ever destroy the usefulness of our present educational system. It is founded on the great principle of "Equality before the Law," and that grand idea is practically illustrated by presenting it as the first lesson the American school-boy can learn.

The high school and the higher institutions of learning as a goal for the ambitions of the student in the lower grades is such an incitement to labor and hard study, that to cut them off would be to smother the brightest hopes of millions of little ones. That there are great faults in the management of the present educational system may be a fact, but the great principle upon which that system is founded is correct, and ought to be upheld.

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CHICAGO NOTES.

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The next place of meeting was fixed at Madison, Wisconsin, on the second Thursday in May, 1877, and the following officers were elected:
President—A. S. Ritchie, Madison, Wisconsin.
Vice President—W. D. Shipman, Akron, Ohio.
Secretary—W. L. Taylor, Bloomington, Indiana.
Treasurer—C. L. Bare, Indianola, Iowa.

Edwin Booth was seen at McVickie's Theatre in the evening, and the character of Hamlet was presented by the great actor in his best mood.
The parks of Chicago were shown us on the following day—Sunday—and they presented a very fine appearance.

PERSONAL.
Before leaving we called on our old friend A. Brown, general western agent of Clark & Maynard's mammoth publishing house, and found him busy attending to his rapidly increasing business in the west. Hiram Hadley, of the firm of Hadley, Bros. & Co., conducted us through their immense establishment. Amos Stevens, agent of Sheldon & Co., W. M. Scribner, of Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co., F. S. Belden, of Cowperthwait & Co., and other educational men, placed us under personal obligations for favors shown.

The *Herald* prates a little about its efforts in former years to prevent the further location of schools "out of town."

When the city school board decided on the present location of the North school some seven years ago, the *Herald* poured forth a great deal of abuse on the members, and went into hysterics about the location of schools out in the country. Notwithstanding the protests of the *Herald*, the board, which in those days consisted of only six members, and had among them such far-seeing men as Mr. John Evans, went right ahead according to their own ideas, and we submit that no one will accuse them to-day of having made a mistake in the selection of the north school site.

EXCHANGES.

Commencement is the prominent topic of discussion in all our exchanges and, according to the shadows cast before, the exercises at many of the colleges will be more than usually brilliant. The *Alumni Journal*, for May, is one of the best and most entertaining papers on our table this month, every article in it is good. The *Georgetown College Journal* is an excellent publication we admit, but we do not like its practice of reprinting every complimentary notice it receives. The *Oberlin Review* is as usual very dignified and very stupid. Its lecture to the *Archangel* on toleration reminds us of a story in which a pot calls a kettle black. The *Cornell Review* is up to its usual high standing. Its editors are still hammering away on the subject of plagiarizing, and they are certainly making it hot for the *Brunonian*. We have also received the *Cornellian*, published by the secret societies of Cornell. It is one of the most elegant and interesting things of the kind we have ever received. The frontispiece is a masterpiece both in design and execution; while the other cuts, illustrative of episodes in student life, are more remarkable for appropriateness than for beauty or felicity of expression. The *Saturday Evening Herald*, of Chicago, is a recent acquisition to our exchange list. The *Herald* is the leading society journal of Chicago, and the interesting and entertaining manner in which it weekly serves up the boating news, musical notes, fashion notes, personal paragraphs and society gossip justly entitles it to the position it holds.

THE NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Met at Fremont May 23, in Court House, W. Eaton President in the chair and J. A. MacMurphy Secretary. Meeting called to order by President Eaton and minutes read as far as possible.

The following members were present and declared entitled to seats:

W. Eaton, Kearney Press; Thos. Wolf, Reporter, Seward; MacMurphy, Herald, Plattsmouth; Williams, Times, Grand Island; Wellman, Times, Sutton; Palmer C. B.; Armstrong; Conell, Journal, Hebron; Evans, Register, Lowell; Cunningham, Times, Kearney; Connell, Waret, Exponent, Edgar Hedges, Globe, Lincoln; McCarty, High School, Omaha; M. A. Brown, Express, Beatrice; Burdick, Sentinel, Thayer Co.; I. W. Minor, Republican, Omaha; Geo. Curs, Gazette, Fairbury; R. H. Hill, Guard, Bloomington; Lora, Sentinel, Orleans; Perky, Independent, Wahoo; Mobley, Independent, Grand Island; Mrs. Mobley; Sweet, Globe Journal; J. C. McBride, A. L. Nighton, Journal, Hastings; I. B. Palmer; Kelly; R. A. Eaton Press, Kearney; C. F. Bayha, Republican, West Point; Strother, Bulletin, Fairmont; Andrews, Independent, Ashland; Hoyt and Wells, Post, Saline County; Howe, Journal, Falls City; Williams, Journal, Lincoln.

The Secretary made an able and exhaustive report of the condition and record of the society until date, and called on the members to unite and work in harmony for their common interests. A Committee on membership was appointed consisting of Wolf Howe, Bayha, Connell and Cunningham. A Committee on amending constitution and by-laws was then appointed as follows:

MacMurphy, Armstrong, Williams, (Grand Island,) Palmer, C. B.; and Prof. Williams. Mr. Hill was appointed Secretary *pro tem* during MacMurphy's absence on committee of amendments. The committee on membership reported those entitled to be called members of the association now.

The committee on amendments, reported an amended constitution and by-laws, establishing rights of membership, fees, &c., which was accepted and adopted section by section. All the members then present signed these regulations and paid their fees.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Ballotting for officers then took place, which resulted in Eaton, president; Wolfe, vice president; MacMurphy, secretary.

(Times), treasurer. Prof. Williams cast the unanimous vote of the convention for MacMurphy, he being the only nominee for secretary. Committee on resolutions then reported, and report laid over until next day at 9 o'clock, when the convention met again.

Tuesday evening additional members were admitted and committee on resolutions reported, which we will publish hereafter. Convention adjourned to meet at regular January meeting. EATON, President. MACMURPHY, Secretary.

THE National Teachers' Association convenes on the 10th of the present month in the city of Baltimore. It will be followed by a session of the International Educational Congress, which body has never yet held a meeting in America. Many distinguished educators both from Europe and America will here meet, and our Nebraska pedagogues should not fail to attend.

USEFUL INFORMATION.

The question of attending the Centennial Exposition, at Philadelphia, has become a practical one with all the readers of the HIGH SCHOOL, and we have a word for them in reference to it. To those who have not fully decided the matter, our advice is to make up your mind at once to go, if it is a possibility for you to control circumstances. We do not wish our friends to lose the great benefits of this international school of education in science, art, literature, mechanics, agriculture, commerce. It will be literally a microcosm, and he who cannot afford to gridle the planet in his travels, can see the world, at one view, at Philadelphia. As an educator, America has never had its equal, and will wait a century for its superior, in its successor.

As to the time of going, teachers are shut up to the necessity of attending at just the best season that could be chosen, so far as the completeness of the exhibition is concerned. July and August will be the months when every thing will be in position, and the display will be the freshest and the fullest.

How long you will stay, is somewhat dependent on the condition of the treasury, but certainly you cannot stay less than a week to travel through the eight or more miles of avenues of exhibition, and to thread the labyrinths of fifty acres or more of covered space. A month will be better, but don't stay at home because you can't stay so long. A horse-back ride around the buildings and through Fairmont Park is worth a month at school, and you will get ideas enough to fill the wandering minds of children for a whole quarter.

How will you go, is an important question. Go, of course, by the cheapest route from your locality. Consult all the lines as to relative expense, and take the cheapest. Excursion parties will be in order, and be sure and have your trusty and tried friends by your side to advise with, in regard to all the "ins and outs" of travel. Don't spend dollars where dimes will do as well. We have done so in times agone, and hence give the caution.

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If six cats catch six rats in 6 minutes, how long will it take 50 cats to catch 100 rats.

THE Monthly Miscellany is a new amateur paper that has recently made its appearance. Typographically it is very neat.

DUMMY trains leave Omaha for Council Bluffs at the following hours, viz: 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the morning; 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 in the afternoon.

MR. C. SPENCER WRIGHT was married on the 5th day of last month to Miss Besie Roberts, and the couple immediately left for New York City.

W. M. BUSHMAN will soon move his store one door west, and in the meantime will sell fifty or sixty thousand yards of spring dress goods at very low prices.

WHAT is the price of eggs per dozen, if by adding two eggs to twelve cents worth the price of the eggs is thereby reduced one cent per doz. Don't all speak at once.

THE match game between the Centennials and the Herculeans, played on the 27th of last month, resulted in a victory for the latter club by a score of 24 to 23.

THE subscriptions of a great many patrons of the High School—all those who commenced about the middle of last year—expire with this issue—No. 6. They will be called on by the business manager during the present month.

MESSRS. FRED W. NYE and Isaac Lamm, the enterprising editors and publishers of the Fremont Tribune are entitled to our thanks for courtesies extended while we were in Fremont. The Tribune has changed from a weekly to a daily, and it is now one of the most readable and newsy sheets in the state.

A CORRESPONDENT wants to know who was Queen Victoria's grandmother. We knew when we were studying history, but must confess that our memory is now a little uncertain; from the best of our recollection, however, we believe she was a female, and flourished several years prior to the reign of Victoria herself.

LATY's elegant confectionery establishment, Creighton Block, West of post office, is now in complete running order and is liberally patronized by the elite of our city. The most delicious creams, ices, cold beverages, fine candies, cakes, and in fact everything in this line can here be found—first class in quality and limitless in quantity. It

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ATTENTION is called to the card of W. F. Sweesy, proprietor of one of the best livery stables in the city. This establishment has a large number of fast trotting horses and an excellent stock of fine carriages and stylish buggies. It is in the charge of John Younglove, under whose management it is fast gaining popularity. Mr. Younglove is always courteous and obliging to his customers.

THE United States naval ship Manitowoc, in the New Orleans Harbor, has recently been fitted out with a set of stationary Babcock chemical engines, and it will be used as fire ship for the harbor. Chicago has five fire companies equipped with Babcock chemical engines, whose duties are to be on hand the instant an alarm is sounded, and the chief of this department takes full charge of the fire. The Babcock's generally squelch the fire before it gets a start, but in case it does get beyond a certain limit, the steam engines are brought into action as auxiliaries.

MR. W. H. DUNKLEE, the gentlemanly superintendent of the Babcock Manufacturing Company's works, conducted us through the immense establishment while at Chicago. These works are of greater magnitude than we had supposed, and the company is one of the strongest and wealthiest in the country, being composed of such men as Jno. V. Farwell, Van H. Higgins, Matt Lafin, Geo. M. Pullman, Anson Stager and others of this class. The rapidly gaining popularity of the Babcock Chemical Engines, and the almost universal demand for those excellent fire preventatives, the portable extinguishers, has given work to a force of 120 men for the last three years. The company is now branching out on a larger scale than ever before, and it certainly has the most brilliant prospects ahead, for every small city that can afford the expense is now providing itself with a Chemical Engine, and many of the large cities have organized fire patrol companies.

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The card of that veteran boot and shoe man, Albert Tucker, will be found in this number. Mr. Tucker has recently opened a retail establishment in the store formerly occupied by Kumpf, and his low prices for all kinds of boots and shoes are in themselves a sufficient inducement to make a call profitable.

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A CLASS of nine will graduate at the high school in this city on the 22d of this month. An essay will be read by each of the graduates. The valedictory will be delivered by Miss Stacia Crowley, and an appropriate hymn, written by the same young lady and set to music by the Prof. Decker, will be sung by the school. On the day following, the graduates will form an Alumni Association. The valedictory, together with a complete account of the whole affair will appear in our next issue. As we will publish a full account of the graduating exercises of the Omaha high school, and a report of the alumni reception at Council Bluffs, it is just possible that we may be a day or two late in going to press next month.

THE HIGH SCHOOL has often been complimented for the neatness of its typographical appearance. This is due to the enterprising and justly popular Herald Publishing House, which, under the management of Mr. Henry Gibson, has won for itself the reputation of being the best publishing house in the State. The Herald Publishing House carries a very large assortment of the best and latest styles of news type, and its variety of display type for advertisements can find no comparison in the west. Its three large presses, and two small ones are all first class, and under the able supervision of one of the most accomplished pressmen in the country—a perfect artist in his profession—Mr. S. N. Meallo, they always turn out a neat job. In thus acknowledging the compliment we only claim credit for our knowledge of where to get a good job done, and our course in sparing no expense to have the High School look as neat as any journal in the State. The rest belongs to Manager Gibson and the Herald Publishing House, and it is but simple justice to that gentlemen and this excellent house that this fact be mentioned.

BASE BALL.

The base ball season is fairly opened. Two clubs have been organized in Omaha, and another one will soon be formed.

"The Centennial" base ball club was organized May 24th with the following MEMBERS:

Wm. Wilbur, 1st B.
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Ed. Morgan, 2d B.
Wm. Norton, P.
Abby Cahn, S. S.
Fred Gordon, C. F.
Sam Nash, L. F.
Oscar Jensen, R. F.
Louis Warden, 3d B.
Council Bluffs does all its bragging on the Quicksteps. This club beat a scrub nine from Omaha last year, and has since cleaned out a couple of country clubs. The boys now call for "more room" and chaw the air with a great deal of assurance. They will play any club in the country for money, marbles, chalk or moss-gate dollars. What club will step up and sacrifice itself for the amusement of the boys.

HERCULEAN BAT SMASHERS.

The above club was organized May 24th.

MEMBERS.

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Will Harry, 1st B.
Will Moran, 2d B.
T. Bennett, 3d B.
John Ross, S. S.
Jim Ross, C. F.
John Griffiths, L. F.
J. Gill, R. F.
The U. P. shops nine has not yet reorganized for the spring campaign.
Lincoln has a club that is spoiling for something to chaw up in the way of a base ball nine. The Lincoln boys are blessing so hard that it will be necessary

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The officers of the Board of Education are Robert McConnell, president; H. G. Clark, vice president; W. H. S. Hughes, secretary.

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The election of city superintendent, principals of the schools, and teachers' will take place Monday July 3d.

THE FIELD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB.

This is the name of a new sportsmen's club that was organized May 15th. It has among its members several very good shots, and many others who have the necessary ambition to learn. The club will meet on the second Monday of each month, and will, from time to time, have pigeon shooting matches for practice. It will also have a regular annual fall hunt. The young men who organized this club did so with the intention of making it a perpetual institution, and we feel assured from the names and character of those who belong to it that they will do just what they propose. A constitution was adopted, as was also a set of by laws and rules, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: F. B. Lowe, president; J. F. McCartney, vice president; Ed. L. Patrick, secretary; H. C. Sharp, treasurer. The club was represented at the late meeting of the state sportsmen's association, and was admitted to membership. Our best wish for it is, may it live until the next centennial.

PERSONAL.

Tom Morgan is home from Texas.
Geo. E. Lake went east on the 15th of last month.

Miss Claire Rustin is visiting the Centennial Exposition.

Frank Castetter, of Blair Nebraska paid a flying visit to Omaha last month.

Fred Wilson, who has been at Marshalltown, Iowa, for the last few months, is at home. He will secure a position and stay here.

George F. Sauer, of Buffalo, New York, an excellent musician, has come to Omaha with the intention of making it his home.

R. D. Hall, a student of the Washington university law school, is now at home spending vacation. He will return in the fall, and graduate in another year.

Ed. W. Simeral has returned from an extensive trip in the east. During his absence he visited New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other large cities.

Miss Lou Hamlin, well known in Omaha, but who has been stopping in Nebraska City with her sister Mrs. T. B. W. Lemon, for the past few months, left for her home in Buckley, Illinois, on the 15th inst.

Chas. R. Redick left on the first of June for Sante Fe, New Mexico, whither he goes in company with his father. Charlie expects by this trip to improve his health which we regret to know has been failing for the last few months. The best wishes of his many young friends in Omaha go with him, and we hope to see him home before long with his health perfectly improved.

H. D. Estabrook returned from St. Louis on the 23d of last month, bearing with him the highest honors of the graduating class of which he was a member. He has been absent for the past two years during which time he has studied night and day in order to keep up with his class, and his labors were well rewarded when he stood 90 per cent. in examination. He has been admitted to practice in the District Court and the U. S. Courts and will follow his profession in this city.

THE HIGH SCHOOL, of which Mr. Estabrook was the first editor, is glad to welcome him back to Omaha, and we hereby extend our best wishes for his success in the practice of his profession.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS.

M. F. Rober leaves this month for a visit to the Centennial.

Henry Frank, the accommodating money order clerk of the C. B. Post Office, was married on the 23d of last month to Miss Blanche Trainor, an excellent young lady.

Council Bluffs has a two hundred thousand dollar girl who is not yet married. We hope it won't be necessary for some Omaha boy to go over there and submit a proposition.

The Quicksteps B. B. C. was reorganized May 9th. The following are the members and their positions:

E. L. Brown p, D. Patton c, W. L. Patton 1st b, A. L. Clauson 2nd b, W. Gunn 3rd b, W. Hardin s s, Jean Houghton 1 f, Dick Turnbull c f, L. Bates r f, D. Stubbs, substitute. This club beat the Silents in a "match game," by a score of 54 to 9. Mr. "Seemore" of Milwaukee, Umpire.

The Business Manager of THE HIGH SCHOOL was waylaid on Broadway the other day by five masked men, who requested him to either take out his subscription book and take their names, or die. The following are the names: J. N. Baldwin, A. L. Munger, E. A. Houghton, J. S. Swan and E. S. Kirkpatrick.

The Alumni Association is making arrangements for a grand reception and literary programme June 24th, a full account of which will appear in THE HIGH SCHOOL next month. Committees on invitation, reception, general arrangements, programme &c., have been appointed and are already at work. The indications are that the meeting this year will eclipse any thing in the former history of the association.

The young lady graduates are expected to appear at the closing exercises this year in calico dresses and woolen "hoses" as will be seen by the following resolution recently adopted by the C. B. School Board.

WHEREAS, It has become customary for graduates to appear at the closing exercises in expensive dresses, thereby causing unnecessary outlay, trouble and inconvenience to parents; therefore be it

Resolved, That graduates shall appear in plain, every-day garments avoiding all showy and expensive appearances.

The Council Bluffs Literary Club discussed the following questions last month. Resolved: "That amnesty should be granted to all who were engaged in the late war," decided in the negative; "That the interests of the nation demand the success of the Republican Party," decided in the affirmative; That Monarchy is a better form of government than Republicanism, decision in favor of negative side. The following officers are elected by this society at its meeting Friday May 18th. President, M. B. Brown; Vice President, J. N. Baldwin; Secretary, T. M. Gowdy; Treasurer, I. M. Traynor; Censor, C. M. Harl.

A SURE SIGN—If a young man is seen in the company of a young lady a few times, or if it becomes known that he has called at the young lady's residence more than once, the gossiping population agree that the young man is "dead zone." In the course of time, which is "inevitable in its flight" the "dead zone" story is dropped by unanimous agreement, and the couple are reported as engaged; the wedding day is accordingly fixed by the gossippers, and after everything has been definitely settled, the main parties accidentally hear of the affair. This state of affairs at the Bluffs is really deplorable, and we are requested by several parties who have been misrepresented, to suggest a reform. If a young lady and gentleman are going to be married, it is, of course, the business of the public; this we will not attempt to controvert. The only request we make in behalf of the main parties is, that they be notified of the existing state of affairs before the great masses are informed. This is a modest request, and it is not unreasonable, as the parties who are to get married ought to be let into the secret.

The Philomathian Literary Society.

The last meeting of the Philomathian Literary Society was held at the residence of Gen. G. M. Dodge, and the young ladies and gentlemen were handsomely entertained by Miss Ella. The programme was as follows:

Instrumental Music—Miss Edie Ross, Reading, "Hampton Beach"—Chas. Munger.

Song—Misses Hettie Ross and Annie Blanchard.

Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Cleland and Miss Simpson.

Debate—"Resolved that science is not opposed to religion." Affirmative, H. H. Skelton, Negative, Jno. N. Baldwin. Decision rendered in favor of the Negative.

The meeting night was changed from Tuesday, to Friday evening, and the next will be held June 9th, at the residence of Samuel Haas.

Boating, Excursion and Picnic.

A most enjoyable picnic and boating excursion took place at Big Lake on the 27th. It was gotten up by Manager M. B. Brown of the W. U. Telegraph Office, and the complete success with which every appointment was carried out, reflects considerable credit on that young gentleman. Among those in the party were Misses Edie and Hettie Ross, Nellie and Annie Blanchard, Rose and Mollie Brown, Kate Pusey, Sue Baldwin, Ella Dodge, Jennie Patton, Parthenia Jafferis, Nell Rockwell, Mamie James, Rachie Fisher, Ella Dekay, Addie Horton, Ada Crockwell, and Messrs M. B. Brown, L. E. Robbins, T. M. Gowdy, D. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, W. C. Erb, I. M. Traynor, Will

others, including a special representative of the High School. From five until seven was spent in sailing on the lake, and rowing in small boats, after which the party adjourned to the picnic grounds and there partook of the excellent refreshments that were provided by the young ladies.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[This column is open to school students and amateur writers. All questions to be answered in next succeeding number must be sent in before the 20th of each month.]

Geneva writing from the "Initial Point" asks, "If two ladies should meet a gentleman one of them knew, and the other did not know, should the latter lady walk on, or remain with her companion?" If a business matter, or something of importance should demand a stop, then the other should pass on slowly and wait just outside of hearing bounds. If social considerations only make a stop excusable, then an introduction should immediately follow, in case number one wishes to introduce number two, if not, number two should pass on a short distance.

After meeting a gentleman several times in company, without having been introduced, should she recognize him on meeting him on the street?

Most certainly she should, if she felt disposed to. The meeting of said gentlemen in company should be a sufficient excuse for chatting together and becoming acquainted. A mere introduction does not make parties acquainted, and may never increase their familiarity; it is simply a removal of the barrier society has very properly seen fit to interpose between strangers, in order that one may have the uninterrupted privilege of choosing the ones he wishes to become familiar with. It would be an impropriety for a young lady to refuse to recognize a young gentleman if she met him at the house of a mutual friend. While she would be bound to recognize him there whether introduced or not, it would be as she wished whether to bow to him on the street or not. If she wishes to continue his acquaintance it is perfectly proper.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE COLLEGE PRESS.

"Louis, you say 'Matilda kissed you—did you kiss her back?' 'No, I kissed her face.'"

A young lady says her new sewing is like a kiss, "because," she blushing adds, "because, you see, it seems so good."—*Bowdoin Orient.*

This is the time when people resolve to get up and take long, healthful morning walks, and lie in bed until eight o'clock contemplating the beauty of it.

"Sir," said an old judge to a young lawyer, "you would do well to pluck some of the feathers from the wings of your imagination and stick them in the tail of your judgment."

An exchange asks: "What are our young men doing?" We can't answer for the rest of the country, but around here they are trying to lead a nine dollar existence on a seven dollar salary.

It is a stunning blow to the doctrine of foreordination—the statement that if buckwheat cakes had been foreseen from the beginning, a human arm and hand would have been so formed that a man could easily scratch his own back between the shoulderblades.

The only way the audience could tell the ladies from the gents in the Choral Union at their recent ghostly festival, was by the manner in which they wore their bustles—proving Moody the revivalist right when he said that "Man is a failure."—*Collegian.*

A woman is imbued with a feeling of love and kindness second only to that of the angels, but she never can wash out a pair of men's cassimere pants and have them set as well as they did before.—[*Fulton Times.* No, nor as well as they did behind.—[*Norristown Herald.*]

They were sitting together, he and she, and he was ardently thinking what to say. Finally he burst out with, "In this world of noble achievements and undying glory, why is it that women do not come more to the front; why is it that they do not climb the ladder of fame?" "I suppose," said she, putting her finger in her mouth, "it is all on account of their pullbacks." And then she sighed and he sighed, side by side.—*Journal.*

ROMANCE OF CRIME.

The fluctuating fortunes of a young man who started west and fell by the wayside.

The following incidents connected with the history of two young persons who are now living at Lincoln, says the Journal have been furnished for publication by parties who are well acquainted with the facts in the case. They are published more as a lesson to foolish and romantic youth, rather than to pander to the morbid tastes of those who love to feast upon such stories and laugh at the misfortunes of others.

Less than ten years ago Will Blanchard was one of the gayest, best looking youths of Central Ohio. His father, a wealthy and substantial citizen of Columbus, lavished every indulgence upon his pet boy, who made Newark his place of resort. There he fell in love with a pretty little blonde as fickle as she was fair. She was poor, he was rich; they were soon affianced, and in due time Blanchard came west and went into business in Council Bluffs, where he opened a hardware store. Absence makes the heart grow fonder in some cases, but in this both hearts grew colder.

He grew reckless and plunged deeply into the whirlpool of Council Bluffs and Omaha society. She heard of his faithlessness and in turn became cool, and in due time sent back presents, pictures and trothplights, and the match was broken off. This seemed to make the youth more reckless, he became more and more disappointed, and finally broke up his business and removed with his partner to Topeka, Kansas. A year or two afterwards his father died, leaving him a fortune of forty or fifty thousand dollars. He returned to Columbus, Ohio, and for a time was steady. But the attractions of the turf, of fast horses, of fast women and the bottle, soon led him again astray, and a few months afterwards found him almost a bankrupt. Then he started west, and in due time met with a handsome little girl in Bloomington, Illinois. They met at a theatre, it was love at first sight, notes were exchanged and the handsomely dressed youth was not long in making his way to the residence of his innamorata. There was but a brief courtship. Blanchard was fashionable and not bad looking, and eloquent in the affairs of the heart. He soon made a conquest and a romantic elopement did the rest, and the pair were man and wife. They were received by the young lady's father, all was forgiven, and love's course ran smoothly on. Then once more the ill-fated youth started downward. The influence of a loving wife was not enough to restrain him and away he went. Down he went, from bad to worse, until at last he ended in the county jail, charged with a desperate crime. There he has lain for a year or more.

But how fared his wife? Faithful in prosperity, she was still more faithful in his adversity. Disowned and driven away by her friends, she sought her husband in jail, and even as he fell, so did she. He is hopelessly lost to her, but still she clings to him, and from her wages of sin contributes to his comforts in his prison cell. It is "an o'er true tale" of woman's faith and folly and makes reckless perfidy and crime. Dickens found one and immortalized it in "Oliver Twist," but even that is interwoven, as in this case, with a career of crime.

We have received from Prof. W. T. Harris, President of the National Teacher's Association, the programme of the meeting that will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of July next, at Baltimore, Maryland. Papers and addresses on all the leading topics of interest to educators of the present day will be presented by many of the ablest and most prominent teachers and professors in the country. The meeting of the association will be succeeded by a convention of the International Educational Congress, the first ever held in the United States. We regret that we have not space to publish the programme entire. We hope all the Nebraska teachers and educational men will avail themselves of the benefits to be derived by attending these conventions.

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