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USELESS LIVES AND A REMEDY.

When will the boys and young men of the present generation learn that to earn an honest livelihood in the country or country towns is far more honorable and profitable than to waste their lives and substance in the large cities? Will they ever do it? is the question that agitates the minds of those who are watching the growth to useless manhood of the thousands of young men in the United States who are daily leaving comfortable homes to flock to "the city," where they imagine all they will have to do will be to pick up the gold from the streets. Life in a city seems to them to be all that is bright and worth hoping for, and it is not until they have seen its stern and sad realities that they wish themselves back in the good homes they left, but returning to which a false pride prevents. Any one who has given the matter a thought knows that there are thousands of young men and boys in the larger cities, living from hand to mouth, eking out a miserable existence by clerking in stores and offices, who are better fitted to be holding the plow, and who would rise quickly every way, were they where they belonged. But the allurements of city life are too great for them, and they remain, daily hoping for some lucky rise in their fortunes that will enable them to return to the places they left, with untold riches, as did the men they read about, whose lives are held up as examples of how poor country boys can succeed. Every boy is not born a Stewart, or an Astor, or a Vanderbilt; where one in a thousand is successful the others fail, and after spending the best part of their manhood in hopeless misery, if they do not fill the grave of a suicide or pauper, return to the old homestead to die. It is just these stories of successful men, published and scattered broadcast, that is causing all the trouble. Let a man make a fortune in a day by an operation in stocks, or grain, or anything else, and the next day it is known all over the land, and foolish parents who have boys whom they think endowed with a remarkable genius, hold up to them these men as examples, until it is no wonder their minds are filled with wild dreams. Because a boy has "the gift of gab" is no reason he will make a brilliant lawyer; nor is it any more so that a boy "good at figures" will make a successful merchant. To be sure, "there is always room at the top," but there is room for only one, and while that one gets there, a hundred fail and drop off the ladder. Could the histories of the unsuccessful ones be published, how much misery, heartburnings, hopelessness and despair they would reveal. They would show to the country boy just what he could expect, and would, in nine-tenths of the cases, be enough to make him contented with existence in his humble sphere—make him contented to be allowed to progress slowly but surely on the farm, become a solid man of the next generation as did those of the present—and to stop envying those who live in the city.

The one great remedy is encompassed in Greeley's advice, "Go west, young man." Greeley knew what he was talking about. The west is a vast region, with its millions of acres almost tired to death waiting for the plow. There is room in it for all and to spare.

To the young man just attaining his majority, there can be in the wide world no more inviting field than the trans-Missouri country. Here is where he finds the "show" he never would find in the crowded east. Here is where he finds young men occupying positions of honor and trust to which they never could have attained in the eastern states if they had lived for a thousand years. Here is where the young man with a few hundred dollars capital can in less than half a generation amass a fortune by his energy and industry put to the right uses. No need on these fertile plains for a boy to work a year for nothing while learning a trade. The noblest trade of all here stands with open arms waiting for him, bidding him come and labor and receive his reward. We have in our mind now, a young man who left this city about four years ago and went into one of the counties in the valley of the Loup. Here in Omaha he was an office-boy, but he gave it up and went west, and to-day he has one of the best farms in the state, well stocked, and can snap his fingers at the "hard times." Does any one suppose that young man would to-day exchange positions with any young man in Omaha? We feel assured he would not. What has once been done can again be done, and the young man in New York, or Chicago, or even in Omaha, who wishes to benefit himself and his country, now has the opportunity to do so. Will he?

WILL YOU VISIT THE PARIS EXPOSITION?

A novel educational scheme and one of grand proportions, the projected excursion of teachers and musicians to the Paris Exposition next year. Dr. E. Tourgee, of Boston, Mass., is the originator of the idea, and there is already much enthusiasm regarding the affair among the school teachers throughout the country.

The design of the excursion is to bring together a congenial company of persons who are chiefly, or largely engaged in educational work, musical or otherwise, for a visit to some of the great art and educational centres, and to some of the most picturesque and beautiful regions of the Old World. In order to accommodate teachers and students, the excursion has been arranged for the vacation period of the schools. The party will leave New York on Saturday, June 19, 1873, after the school session has ended, and will return to New York by Sept. 1, in time for the opening of the fall terms. Thus teachers may avail themselves of the unsurpassed facilities offered by the excursion without encroaching upon their regular duties.

A delegation of teachers from Nebraska and the west will be gotten up under the auspices of "The High School." Inasmuch as the whole matter is rather premature, and no definite arrangements have, as yet, been concluded, we cannot say further on this matter just now.

The *Black Hills Journal*, the new publication started at Rapid City, by Messrs. Darrow & Gossage, comes to us filled with interesting news of the wild western country. W. H. H. Brainard, who conducts the literary department, gives evidence of his enviable ability as a writer, and we congratulate the citizens of Rapid City on their good fortune in thus having such a desirable paper.

THE State Editorial Association met at Lincoln on the 15th. The officers elected are as follows:

President, J. A. McMurry, of the *Plattsmouth Herald*.

Vice-President, A. L. Wigton, of the *Hastings Journal*.

Secretary, Fred. Nye, of the *Fremont Tribune*.

Treasurer, Thomas Wolfe, of the *Seaward Reporter*.

One of the most important matters considered by the Association was the abolition of the "patent outside" the foreign editorial management of home papers. The "patent outside" publishers of Chicago stand as a barrier to the advertising patronage of the east and prevent it coming direct to publishers, by giving ruinously low rates. To illustrate this, an instance

came under our notice recently where a state publisher was asked how much he would charge to insert a certain advertisement one year. His standard rate was \$30 and he replied accordingly. He did not get it, but in a few weeks it came to him on his "patent outside." Prompted by curiosity he inquired of the advertiser what rate he had secured and was told, *six dollars*. This is but one example of the ruinous effects on advertising which this "patent outside" monopoly has produced and it is to be hoped that the publishers of the state will unite in discontinuing and abolishing it.

An effort will be made, sometime during the present year, to procure a telescope and large microscope for the (to be) observatory of the High School. Such an addition to the High School would be very desirable, but we fear some means other than an appropriation from the Board of Education will be necessary to resort to in order to secure these instruments. It has been suggested that contributions be taken from a few of our wealthiest citizens, and in return allow them the use of the telescope to "see stars," or the microscope to discover the millions of living inhabitants in a drop of water. A part of the money (a good telescope will cost six hundred dollars) could be raised in this manner, and a part would without doubt be furnished by the Board. When the proper time comes, we will agitate this matter somewhat further, as we would certainly be pleased to have these instruments added to the finest public school building in the United States.

THE numerous expressmen who range their vehicles across Thirteenth street at the intersection of Farnam, should be requested by our city authorities to disperse, and in the future discontinue this bad habit. To say nothing of the detriment to business houses in the vicinity, and to impeding, to a certain extent, free travel, the most objectionable feature is the loud-mouthed vulgarity that ladies have to hear while passing over the crossing. We have nothing against the expressmen, but when a refined lady cannot pass over that crossing without being gaped at by an unmannerly crowd or shocked by vulgar gags and obscene expressions, then we think there is just cause for complaint. Must this nuisance be tolerated?

PARENTS cannot overrate the importance of providing their children with such periodicals as will interest them. Daniel Webster said that if he had a hundred boys to educate he would rather see them read the news of the day than to probe into the mysteries of mathematics or belabor their brains with the facts of ancient history. A great deal more profit is gained from reading—no matter what the periodical be, unless it be sensational trash—than many persons realize. The use of language, how to express a thought, and many other important acquisitions steal into the minds of the young and the old, while they are reading. Thus it will be seen that the young, who have every thing to learn, should be provided liberally with what ever good literature will interest them.

BLESSINGS brighten as they take their flight; and there is always a regret hitherto unknown when we clasp for the last time the hand of one whom we had scarcely given a passing thought. Long and sadly we gaze upon them as if we would impress every feature indelibly upon the mind. There is a touch of sorrow in the thought that never again will we listen to that voice or wait for the coming of that footsteps.

THE college presidents are one by one expressing their opinion on the education of the sexes. President Bascom, of the University of Wisconsin, argues for the mixing of boys and girls, as in his institution. The question of co-education may be said to have been permanently settled as the general opinion of leading college presidents is unmistakably in its favor.

He takes an extremely narrow view of life who suffers one failure or misfortune to drive all the sunshine out of his soul. He only is exempt from

failure who makes no effort, and there is a thousand times more to admire about he who has failed in an honorable attempt to rise, than he who has never run the risk of failure by attempting to do something.

It is gratifying to learn from such good authority as Supt. Beals that the many young lady graduates of the High School who have been teaching for the past year, are giving good satisfaction. The old idea that it was necessary to import teachers in order to get talent has happily vanished with the many vagaries of the past.

THE LATE E. H. BUCKINGHAM. A Short Sketch of His Life and Character.

Ebenezer Hartwell Buckingham, the subject of this sketch, was born at Canton, Ohio, in the year 1850, and was one of the component parts of the celebrated Buckingham family of Connecticut, the genealogy of which, (published at New Haven, Conn., a few years ago, comprising an 8-vo volume of some four hundred pages), traces the ancestry back through English history to the Duke of Buckingham, (mentioned by Shakespeare.) In the year 1869, he entered Yale College, and after four years' study he took the degree A. B., in the year 1873. Upon leaving college, he devoted himself to the study of law, and in 1875 was admitted to the bar. Two years later we find him enjoying a fair practice, that gave flattering promises of healthy growth, and having the additional honor of the District Attorneyship in the most populous and important district in Nebraska. His election to this office, which was over a standing majority of eight hundred opposed to him in political feeling, not only exhibited an integrity that commanded admiration, but stamped him as one of the most successful politicians in the State.

While some may, without a second thought, hold that to be a successful politician is nothing to deserve commendation, we clearly differ with them, and in extenuation would remind them of the adage, "Whatever you do, do well." No better insight into the character of the man can be obtained than by glancing at the choice collection of books found in his library. The works he was wont to admire were those of Shakespeare, Byron, Macaulay, Prescott, Phillips, Burke, Chatham, Thos. Moore, DeQuincy, Charles Dickens, Daniel Webster, and others in this category that might be named. Imbued with a fine sense of honor, he was never known to do an act unworthy of a gentleman, and by nature over generous, he was ever ready to divide his last cent with a friend, or even to sacrifice his own comfort rather than see any one whom he liked be in need. That a man of this character—so different from the soulless money maker and money hoarder—should die unpunished of much of this world's goods, is not surprising, but he had what money could not buy, what a long life of avarice and toil cannot procure, what an ignoble mind and a mean character cannot encompass,—what we deem the most desirable of all earthly possessions—an unnumbered host of admiring friends, and the good will of all who knew him and by whom he was surrounded. An eminent jurist, now enjoying the highest honors of his profession in this State, and surrounded with all the possessions which add comfort and luxury to existence in this life, said that he would gladly relinquish his hold upon all his worldly goods, and be content to die poor, could he but have the affectionate love of so many hearts, whose deep feelings of regret at the death of Buckingham were so well portrayed in silent sorrow, that expressions were superfluous.

He was industrious, energetic, untiring in the pursuit of an object, ambitious. He was never idle—always having something to do, occasionally so much that he worked long into the night, and frequently into the early hours of the next morning. There is a tinge of sadness about the following circumstance, connected with Buckingham's untimely death: One week before he passed into eternity—the very day, in fact, on which he was prostrated and compelled to lie down

on a couch from which cruel fate had decreed that he should never rise—he received a letter from the young lady he loved, saying, (in answer to a letter that he had written her some four weeks previous,) that she accepted his hand. When the consciousness of knowing that he was going to die stole over him, did the contents of that letter lighten his burden, by casting a momentary shade of happiness over his sad fate, or did it add to his misery? Dear reader, we ask you to answer the question.

MOUSTACHES.

[Fred. Nye in Fremont Tribune.]

There are two times in a man's life when he feels as though this poor, round, revolving earth were too small for him—when he feels that the first plan of this world was a misconception, and that it ought to have been constructed after a plan at least twice as large. At such times the great drawback to this globe is that it affords no hiding place. He feels that any hole is small enough for him to crawl into, but alas! there is no hole. Listen and hear and judge:

The first time that a man experiences this feeling is when young, green and timid, he escorts to church or other public place that delicious compound of graces and coquetties and sobs and sighs and ribbons, to wit, namely: his girl. He generally at such a time has a premonition at the door that he or she ought to walk in first—he don't know which; and so he clears his throat and shuffles his feet, and finally she opens the door and walks in. When he at last makes up his mind to go too, he makes a break like a four-year-old colt trying to jump a fence, and finally succeeds in overtaking her. Then he tries to look unconcerned and fails. His feet look to him as though they were made for the purpose of fortifications—his hands are too numerous for his pockets—his face feels as though ten thousand needles were in active use upon it—his eyes wander uneasily around the room; and finally when at length he follows her to a seat he would be willing to give up home, friends, ambition—everything this world affords—for the ability to expunge from his public record the acts of the previous two minutes. We know how it is exactly, for our memory is in working order.

The second time the idea of the smallness of everything takes possession of the male mind is when a man's girl calls attention to his heroic struggle after hair. A moustache is a requisite to a successful manhood; without it the chance for a wife and a virtuous life are indeed small. So the youth buckles to, and begs his barber to omit the customary flourish across his upper lip. In a few months a dark dirty streak comparable to a streak of coal dust is visible under his nose. He may be seen often times before a mirror arranging his neck wear. He evidences an unconquerable desire to run his finger across his upper lip, and is often seen to make an insane attempt to chew that part of his face. These are the symptoms.

STATE SCHOOL STATISTICS.

State Superintendent S. R. Thompson furnishes us the following tables of comparative statistics of public schools for years 1870 and 1877.

	1870.	1877.
Counties reporting.....	31	31
Districts organized.....	707	2,496
Children between 5 and 21.....	32,889	92,161
" enrolled in schools.....	12,719	56,774
" of graded.....	30	64
" ungraded.....	636	2,482
Teachers employed.....	636	3,392
Average number of days by each teacher.....	70	98
At salaries of males.....	\$28,16	\$35,46
" females.....	23,72	31,80
Apportion't from state tax.....	20,342.23	89,573.99
" permanent fund.....	13,034.96	98,469.39
Total receipts during year.....	57,738.43	457,048.70
" expenditures for all purposes.....	163,930.84	1,027,192.21
Total value of school prop.....	177,083.17	1,863,385.58

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[From the Omaha Herald.]

A well Merited Testimonial to the Babcock Fire Extinguisher.

The undisputed fact that the fire in the basement of the Grand Central Hotel, last Saturday, was extinguished by the timely aid of a Babcock Extinguisher, has elicited the following testimonial which was given by Mr. Thrs to the general western agent in this city:

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL,

OMAHA, Dec. 10, 1876.

To the General Western Agent, Babcock Manufacturing Co.:

DEAR Sir—Having used the Babcock Fire Extinguisher, practically saving, on two distinct occasions, a large amount of property, (once the Battle House, Mobile, Ala., and once the Grand Central,) I am thoroughly convinced of the usefulness and efficiency, and cheerfully recommend them for general use. No house, public or private, should be without one or more of them ready for immediate use.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE THERAL,

Proprietor.

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Reading notices unmarked, 30 cents per line.
Local advertisements, 25 cents a line.

*Friends of The High School are requested to send to this office personal items and accounts relating to social, musical or literary matters.

He who swims in sin, will sink in sorrow.
Put it on your doors and don't forget it.

SUBSCRIBERS living outside of Omaha will please remit one dollar to the publisher for 77 subscription now due.

Appropos of the weather somebody sings: "Oh the snow, the beautiful snow, where have you gone? Be hanged if I know."

House and lot valued at \$2,500, centrally located, will be exchanged for an improved farm near Omaha. Inquire at this office.

THE *Journal of Commerce* which has made many changes in the last year, is now under the management of Mr. Charles Smith, who is endeavoring to make it readable and interesting.

An important suit will soon be decided that will determine who owns the Grand Central Hotel. After the settlement of this question, there will probably be a change of management.

MESSRS. Kirner & Steel have opened their new shop in Williams' Block. The shop occupies the entire front room of the basement, and is handsomely fitted up. A special feature that will receive attention, will be soft water baths, and the bath rooms will be the best in the city.

Mr. S. A. Taylor, well known in Omaha as a business man and capitalist, died on the 17th ult. He was a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman, and had many warm friends in this city. His death, occurring from a cause that at first was deemed very slight, was quite unexpected, and we share with his many friends in deeply regretting the occurrence of this sad event.

SOME mistakes in the delivery of THE HIGH SCHOOL may occur this month, owing to the large number of new subscribers received, and the change incident to making out a new subscription list. It is our desire that every subscriber get his paper, and whenever it fails to be delivered we would be thankful if information were sent to this office.

Mr. J. M. Wolfe has issued his prospectus for a new Directory of the city, which will be published this year, and the names and addresses of our citizens are now being taken by one of his assistants. The Railway Gazette, upon which Mr. Wolfe has been working for the past eight months, will make its appearance in a few weeks, the last pages now being in press.

AMONG the numerous articles descriptive of the work done in remodeling and rebuilding the Union Pacific Building, none have yet given credit to Mr. John Hoyer, who superintended the masonry and plastering, both of which show evidences of a skilled hand, and we take this occasion to do an act of justice to one of the best practical masons in the city.

Miss S. E. Reeves, who for the past six months filled the position of first assistant in the High School, resigned on the first of January. We understand that she resigned on account of some complaints, that parties outside of the schools had asked the Board of Education to investigate, the nature of which, or the facts connected with which, we have been unable to find out. It is due to Miss Reeves to say, that from the best of our knowledge, she performed her duties conscientiously and to the best of her ability. Who will succeed to this position has not yet been determined, and Prof. Kellom is acting temporarily.

THE officers of the Omaha Sportsmen's Club for the ensuing year are: President, Dr. James H. Peabody; Vice-President, W. H. S. Hughes; Secretary, Z. Taylor; Treasurer, Wm. Preston; Board of Managers, B. E. B. Kennedy, S. B. Hathaway, John Withnell. The Field Club held its regular meeting on the 14th of last month, and its members still give evidence of hearty interest. It is probable that the sportsmen of Omaha and Nebraska will relax somewhat from the rigid enforcement of the "chicken law" this year, as the cause which created it—the extinction of the grasshopper—needs no further abstinence on the part of the hunter.

THE First Annual Report of the Trade and Commerce of Omaha, is a neat pamphlet of 100 pages, just issued by Messrs. John T. Bell and W. C. B. Allen. It contains a full exposition of the grain movements for the past six months, elaborate account of the Board of Trade excursion to Colorado, and a vast amount of general information. Messrs. Allen and Bell deserve great credit for their energy and enterprise in getting out such a valuable review of the past year, and the merchants of Omaha—whose interests are subserved thereby—should give evidence of their appreciation by liberally patronizing the publishers.

LEAVITT BURNHAM, Esq., has been appointed Land Commissioner of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in place of O. F. Davis, resigned. The appointment of Mr. Burnham to this important and lucrative position, is a merited recognition of his legal and business ability. Mr. Burnham is already well acquainted

with the real estate matters of this great corporation, he having been closely connected with its interests, as associate attorney, for several years. He is the best man that could have been chosen for the position, and the Union Pacific can be congratulated upon the wisdom of its selection.

SKATING has been one of the principal recreations in Omaha for the past month, and it promises to continue indefinitely, as the ice this winter is better for skating on than it has ever been before. Omaha, ahead in everything, has within its limits many excellent skaters, among whom might be mentioned Mrs. Ben Gallagher and her sister, Miss Keogh, Miss Libbie Withnell, Mrs. Sam B. Jones, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Miss Carrie Wyman, Miss Ida Doolittle, Miss Carrie Bennett and Messrs. H. T. Leavitt, Robt. Armstrong, John Griffiths, Ed. Peck, W. Leonard, Martin Cahn, Minnie Cahn, Chas. R. Redick, Will Redick, J. C. Squires, Frank Laurence, Will Grattan, Chas. Sutphen, and several others. Mr. Frank Carroll, an enterprising young man, attends to the ice, keeping it in good condition, and otherwise using his best endeavors to accommodate the skaters. We understand that a champion fancy skater—a young lady of Chicago—will visit Omaha soon and give an exhibition.

FRANK KLEFFNER, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, furnishes the following list of alarm boxes and key stations: Box 4, 9th and Jones, keys at St. Felix's and Simpson's; Box 5, key at Engine House No. 2; Box 6, 8th and Pacific, keys at Larson's, Mericle's and the distillery; Box 7, 13th and Jackson, Lang's and Melius' stores; Box 13, Williams' and Lucas Bro's stores, 13th and Chicago; Box 14, 16th and Webster, keys at Scher's and U. P. Drug Store; Box 15, 16th and Capitol avenue, keys at Brunner's and Tremont House; Box 16, 19th and Cass, key at James Stephenson's; Box 17, Engine House No. 1; Box 21, Engine House No. 3; Box 23, Durant Engine House at U. P. shops, keys only at engine houses; Box 24, 16th street bridge, keys at Stevenson's and Redman's. Every police man and foreman of a fire company also has a key.

A FEW of the boys, the "old timers," who attended the High School in years gone, got together on the 25th of last month and visited the institution in a body. The main object of the visit was to call and pay their respects to Prof. John H. Kellom, under whose tutelage they all had been in the "old days." Mr. Kellom, who is temporarily filling the vacancy in the High School caused by the resignation of Miss S. E. Reeves, was somewhat surprised to see so many of his old students together, and he chatted very pleasantly with them about old school days. It is safe in us to say that no teacher ever commanded such universal respect and veneration from his students as John H. Kellom, and as the years fly by, that genuine admiration of him seems only to increase. Some there are who attach no importance to the opinions of a teacher as expressed by his students, but we assert that the lasting good will of his students is the highest compliment that can be paid to any teacher, and Professor Kellom would be pardonable if he felt just a little proud of the high place he to-day holds among his old students.

THE IMPERIAL CLUB.

The first of a series of parties arranged by the above-named Club, was given at Clark's Hall, on Wednesday evening, January 23d. The Imperial Club was organized last September, its officers being: W. H. Clark, President; S. B. Reed, Secretary and Treasurer; W. T. Rogers, W. O. Sanders and J. C. Wilkinson, Executive Committee. Its object was purely social, as its members are those who believe in having a good time, and its membership roll contained the names of J. C. Cowin, D. C. Brooks, J. S. Halbert, Jas. Woodard, T. W. Reed, W. T. Rogers, S. B. Reid, Jas. Wilkinson, W. O. Sanders, and many others. The idea of giving a series of parties, was a happy hit, and the complete success which crowned the efforts of the gentlemen who took the matter in hand, is quite a sufficient cause for them to feel a little proud. The next party will occur on the 6th of the present month. "The Imperial" is the name of a new dance, that is to be introduced in Omaha for the first time by this club. Prof. Hoffman's excellent string band furnishes the music and R. H. Neale, Esq., calls the figures.

A WORD TO YOUNG LADIES.

Young ladies, like everybody else, frequently need a little "talking to," and as THE HIGH SCHOOL has among its readers a large number of young ladies, it is not inappropriate for it to occasionally publish an article for their special perusal. If we mistake not, one great desire among young ladies is to be admired—perhaps sought after—by a numerous throng of respectable (we were going to say "nice") young men. We do not by any means say that this is the only ambition of young ladies, or the highest one; we simply allude to it as one of the ruling traits, inherent in the character of the average young lady, as it is a necessary premise to what we wish to say.

The truth of the foregoing being admitted, we will pass over the fortunate young lady whose friends and admirers are numberless, and come to the one who wonders why she is so severely let alone, why she is left like an oasis in a desert, or a lone tree on a barren plain. Now, it is possible that any one of three or four reasons may be ascribed to this: Perhaps the young lady is laboring under the delusion that nothing on earth is good enough for her, and is waiting to get to heaven, where none but the very best can be found; perhaps she is, by nature, of a masculine temperament, so that her society is not enjoyed by gentlemen. If the latter, she is truly unfortunate, and certainly not accountable; if, however, she has ever fallen into the error which has blighted the life of many a young lady—an error which many fall into and only see when too late to make amends—that of

discarding one friend to make another—an old friend for a new one—then she can safely put this down as the principal cause. The mistake lies in the fact that it is entirely unnecessary to displease one person in order to cultivate the acquaintance of another. She who will do this once, will do it again, and her new friend, seeing this, will very probably refuse to place any confidence in her. On the contrary, the young lady who bears in mind the adage, "Tis better to have a friend than a foe," and treats every one whom she meets in a respectful and lady-like manner, will always be popular.

PERSONAL.

Mr. David E. Burley is now at Spotted Tail Agency, where he is connected with Mr. E. D. Pratt, the newly-appointed Indian trader, in managing the business at that Agency. One by one, the boys strike out from home to make their fortunes in new climes.

Ewing L. Armstrong and wife, and Mr. A. G. Drake, represented Omaha at the Telegraphers' Annual Reunion and Ball held in Chicago on the 18th ult.

Miss Edith Carter, of Alton, Ill., who spent the past two months in Omaha, the guest of her uncle, General Levi Carter, and while here cultivated many new acquaintances, returned to her home on the 20th.

Herbert Thayer, Esq., of Rock Creek, Wyoming, is visiting friends in the city, and will return in a few weeks. Herb. is a very clever gentleman, and we are always glad to see him in Omaha.

Mr. Geo. E. Croft, the well-known publisher of Croft's Western Tourist, passed through Omaha on the 28th, on his way home from San Francisco. He will issue a new edition of *The Tourist* in a few months.

Mr. A. G. Drake, the accommodating night manager of the Western Union Telegraph Office, made a short visit to his old home, in Richmond, Indiana, last month, returning on the 24th.

Misses Susie and Julia Von Bories,—"Suke" and "Juke"—two pleasant and agreeable young ladies, who have been visiting their friends—Mr. and Mrs. M. Hellman, and Mr. and Mrs. Adler—returned to their home in Grand Rapids, Mich., last month. The many young friends and acquaintances they made during their visit to Omaha, regretted their departure very much, as by their genial manners and social qualities they had added greatly to the interest and pleasure of the season. It is rumored, however, that they will soon return to Omaha to stay, and that two prominent young gentlemen of this city are to be made happy thereby.

Charles Sweeney, of Laramie, one of the deputies under the U. S. Marshal of Wyoming, will arrive in Omaha about the 7th of the present month, and we believe he intends to spend a couple of weeks visiting his old friends. His handsome brother, Col. J. Frank, now one of the leading attorneys of that far western State, will come down as soon as a special car now being made for him is finished.

Joe Lamm, one of the live boys of Fremont, called at our sanctum during our absence from the city last month, and left a neat specimen of his chirography. Call again, Joe, and we'll try to be at home.

P. J. McShane, Esq., who has many friends in this city, left last month for Lexington, Ohio, where he will hereafter reside.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Misses Nellie Blanchard, Belle Lafferty, and Anna Blanchard, spent a few days in Omaha visiting their friend, Miss Russell, who resides with Mr. L. F. Maginn.

Mr. George Keeline, accompanied by Mrs. Keeline, nee Carrie Robinson, attended the Imperial Club party on the 23d, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Purvis, while in Omaha.

Misses Rose, Lizzie and Blanche Oliver, accompanied by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Oliver, attended the Burns Banquet and ball given at Masonic Hall on the 25th, and were entertained, during their brief sojourn in the city, by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Manchester.

The spirit of chivalry is dead. The efforts to inaugurate a series of parties at the Ogden this winter seem to have failed. The boys of the Bluffs are waiting for the reorganization of copper.

Mr. A. T. Ellwell and Miss Carrie Test were married on the 23d ult. The guests were limited to the relatives and most immediate friends of the contracting parties, and the ceremony was very quiet.

The Irving Literary and Debating Society of Council Bluffs would enter a debating contest with any Omaha Society, this winter, if such an arrangement could be brought about. We suggest to the members of the Saratoga Debating Society, that they consider, at their next meeting, the propriety of inviting the Irving's to a joint debate at some convenient time this winter. Mr. John N. Baldwin, of Council Bluffs, is the President, and may be addressed on this matter.

THE OMAHA LIBRARY.

This institution is now located in its elegant new apartments in Williams' Block. The new arrangement, whereby the library was turned over to the city authorities, and it was made free, has added greatly to the interest formerly taken in it. The fact that it is free, while it has increased the number of its patrons three-fold, has not yet seemed to awaken the great masses of the people to its benefits. It is truly surprising that out of a population numbering twenty-seven thousand souls, but six hundred avail themselves of the great benefits here offered without cost. Young men should by all means step up to the library and have their names enrolled. The

library represents a capital of, say, ten thousand dollars, invested in books, and every young man of Omaha can have the benefit of all these books if he will only take it. The grand idea of the political economists of today, is to disseminate knowledge among the masses. The science of good government lies in the education and intelligence of the people who compose it, and hence it is that so many advantages are offered in this direction. With the library free, there is no excuse for any one refusing to avail himself of the great benefit it offers. We hope this matter will be seen in its right light. Much more could be said than we have space for in this article, and we may recur to the subject again, but in the meantime it is hoped that all who can read, will, for their own good, see the importance of this suggestion, and act accordingly.

BURNS BANQUET AND BALL.

The 119th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's favorite bard, was celebrated in becoming style in Omaha, on the 25th ult. True born Scotchmen and their friends, to the number of at least two hundred, congregated at Masonic Hall, on this occasion, and, as is customary, seated themselves around an elegantly spread table of luxuries. While eating the delicacies and sipping the wine, the assembled party listened to speeches by the President, Mr. Thos. Meldrum, Mr. David Knox, the ex-President of the Club, Mr. D. C. Brooks, and Mr. D. B. Trail. The speeches were intermingled with songs by Misses Rose Oliver and Blanche Oliver, of Council Bluffs, Mr. W. O. Sanders, Mrs. Chas. Cheney and Mr. J. C. Moodie, and the whole was enlivened by delightful strains of music from the Union Pacific Brass Band.

After supper the tables were cleared from the hall, and dancing commenced. Among those present on this happy occasion, were: Thos. Meldrum and wife, D. B. Trail, David Knox and wife, Geo. McKenzie, Sr., and wife, J. C. Moodie, Thos. Falconer and wife, Wm. Scott, wife and daughter, J. Fagan, Lizzie and Maggie Fagan, Dr. McRae, of Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Misses Rose, Lizzie and Blanche Oliver, of Council Bluffs; H. Jones, Jno. Guild, J. S. Bennett, A. T. McKenzie, Chas. Whipple, W. O. Sanders, Fred. Philbrook, Miss Hartrey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lidell, Mitchell Fleming, Wm. Fleming, Miss Miriam Fleming, Geo. Shields, Miss Beard, Miss Bay, Mrs. Bay, Harry Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Annie Lacey, J. L. Lovett and wife, Thos. Fitzmorris, J. L. Robb and wife, Chas. Cheney and wife, R. G. Jenkinson and wife, A. Cruickshank and wife, Maj. Geo. Doane, D. C. Brooks, Henry Bushman, Miss Kate Riley, Thos. Riley and wife, Miss Lizzie Riley, Miss Stacia Crowley, Mr. A. P. Seabey, Miss Anna Bowman, James H. Taylor and wife, Wm. Guild and wife, Dave Guild and wife, Geo. Chabert, wife, Wm. Deane and wife, Mrs. Rosell, James Ritchey, Miss Ritchey, Hec. Stubbs, Miss Whitted, Alice Willis, A. Sharp, J. T. Allen, David Guild, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Arthur Patterson, Jas. McCrae and ladies, of Council Bluffs; Miss Conley, Chas. Pool, the Members of the Press, and many others.

During the evening Mr. Thos. Meldrum danced to perfection a Scotch reel, and won for himself the hearty applause of all present. The festivities kept up until the early hour of five o'clock next morning, and it is safe to presume that would all agree with—we forget whether it was McKenzie or Knox, who said that these anniversaries ought to come around at least once every six months.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is to be regretted that a feud, similar to the one which resulted in the withdrawal of Chancellor Benton and nearly all of the old Faculty, has arisen among the present governors of this institution. Conflicting religious views will breed a great deal of hard feeling, even among men of wisdom and great learning. It occurs to us that there is only one way to avoid, in the future, the difficulties which inevitably arise from this cause, and that is to have a faculty of strict non-sectarians. The idea that the Chancellor of a State University must necessarily be a religious enthusiast, has prevailed long enough, and the time for a change in this regard has certainly arrived.

The University re-opened its doors Jan. 2d, after a short vacation during the holidays.

The chapel exercises were held in Palladian Hall, the first of the term, in consequence of the chapel receiving a thorough overhauling. It is at last finished, and adds greatly to the general good appearance of the University.

By order of the Board of Regents, gas has been introduced into the University.

The University Union Society have exchanged their old room for one more spacious and comfortable. It has been fixed up in a manner that makes it one of the most pleasant rooms in the University.

By request of the Faculty, Mrs. Soule addressed the students, on Jan. 8th, on "Higher Education of Women." She treated her subject very knowingly, strongly advocating the co-education of the sexes.

Ex-Mayor Chase, of Omaha, made a few remarks to the students, on Jan. 9th. Col. Chase takes more than usual interest in the welfare of the University, he having been Chief Marshal of Ceremonies when the corner stone was laid, and also having been since then one of the Board of Regents.

The University Library contains over 2,000 volumes, which the students have the privilege of consulting at their pleasure.

The Palladian Society have had their Hall calcimined and painted, and in the new gas chandeliers it is a room which this enterprising society may well feel proud of.

A literary contest between the Palladian and University Societies will take place the latter part of February.

AN ALPHABET OF GOOD COUNSEL.

Attend carefully to the details of your business.
Be prompt in all things.
Consider well, then decide positively.
Dare to do right; fear to do wrong.
Endure your trials patiently.
Fight life's battle bravely, manfully.
Go not in the society of the vicious.
Hold your integrity sacred.
Injure not another's reputation or business.
Join hands only with the virtuous.
Keep your mind from evil thoughts.
Lie not for any consideration.
Make few acquaintances.
Never try to appear what you are not.
Observe the Sabbath day.
Pay your honest debts promptly.
Question not the veracity of a friend.
Respect the counsel of your parents.
Subscribe for THE HIGH SCHOOL.
Touch not, taste not, handle not intoxicating drinks.
Use your leisure time for improvement.
Venture not upon the threshold of sin.
Watch carefully over your passions.
Xtend to every one a kindly salutation.
Yield not to discouragements.
Zealously labor for the right,
& success is certain.

TO PERSONS ABOUT TO MARRY.

There is no rule which philosophers can devise for choosing either husbands or wives wisely that has very much effect, for the young do not trust the old upon that subject, and choice, for women especially, is by no means so free as we all affect to believe. Not one woman in fifty, unless she is for some reason—such as fortune, rank, or beauty—a great "catch," has anything like a real power of selection among admirers; and even when she has, she often gives it away in obedience to a passing, possibly sensible, possibly blundering, fancy that she has found an ideal. But we should have said there were two broad rules still worth teaching, because they had some chance of being believed, and they were these: Let the woman's first requisite be a man whose home will be to him a rest, and the man's first object be a woman who can make home restful. It is the man with many interests, with engrossing occupation, with plenty of people to fight, with a struggle to maintain against the world, who is the really domestic man, in the wife's sense, who enjoys home, who is tempted to make a friend of his wife, who loves children's prattle, who feels in the small circle where nobody is above him and nobody unsympathetic with him, as if he were in a heaven of ease and reparation.—*Ex.*

CHIEF ENGINEER KLEFFNER called out engines No. 2 and 3, on the 31st, the object being to illustrate the efficiency of the Alarm Telegraph, for the benefit of the Chief of Des Moines, who was sent to Omaha to inspect it. The box at the corner of 13th and Douglas was struck, and in just one minute and a half, Jimmy O'Brien, with the Hook and Ladder Truck, pulled up. Engine No. 2 arrived in just two minutes, and threw a stream of water in five minutes and thirty seconds. No. 3 got to the cistern, corner 13th and Farnam, in two minutes, but did not throw any water.

A CARD.

We have opened, for the accommodation of our patrons, a branch shop, under Williams' Dry Goods Store, corner of 15th and Dodge streets, and wish to inform the public that since the crash, and fall of wages in the East, we are enabled to bring a class of barbers to Omaha now, that we could not get here for love or money before. We pay our men regular salaries, and not commissions as other barbers do, so no one will be slighted. We mean to keep up our reputation for hair-cutting, and good work generally. Our shops and our barbers are kept neat and clean. We keep in each place a polite porter to wait on our customers, and in every way use our best endeavors to please the public.

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A handsome Babcock Chemical Fire Engine passed through Omaha on the 27th, on its way to Cheyenne City, to which it was consigned. It was manufactured for Cheyenne, by the Babcock Manufacturing Company (the General Western Agency of which is in this city), and its handsome appearance, and many evidences of merit, called forth numerous compliments from firemen and others who saw it. The Chemical Engines are fast superseding all other fire engines, as they not only afford the same fire protection, for one-fourth the cost, but they are always ready to "play" on a fire as soon as they arrive. Cheyenne having been added to the number of cities using the Babcock Chemical Engine, the total number now in the State is seven. The Babcock Chemical Engine is offered to new cities and towns—not able to afford an expensive fire department—as an economical investment. The economy lies, first, in the price—\$2,250 for a Babcock, against \$5,000 and \$7,000 for a steamer. Having got a Babcock, the expense or outlay stops, with the exception of the cost of sulphuric acid and soda to run it; not so with the steamer. When a small town has got a new steamer, it has just got around to that point where it can spend as much more money as the first outlay. The first bill of expense is the numerous cisterns that will have to be built, in order to afford protection to all parts of a new town. Next comes the cost of hose, which, at a dollar a foot, for at least a thousand feet needed, makes a neat little sum. A span of horses, the salary of a driver, a horse and driver for hose cart, and experienced engineer to be paid, the cost of fuel, repairs of steam machinery, and a host of other things that might be mentioned, make the luxury of a steamer a thing that a small place cannot afford. Chief Engin-

eers, Mayors of cities, Town Boards, and others interested, are invited to correspond with the GENERAL WESTERN AGENCY in Omaha, if anything in the line of Chemical Engines, Hook and Ladder Trucks, or Fire Extinguishers are needed.

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The High School

OMAHA, NEB., FEBRUARY, 1878.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A navigator's most dangerous strait is a whiskey straight.

A sash and blind factory burned in Boston last week. Peace to it sashes.—*Derrick.*

Poker is a school for the emotions, enabling a man to hold a flush without showing it in his face.

The weather this winter has proved a terrible strain on the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

"Elevate your sole," as the cobbler said when he wanted to inspect the condition of a customer's battered brogans.

He went to a raffle but came out looking a trifle scared, and said one fellow drew a turkey and another chap a revolver.

"Two bits worth of complexion," is the way the Santa Barbara belle puts it as she meanders into her favorite drug store.

The "Escaped Nun" is again lecturing through the country. She seems determined that nun shall escape.—*Saturday Night.*

"Boiling hair in a solution of tea will darken it," says an exchange; but some folks don't like to have their tea darkened in that way.

Dartmouth students have decided to wear caps and gowns. A servile aping of Vassar, where they all wear them—at night.—*Phila. Bulletin.*

The man who invents a noiseless drum for Christmas gifts for boys, will deserve the benedictions of a grateful people, and make a fortune besides.

Day before yesterday a man in New York died so suddenly that his body was almost cold before the distracted and grief-stricken relatives found the will.—*Hawkeye.*

What has become of the Softas?—*Chic. Jour.* They have crawled into their helmet hats, and are waiting for it to get cold enough for their Ulsters.—*C. J. Small Talk.*

The man who will coolly go to work and get up a cat show, and then let all of the cats return safely home, should be avoided by all respectable men.—*Detroit Free Press.*

There is a young man in Cincinnati who is so modest that he will not "embrace an opportunity." He would make a good mate for the lady who fainted when she heard of the naked truth.

"Surely you must be tired, my, I can't think how it is you are able to work so long." "Lawks bless you, my dear, when I onst sits down to it like, I'm just too lazy to leave off."

Cordial, but equivocal mamma—"Look, Cissy, here is the dear doctor coming. What a favorite he is! See, even the little chickens run to meet him." Cissy—"Yes, ma; and the little ducks cry, 'quack, quack!'"

THE GRAMMAR LESSON.—"Well, son, you've got into grammar, have you?" said a proud sire to his thickest chip, the other night. "Let me hear you define some adjectives." Chip—"All right. Little, less, least; big, bigger, biggest; now, more, most."

Proud Sire—"Hold on, sir, that's not right; you—" Chip—"Toe, tore, toast; snow, snore, snort; go, gore, gout; row, roar, rout."

Proud Sire—"Stop, I say; those adjectives—" Chip—"Drink, drunk, chink; chank, chunk; wink, wank, wunk; think, thank, thunk."

Proud Sire—"You infernal little fool! What in thunder—" Chip—"Good, better, best; wood, water, west; bad, wusser, worst; bile, biler, bust; sew, sewer, soup; pew, poor, pup. O-u-c-h! oh, geminety, dad. On-so!" The outraged parent had broken into the recitation with a bootjack.—*Democrat (Bainbridge, Ga.)*

ARE YOU GAINING?

If you are gaining a little every day, be content. Are your expenses less than your income, so that, though it be a little, you are yet constantly accumulating and growing richer every day? Be content for as concerns money, you are doing well. Are you gaining knowledge every day? Though it be little by little, the aggregate of the accumulation, where no day is permitted to pass without adding something to the stock, will be surprising to yourself. Solomon did not become the wisest man in the world in a minute. Little by little—never forgetting to learn something a single day—always reading, always studying a little between the time of rising up in the morning and lying down at night—this is the way to accumulating a full storehouse of knowledge. Finally, are you daily gaining in character? Be

not discouraged because it be little by little. The best men fall far short of what the would wish to be. It is something; it is much, if you keep good resolutions better to-day than you did yesterday, better this year than you did last year. Strive to be perfect, but do not become down-hearted so long as you are approaching nearer and nearer the high standard at which you aim. Little by little fortunes are accumulated; little by little knowledge is gained; little by little character and reputation are achieved.

FASHIONABLE CONVERSATION.

First Swell—I say, Plevna has fallen.

Second ditto—Ya-as, so I see.

First Swell—Gwreat blow to the—ah—the—ah.

Second ditto—To the—ah, yes—the Wussians.

First Swell—Ya-as. He was their pincipal general, I believe.

Second ditto—Ya-as, something of the sort; but, weally, I don't twouble to wead about the waw. It's too much.

First Swell—Quite awfully too much, weally; only ewev body's saying Plevna's fallen, you know; and it's fashionable.

Second ditto—Ya-as. Come to my chambers. Got some doosid fine Chart-weuse. Come over. A pwesent. Come along, old fellow.

First Swell—All wight. I suppose old Plevna was a vewy gwreat general, else they wouldn't have made such a doosid fuss about him.

ALWAYS A CHANCE.

It is scarcely necessary to remind reasonable men that if they wish to be sad and sour, to grumble and complain, there is always a chance. Reasons for being cast down and dejected are as plenty as blackberries in the height of harvest. If one thing goes right, you may be sure there is always something else going wrong; and if one thing is in order, something else is out of joint, or at any rate soon will be. The chief difference in the feelings and dispositions of people results from the different way of looking at things. Few nights are so dark that no stars are to be seen; the thing is to look them out and keep your eyes on them, and make the most of what light you can discover.

THE FASHIONABLE LADY.

A fashionable lady is one who has been brought up in the habits, practices and pursuits of that portion of society whose aim and end is to please and to be pleased. The first element of fashionable life is to abstain from all useful labor. A fashionable lady will not do anything in the kitchen, because it would be accounted labor; but she will spend twice that amount of actual labor in the arrangement of her drawing-room or boudoir. To be seen for a few hours in the occupation of mending stockings would be an unspeakable disgrace, while to be engaged for weeks in curious netting, working lace, or embroidery, is a matter of proud satisfaction, and certainly a commendable object of ambition. To paint or whitewash her home would be a degradation never to be recovered from; but the painting of flowers, persons, or fruit, is an art sought after with all the energy of a search for gold. She can not walk a short distance to visit a suffering neighbor, for it is too great a tax on her strength, but she can spend hours in promenading Farnham from no stronger motive than a desire to show off her expensive clothes. Her nerves are altogether too sensitive to allow her to watch for a single night beside a sick friend, but she can spend night after night at a party or dance. She looks with disdain upon those of her own sex who do ought for their support and would shrink with horror from the idea of exerting her ingenuity to assist her father in providing for his family, but does not hesitate to rob his purse to gratify her extravagant wishes. A fine appearance and gorgeous apparel are a sure passport to her favor, while she would not associate with one who was awkward in appearance or coarsely dressed, forgetting that a rich and fashionable dress may clothe a villian, while a poorly clad man may be one of nature's noblemen.

Fashionable society is made up of wealth, pretension and display. A lady of fashion must attend the opera, visit Niagara, wear expensive shawls and diamonds, keep a carriage, and make, in all things, an elegant appearance. Thus life is spent in the vain pursuit of pleasure and adornment of the body, while the soul, dwarfed by this constant devotion to trifles, is made the slave of that which was intended to be its servant.

We had always thought that a green Freshman was the most shiftless thing in the world; but one of our exchanges says: "The most shiftless thing in the world is a Vassar College student taking a bath."—*Wittenberger.*

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