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EDITORIAL.

Our readers will notice a change in the staff of the REGISTER. Mr.

Dorn, in order to do justice to his studies, has sold his interest to his partners. The new firm will be conducted in the same manner as the old, and will endeavor to please all to its utmost capacity. If his time will permit, we hope that Mr. Dorn will succeed us in the management next year of Volume VI. of the REGISTER. We know that he will make it a success.

We want to apologize right here for our October number. The delay in the delivery was caused by the negligence of our printers. We had given orders for a twenty page paper, but in some way the printers managed to misunderstand us and only gave us sixteen. However, just wait for the Christmas number, which will, we promise you, surpass any High School paper yet issued. The writings winning our prizes will be published and the number of pages increased to a twenty-eight or a thirty-two page paper. Hand in something to augment its excellence.

The support given to the REGISTER is astonishingly meagre. In so large a school as we have, one would suppose that a paper like the REGISTER would receive a hearty support from the scholars.

But facts and not suppositions prevail, and we are sorry to state that the financial support given us thus far has been entirely too small. It was the same last year. The subscriptions paid up would just about pay for the printing and expenses of one issue. Possibly there might have been a balance sufficient to go to the circus, but we doubt it. We ought to have a larger subscription list in order that the REGISTER may reach every individual. Remember, we are not begging you to subscribe. Not much! We have an article for sale at such a price, and if it is worth so much for us to keep why then you must pay for it. It is a commodity. We will give you the full value of your money. We don't intend to go around and ask you for a subscription; you must come to us. Reason with yourselves and you will agree with us.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE.

The management of the REGISTER hereby offers a prize of \$5.00 for the best essay, story or composition written by any scholar of the Omaha High school; a second prize of \$2.00 for the next best, and a third prize of \$1.00 for the third best, under the following conditions:

1. The number of writings must exceed ten, and must be in our possession by December 10.

2. Papers must be neat and clear, and written on one side only.

3. Use regulation foolscap paper.

4. The number of words must not exceed twelve hundred, and must not be less than four hundred.

5. All persons have the privilege of writing more than one article.

6. The successful writings will be published in the Xmas number of the REGISTER.

7. Competent judges will be selected from the school faculty.

8. The REGISTER reserves the right to publish any and all papers, whether winning a prize or not.

9. Papers must be handed to one of the editorial staff. Be sure and place your name at the top.

10. Prizes will be paid the Friday preceding examination.

11. Contestants must be subscribers to the REGISTER.

NOTES.

Best yet.

Rah, for Boyd!

Beautiful creatures.

Pratt, how is that greenback?

They are simply pets, anyway.

Conrad's Pharmacy, 211 S. 15th St.

Base-ball Player Butler, they say, kicked with his usual vigor last season.

He puts his whole sole into the game.

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Teacher.—“If you didn't feed a dog for a long time, what would it do?”

Bright Pupil.—“It would starve.”

Poor Butler! Why do they abuse him so?

THE REGISTER intends to publish each issue the best essay written by any pupil of Mrs. Sudborough's senior rhetoric classes.

Say, Fred, what will the girls do when the boys are “used up.”

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O, pater, mecum esne? (Virgil, book II.)

Kenney: Anda, anda, anda, and—a. Quick never gets anything but white cards.

When small black books are given out,
And all the seniors go about,
With sad looks on their faces, glum,
Then Latin prose composition is soon to come.

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Teacher, in composition class.—“William, give me the name of the largest diamond.”

William, (absent-minded.)—“The ace.”

One of the girls recently asked if we had one of those balloons what you fight at in the gymnasium.

What is your politics?

When anyone is “taken in” he is usually “put out.”

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Does a bonnet sing because it is covered with birds? No, but the man who pays for it is obliged to whistle.

Chorus, in cloak-room, “Little Annie Rooney.”

Ever see Billings and Butler do the embracing act?

Chemistry seems to be the absorbing topic among the seniors.

Butler and Sargent challenge anyone for a game of hand-ball in the cloak-room.

Extract from speech of senior.—“Can I escort you to and from the sociable?”

Answer, (nine cases out of ten.)—“I am already engaged.”

At twenty years the will reigns; at thirty, the wit; at forty, the judgment.

Where went Welle's winter whiskers?

Say, Fred S. Nave, where, Oh, where is prohibition? And the army representative says he will be after you with an axe.

Conrad's Pharmacy, 211 S. 15th St.

Why ought bank managers make good reporters?

Because they are used to taking notes and they take an interest in the business, also.

The board of education has ordered a stove to be placed within the gymnasium, which will soon be reopened and thoroughly fitted out.

Conrad's Pharmacy, 211 S. 15th St.

A certain individual once said to a short man: “What a shame it is you are not taller?” “Sir,” he replied, “I should only be too happy to stand higher in your estimation.”

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The blush is beautiful, but is sometimes inconvenient.

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The famous king of Sweden, the war-like Charles XII, said: "He who is ignorant of the art of arithmetic is but half a man."

Evolution: Cotton seed becomes cotton, the cotton becomes thread, the thread is made into fabric, the fabric becomes a print, the print becomes a wrapper, and the wrapper becomes a High school girl.

The Shannon Tragedy company will be here, at Boyd's new opera house, next year.

The boys were out in full attendance at the election jubilee on Tuesday evening, November 11th.

"Dignitaries of the class of '91." Oh, rats!

The excesses of youth are drafts on old age, payable with interest about thirty years after date.

There is no use talking, the class of '91 beats the class of '90 "way out of sight," and "they are not in it," to use the newsboy's vernacular.

Gobbelot? Morse!! Jessica!!!

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The new normal school, in charge of Mrs. Sudborough, will be held in the Pleasant Street school.

There will be no building erected on the campus, as was feared, until further resolution has been taken by the board.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the excellent prize offers of the Nebraska Furniture company on page 18. This would apply especially to the drawing classes.

The Grand Order of the Golden Zone:

1. The Duc de Symthe is hereby made Prime minister of the realm. 2. Baron de Prattle is hereby raised to the rank of Earl of Impertinence. 3. The Chevalier la Sargent is hereby made Chaplain of the Gray Hat. 4. B. E. McCague, S. S. S., is hereby made Minister Plenipotentiary to the Fiji Islands. By order of the Magnus Imperator. XXXVL 333. (By H. P.)

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Fire! Fire! Miss A. in a conflagration. Cooley to the rescue! Bravo!

PERSONAL.

Wallace Broatch, a former member of the O. H. S. and now a Senior at Yale has been made Class Poet of Yale College.

Scott Van Etten is now engaged in the electrical business and has an office of his own.

Miss Elizabeth Van Sant of '84 will spend the winter in Omaha. Last May she graduated from the Minnesota State Normal at Winona.

Mr. Ned Stiger returned from the east a few weeks ago where he has been spending the summer. He reports Mr. Carrol Carter safely ensconced in Harvard.

Mr. Charles B. Pratt is the coming politician of the future, judging from his prophecies on Nov. 4.

Mr. Will Welshans has been ill with a severe fever.

Mrs. Sudborough was appointed principal of the new City Normal School and has left us to instruct the rising young geniuses graduating from the Omaha High School how to teach the young idea.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN COLLEGE.

The last fifty years have shown that all Americans do not agree with Lessing, who said that "The woman who thinks, is, like the man who puts on rouge, ridiculous!" for there is no other country in which a girl's thinking powers are so universally trained. The first attempt, in the United States, to give women a higher education, was when Oberlin college, in 1834, opened its doors to the sisters of its young men students. Three years later Mt. Holyoke Seminary was established, which has since sent out hundreds of well-educated women as foreign missionaries, through the efforts of its first president, Mary Lyon. In 1865 Vassar college was opened, which was built by Mathew Vassar, who declared that mothers of a country mould the characters of its citizens, determine its institutions and shape its destiny. Ten years later Smith college in Northampton and Wellesley college near Boston were both opened, and in February, 1879, Harvard college offered to women a separate course of study similar to that prescribed for the young men.

If there are any more pupils who desire to contest for our essay prizes they should remember that there are only a few weeks left before the presentation.

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EXCHANGES.

The Academic Monthly of Germantown, Pa., is an attractive little sheet, and bears the evidence of tip-top management.

The Institute Record is as bright as ever, but we deplore the absence of athletics.

The motto of the Lever is, "give me a place to stand and I will move the world." It is unnecessary to say that we expect to be hurled into eternity and darkness in a short period.

The High School Bulletin is a model journal; its title page is something artistic.

The Mount, Wheeling, W. Va., is a queer sheet. No notes, no athletics, no personals, no exchange column; but plenty of poetry and weighty contributions.

The High School Times is a good, sensible paper, containing no long, tedious articles which so discourage young readers.

The Hesperian of Lincoln, Neb., still retains its place among our finest exchanges. The state should be proud of such an evidence of ambition and forwardness.

The Premier, Lankershim, Oak Lily and Ivy, the English High School Enterprise, the New Method, the Monthly Visitor, the Montclair Press, the Sperian, the Cue and the Brooklet have been received during the last month.

Scientific Department.

KENNEY BILLINGS EDITOR.

The management has decided to introduce a scientific department, the object being to note anything of interest in the line of science, more particularly in physic and chemistry.

In reading this, allowance must be made for the fact that, on such a subject, it is difficult to procure matter interesting to all.

In one of the daily papers, about Sep. 8th or 9th there appeared an alleged test, by a druggist, of the river and well water of the city with regard to freedom from organic matter. The test was the turning milky by the addition of nitrate of silver. While we do not deny that in many places the river water is much the best, yet the test does not show that there was organic matter in either. It only shows that there is more of the salt (probably common salt) in the well water than in the river.

A very small amount of common salt which you could not taste would give the milky appearance mentioned in the article.

The Chinese prisoner, Schiok Jugigo, now under sentence of death in New York will probably have a long respite. The attorneys for the prisoner will surely take up the plea of cruel and unusual punishment again basing their arguments on Kemmler's execution. One thing is certain that the execution of Kemmler was badly bungled in several ways. Authorities on electricity seem about evenly divided but there seems to be a majority of the opinion that if properly handled, it would be perfectly successful.

At a recent meeting of the City Coun-

cil, an ordinance was passed allowing the Telephone Company to lay wires underground. It is not yet time to try any such measures. In New York the primary trouble was that the work was let to cheap and irresponsible parties, who in order to make money, did not put up the wires properly. Then, when the wires began to drop, the mayor promptly passed an ordinance that no over-head wires should be repaired, hoping thus to force the conduit system under ground. To shut down the stations, while placing under-ground conduits, meant failure for any company, so naturally they kept on using the old wires, which accounts for the loss of life. If the number of deaths due to electricity and steam were compared, the discrepancy would be exceedingly great.

There is absolutely no chance in a well-wired place of a careful man being killed. Of course, when a man deliberately conducts himself so that he is killed no one can be blamed but himself. For instance: A lineman in an eastern city stood on an iron fire escape which was connected with the ground and caught hold of "a live wire."

He was killed through his own criminal carelessness.

Even when put underground it is not absolutely safe and because the wires cannot be seen it is even more dangerous. At a corner on Broadway in New York, street car horses when passing became unmanageable because there was a leak in the Edison subway beneath them. If this is the effect from the low voltage (110 volts) Edison uses what would be the result of the three thousand and four thousand volt circuits used for arc lighting?

Electricity is coming to be used more

and more. Among the new and practical uses may be mentioned electric soldering irons, stoves, sad-irons, probes, shoe blackening, counting machines and countless other things. In Chicago nine thousand cells were replaced with eight small dynamos run by an electric motor. At New York and Pittsburg double this number were replaced with similar plants. Not only is the service cheaper and more satisfactory but the force of men and room occupied very greatly reduced.

THE SILVER BILL.

The fifty-first Congress will long be remembered by American citizens for accomplishing more in the way of practical legislation than any previous history records.

They grappled with question that will effect individuals in all ranks of life, from the disabled soldier to the wealthy manufacturer and the money broker of Wall Street.

The Anti-trust and Lottery bills, the Disability pension bill, the McKinley bill, and other bills of less importance were passed. Among these bills is one that is of vital importance to every inhabitant of the United States—"The Silver Bill"—It provides for the purchase of 4,500,000 ounces of silver per month, which is to be paid for with treasury notes issued for the purpose.

The effect will be to increase the volume of currency about \$60,000,000 per annum.

Money has been used by all nations, ever since the history of civilization.

The early colonists of America tried to refrain from its use, thinking they could have direct communication with other countries and thus discard the exchanging class, and their profits.

But as population increased, exchanging became necessary, and in order to exchange commodities of different values, it was necessary to have some medium as a standard.

Thus they learned at an early date, that money facilitates—exchange, that as population increased, exchange necessarily increases and the amount of money needed is increased.

The value of money like that of other commodities depends upon supply and demand.

So an increase in the supply signifies that money will be cheaper and the commodities higher.

This will allow the laborer to get more for his services and the farmer more for his produce. If the working man has a larger income, he will have more to spend and thus enhance the business of the merchant, and so in its turn it will benefit the masses.

But if money is scarce, viz: prices low,—the farmer may not get enough for his product to pay for transportation, so that a man may starve in Pennsylvania for the need of wheat, while another freezes in Nebraska for need of coal. If money is cheap, capitalists will have more to invest, more railroads will be built, competition will be increased and the rates will be lowered.

England has \$26.00 per capita; France, \$52.00; the United States, but \$22.90. If a generous supply is beneficial to European countries so may it be to America.

When President Cleveland retired from office the silver dollar was worth 71c, now it is worth 92c. Since we produce one half of the world's supply of silver, it is to our advantage to maintain its price.

In 1868 we began to coin \$2,000,000 per month, and have had no increase since. The population then increased 1,159,741 annually. During the past year it has increase 1,232,775. Therefore, even to keep the purchasing power unchanged we must increase the quantity of money with the increasing growth of population.

The object of the western people in bringing the silver question before congress was to secure free coinage. But free coinage, judging by the defeat of their effort to secure it, seems to have been in a large measure objectionable. The compromise effected by the passage of the silver bill appears to meet the approval of the majority.

FRANK WEAD.

CHESS DEPARTMENT.

The first meeting of the Omaha High School Chess and Checker Club, of this year, occurred on Monday Sept. 29, with Mr. Edward T. Grossmann in the chair.

The constitution of last year's club was adopted by unanimous vote.

The election for officers resulted in the choice of Mr. Shannon for president and Mr. Edward Bradley for secretary. Mr. Shannon appointed Mr. Bradley, Edw. T. Grossman and himself as executive committee. Adjourned until Monday Oct. 5.

The second meeting was held Oct. 5, and the members present were: Shannon, Bradley, Griffith, Clarke, Engler, Dorn and Grossmann. Mr. F. Wells was elected a member and, after that, minor business transacted. Adjourned.

It is not intention of the REGISTER to report all the meetings, but from time to time the standing of the players par-

ticipating in the Tournament will be published.

A gold medal will be given to the member having the highest percentage at the end of the year, and a silver medal to the next highest. All those desiring to join apply to anyone of the above mentioned persons. Girls are admitted on equal footing with the boys. The next meeting will be on Monday Nov. 24th, at 2:15 P. M. All who want to join should be present.

Miss Goodson, Miss Jessie Bridges, Miss Buck and Mr. Bumann were enrolled as members at the meeting on Nov. 10th. The tournament has commenced and the members are practicing for the medals.

There are now seventeen members: Shannon, Bradley, Grossman, Griffin, Dorn, Sommers, Quick, Bumann, Hoffman, Engler, Edwards, Wells, Clark, Miss Bridges, Miss Buck and Miss Goodson.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

"Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth." In September's REGISTER appeared an editorial advising the Junior's to form a debating society. This set a few of the young ladies of the class to thinking about it, and as a consequence they went to work and organized a society. The boys were to be pitied. Whenever one of them was found off his guard he was immediately surrounded, and, to gain temporary freedom, was obliged to make the most solemn promises of perfect acquiescence. In this way the young ladies made a complete success of it. Mr. Louis Edwards was made president, Miss Stella Cain, vice president, and Miss Jessie Bridge, secretary. The various

necessary committees were appointed and Miss Goodson made critic. "Was Washington, a military genius," was the subject of the first debate. It occurred on Wednesday, October 29th. Miss Mury Buck and Mr. Arthur Carter taking the affirmative, and Miss Margaret McKell and Mr. Frank Detweiler on the negative. The debate was quite a success for a first experience, and the question was decided in favor of the negative. Miss Goodson criticized the debaters quite freely in regard to their delivery and position. The subject for the next debate will be, "Is a foreign education advantageous?" with Mr. Scott Brown and Miss Cora McCandlish on the affirmative, and Mr. Henry T. Clark and Miss Nettie Smiley on the negative.

COLLEGE CRIES.

ALLEGHENY—"Alleghe, Alleghe, rah, boom! Allegheny!"

AMHERST—"Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! A-m-h-e-r-s-t!"

COLUMBIA—"Hurray, hurray, hurray! C-o-l-u-m-b-i-a!"

CORNELL—"Cornell, Cornell, Cornell! I yell, yell, yell! Cornell!"

DARTMOUTH—"Wah, who, wah! Wah, who, wah! Dadidi, Dartmouth! Wah, who, wah!"

HARVARD—"Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! Harvard!"

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF—"Roch, chalk! Jay, hark! K. U!"

PRINCETON—"Hurrah, hurrah! Tiger-siss-s-! Loom, ah!"

WASHINGTON AND LEE—"Click-a-go-runk, go-runk, ha, ho, hi, ho! Washington and Lee!"

WOOSTER, UNIVERSITY OF—"Rah, rah, rah! W-one, two! O-ster! Bang! Boom! Whiz!"

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 27th, the Senior Debating society was organized. Mr. McCague was elected temporary president, and Mr. Howard Parmalee, temporary secretary. The president then appointed a committee to draft a constitution. The committee was Edward Grossmann, Chairman, Miss Schwartz, Miss Wink, Miss Schultz and Mr. Sumner. Then the meeting adjourned until Monday.

On Monday Mr. McCague called the meeting to order, and after the constitution was read and adopted, the election of officers was taken up. Mr. Edward T. Grossmann was elected president, Julia Schwartz, vice-president, and Frank H. Wead, secretary. The president appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Griffin, Chairman, Charles Helgren, Julia Schwartz, Stella Rice and Mary Walker to chose subjects for a debate. Miss Goodson was elected critic by unanimous vote. The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday.

On Wednesday, after the usual business was finished, the Chairman of the subject committee made his report, and a vote was taken on the subjects. The subject for debate is, "That the United States will hereafter become the greatest of nations," with Mr. Griffin and Miss Schwartz on the affirmative, and Mr. Helgren and Miss Walker on the negative. The debate was held on Wednesday, November 19th, in the 11th grade room, and opened at 2:15 o'clock sharp. All the seniors were requested to be present at this meeting. The teachers and also the members of Junior Debating society were cordially invited. Those seniors who desire to join should hand their names to the secretary,

Mr. Wead, and they will promptly be enrolled. A debating society is conceded to be the finest possible drill in oratory and logical reasoning.

Recently the Boston *Herald* expended the sum of \$1,000 in offering prizes for the best compositions by scholars of the graduation classes in the High Schools and colleges.

Those awarding the prizes report unfavorably of the lines they have read. They claim that the greater part is pure, unadulterated trash; that the writing was mere scribbling, in fact, hen-scratching; the spelling simply abominable and the attempts at punctuation distracting. The thoughts expressed were not clear and decided and the reasoning was not so well-grounded as the committee had hoped to find in pupils fresh from their text-books and exercises.

This may be true in Boston, but its truth is not so readily proven by any means in Omaha.

When the pupils once have graduated, their literary efforts, at least in Omaha, have been exceedingly gratifying to the citizens, and the great majority of those graduating can write an essay or a composition *ex tempore* without making mistakes enough to warrant such a declaration as that of the Boston *Herald*. Is it possible that the schools out west in this particular are superior to those of the boastful metropolis of New England? It would seem so, despite Boston's pre-eminence as a literary centre, as no such complaints have been made by anyone, in connection with the Omaha schools.

DOINGS OF THE CLASS OF '91.

At 2:15 p. m., on Friday, Nov. 7, President Taylor called the meeting to

order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The different committees appointed in the previous meeting then made their reports. The class pin will be a gold monogram 'O. H. S. 91.' The class colors, after much debate, were made blue and silver. On motion, the president appointed a committee to obtain more mottoes and report at the next meeting. It was decided that the class should hold a sociable on Thanksgiving Eve. The president then appointed three committees to attend to the duties of holding the sociable. They were.

COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT.—Miss Arnold, chairman, Miss Elliott, Miss Hungate, B. McCague, E. L. Bradley.

COMMITTEE ON FLOOR.—T. J. Baker, chairman, Mae Sargent, Edward Grossmann, Zetta Churchill, Horace Butler.

COMMITTEE ON REFRESHMENTS.—F. Schneider, chairman, Miss Adams, Miss Schultz, Miss Boyer.

The meeting lasted about two hours and everybody got a chance to say something. Not a voice was raised against any of the enterprises, which goes to show that the class of '91 has quite a large supply of vim and vigor. The sociable will commence at 8 o'clock and a good time is anticipated. The president wields the gavel with an air of authority which is positively crushing to the noisy member. Every member was present at the meeting. The girls are rather timid about speaking out. If they have any ideas at all they should speak and not let the boys do all the talking. However, they can console themselves with the maxim "*Facta non verba.*" There are about sixty members, of which number fully two-thirds are girls.

COURSE OF STUDY IN GERMANY.

The course of study in Europe is commenced much earlier than in America. At the age of twelve the sons of well-to-do gentlemen are expected to know considerable of French and English. At fourteen and fifteen years they speak those languages easily, and in a few years fluently. German is, of course, invariably learned at an early age, and is considered so necessary that the accomplishment of speaking that language fluently is thought as nothing uncommon. If the average American scholar were required to study as much and *learn it* as the average German boy, he would be amazed and, in all probabilities, give up the job. The German boy commences to go to school between four and five years of age. At seven Latin is begun, and at nine French and English; also Algebra and Geometry. At ten, the Greek language. At twelve years of age, German composition. Thirteen brings Caesar, while fourteen and fifteen brings Cicero, Xenophon and beginning the Odyssey and Ovid, also Sallust. During the sixteenth and seventeenth years, Arrian is read and Latin composition started. The Iliad is begun at this time. At eighteen, Plutarch, Horace, Stereometry, Sophocles, Philosophy and the higher Latin composition. At nineteen comes Religious Philosophy. History is commenced at twelve and Trigonometry at fifteen. Demosthenes, at eighteen. Besides these are added the lesser studies, such as Arithmetic, Geography, etc.

The student rises at 5:30 in summer, and 6:30 in winter. The school hours in the summer time are from 7 to 11,

and from 2 to 4. In winter from 8 to 12 and 2 to 4. School is held on all days except Wednesday and Saturday, and then in the forenoon only. Sunday is of course a holiday. Two hours for two days are spent in the gymnasium. From four to five is play-time. At five o'clock study is king until seven. Then supper, and afterwards study rules until ten o'clock. During the Latin lessons, *only* Latin is spoken. In the Greek, that language is translated into Latin, and Latin is translated into Greek. Thus the German is gradually educated, and when fully matured, in the average, possesses the most thorough knowledge of all. The idea prevailing in America is that the German boys and girls are crammed full of study at too early an age. That is a great mistake.

NOTICES.

The Gymnasium Society of the High School will reorganize on Monday Nov. 24th, in the Senior room at 2:00 P. M. All of those who may desire to join should be present at this meeting. Under the supervision of the new Society, the gymnasium will be opened and conducted throughout the year in an orderly and systematic manner.

The Omaha Stamp Collector's Union will reorganize on Nov. 28th, Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. in Room 10, Commercial National Bank Bldg., N. W. Cor. 16th and Farnam. All those who collect stamps should be present.

Conrad's Pharmacy, 211 S. 15th St.

THE EDUCATIONAL ELEMENT IN
HISTORICAL FICTION.

By JULIA SCHWARTZ.

A certain great and good man gave a motto to an earnest band of students. "Think! think!! think!!!!" We are told that the aim of education is to teach us to think. And Dr. Johnson said, "Whatever makes the Past or the Future predominate over the present exalts us in the scale of thinking beings."

Since the serious scrutiny of history is pre-eminently calculated to draw our thoughts from the selfish interests of to-day to the contemplation of distant events, we may rightly give to historical study a most important place among the great means of education.

When one reads of what has been accomplished by man, what mighty obstacles have been surmounted, what deathless glory has been won, one is spurred on by ambition to do his best, to make the most of his opportunities. Not only do the records of the past furnish examples of good and warnings of evil, but they bring us into sympathy with our fellow creatures and inculcate lessons of tolerance showing that all men are but human and liable to fall into error.

Then also, the study of history widens the mind by presenting vast stores of material for thought, and it trains one's logical faculty by showing the relation between cause and effect.

But there are two distinct points of view from which historical study may be observed, the philosophical and the picturesque. The first of these two aspects finds an exponent in history proper, the second in historical fiction. It is of historical fiction in its highest development in comparison with history proper that we are to speak.

History wearies us with its accumula-

tion of dry facts and uninteresting details. Its sister fiction, discarding years of tedium, brings forward eras of exceptional interest and concentrates light on such points as are calculated to produce a lasting impression. Then too, it is not oppressed by being forced to relate every event in an epoch, but with a firm foundation of truth it builds a pleasing edifice of the ideal, instructing while conveying pleasure.

History affords a chronicle of results, the effect of action, in which we cannot naturally feel the same sympathy that we feel in hearing of the causes, the impulses, and the motives that control human nature.

The one who undertakes to write a historical romance must not only possess a thorough knowledge of the age to be treated from the view of a historian but he must study thoroughly the scene of the proposed novel, the manners, habits, customs and ideas of men in different ranks of that place and time. Not only must he do all that, but his power of imagination must be strong enough to create a living picture from records of strange and far distant ages, and to cause men long since dead to live and act before us.

Some one has said that the historical romance deserves to be placed beside the plays of Shakespeare, because it "brings delight to the fireside."

Who has not read with pleasure the fascinating novels of Scott, the father of the historical romance? Surely that one who finds no delight in the union of a novelist's skill, an historian's learning, and a poet's fancy, is indeed hard to please.

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LITERARY.

The pupils in Miss Crowley's "Fifth Hour" English Literary have been making a study of the poets of the "Artificial school." At one of the lectures they were requested to write some original couplets in the style of Pope. The struggle was brief, but intense. Here are some of the results:

"True poetry comes not from lack of pence,
Some men have many dollars, but no sense."

"How can a man, unaided by his wife,
Expect to lead a noble, useful life?"

"True eloquence is not a thing of art,
'Tis the unstudied language of the heart."

Some complained that they could rhyme well enough, but they could not manage the metre; while others declared that metre was all right, but rhyme was a hard thing to get. Some found it very easy to write a first verse, but were unable to get a second; while others thought they could manage the second verse if they could only think of something to say in the first.

The sympathy of the majority was with one young man who threw the meter out of the question and produced the following:

"I am a genius, and I'd like to show it,
But I'll have to try some other plan instead of
turning poet."

"If you fight the seniors you will get
the worst of it." Answer. Ah, h h h
h!!!!!!

"Maybe," says Billy.

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STATUE OF MEMNON.

For the Senior Latin Class.

On the banks of the river Nile are two seated colossal statues, one of which is known as the statue of Memnon. This statue was not particularly noted until 27 B. C., when an earthquake occurred and the upper part of the statue was thrown to the ground.

It is related, that every morning when the rays of the sun first strike the statue that a peculiar sound is emitted which somewhat resembles the snapping of a harp string. The origin of this strange sound has been the subject of much discussion. Some assert that it is caused by confined air escaping through the crevice of the rock. Sir Gardiner Wilkinson, after making a careful examination, said, that in the lap of the statue there is a stone, which, when it is struck, gives this same peculiar sound.

These two monuments were erected in memory of Amenophis III, one of the most successful of Egyptian kings. It is supposed that Amenophis III was the Mytheological character Memnon, the king of the Ethiopians.

Memnon was the son of Eos and Aurora. He came from Ethiopia to assist King Priam in the Trojan war. Antiochus was killed by him in a battle; and the Greeks fled. Achilles soon appeared on the scene of action, and had a severe contest with Memnon, in which the latter was slain.

Aurora still weeps for her son, and her tears may be seen in the early morning; and we call them dewdrops.

The old gymnasium society will be revived as soon as cold weather sets in and out door sports are excluded.

Athletics.

W. C. TAYLOR,

EDITOR.

Our gymnasium, under the existing circumstances, not being an appropriate place for our Seniors to have the necessary amount of good, hard muscle perpetuated on their skeletons, the authorities have been looking around for some other place. The cloak-room, at present, affords a very commodious apartment for athletic sports of all kinds.

The Oak Park High school of Chicago has an athletic association which recently held its third semi-annual field-day. Their program consisting of fifteen different contests, and well chosen ones, too. It has a six acre lot on which to carry out their program, and we can easily suppose that they certainly have a very enjoyable and interesting field-day. Just think of it, a six acre lot! What a contrast this affords to our little, pinched up grounds, and with the discouraging fact that they are to be rendered totally useless by having a frame school house erected on them. In some of their athletic feats they beat our own records of last year, but in others they did not hold a candle to us.

Next summer our school will make some records to be proud of, but we hope that succeeding classes will even beat these.

The Oak Park association offered gold and silver medals, cups

and cake. Just what effect a cake made by a Chicago girl would have on an Omaha boy we cannot state; but an Omaha cake for an Omaha boy would go down fine. We'll wager a hat on that, and hope the girls will take the hint.

We do not want to express any opinion about the wisdom of our board of education in placing a frame building on our school grounds, but we do want to state that it is a gross piece of injustice to our healthy, sport-loving fellow students. Even the small grounds that we have, as we firmly believe, afforded a place where the foundations of many long and healthy lives have been obtained. A good, healthy set of young men are an honor to any school or any place. All colleges recognize the beneficial effects of physical culture, and many of them spend thousands of dollars every year in trying to graduate a set of robust and well constituted men.

If this building is erected, as contemplated, the boys will have no grounds for base-ball, foot-ball or any other healthy exercise. It is a wonder to us that the city papers have not made any comments on this program of the board's, which will put an end to our sport.

As soon as possible, in the spring, a foot-ball team will be organized. THE REGISTER calls for contributions for expenses, and hereby heads the list with \$1.00.

FUNNY PAGE.

"Why do you use paint?" asked a violinist of his daughter.

"For the same reason that you use resin, papa."

"How's that?"

"Why, to help me draw my bean."

A teacher, who had asked a girl to purchase a grammar received the following note from the little girl's mother:

"I do not desire that Mattie shall engage in grammar as I prefer her to engage in more youthful studies and can learn her to speak and write proper myself. I went through two grammars, and I can't say as they did me no good—I prefer Mattie to engage in German and drawing and vocal music on the piano."

Husband.—Good-by, dear. Should I be detained at the office this evening I'll send you a note by messenger.

Prudent wife.—Don't go to the expense. I've already taken it out of your breast-pocket.

The Government has announced its intention of protecting whalers. The small boys will object.

The Republican says it want do and pines for a Republican commander at the helm.

Harry (horrified at seeing Kate puffing at a cigarette)—Mercy? Do you smoke Kate?

Kate.—Not because I enjoy it, Harry. I want to fill the room with smoke so that should a burglar break in, he'll think there's a man in the house.

Harry.—Well, you're only losing your time and soiling your lips. A man never smokes cigarettes—leastwise no man that a burglar need be afraid of.

John Wannamaker began life with a dollar. So did we. Come on with your Cabinet portfolio.

"What are you crying for my boy?"

"I got licked by the teacher."

"Well, it does no good to cry."

"Huh! how can you expect a boy that's whaled not to blubber?"

Wife.—What a dear little hat!

Husband.—\$25.00. Well, I should say so.

"What's the reason you don't start your raft? Are you waiting for more water?" Asked a native of the native citizen. "Yes, that's what we rafter," said the latter.

Quick. Have you heard the latest.

Saville. Yes, indeed; I just heard the clock strike twelve.

She.—Be careful the man in the moon is looking.

He.—That's all right dear, he's full and won't notice us.

The man who marries for face, figure or fortune is a fool. Don't forget this.

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Copper is so cheap now-a-days that common cents don't count for much.

"I believe I have the floor, Mr. Chairman," said a frowsy headed man at a debating society. "Just where a mop ought to be," murmured his antagonist.

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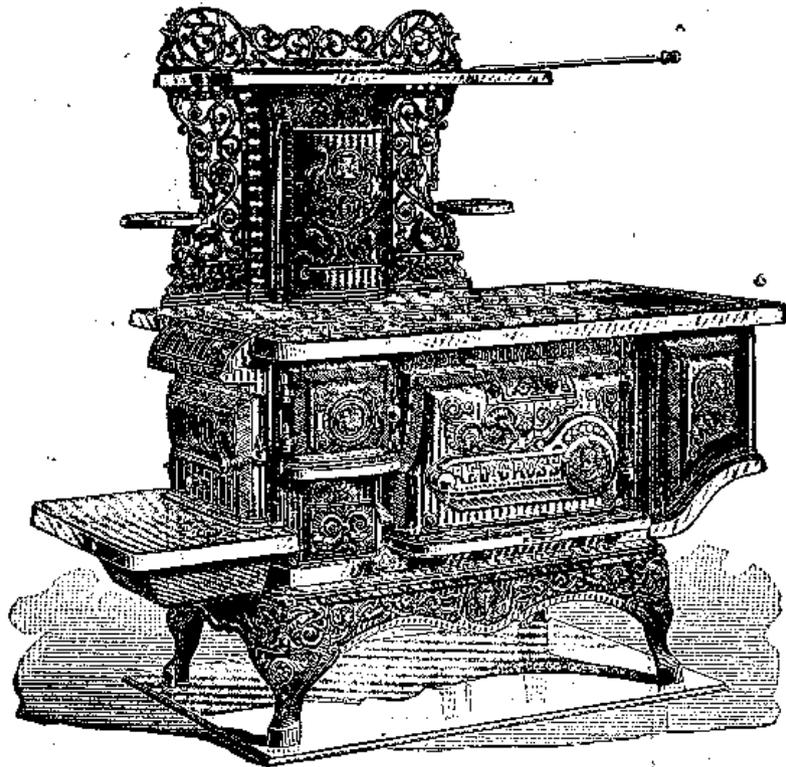
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