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NOTES.

—The examinations come next week. Are you prepared for them?

—Miss Sherwood was one of the very few who received the white cards in all her studies.

—The German classes do not behave as well as they might, causing their teacher much trouble in the reporting line.

—The girls of the ninth grade spend the time during recesses in waltzing in the hall. Some excellent music on the piano is rendered.

—Several of the young ladies of the High School are reading Shakespeare and other authors with Miss Poppleton, and find it very enjoyable.

—Mr. James has conferred an honor on the Tenth Grade Literary Society, by desiring to borrow and make use of their book of compositions.

—Miss Edna Harney has a good voice, and her selection at the ninth grade morning exercises, the other morning, was both interesting and well spoken.

—From present indications it is thought that a number of parties will be given during the holidays, on the occurrence of the return from college of many of the young gentlemen.

—The boys in the military company are improving at every drill. The hammers and ramrods do not receive as much attention as they formerly did, and there is a falling off of talking in the ranks.

—Although Omaha has a good High School, the pavements and street crossings are so poor that many of the pupils are unable to arrive at the school in time if at all, on account of the deep and sticky mud.

—It was said in the last issue of this paper that the military company is improving. It certainly has improved. The boys have managed to keep their line moderately straight, and can keep their guns from shaking as though afflicted with the ague. We know, on good authority, that the boys were certainly better the first few drills than any recruit in the army.

—As Christmas is coming as fast as the wheels of time can turn, those of the young ladies who have Sunday School classes are busily engaged in dressing dolls and preparing gifts appropriate to the ages of their young pupils.

—It has been impossible to prepare the cricketing averages, on account of the failure of one of the cricketers to return to the editor a score-book in his possession. The record will probably appear in full in our next edition.

—All the boys who intend joining Company "B," will please hand their names to Captain Broatch as soon as possible. It has not been decided when they will meet, but all the members will be duly notified when to appear.

—Through the kindness of the Secretary of the Board of Education, the military company has been provided with an armory. The room was formerly a play-room, but the gleaming rifle barrels change its appearance in no slight degree.

—Christmas and New Year come on Saturday this year. At a meeting of the School board last week it was decided to give the scholars a holiday on Friday, the 24th, the day before Christmas. School will commence on the Monday following New Year.

—The new Latin Reader introduced into the school has several advantages over the old one. Among its other merits, it is to be noted that the declensions and conjugations are interspersed throughout the work. This arrangement makes it unnecessary to refer to the grammar for everything.

—The girls admire Mr. Lewis' foresight and wisdom in forbidding the boys to snow-ball inside the school limits, as many of that branch of the human race are often completely carried out of themselves when practicing this pastime and often make it unpleasant, not to say dangerous, for the passers-by.

—The militia now presents quite a martial appearance. The belts, bayonet scabbards and cartridge boxes were received last week, and are now worn at every drill. When the new caps arrive the boys will want to charge an admission fee to see them on dress parade.

—At the fall meeting of the High School Athletic Association, quite an extensive programme, embracing boxing, mounted swordsmanship, running, leaping and throwing the base ball, was carried out. There is reason to believe that another such contest can be held in the spring, when other and interesting sports will be introduced.

Tenth Grade Literary Society.

At the meeting of the Tenth Grade Literary Society, held on December 3d, a very interesting entertainment was given. The following was the programme:

- Piano Solo.....Miss Johnson
- Recitation—"Kosciusko and the Fall of Polon".....Mr. Templeton
- Song—"Dream Faces,".....Hilton Fonda
- Part First of Paper.....Mr. Leisenring
- Violin Solo—"The Mikado".....Mr. Rogers
- Part Second of Paper.....Mr. Leisenring
- Piano Solo.....Miss Stebbins

The paper was very amusing, as well as instructive. The contributions were so good that Mr. James asked if they were not copied from older writers.

The next meeting will be held on December 23d, in connection with the Seniors' Society.

Military Company.

The following is the roll of the High School Military Company:

OFFICERS.

- Captain—J. W. Broatch.
- 1st Lieut.—H. Rogers.
- 1st Sergt.—H. W. Smith.
- 2d Sergt.—H. B. Taylor.
- Corporals—F. Rustin and A. Bell.

PRIVATEs.

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| Aiken, H. | Montmorency, F'k |
| Bradley, R. | Nelson, J. |
| Bradley, E. | Oberfelder, J. |
| Bernstein, N. | Pulcer, A. |
| Brown, R. | Thomas, C. |
| Bergen, M. | Pratt, E. |
| Cook, H. | Rhodes, S. |
| Clarke, H. | Rowley, C. |
| Durnall, W. | Strang, L. |
| Fonda, H. | Strang, G. |
| Harris, I. | Stone, C. |
| Harris, C. | Townsend, A. |
| Haynes, C. | Templeton, P. |
| Hackney, R. | Templeton, J. |
| Johnson, A. | Weed, F. |
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The Register.

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WE are very much pleased at the handsome support and substantial encouragement that the REGISTER is receiving from our friends, and take this occasion to express our thanks, and to say that we hope the remainder of the scholars, who have not subscribed, will follow the example of the others.

THE next issue of the REGISTER would properly appear on December 30, but as that date is included in the holidays, the paper will not come out until Thursday, January 6, 1887. Until that date the REGISTER takes leave of its readers, wishing them a "Merry Christmas," a "Happy New Year," and a thoroughly enjoyable vacation.

IN all volunteer organizations for military purposes there exists a disposition, more or less pronounced, to outrage the officers. Forgetting that the study of tactics is so difficult as occasionally to baffle professional soldiers, militia-men often delight in discovering mistakes made by their officers. This spirit is fortunately almost entirely wanting in the members of the High School company. And it is well that it is so, for nothing is more subversive of discipline.

It was suggested to the editor of this sheet that the insertion of a column devoted to the literature of our own day, might enhance the interest with which the paper is read. This is, no doubt, true; but, unfortunately, business considerations prevent the idea from being utilized. Our list of subscribers is still comparatively small, and it is necessary to fill more space with advertisements to pay the printer's bill. If the financial condition of the REGISTER would warrant an enlargement of the paper, we would have more space to place at the disposal of our friends. But as affairs now stand, we have so little room in our columns that we shall, for the present, confine ourselves to topics of general interest to High

School scholars. It is this that prevents the adoption of a suggestion excellent in every respect.

AS THE REGISTER aims to publish, in its columns, the latest and most interesting High School news, we wish every scholar to act as reporter for us, and to send in any items likely to please our readers. By becoming contributors, our subscribers will not only improve the paper, but will also accustom themselves to writing for the press. The REGISTER is a paper "of the scholars, for the scholars, and by the scholars."

THERE have been quite a number of coasting accidents lately. We are very sorry to hear this, and hope the boys will be more careful in the future.

IN a great public school, where so many people come daily in contact with one another, it is of the highest importance to encourage a fellow feeling among the scholars. In no respect, perhaps, has the High School made greater advance than in stimulating this sense of mutual dependence and obligation, and there can be no question that the various literary and other societies have been chiefly instrumental in accomplishing that end.

There are at present in the school no less than six distinct associations conducted by the scholars. Two of these have for their object the founding of literary tastes, and what is still more important, instructions in forms of parliamentary practice. While both these societies encourage the study of oratory, there is another which makes that art its special object. In this, the members are kindly assisted by Mrs. Harris. The Gymnasium Society and the Athletic Association are too well known to need description. Then, there is an independent cricket club, some of whose members are among the best players of the school; and "last but not least," the military company.

The work of these organizations has been very beneficial in its results. But a slight tendency toward founding too many is observable. If the number should pass the limit prescribed by common sense, the result would be a general falling in pieces of some most worthy associations.

Be that as it may, we think there is yet room for one more, and that might well be a literary and debating club composed of ninth grade pupils. Cannot some member of that class bring his friends together with that object in view? It would certainly be worth while to try.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A Private Camping Excursion.

One pleasant evening in May, 1885, two boys, Wal and Guy, one 13 and the other 16, might have been seen in their father's back yard in Washington, D. C. The yard was long and rather wide, and gave these boys room to do a great deal in it. In one corner of the yard was a good-sized play house, made from large boxes and roofed with many layers of thick brown paper. A short distance away stood a small tent, with the flaps thrown back, and carpeted with a piece of canvas. On the opposite side of the yard was a larger tent made out of gunny sacks and having some old carpet for a floor. In the centre of the yard stood a two-storied play house with a paper roof. The second floor was about four feet above the lower one. There lived with these boys a cousin, Daniel, about 8 years old, who used this two-storied building as his "house" and "store," and occasionally would have his playmates come in and use the other buildings and the tents as stores and houses. A little ways from these buildings and standing against the fence, were several large boxes, where the two boys were seated, talking about anything that came up. Soon another boy, John Gibson by name, about their age, let his head appear above the fence, and was instantly invited by both the boys to "come on over."

Johnny "came on over," and before engaging in conversation, called to Herb, who was in the house, to come out and hear him talk. When Herb arrived, Johnny began to tell them of a great scheme which he thought of, and had come over to hear their opinion. He said: "You fellows like to camp out so well that I suppose you would like to try it this summer. Well, I have some relatives living at Colonial Beach, about sixty miles down the river, and I have been down there several times and know all about it. It is a fine place to camp—woods, plenty of shade, water handy, firewood plenty; and we can find a place where we won't be bothered by loafers nor have to leave some one to watch the camp every time we want to go anywhere. The place is on a kind of a peninsula, with a wide bayou or gulf, called Monroe Creek, between it and the mainland. There are plenty of crabs, fish and oysters, and good swimming. I can get Mr. Dickerson's boat, so we can navigate, too. I don't think the cost will be much, as we can get a great deal from the "sea," and at Mr. Dickerson's. We can go down with one of the Arrowsmith's 25 cent excursions."

This struck these three sports just right, and they began to ask questions thick and fast. Johnny had an answer for every one, and to help explain matters he drew a map on one of the boxes. Then they fell to discussing and planning, and kept at the interesting subject until after dark. Dan had heard a great deal about camping from his cousins, but he had never experienced the pleasure of it, and he now looked forward to the time when he could accompany them on their trip down the river; but he went to New York with his mother before the event came off.

A day or two later the boys got together again and put their plans on paper. A ration and kitchen list was made out; also, memorandums of what each would take.

"What's first on the bill of fare?" asked Wal.

"Beans," answered Johnny, "because they are the old standbys in all kinds of camp life."

"How much?" was asked next. After a little discussion six quarts were agreed upon.

Next came four pounds of bacon. This did not appear big enough, but Johnny made it all right by saying they could get more down there if necessary.

"Now, we ought to have some hard tack," observed Herb.

"I know where we can get just what we want," said Johnny. "There is a ship chandler who keeps a store over in Georgetown, and he has something that is a cross between regular hard tack and sweet crackers. We can get them for 10 cents a pound."

It was decided to get a flour sack full, which would be about seven or eight pounds.

Three pounds of coffee and fifteen pounds of sugar were written down next, on the principle of it being "Better to have too much than too little." Then followed three cans of corn, some tomatoes, condensed milk, tea, rice, salt, pepper and some other things.

Then a list of the "cooking tools" was made out, and some utensils were purchased to make the kitchen outfit complete. The interest was now too intense to do any more business, so a general discussion and talk had to be indulged in. Johnny was pressed for more information, and tried to give his listeners something of an idea of what they might expect to see at Colonial Beach. In substance, he said: "The Beach, as I told you, is on the west shore of the river, which at that point is about seven or eight miles wide. To-

wards the southeast no land can be seen. About a mile and a half south of the landing is the point of the peninsula, and about midway between the two is Colonel Burnside's house, which is a prominent land-mark. The point is covered with a thick cedar forest, which extends to within a half mile of the Colonel's house. At the point the mainland comes out to within a hundred feet of the peninsula, thus making a very narrow outlet for the creek. On this mainland cape, quite a number of fishermen and crabbers have their shanties, and live in them during the season. The creek shores are very irregular, and there are many projections of the land and "sea." The Beach is becoming quite a resort, and there is a big hotel and many private cottages; also a store and postoffice. There is, for the amusement of the excursionists who come down on the *Arrowsmith*, a dancing hall, candy stand, shooting gallery and other playthings. My uncle, Mr. Dickerson, has a boat that will answer our purpose, although it is not noted for speed nor beauty. He lives back in the country, west of that mainland cape I spoke about, so we will have to go way around the head of the creek; but when we get the boat we can just come across the creek."

Every few days the boys would get together and talk and perfect their plans and arrangements. It seemed as if a big part of the fun was the planning and preparing. June 21st was agreed upon as the day of departure, and they were to get back by the Fourth of July. The provisions and tinware, after much studying, were comfortably crowded into a rather small box. The blankets were put into Herb's oil cloth camp bag, and each carried his personal baggage, fishing and crabbing apparatus, in a satchel. When the packing was completed, the pile of baggage consisted of the box, roll of blankets, tent and canvas, sack of crackers and four satchels. A lunch, to be eaten on the steamboat, was prepared, as they would not arrive at their destination until 2 p. m.

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We are indebted to the city dailies for some very complimentary notices. We like encouragement—pecuniarily, editorially or otherwise, and shall endeavor to merit all complimentary expressions. Various communities and societies have their periodicals, and we see no reason why the members of the High School should not have an organ through which their light might shine.

"Let 'er Go, Gallagher!"

It seems that the expression, "Let 'er Go, Gallagher," which has become so common on the street, is quite venerable and dates back some forty years. A Chicago man has been investigating its origin, and makes the following report: "Some forty years ago a brig christened the 'Majestic' was launched at a seaport town in the State of Maine, and was the largest vessel ever built there. The Captain, who was also owner or part owner of the craft, in the excitement of the occasion and somewhat stimulated, perhaps, by a liberal indulgence in egg-nog well flavored with Santa Cruz rum, which flowed as freely on that day as the waves of the old ocean itself, temporarily forgot the name of the individual upon whom devolved the important duty of removing the wedge that for the moment kept the 'Majestic' from her element. He also unfortunately failed to remember the words of command to be given, and, in fact, omitting all ceremonious details, simply waved his hand and excitedly ejaculated: 'Let 'er Go, Gallagher'—words that seem destined to go thundering down the ages, along with numberless chestnuts of our youthful days."

Be Honest.

A wealthy gentleman from New York desired to employ a young man whom he could trust implicitly. During his stay in the White Mountains he saw a young man who looked like the person for whom he was hunting. In order to test him he concocted a scheme which would make them both rich, but by dishonest means. The young man would not enter into it, although the gentleman from New York urged and showed how it could be done. But the young man was immovable from his position of honesty, and as a reward, he is now in Europe, in charge of a large part of his employer's wealth. If the young men of our city will follow this rule they may be rich some time, and by fair and honest means, too.

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