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THE CLIFF.

I stood one morn by the rocky shore. Where the storm tossed waters rolled, And a tall cliff gazed the ocean o'er With aspect stern and bold.

The shadow of his pondrous form Hanged down beneath the wave, And touched the amber of the sea To colors stern and grave.

It seemed as if endowed with life, A sentinel strong and true To watch the course of passing years. Till distance hid the view.

We'd seen the sunset's lingering rays Kiss all the hills to sleep, And fast to blind his parting gaze The treacherous shadows creep.

We'd seen the moonbeam's silver bar In fleecy cloud-frames lie; We'd seen the waters gemmed with stars, Reflected from the sky,

And often when the wind was high, And waters climbed the shore, They seemed to cast them on the beach To shine forever more.

And thus while time was passing on We'd watched with bated breath, The changing, glowing hues of life, The rigid shades of death.

Oh! sweet dreams buried in the sea, Oh! visions lost in air, Why come not now to fill the gloom And render life more fair.

They're passing, passing, day by day, We catch a fitful beam, and wake when they have glimmered by To find them but a dream. J. M. R.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE.

READ BY MISS ANNA C. HAYDEN ON GRADUATING FROM BROWN-ELL HALL.

The science of the Heavens is admitted to be the most ancient of all sciences-how ancient none can tell. Many of its discoveries are traced back amid the dim mysteries of tradition. We do not know its founders, their names are lost in the darkness of the past ages; nor do we know in what country it received its origin. Some say Chaldea, others Egypt, "the mother of sciences," and again, some

Since the time of reliable history Astronomy has been in decay among the Eastern countries, but in Egypt and Greece it continued to live. The world would not let such names as Thales, Ptolemy and Nipparchus perish; nor the glory of that Alexandrian school, which three hundred years B. C. toiled with success, until the burning of its library in the seventh century. That fire which destroyed the wisdom of ages buried asronomy for centuries, but while it was night in Europe, it was day in Arabia. It was from this country that Europe was again enlightened and any single year after that was filled with more liscoveries than thousands of years be-

It may be asked how this was acomplished? The naked eye had one much. In ancient times the peoble had the pure Chaldean air and the cloudless Egyptian skies, and this was sufficient for the foundation of astron-

Instruments of measuring were known to the ancients, but they were very rude, yet they accomplished omething. In the Ducal Chamber at lorence may be seen the statue of dalileo and by his side the telescope e invented, which gathered so many aurels from the sky. Now hundreds of astronomers watch nightly the marels above us, and the glorious canopy , as it were, translated and put into he vernacular.

After all we ask what is the use of stronomy? If this question had been sked a few centuries ago the answer would have been to assist astrology. Mankind had an idea that the fortunes individuals and nations could be

be considered prophets, they devoted themselves to the study of the skies. The true lesson is that man's dignity does not consist in the outward and physical. The more discoveries that are made that make this world a mere atom the more amazing is man's spiritual dignity. When we attempt to number the stars, or travel space, our feeling is, "How little is man, and yet how great when measured by the price of his redemption." The sky does not look old. Other books show sad signs of decay, but the sky is as fresh as when created, and yet it is the most ancient of the world's treasures.

As we gaze into the sky the tenderest sentiments of our hearts are awakened, and feelings of awe and reverence come over us and arouse the better nature within us, for those far-off lights look upon us like pictures out of a book, gently and lovingly, and we ask ourselves, "What are these glittering lights? Are they worlds like our own? Can we ever hope to unravel these mysteries?" Some of the problems have been answered; others nev er will be.

Naturally the first object that meets our eye is the moon. She is our near est neighbor. To the young and old the moon is ever an object of interest. The infant stretches its tiny hand to play with it, and the child soon learns to distinguish the fancied visage of the "man in the moon," and this fancy rests itself in the imagination for life. As the moon revolves on her axis only one side is turned to us, and during that time the inhabitants have one long day and night.

It has been a question of dispute whether the moon is inhabited. The most essential thing to life is air, and all tests have been applied, but air has not been found. But it might be asked could not God create people to live without air? The question is not what He could create, but what has been the exercise of his power in the noon from a knowledge of his power on earth. If they have no air what must be the condition of life? Eternal silence must reign. A rock thrown from a cliff will make no sound. Birds flap their wings, but cannot rise. Armies cannot hear the boom of the cannon. They have no atmosphere to shield them from the scorching heat by day, and the night which must be colder than frozen mercury.

But recent investigations have proved that one side of the moon is lighter than the other, and the side towards us is a high mountain, and we could not expect air on a mountain one hundred and thirty-four miles high. The facts drawn from this conclusion are, that while one side is still as death, we could study the other,, and if the atmosphere was not too dense we could watch the growth of cities. Those who have seen the moon through the telescope will never forget its appearance. If they look at a full moon all is pleasing to the eye, but after or before a full moon all is changed. The surface is scarred and rent; craters are dotted over it, and fancy rather than truth has dealt with the scene.

Some say it is a world burnt up, others say it is a world in preparation for man, but we will leave uncertainty; we know it was made to "rule" the

We next turn to the stars and our first thought is that they are innumerable, but strange to say all the stars seen by the naked eye are only about six thousand; but when the telescope is used myriads appear.

The most striking wonders of the firmament are the distances, magnitudes and velocities of the stars. Though | tian poetold from them, and, as they liked to they are so far from the earth they give "An undevout astronomer is mad."



VIEW OF THE OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

When the moon has left the long Pocultivated on the hills of Chaldea.

With what propriety has "light" us that in those far-off regions gravita-

It is known to all that the earth and planets are kept together by two forces, and if these forces were to loose their attraction the planets would fall into the sun. As a curiosity in astronomy speculations have been made as to when each planet would fall into the sun. But they were not at all times mere speculation, there was a time not so long ago when the destruction of the earth seemed certain, but happily for the people it was satisfactorily explained and they no longer tremble at the mention of the fact.

One of the most curious facts in science is that the superstition of ages when banished by science takes refuge under the science itself. In the middle ages the church reaped much benefit from comets, on account of the superstition concerning them. Once men could not see a comet without thinking of pestilence; or a shooting star without death to princes, now they no longer tremble for astronomy has made it plain.

The ringing of Cathedral bells at noon can be traced to the comet of 1455. Calixtus III., who wore the triple crown, thought it was a demon come to take his kingdom away, and ordered all the bells to be rung over Christendom, this being considered a remedy for evil. This must have made a strong impression, as the custom has been kept up for centuries.

The greatest use of astronomy is the power it gives to the attributes of the Creator. It has been said by a Chris-

safety and happiness to mankind. Poetical sentiment does not always agree with truth. One would think lar night they cast their shadows on that as they make it the business of the snow. In the deserts of the East | their lives to search this natural bible, they have guided the traveler ever they would be impressed with the glosince those days when astronomy was rious presence of the Being who made the Heavens and can hold them in the palm of His hand. But we fear asbeen called the "voice" of the stars. | tronomers, as a class, are not strongly With mute arguments stars prove to marked by devotion, for the effect is caused by the view from which we see tion, the power that brings the apple it. The astronomer may be so absorbto the ground, still reigns supreme, ed with his work that he never thinks and with suggestive whispers of prob- of withdrawing to a proper distance to ability persuade us, that like our own contemplate the grandure of the tembeautiful sun, they bathe attendant ple upon which he is engaged. It is worlds in brightest light, deck them in only the man who can from the height colors of beauty, and shower countless of Calvary, project the glorious fabric blessings on myriads of beings. It on the back-ground of Eternity, who would be no easy task to sum up all can exclaim with heartfelt devotion, the blessings of the sun, to it we are | "The Heavens declare Thy glory, and indebted for light and warmth, for our the firmament showeth Thy handifood and clothing. Its rays, in short, work. Day unto day uttereth speech, are mingled with all our comforts; night unto night showeth knowledge. "they gladden the eye and cheer the There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

> The ancients have pictured the celestial sphere with figures of birds, beasts, men and other objects for the purpose of classifying and describing the heavenly hosts, and while we are lost in wonder and amazement in their contemplation, we feel what a privilege it is to be able to trace, however imperfectly, the hand of the Almighty architect in these His greatest works, and we almost regret that we must turn from them to earth and the sad reality that for the last time we stand as pupils within this hall where we have learned to revel in such delights.

EMINENT WOMEN OF THE LITERARY WORLD.

GRADUATING ESSAY OF MISS CARRIE LAKE, READ ON COMMENCEMENT DAY OF BROWNELL HALL.

The literary world-what a vast field before us for contemplation; and what inexpressible pleasure it must afford to be one of that number who have in all ages contributed so largely to the instruction and entertainment of cultivated peoples. To some present it may seem that so much the grander achievements in literature have been the work of men, that in comparison those embraced in the subject under consideration sink into minor importance; but I am sure that if those persons will consider, they will find that their opinions are unfounded and altogether

In the history of comparatively ancient times, we find but very few women who devoted themselves to litera-

ture. The reason of this is that they were not so well fitted as men for literary pursuits. Both sexes did not then enjoy equal advantages of education. Then, too, woman's work is more varied than man's. She must be able to do, not only one thing well, but many; she must turn her powers now in one pain in composition and study, giving direction, now in another, and as her to the world during those gloomy sympathies are quicker than those of hours "Lady Geraldine's Courtship," men, she is prone to act on impulse, the touching poem, "The Cry of the and is often obliged to retrace her steps, for want of that application, the simplest and sweetest of all her powhich, persevered in, would lead to ems.

Yet, notwithstanding this want of educational advantages, and the many impediments thrown in her way, woman has achieved no mean place in literature, and although she has never attained the position of a Shakespeare or a Milton, she takes rank with many but few grades below them. Woman's place in literature is more a prophesy than a reality. Far back in the past was Miriam, the sweet singer, lifting up her voice in praise and thanksgiving to her God, after the safe passage of the Israelites over the Red Sea. True, she has not been formally styled a poetess; but what save true poetic feeling could have actuated her in calling her maidens round her, with their harps and timbrels, and to breathe forth the great triumphal song, beginning, "Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He hath thrown into the

In the early history of the Persian, Roman, and other nations of antiquity, literary excellence seems to have been entirely monopolized; but among the Greeks about six centuries before Christ, we find Sappho adorning literary circles. Her genius was so ardently admired by the Greeks, that they honored her with the appellation of the "Lysbian Muse." This impassioned poetess-"The violet crowned," as she is sometimes called—has left us but wo of her sweet songs; but this proves that she was entitled to the admiration with which she was regarded.

The next bright stars that shone out ipon the dark horizon of woman's literary world were Madame De Steæl, Madame Montague and Madame De Leocque, whose force of character and brilliant intellects dazzled the age in which they lived, and did much to mould both the politics and literature of their times. But with all their intellectual powers, they lacked, in a great measure, those sweet, womanly graces, and those pure and tender impulses, that make so dear to us some writers who are nearer our own time. What sad thoughts are awakened at the mention of the Bronte sisters, whose true genius during their struggles with poverty, adversity, and keen domestic sorrow, enriched the world of letters by such noble gifts. 'Tis sweet to give our admiration, because at the same time their hard lot challenges our pity, and their womanly virtues our reverence.

But in passing on, so many bright names claim our attention that we are all dazzled and bewildered, as one wandering in a garden of beautiful flowers, and can only gather a few of the choicest—some that have attracted us by their tropical splendors, and others by their modesty and grace. Miss Yonge, the gifted English authoress, is especially worthy of mention. Her blend books charming stern historical facts, the sweetest flights of fancy, while through the whole, like a shining silver thread, is her faith in the dear Mother Church, and her earnest desire to impress its beauties and truth upon her readers.

Miss Muloch, Miss Thackery, George. me a new spring suit."

Elliot, Mrs. Hemans, and Mrs. Sigourney are all so familiar to us that a mere mention will suffice.

We must not forget our debt of gratitude to Mrs. Browning, who, during those long, severe years of sickness, sought refreshment and oblivion of Children," and "Bertha in the Lane,"

Mrs. Stowe has shown us that it is not necessary for woman to neglect her domestic cares to contribute to literature. Her wonderful volume, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was actually written, as she herself has said, "While I was keeping the pot boiling," and was by no means the product of leisure. It has been translated into almost every language, and so highly is it esteemed in England that in the British Museum an entire shelf is occupied by the numerous editions through which it has passed. This work exerted, perhaps, a more powerful influence than any other one thing in bringing about the emancipation of the colored race.

Leaving her—

"Who world-wide entrance gave To the cabin of the slave,' we come to two of the sweetest of poets—Alice and Phœbe Carey—

"Who from the country singing came, And to the great wide city took

The simple hearts of clover nook." Although the writings of these gifted sisters are in some respects much alike yet Alice Carey has given to the world a greater profusion of poems through most of which runs an undertone of sadness, that, like the minor notes in a sweet strain of music, lends depth and pathos to her songs. Her 'Pictures of Memory" is the brightest gem in the casket of treasures she has

What girl heart has not thrilled under the magic touch of Miss Alcott, and Miss Whitney, as they paint for us the sweet, innocent home-life of happy girlhood. How many bright, audacious "Lin Saxons" do we meet? and what home circle has not its Meg, Joe, Beth, or Amy? Joe, true-hearted, frank and original; sweet, saintly Beth, will never grow old; and commonplace Meg and Amy, who are good, grow up and get married; and the world still contains many "Pollys" and and "Toms" who always heartily enjoy a bag of peanuts. These are all such natural every day characters, that we know them and love them, every

"Last, but not least," we must speak of Jean Ingelow, who, perhaps, has looked down deeper than any into the hearts of those

"Who stand with trembling feet

Where the brook and river meet.?' She has pictured sweetly in her "Songs of Seven" the different phases of woman's career; and we who are about to leave our happy school life, feel peculiarly the full meaning of her beautiful words-

"You ask for your story; the birds cannot sing it.

Not one as he sits on the tree; The bells cannot ring it, but long years'll bring it,

Such as you wish it to be."

A young lady on Madison avenue who had previously led a most uneventfeul life, yesterday took a short walk in the course of which she met the most hideous woman wearing the loveliest dress, the dearest duck of a fellow with sweetest moustache, the most horrible mud-puddle, the nicest weather, and the rudest man that she had ever seen, known or heard of.

The Maiden's Prayer-"Papa, buy

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THE SUBJECT of modifying or changing the system of instruction in the High School will soon come up for consideration before the Board of Education. That a change is needed has been conceded by almost every prominent teacher and school officer in the city, but while they all agree on this point there is a wide difference of opinion on what ought to be embodied in the proposed new course.

Among the many opinions expressed and plans proposed respecting this important subject, the following outline of a new course, suggested by a member of the Board, seems to have some very good features in it, and we give it in full, believing that it will come nearer to the wishes of the people than any other plan that has yet been suggested:

There should be two courses: One that would fit a young man entering a first-class college as a Freshman.

The other should be adapted to students who never intend to go to college, and should commence with the best studies first, i. e., those studies that will prove to be of the greatest use provided a student can get no more.

The first course would, as a matter of course, necessarily embrace all those studies which are required to fit a student for college.

The second course should begin with the rudiments of book-keeping, letter writing, drawing drafts, checks, notes and indicting business correspondence, teach and explain the Constitution of the United States, Constitution of Nebraska and general principles of International Law, Physiology, or that part of Physiology which treats of the presal Philosophy, or the laws governing the workings of his own mind, the outlines of the sciences, and the completion of Algebra and Geometry as a mental discipline. The Higher Mathematics and Latin either should be left out or put at the end.

THE PROPOSED debate between the Council Bluffs and Omaha Literary Societies, which was alluded to in our last issue, has fallen through. We have been at some pains to find out all the facts concerning the case and from what we have learned, we cannot but blame the committee on the part of Omaha, for the failure. The Council Bluffs society passed a resolution offering their hospitalities to the Omaha society in case a joint literary programme and and debating contest could be agreed on, and it was understood that in case it was arranged the Omaha society would go to the Bluffs. So much settled, the question of issuing the challange for the contest arose and the C. B. society sent over a note asking the Omaha committee if it could be understood that the challenge to debate would originate with the Omaha society, and suggesting as a reason therefore that the Omaha society was defeated in the last contest and propriety would not warrant the victorious society issuing a challenge to its victims. It would be absurd for a prize fighter to send a challenge to a man whom he had walloped but a few months before. In the same manner the C. B. society did not care to send a challenge to its victims and we think it was correct in its action. The Omaha committee having the matter in charge closed all negotiations by sending over a note peremptorily declining to take the initiatory in the matter, and that is what settled the whole question.

The Council Bluff boys are unreserved in the expressing of their opinions that the Omaha debaters were afraid to come to the scratch, and took this way of crawling out of the affair. We may be mistaken and if so we are open to correction, but as the matter now appears, the blame for bringing the arrangement to such an abrupt close, seems to rest on the committee that was appointed to represent the Omaha

CONDITION OF THE OMAHA SCHOOLS AS PRESENTED BY THE LATE EXAM-INATIONS.

Every life has its halting places, points at which it is pleasant to stop and look about, to see where we are and the path which we have trod.

This is true not only of the individual but of the church, the society, the nation, and the school as well. Each after having struggled long and well for the accomplishment of a worthy object delights to pause and cast a retrospective glance back over the past to review their struggles, to see what causes had contributed to their success. and to take hope for the future. We stand to day at one of these halting points. Our school year again is at its close. The books, pens and pencils are laid aside.

The hundreds of ruddy faces accustomed to gather on Capitol Hill, the North the South and the west schools are dispersed to their homes. To them it has not only been a year of struggle, but it has also been a year of triumph.

They are not only one year older to day, but one year larger, one year stronger, and one year nearer manhood, and womanhood. Their growth has been twofold, physical, and mental. Like the plant, they have grown upward but of their proudest triumph has been the growth of their mental

The examination which has just been brought to a close reveals two things; first that there has been no cramming, and second that the scholars had been taught to think. The old treadmill process of jamming the pupil's memory with facts soon to be forgotten, and leaving all the better powers of his mind unrestrained, we are happy to say, in the Omaha schools has become a thing of the past. Parents have sometimes during the year complained about the low marking of their children. We can appreciate their feelings and sympathise with them, but we think these complaints due to a miservation of the student's health, Ment- apprehension of facts. It seemed to these that their children were doing nothing, whereas they were doing the best work possible. It could not be expected that the introduction upon examination of questions requiring thought on the part of the pupil would have any other result than to lower the standing, but in its ultimate effect it compels the scholar to work up, assimilate, and make his knowledge thoroughly his own. In the human body it is not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us strong. So it is with the intellect; Mental Philoso phy teaches that a person may cram his memory, and parrot-like, repeat a large number of facts without having any idea of their meaning. Such study only weakens the mind, and yet, it is the one too often used in public schools.

Teachers fall into the great error of mistaking cramming for learning, and forget that the things crammed to day are forgotten to morrow.

Once the "chord strings" of our heart were struck with tender sympathy for a boy who on an examination in arithmetic after having recited well for a time, was asked by a visitor to tell how much will 20 lb of meat

cost if 4 of it is fat?" He had evidently been crammed, at least he had not thought, and after hesitating a while he finally concluded "it was'nt in his book," in other words he could not digest the fat, but Omaha boys and girls, especially those in the physiology class of the High School, have been taught to digest both the fat and the lean. In brief, the great work of the year has been to teach scholars to get ideas and to think about them, and we may safely assert that no thoughtful person attended the examinations but went away feeling that of the whole list-Freshman, Sophthe past had been one of the best years | more, Junior, and Senior .- N. E. in the history of our city schools.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Among the graduates at the West Point Military Academy last month, was William Young, son of Brigham Young. He came out fourth in a class of forty-five.

The Constitutional Convention which recently held a session in Lincoln Neb. made provision for a reform school, to be supported by the State. A bill for its establishment will doubtless be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislature and then the question "what shall we do with our girls?" will be definitely settled.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education, Prof. J. H. Kellom was re-elected Principal of the High School, but declined the position, stating as a reason that he had long since determined to quit teaching school after the expiration of the late term. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to state that he believed the course of instruction in the High School should be revised. He urged the adoption of shorter courses and studies more sim-

Prof. T. N Snow has accepted th position of City Supt. of schools at Santa Barbara California, and severed his connections with Omaha schools, at the close of school he was presented with a beautiful silver water pitcher, goblets and salver by the students of Central School, as a token of the friendship they have for him. The good wishes of all go with him to his new field of labor.

One of the proprietors of the Continental windmill recently informed us that he was liable at any time to get exasperated at the High School, and if he ever did then it would be "good bye John" &c.

If the contents of this journal dont suit him he will commence a war that wont end till either the paper or its editor dies.

The High School has by hard labor established itself as a first class literary journal and any attempt to undermine it by such a sheet as the Continental, though it may be as big as a mountain, given away for nothing, or kept alive by the flagrant use of money, will not only fail, but merit the condemnation of every respectable citizen of Omaha. We do not desire any contest with the proprietors of that sheet as we would have all to lose and nothing to gain, but we will here inform them that we can be neither intimidated nor bullied by any such

Not having received the Hesperion Student for some time, we dropped a postal card asking the reason, and the following reply was received:

Dear Sir :- For three important reasons we have been unable to issue the Student for the month of May.

First—The grasshoppers have made a severe raid on our office, devouring our "shooting stick," "chases," &c and demarolizing our type and "fixins"

Second—We had been momentarily expecting that the Constitutional Convention, from its remarkable legislative turn of mind, would make some provision materially changing our basis of operation, rates &c,; hence we have thought it prudent to await developements.

Third—Our finances have been decidedly at the ebb—in fact very much so. But we have the satisfaction to state that we have recuperated our sinking energies, replenished our emaciated coffers, and our June number is gathering "form and color."

Very respectfully Your ob,t se'v't. STUDENT.

YALE has taken a wise step in attempting to abolish the Sophomore Societies. The past ten years they have been simply hotbeds for nursing corruption in every form. It might truthfully have been written over their doors, whoever enters here leaves virtue behind. Now let Yale follow this wise step by abolishing every Secret Society, Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key not excepted. The Secret Society system as developed at Yale, is a most damning blot upon the fair fame of the College. If their evil influence were as well known to parents having sons to educate as to those who have been inside and seen their working, it would reduce the number of applicants for admission one-half. We trust the Corporation will have the moral courage to make a clean sweep Journal of Education.

None but thoes who cannot raise them would want Burn-side whiskers in the summer.

Did it ever occur to you what the meaning of "No cards." "No cake." appended to a marriage anouncement mernt? It is simply the exclamation of the editor thrown in, in a spiteful way, to show that he was not remem-

bered.

"Yes, you may come again next Sunday evening, Horace, dear, but"and she hesitated, "What is it, darling? Have I given you pain?" he asked, as she still remained silent. "You didn't mean to I'm sure," she responded, "but next time please don't wear one of those collars with the point turned outward; they scratch so."

When a Vicksburg negro woman was informed the other day by a reporter of the Herald of that city that the price of sea-lions had increased fifteen per cent, during the present month, she elevated her hands and exclaimed: "De land only knows what will become of poor folks! Seems zif de more we work de oftener de white folks go and riz the price on de nessumsaries of life."

It has been suggested by a young man who has had considerable experience in Literaty Societies, that it would be a very instructive and entertaining exercise to have a three minutes extemporaneous speech from some member of the debating society each evening, i. e. appoint a member before-hand and when he gets on the rostrum announce the subject for him to speak three minutes on. We think this would work well in the High School Debating Society for it would serve to make the members ready at any time or place to deliver a speech if called upon.

Two Omaha lawyers when a knotty case was o'er, Shook hands and were as good friends as before; "Zounds," says the losing client, "how came To be such friends who were such foes just "Thou fool," says one, "we lawyers tho' so Like shears, ne'er cut ourselves, but what's

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The High School Debating Society has adjourned over the hot summer months and will again meet in Septem-

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One of the neatest ice cream parlors in the city is that kept by Beindorff & Mauss, No. 240 Douglas street. Give them a call.

The Milo Base Ball Club of this city has challenged the Quicksteps of Council Bluffs to a friendly match, and the game will be played in this city on Monday, July 5th.

The 4th of July will be celebrated in this city by a balloon ascension and other amusements at the Driving Park. The whole entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Daily Bee.

An Amateur Press Association has been started in this city by several young journalists. The officers are as follows: Clemie Chase, President; Chas. Bunce, Vice-President; Geo. Seaman, Secretary; Will. Hamilton, Treasurer.

Floral Hall removed to 272 Farnam street. A fine collection of Camelias, Geraniums, Verbenas, and everything in the floral line.

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Messrs. R. & Co. received four premiums at the State Fair for the best floral displays.

Attention is called to the card of the Great Western Tea Co., which appears in another column. This establishment is managed by Messrs. Shipman & Clements, two young gentlemen who have recently arrived from New York city. Their stock consists of a large lot of Teas, Coffees and Spi-

No Go.-Mr. G. W. Megeath hired out last month to solicit subscriptions for the Continental, but seeing, after two days tramping through the hot sun, that it was the next thing to an impossibility to get anyone to subscribe for such a sheet, and not wishing to lose his reputation by being associated with the concern, he resigned in disgust.

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The Board of Education has elected the following teachers for the next term of school: Misses Kitty Foos, Coats, Ashbrook, Berlin, Stanard, Hattie Mc-Koon, Williams, Green, Butterfield, Crum, Weeks, Morse, Houghton, Balch, L. J. Ray, Mrs. Field, Miss Gilchrist, Miss Drake, Miss Stull, Miss Mayer, Miss Minnie Richards, Mrs. Kate L, Morse, Misses Knowles, Johnson and Cushman.

The examination for the end of the term commenced in all the rooms on Monday the 21st of June, and continued through the week. The following was the order carried out in the High School: Monday, written examination in Zoology. Tuesday, Civil Gevernment, Latin and Geometry. Wednesday, Botany, Ancient History, Rhetoric and Latin. Thursday, Chemistry, Physiology, Algebra and Latin. Friday, oral examinations in Rhetoric, Botany, Ancient History, Latin, Geometry and Zoology.

PERSONAL.

Fred Millard has returned from the

Mortimer S. Hyde has returned

from Cornell College. Will McMillan will be in Omaha

about the first of next month. Frank A. Castetter of Blair, Ne-

braska, was recently in this city visit-Miss Lou Steele is now attending a

seminary in Iowa and will be absent about a year.

Alex McCartney who has been absent from this city about a year will be home to spend the fourth of July.

Miss Jennie Allan has returned from Texarkana, Texas. at which place she has been for the last six months.

Arthur Wakeley has returned from Cornell College Utica N. Y. and will spend the summer vacation in this

Miss E. E. Johnston, formerly of Brownville, Neb., has been teaching school in this city, for the last month, in the place of Miss E. T. Stewart who has gone to Colorado.

Harry C. Sperry left on the 21st. of last month for Goderich Canada, at which place he will reside with an uncle until further notice. He will keep posted on the movements of Omaha boys by reading the High School.

EXCURSION OF NEBRASKA TEACHERS.

A party of teachers and others interested in educational matters will leave this city on Monday the 2nd of August, and go by the way of the S. C. & P. and St P. & S. C., railroads to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Teachers Association of America convenes in that city on the 3d of August and the excursion train will arrive in time to allow the teachers who go an opportunity to be present at the opening of the meeting. Aside from the object of the convention there are other attractions up in that country, and as a ticket holds good for thirty days the holder may visit other places and return at his leisure. The cost of round trip will be \$18 each provided the party consists of not less than twenty. Teachers throughout the State, and in western Iowa are invited to join the party, and send in their names as soon as possible to S. D. Beals, city superintendent of Omaha schools, that gentleman having been appointed at a meeting of Omaha teachers, to receive the names of all those intending to go. The excursion will be in charge of Mr. G. W. Gratton the agent for the above named roads.

At the time of writing, several Omaha teachers; among whom are Professor Smith, County Supt. Jno Rush, Prof Love, Miss Carrie A. Coates and Miss H. H. McKoon, have agreed to go. Prof. A. D. Williams, of Peru, Neb., writes that he can be considered one of the party.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

The following is a statement of the general average of each student of the High School, the results of the late term examination. 75 is the lowest average that will insure promotion:

			S	No. of tudies,	Average.
Henry C. Curry,				5	70
Stacia Crowley,	٠.		٠	5	75
Blanche Deuel,				5	88
Alfred Ramsey,				7	95
Ida Goodman, .				5	93
Esther Jacobs,			٠	7	99
Jule Knight, .				5	84
Claire Rustin,				1	98
Fannie Wilson, .				7	100
Will Champlin,				3	94
Geo. Jewett, .				4	92
Chas. L, Saunders	١.			3	92
Will. H. Wilbur,	2			3	85
Ed. D. Evans,	4.			3	99
Fannie Herron, .				5	88
Bertha Isaacs,	10.1		1700	3	83
Nelia Lehmer, .			•	4	91
Mollie Mackey,		•		3	83
Kate Mahannah,	•			3	82
Carrie Wyman,		•		2	98
Albert Cahn, .	•		•	5	88
Frank Hills, .		•		5	88
	٠		•	4	83
Frank Johnson,		•		5	91
Will. A. Redick,	٠		•	5	79
Sarah Jacobs, .		•		5	86
May Loveland,			•		01

Bella Schaller,

ALUMNI RECEPTION.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR AT COUNCIL

At the commencement exercises of the Council Bluffs High School this year a class of fourteen received graduating certificates, and in accordance with the time-honored custom the Alumni of that institution tendered the new class a reception on the following day-Saturday, the 26th of June. The Alumni Association of the Council Bluffs High School, which embraces the graduating classes of three previous years, exclusive of the recent graduates, numbers twenty-five members, about twenty of whom are still in that city. The manner in which the reception was gotten up reflects the highest credit on the association, and the whole affair would have done honor to many older and more pretentious institutions of learning.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, the appointed hour in the evening, the new graduates, faculty of the school and invited guests commenced pouring in, and ere long the spacious auditorium was filled with a large assemblage. From eight until ten o'clock the time was spent in receiving and welcoming guests, interchanges of cordial greetings, promenading and social merriment, after which the literary exercises commenced, the first in order being the address of welcome delivered by Miss Vernie Reynolds, President of the Alumni association. Next came an oration by Mr. C. M. Harle, who treated his subject, "Life, Light, and Shadows," in an eloquent and scholarly style. An original poem appropriate to the occasion, written and read by Miss Maggie Field, concluded the exercises, after which the entire company was served with refreshments. The exercises were interspersed with music and singing by Al. D. Morris, W. B. Rockwell and the Misses Hewett.

PERSONAL. The following is a list of the graduates, viz: Arthur L. Munger. Lillie Millard, Ernst E. Hart, Lottie Oblinger, Geo. D. Rice, Mary Michelson, Belle E. Merwin, Coral A. Fleming, Martin Reynolds, Emma J. Slyter, E. A. Houghton, Lizzie Knabe Horace J. Evans, and Gertrude

The officers of the Alnmni Associa tion are, Vernie Reynolds, President Lizzie Cassady, Vice-President; Par thenia Jefferis, Treasurer, Ida Kirk patrick, Secretary.

The committee on reception consisted of Misses Parthenia Jeffries, Jennie Patten and Mr. Frank Porterfield.

Among the guests from Omaha were Chas. R. Redick, Miss Carrie Patrick, Frank Patrick, J. F. McCartney, Jacob Weidensall and Z. T. Taylor.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY.

The closing exercises of the High School Debating Society took place Friday evening June 25th and passed off very pleasantly. The following was the programme.

Society Paper—R. S. Hall.

Declamation—"Speech on the Trial of a Murderer."—Webster.—G. W.

Essay-"Character."-W. H. Pot-

Declamation—"Brutus over the body of Lucretia."—C. McDonald.

Essay-"Spain."-H. McDonald. Declamation—"Wreck of the Hes perus."—J. E.I Wilbur.

Discussion-"Should United State Senators be elected by the People.' Affirmative P. A. Gushurst. Negative F. R. McConnell.

The debate was decided by Hon. A J. Poppleton, Col. R. H. Wilbur and Mr. E. R. Buckingham, a committee selected from the audience. The decission was given to the negative, after a thorough discussion by both contestants. The effort of Mr. P. A. Gushurst of the affirmative is deserving of special commendation as it was carefully prepared and well delivered.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The commencement exercises Brownell Hall were held on Friday the 18th of last month. The graduating class consisted of three members, Misses Carrie Lake, Anna C. Hayden and Carrie L. McNamara.

The programme was as follows: Chorus—The Hour is Near, Mendlesshon.

Instrumental Duo-Nocturne, Midsummer Night's Dream, Mendlesshon.

Eminent Women of the Literary World, Miss Carrie J. Lake. Instrumental Solo-Home, Sweet

Home, Gottschalk. Essay-Pains-taking Benevolence,

Miss Caroline L. McNamara. Instrumental Solo-Polka de Con-

cert, Wallace. Valedictory—The Heaven's Declare, Miss Anna C. Hayden.

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The essay of Miss Lake, on the subject "Eminent Women of the Literary World," was well written, interesting and instructive, and the way she treated this somewhat difficult subject reflected the highest credit upon her knowledge of history and ability as a

The graduating essay of Miss Carrie McNamara was delivered in a clear and distinct voice and gave evidence of a finished education.

At the conclusion of the exercises Msss Anna C. Hayden, the valedictorienne of the graduating class, stepped forward and read the following

VALEDICTORY:

Our school days are over and we go forth to begin life-to apply what we have been devoting years to acquire.

We have had the privilege of Christian training, have had the beautiful admonition of our dear mother, the Church, daily. We must feel that much is expected of us, and that our own lives will not be unwatched by those loving guardians we leave within these walls to keep on fostering what is good, and curbing the unlovely traits of those committed to their care.

To you, our dear Bishop, we must bid our first farewell, and express our grateful thanks for the fatherly care you have ever extended to us. Your presence, kindly sympathy, and bright example; your ready help, and sac teaching have been an unceasing pleasure and profit to us. We beg that you will still remember us and pray that we may never become a discredit to you, but may so live that at the last day we may be like those stars that shine forever, and shall help to make

up your crown of rejoicing. To you our beloved and efficient Principal we owe many thanks. In you we have always found an able adviser, a just and impartial awarder of merit where it was due, a kind and faithful friend.

And to you, our teachers, what shall we say? While it has been your duty to lead us through the weary round of numbers, or soar above the envious clouds, to gaze upon the wonders of the heavens, or gently urge us on to consider the science of morals, or of manners and duty to our fellow creatures; it has also been your pleasure to instruct us in the knowledge of God through his works, and to serve and love Him, that we may at last attain everlasting life. To you, also we must bid our sorrowful adieu.

And you, my school mates, I would gladly pass you by with that silent farewell that is felt rather than expressed. It is hard to think that we, who have passed so many pleasant days together may never meet again.

In a little while we will have gone from your midst no more to meet in this hall where we have passed so many anxious but profitable hours in the

To you, my dear class-mates, who This is a humorous remark.

have so much before you apparently that is bright and full of promise, who can tell how much of cloud and how much of sunshine will surround your journey of life. When in your travels you stand on the summit of a high mountain some beautiful summer morning, and see the sunshine above and the clouds and mists below, remember that you may have within you, if you strive for it, a sunshine that

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The Council Bluffs Literary Society gave a select literary entertainment on the evening of June 21st, at Dohany's Opera House of that city. Messrs. B. F. Stout, F. R. McConnell, C. R. Redick and the writer of this article were present and were well repaid for the trouble of crossing the river, as the exercises were very interesting. The following was the programme:

Essay-O. M. DeKay. Dialogue—"Conspiracy of Cataline," W. C. Erb and H. H. Skelton.

Debate-"Resolved that a President of the United States should be ineligible to two terms of the Presidential of-Everett; negative, C. M. Harl.

Oration-"Real and Ideal Life," W.

Speech-J. W. Baird. Recitation-"March of Lars Porsena to Rome," H. H. Skelton.

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THE DEMON CLOCK.

I hear it ticking-ticking measured and slow, I hear it ticking-ticking wherever I go; It calls me by day and it calls me by night Till I start from my dreams in pangs of affright; Till I start from my dreams and look through the gloom,

While the clock keeps on ticking-ticking my

So slow it keeps ticking-ticking so slow! Beating my life out with cold measured blow, While cringing, expectant and anxious I hark To its weird, awful voice that calls through the dark-

That calls through the dark to my soul-to my soul-

Bidding it read its dark fate on Time's scroll. Trembling and conquered by some nameless dread

I smother my ears to its voice from the dead Yet nearer and clearer it calls in my ears, Rousing to frenzy my fast crowding fears, Till I leap from my pallet all maddened to

Challenging Death and the fiat of Time! Its face now confronts me, so ghastly and

Its lean hands are pointing the death of the night! And it shrieks like a fiend as I stretch forth

my arms-Warning me off like a witch from her charm-Till stricken with fear I ask God to befriend, When my soul is made quiet and welcomes the

PUZZLES FOR THE YOUNG.

I. CROSS WORDS.

My first is sunshine, but not in rain; My second's in street, but not in lane; My third in butter, but not in lard; My forth in poet, but not in bard; My fifth in Latin, but not in Greek; My sixth in seeking, but not to seek; My seventh in mountain, but not in hill; My eighth in power; but not in pill; My ninth in bolt, but not in key; My whole is in city over the sea. .

II.

METAMORPHOSIS PUZZLE. Make one word of "Best in prayer." III.

LITTLE NUTS FOR LITTLE READERS TO CRACK.

- 1. What nuts were essential to the safety of ancient cities?
- 2. What nut is a garden vegetable 3. What nut is a dairy product?
- 4. What nut is dear to bathers?
- 5. What nut is used to stow away things in?
- 6. What nut is a breakfast beverage?

IV.

DOUBLE REVERSIBLE ACROSTIC. 1. I am a field where turf and daisies grow. 2. And I a river, rapid in my flow.

3. A lake I am whose waters travellers know. 4. A thought embodied when to sleep we go. My primal downward spell a transient state of

But upward read them and a certain fate you

While read my finals down sure destiny you view;

But up, your fickle mind a transient state finds too.

THE GARDENER'S CATECHISM

- 1. Why is a gardiner likely to act judiciously?
- 2. Why has he little leisure?
- 3. Why is he likely to become rich? 4. In what way is he always treated with consideration.?
- 5. Why is he in the high road to dissipation?
- 6. Why is he a great benefactor?
- 7. Why is he cruel?
- 8. How do we know that he is not a married man?
- 9. Why is he a great antiquary? 10. Why is his influence detrimental to humility?

NUMERICAL ENIGMA FOR THE TIMES. 1st. 1, 2, 3, 4, a coin of common

circulation. 2d. 4, 5, 5, the most important minutes. number.

3d. 8, 7, 6, a place of public entertainment.

10, 9, 4, 8, 7, a dead language.

5th. 5, 6, 4, 8, 2, whole.

6th. 10, 9, 6, 5, a narrow road.

7th. 9, 10, 5, a drink.

8th. 1, 9, 4, a domestic animal. 9th. 10, 8, 6, 4, an article used in

surgery. 10th. 4, 8, 7, slang for money. The whole is a word greatly in vogu

for this year and the next.

CONUNDRUMS.

to be generous.

2. Why is an umberella only fit for kitchen use?

3. What effect would the letter n have upon ice.

Answers to puzzles in June number. I. American Hero Charades:-1. Washing-ton. 2. Mad-i-son. 3 Dear-born.

H. Floral Unions:—1. Car-nation. 2. Lark-spur, 3. Fox-glove. 4. Dandy-lion. 5. China-pink. 6. Cy-press. 7. Hem-lock.

III. Old Riddles:—1. Eye. 2 waist-coat.

IV. Conundrums:—1. A ditch. 2. Night keys.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sleight of hand performance-not giving show tickets to the printers.

Uneasy resists the head that has no spring bonnet.

What the girls say; "A thing of beauty is a boy for ever.

Isn't it singular, but true, that straitened circumstances do not tend to make a man walk erect?

Rum Joke! The Centennial of the battle of Brandywine will be celebrated with spirit.

The Rochester Democrat says that Mile. Plaster, a young French actress, is coming over next season. We presume all the young fellows will be inelined to court Plaster.

It's astonishing, says the New Orleans Bulletin, to see how little there is of some ladies in these days of contracted skirts. And it is equally astonishing to see how much there is of some

A young man in a music shop was lately overpowered by a fastidious young lady, who wanted to purchase "Mr. Hood's—a—song of the—a gentleman's undergarment!'' The young man is still alive.

"On which side of the platform is my train?" asked a stranger in Jersey City depot the other day. "Well, my friend," replied a gentleman, passing, "if you take the left, you'll be right, if you take the right, you'll be left."

Holmes remarks on the wonderful provisions of nature. He says there is not even left a narrow crevice under a flat rock without a thing black bug prepared by Providence to fill it. It is the same way when vacancies occur in official positions.

The ridiculous female colored pusson who remembers General Washington, tired of personal attentions she is constantly receiving, will only send to a Centennial tea-party, soon to be held INDIAN GOODS, ROBES AND FURS, in New Haven, her autograph, writteu for her by the General himself.

"Sir," said a little blustering man to a religious opponent, "to what sect do you suppose I belong?" "Well, I do'nt exactly know," replied his opponent, "but to judge from your size, appearance and constant buzzing, I should think you belonged to the class generally called insect."

At a meeting of Confederate soldiers the other day in Atlanta, so many were dubbed with titles that the folowing appropriate resolution was introduced: "Resolved, that the president appoint a committee of one to inquite whether there were any surviving privates of the late war."

A conductor in Burlington, Iowa, was recently made happy by having voted to him a badge, at a public fair. Being called upon for a speech, he was hustled upon the plarform. Looking around for a moment he ejaculated "Tickets" and retired. It was so effective that the band could'nt play for ten

The late anecdote brought to light by the Centennial celebration is rather amusing. While the British troops were marching through old Cambridge, one of them said jestingly to a farmer sowing seed : "You may sow, but we shall reap." "Well, perhaps you may," was the reply, "for I am sowing hemp."

"Please, sir," said a boy, with two bottles, to a grocer, "mother wants a cent's worth of your best yeast." "Well, which bottle will you have it in?" "Please, sir, she wants it in both; and won't you put corks in 'em, and send 'em home, as I'm going 1. Why is a fishmonger not likely t'other way, and mother says she han't got no cent, but you must charge it."

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