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| TRUE COURTESY. Politeness is the art of pleasing. It is to the deportment what the finer touches of the pencil are to the picture, or what harmony is to music. In the formation of character, it is indispensably requisite. "We are all," says Locke, "a kind of chameleons, that take a tincture from the objects which take a tincture from surround us." True courtesy, indeed, chiefly consists in accommodating ourselves to the feeling; of others, without descending from our own dignity, or denuding ourselves of our own principles. By constant intercourse with society, we acquire what is called politeness, almost intuitively, as the shells of the sea are rendered smooth by the unceasing friction of the waves; though there appears to be a natural feel it difficult to attain. $\qquad$ all men and to do unto others as we would others do unto us. This includes the whole principle of courtesy, which in this, we may remark, assimilates to the principle of justice. It comprises, indeed, all the moral vir- tues in one, consisting not merely in external show, but having its principle in the heart. The politeness which superficial writers are fond of describ. ing, has been defined as "the appearance of all the virtues, without possess- ing one of them ;" bat by this is meant the mare outward prade, or that kiad $\qquad$ <br> refinement of civility. <br> foreed or formal is contrary to the consist in a becoming but is prompted polite person to beilling the of some, to overlook the weakness others, and to endure patiently the caprices of all. Indeed, one of the good nature, and an inclination aiway to look at the bright side of thing. <br> The principal rules of politeness are, weakness of our fellow men, and to render to all their due, freely and courteously. These, with the judgment to recommend ourselves to those whom we meet in society, and the discrimination to know when and to whom to yield, as well as the discretion to treat all with the deference due to their reputation, station, or merit, com prise, in general, the character of a of even one blot or shade will throw a blemish not easily removed. $\qquad$ the social system would have no permanent foundation or hope of continmakes society-what it is said to beartificial. <br> Good breeding, in a great measure ent; good humored, but not familiar passive, but not unconcerned. cludes, also, oludes, also, a sensibility nice, yet cor is a beautiful uniformity in the demeanor of a polite man; and it is impossible not to be struck with his affable air. There is a golden mean in the art, which it should be everybody's object to attain, without descending to obsequiousness on the one hand, or to familiarity on the other. In polite ness, as in everything else, there is the medium betwin little, betwixt constraint and freedom for civilities carried to extreme politeness, bat the reverse. The truly pious people are the truly | . $\begin{array}{l}\text { is in this mistaken sometimes, in that } \\ \text { we think it imprints a roughness and }\end{array}$ austerity upon the mind and carriage.It doth, indeed, bar all vanity and lightness, and all compliance;" but it softens the manners, temperdress, and refines the heart. <br> Pride is one of the greatest obstacles true courtesy that can be mentioned. He who assumes too much on his own merit, shows that he does not under- stand the simplest principles of politeness. The feeling of pride is, of itself, highly culpable. No man, whether he be a monarch on the throne, or the meanest beggar in his realm, possesses any right to comport himself with a haughty or discourteons air towards his fellow men. The poet truly says: It is easy to bestow a kind word, of assume a gracious smine ; these recommend us to every one ; while a haughty demeanor, or an austere look, may forfeit forever the favor of those whose good opinion we may be anxious to secure. The realy courteons man has a thorough knowledge of human nature, and can make allowances for sistent with himself. The polite alone know how to make others polite, as the good alone know how to inspire others with a relish for virtue. <br>  this assertion, though suggestive of learning's lofty scorn of lucre, is by no means true. Stewart had studied at Dabl Dablin University, and Astor was graduate of Heidelberg. The united fortunes of these gentlemen would Both gave away millions in charity; neither left one cent to any educational institution. <br> The fact is, colleges are belinind the times. In practical life. college learn- ing is worthless; in intellectual life, it is antiquated. Scarcely one of the leaders of modern thing to professional instruction. Mill, Spencer, Tyndall, Huxley,-these men its professors. <br> Here a conservative friend, looking modern great men are self-edycated, for the Rev. Joseph Cook and Daniel Pratt are both privileged to wear titles draw audiences and both, as leeturers, gather to hear Huxley. On this issue we decline to crose amine the claim made-negatively cation, called by euphemism a libera eluc life. All universities are conducted on the | measure of brain power,-the student who gets the highest percentage at examinations will get the highest percentage of fame. <br> About two generations ago, a class of more than average scholarship was graduated from Harvard. The man who stood at the head is now a minister in an obscure New Jersey village. His ablest competitor is a section su verintendent on the $\mathrm{Pa} . \mathrm{R} . \mathrm{R}$. One of the least brilliant scholars died a few years ago. Around his grave the nation gathered in grief. Congrsss adjourned for three days as a mark of respect to his memory. His death was deplored in the cane-brakes of Louisiana, and in the legislative halls of $F$ France. Which estimated Charles Sumner at his real worth-the university or the world? <br> Here many would find it easy to say that nevertheless these men we have instanced were benefitted by their college course, and credit should be given where it is due. But this statement bisects the college theory that bonklearning is the measure of intellectual ability. If this theory were true, Gen. Sheridan, who was suspended for failing to pass an examination at West Point, ought not to have arisen above the rank of lieutenant, and the Confederate commander, Jackson, should have been nobody at all, as he was expelled for "incapacity." Grant pleasantly says of himself, that in booklearning he stood fifty second in a class of thirty-six. Few will deny, however, that the fifty-second man did the Union as much service as the honor man, number one. This latter gentleman, by the way, was one of those innumerable brigadier generals, whom Lincoln used to value at a mule apicce. <br> According to the college doctrine, self-made men should, on mental battle fields, go down like reeds before collegemade men. <br> Every summer, for two hundred yoars past, swarms of college-made men have been let loose upon a muchenduring world. If some unit of these swarms would do as much for physics as Franklin and Morse have done, or open up a new field in literature like that we see in Bret Harte's writings, the aforesaid world would probably hear with less horror that the annual affliction of Commencements was near. <br> Franklin's name recalls Washing-ton's-emphatically a self-made man. It may be added that one of the greatest minds of the Revolution, the ablest financier of his day, Robert Morris, was indebted for his knowledge of political economy to nature only. <br> It was once proposed to close the doors of a certain law school to all but |  |  |  |



## THE EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM.

 The question of the hour is, "Shall high schools and higher education beabolished?" It is raised and advocated in the affirmative by many prominent journals, and many wealthy and influand there is a very fair prospect that they will carry the day unless the poor men of the land awaken to a full sense
of the duty they owe to themselves, and see the question in its true light. The wealthy property owner objects to
paying taxes for the support of highe education, and why? Simply because
he sends his children abroad to receive this higher education after the schoo at home has prepared them in the rudimentary branches. The poor man can vard or Cornell, or his daughter Vassar. If his children are educated have the facilities thes must fits of education are the most direct re sults that a poor man can get from th taxes he pays, and if we leave out the
ment, and the paved streets that he ion is by all odds the most noteworth benefit that he would or could mentio were he directly pressed to answer the question.
meno outnumber the rich in a
proportion of ten to one-and who wield the power to dictate on this ques-ion-lend their voices and votes to measure which effectually cuts off from be deluded by the rich landed pron. or who tells you that your taxes will be lower by abolishing higher education You get the full benefit of all the taxes you pay for higher education, and no surer profit. It is to be regretted that selfishness and greed for gain crowd instincts, and there is no more striking example of this fact than the effort the rich to withdraw their support from public high schools and thus leave th means of rising above serfs. No othe step can so surely divide the United and ignorant poor, It is the chief glory of our country that in it the son of the son of the rich man to gain fame, honor education and wealth. Take away thi great boon of free education in the
higher branches, and you rob the poo boy of his only means of equal compe tition and effectually quench his ambithe poor men, the working men, and the young men of Omaha will fearless-
ly array themselves against those who are endeavoring to undermine our highing for men, both in the Council, and the Board of Education, who are pledgthis inestemiable boon, thus frown down this ignoble attempt to reduce our pres
ent high educational standard, and cu off the only source that the son daughter of a poor man
iug a bigher education.

The U. S. House Committec on education and labor have agreed to report
favorably a joint resolution restoring the eight-hour law, and providing that throughout the entire government ser-

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won by brow-beating, "bull-dozing,"
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the matter their attention when convenient.
Minnerta, a student in the High School,
contributes an interesting poem this month. The High School tenders its thanks to
Hon A. S. Paddock and Hon. Frank Welch, of Washington, for continued favors in th
way of public documents. Tre Lenten season is very generally ob-
served in Omaha, and this iscertainly nothing
if not creditable to the city if not creditable to the city. Local amuse-
mants are for the time held in check, and the
moral atmosphere now pervading all things THE "oldest inhabitant" is without a subject of conversaiion, and he may now be seen
passing the sunny days in gloony silence.
Any man can see tor himself that this has
been the mildest winter for a hundred years, been the mildest winter for a hund
and there is no room for argument. THE last of the winter series of parties
given by the Imperial Club took place on the
20th. It was well aitended, and passed off pleasantly. The managers announce that
they will give a complimentary party, after
Lent, to members holding tickets. You shouldn't tell about "what you dreamt
last night." Anyone understanding the phi. losophy of dreams, will know that you sicop
late, for it is a well known scientific fact tha person only dreams after having awoke in
the morning and lazily gone to sleep again.
OUR enterprising young friend, Mr. Richard
Berlin, was awarded the contract last month or carrying the government mail from Om ha to Elkhorn City. Dick lives twelve mile fourths of the cit
tact and energy.
The Spring term of the Waterloo High
chool will open on the 8th inst., under the principalship of Prof, G. G. Burton, who, $8=-1$
sisted by A. B. Eiwood, Professor of Anato T. Davis, teacher of Music, and Misses Millie Weston and Kate Stout, will conduct a goo
school. THE Spring term of the public school
ommences April 1st, after the very short va commences April 1st, after the very short vi back pay on the 20 th of last month, the pay
ment of back taxes by the U. P. R. R. C. having Ireplenished the school fund. Alt
gether, the Board of Education is coming o its financial
was expected.
The town"ought to be painted white. It is residences of Omaha are of a brown or the beauty of the city. Cleveland, Ohi ronounced beautiful cities, and this is the painted, have it white. Messrs. Noble and Srow, the prese Music, have of late succeeded in bringing ents that 0 the chas in the past been inviBy pursuing this course they
ill win the hearty support and good will of
and want a good entertainment or none at all. as hung 'in the, tower on the 20th. The
hanging " was accomplished by Mr. John Barnes, assisted by Foreman Ree
no. Galligan, Chief Kleffner, Morris Hengen d Koster, Chas. Koster, Geo. Windhiem,
Geo. Couiter, Barney Shannon and Henry Lauer. The bell is a good one, weighs 800
pounds and cost $\$ 200.00$, the city council paying $\$ 150.00$ of the amount.
Arrer a prolonged discussion among the
aembers of a certain club, most of whom are gay young bachelors, a conclusion has been
finally arrived at as to who is the handsomest young lady in Omaha. The young lady in
question would doubtless be much surprised to hear of the decision in her favor and w
would tell her but we know all the other ladie wear that she was the homliest creature town. We never yet heard
that another was handsome.
TuE last directory issued by Mr. J. M
Wolfe, the Gazeteer of the West, is pronoun fast acquiring a standard reputation for the and as longs and usefuless of his publication such good publiee apport from the cittzens and business men e
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Campbell, will be issued in two months.

| Just as the forms of the High School had gone to press last month, the announcement was made that Mr. A. J. Hospe had very quietly and unceremoniously got married. Mr. Hospe who has many friends, felt that he could not have them all present at this, the happiest event of his life, and not wishing to do injustice to any, he issued no invitations. The wedding was consequently a quiet one. His bride was Miss Jennie Neligh, a wellknown young lady who has grown up from childhood in Omaha, and Mr. Hospe is to be congratulated upon the wisdom of his selection. The happy couple start out in life freighted with the good wishes of many warm friends. <br> Engine Co. No. 2 has effected a satisfactory settlement of the financial difficulty that it has recently had with its late treasurer Mr. Harry Tagger. Mr. Tagger's bondsmen advanced $\$ 200$ for him and he gave ample security for the payment of the rest, a balance of $\$ 100$. <br> The grand literary and dramatic entertainment, given by Ed Smith, at the Academy of Music, Thursday evening, suffered many draw. backs before the evening was over. To commence with, the audience didn't flock in as thickly as was expected, however the receipts were equal to the expenses, leaving nothing but glory as net profit. The gods of the gal. but glory as net profit. The gods of the gal- lery didn't appreciate to the full extent of its deserts the rendition of "Rienzi's address to | The University Orchestra furnished music for the occasion. <br> The Freshmen challenged the Sophs, Jun iors and Seniors to a game of base ball on Wednesday, March 20th; the score stoou 16 to 14 in favor of the Freshmen. <br> At the last meeting of the "Entre Nous" Club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: S. P. Platt, President; D H. Wheeler, jr., vice-President; F.W. Hohman 2d vice-President; C. C. Chase, Secretary ; F. Parks, Treasurer; J. O. Sturdivant, Sergeant at-Arms. <br> The long expected contest between the Palladian and University Societies was held in University Chapel on Friday eve, March 15th. The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Palladian's force being as follows: Oration-"Non Finem sed Initium"-J. O. Sturdivant. Essay-"Once bit, Twice Shy" -Miss May B. Fairfield. Debate-"Should the State provide for the Higher Education?" -aftirmative, C. E. Magoon; negative, A. C. Platt. Oration-"Individuality,"-E. P Holmes. University Unions being, Oration -"Beneath the Surface"-C. E. Stratton. Essay-"Problem"-Miss E. Parks. Oration -"Unsolved Problems"-H.H. Wilson. The exercises were interspersed with music by some of Lincoln's best performers, and were pronounced by all to be the finest of the kind ever given as yet. The decision of the judges, strange as it may seem, was a tie. |
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