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NOTES.

—The Toboggan suits of some of the young ladies are pretty and becoming.

—A High School Toboggan Club would be the proper thing at this time. Why not?

—Sleighting has its dangers as well as its pleasures, to which fact some of the High School scholars can certify.

—The feats of Prof. Kummerow, of the gymnasium, and his class of turners formed quite an interesting feature of the athletic entertainment at the Exposition Building.

—Many recitations were compelled to be dispensed with on account of the cold weather which ushered in the first of February. We hope this may occur much more often in the future.

—The zoology class will soon have, as a class collection, the insects which took the premium at the recent exposition. They have been sold to the school, and are now being arranged in new cases.

—FOUND: A small photograph representing a handsome young cadet. The photograph represents the cadet as dressed in uniform with a boquet in his button hole. The owner can recover same by applying at this office.

—It would be greatly to the credit of some of the musicians among the young gentlemen, if they would contribute more to the morning exercises and society entertainments, as there is, it is said, plenty of talent in that direction.

—The music rendered by the band on Monday of last week was much appreciated. But we think that anyone who will invent a patent, self-adjusting tuner, will confer a never-to-be-forgotten favor upon its members and save them much time and trouble.

—The girls of the tenth grade can now have the satisfaction of knowing that their things are safe in the dressing room. It is true that their satisfaction is marred by the fact that they are compelled to march through the study room during school hours, but then every good thing has its draw backs.

—The physics and chemistry classes have received a large lot of new apparatus for use during the remainder of the

year. Among these are quite a number of test tubes and porcelain dishes to supply the amount needed for the study of "breaking," in which art the chemistry students are especially adept.

—Since so many of the young gentlemen have labored much to perfect themselves in military exercises, we beg leave to suggest that the young ladies offer them some substantial encouragement, by presenting the battalion with a flag. Each regiment of infantry in the army possesses two, the one a regimental and the other a national standard. But as the High School companies form only a small battalion, one flag might be sufficient. We appeal to the patriotism of the fair sex.

—One of last years graduates has proposed that the REGISTER advocate a reunion of the High School alumni. It would be delightful indeed for old classmates to meet once more, especially if the meeting could be held around a festive table well laden with good things. A correspondence having that object in view, ought to be begun at once by those interested. We would suggest that our friend who proposed the reunion shall take it in hand. We will give all the assistance in our power.

Twelfth Grade Literary Society.

The regular meeting of the Senior Literary Society occurred Friday, January 28th, in the tenth grade study room. Master Detwiler, the new president presided. After the roll call and secretary's report the following programme was carried out.

PROGRAMME.

Part I of Eleventh Grade Treasury,
Miss Turner.
Vocal Solo, - Miss Birkhauser.
Part II of Eleventh Grade Treasury,
Miss White.
Recitation, - Miss Ludington.
Part III of Eleventh Grade Treasury,
Miss Turner.
Part IV of Eleventh Grade Treasury,
Miss White.

The hits upon the senior class in the "Treasury" were well directed and are much more to be commended than the personal remarks in the tenth grade literary paper. The vocal solo by Miss Birkhauser and the recitation of Miss Ludington were especially well given.

Literary Societies.

The following report was over-looked last week. A joint meeting of the High School Literary Societies was held on January 18th, under the direction of Mrs. Harris. The meeting was a decided success and everybody was well pleased.

PROGRAMME.

Piano Duet, Misses Blume and Darn.
Essay, - Miss Charles.
Part First of Dialogue, Lady Teazle,
Mr. Beal and Miss Coburn.
Vocal Solo - Miss Roeder.
Part Second of Dialogue, Mr. Beal and
Miss Coburn.
Part First of Paper, Mr. Montmorency.
Piano Duet, - Misses Polack.
Part Second of Paper, Miss Copeland.
Recitation - Miss Fonda.

Ninth Grade Entertainment.

The ninth grade gave another of their very interesting entertainments on last Friday afternoon, under the management of Miss Sheldon. These exercises have earned a very good name and always have plenty of spectators. Quite a large delegation of seniors were present.

PROGRAMME.

Duet, Misses Ringer and Hamilton.
Recitation, "King Robert of Sicily,"
Miss Harney.
The Garner, Part I., Read by
Carl Rowley.
"A Day With Tom Jackson," by
R. C. Cully.
"Down the Bay," by - Mima Doyle.
Recitation, "The Ladder of St. Augustine,"
- Paul Ludington.
Selection, "The Little Weaver," read by
Miss Wart.
Duet, Piano, Violin, Flute, Miss Ringer,
Mr. Bradley and Mr. Karbach.
The Garner, Part II, read by
Miss Burgland.
"Elora," by - Barnella Brown.
"A Ride to the Fair," by Viola Pratt.
Operatta, "The Professor at Home."
The Professor, - Mr. Oberfelder.
The Tax Collector, - Mr. Bell.
The Prima Donna, - Miss Barker.
Annie, the Servant, - Miss Crandall.
The operatta was the first ever produced in the school and reflects credit on the participants. It is to be hoped that more of them will be given hereafter.

The Register.

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It would help out the Athletic Association, if some members would be members both winter and summer. There are some who pay their dues in summer, then in winter months when sports are dull, they refuse to pay. This causes a great amount of confusion in a financial way and a few others. When spring comes around these members are the first who wish to unite. To all those that do this, they might as well stay out altogether if they do not intend to be members. By a member we mean one who joins the Association for good.

AMONG unprinted newspapers the the Eleventh Grade Treasury is worthy of honorable mention as a carefully edited sheet. The contributions are, as a rule exceedingly good, and the reviews of different essays well written, although a trifle too complementary to the effusions of the pupils—a common fault among amateur journalists. As the *Treasury* has neither press, printer nor devil, its contents are read at the semi-monthly literary meetings held by the Eleventh and Twelfth Grades combined. We welcome the advent of our contemporary.

THE following letter from an old High School boy now in business in this city, affords us such pleasure that we print it almost entire; Your issue of the REGISTER, of——at hand; allow me, as an old schoolmate to extend my congratulations to you on your success. And, as it is such a newsy little paper, full of spicy news about the to be obtained in any other way, I for one, would recommend it to ex-students, who should invite and give it their liberal support and patronage. * * * *

I remain yours truly,

Louis Weymuller.

Mr. Weymuller graduated in 1886, after completing the scientific course of

study. He is well and pleasantly remembered by those who knew him, and is now engaged in business in this city, being employed in the Merchants National Bank.

Now that spring approaches it is time to begin making arrangements for the athletic meet, if any is to be held. Last years tournament was a great success, but was too hastily prepared for to be perfect in its details. To avoid confusion and hurry, it would be well to elect from each grade, delegates who can make all necessary preparation for the event. A small entry fee should be charged, and the proceeds given to the athletic association. Sparring, fencing, running, leaping and other sports suitable for boys should of course be included, while the tennis tournament might well be opened to the young ladies. If desirable cricket, base ball and foot ball matches could also be arranged. For prizes small badges would be cheap and appropriate. All these matters can be determined by committees elected for the purpose, so that, with the assistance of our amateur athletes, the affair must be a grand success, if the experience of last year's meet may be taken as any indication of what this one will be.

THE discussions in the Twelfth Grade class meetings have been much commented upon during the last week. Ordinarily such meetings are of little interest to the school in general, but these have proved exceptionally amusing. The class, or a portion of it, was unable to decide what sort of a class badge would be most appropriate, some desiring one thing some another. After a great deal of debating, reconsidering and amending a class ring was adopted, and it was hoped that the matter had been decided. But now, we understand, some of the Twelfth Grade intend to order rings different from those adopted at their meetings. If this is true the Seniors may as well have the class initials engraved upon the rings which they now possess, as order new ones which will not be uniform, and consequently will not be class emblems. The matter is a trivial one, and it is remarkable that no agreement can be reached.

A minority should be more willing to submit to the wishes of the others, for in no other way will a decision be reached agreeable to all.

A History of Our Gymnasium.

The Greeks were probably the first to perceive the advantages of physical exercise. Their gymnastic performances

were included in their games, or great festivals, of which one, at least, was celebrated every year. The Olympic games, which originated about 596 B. C., were the oldest of these festivals; but the Pythian, Nemean, and Isthmian were nearly as important. At first these games consisted of racing only, but boxing wrestling, and throwing were gradually added. At the present day a good gymnast is able to give an almost endless variety of performances. Physical exercise is a great aid to mental development, for by preserving the health it leaves the intellect free of flaws and hindrances, as all good tools should be. The teachers of our schools and colleges understand this, and few large educational institutions are without their gymnasiums. Our High School is no exception to this rule, and it can boast of one of the best gymnasiums in Omaha. It is controlled by the boys alone.

In November, 1880, a few of the older members of the school assembled to start a gymnasium, and, subsequently, their plan was carried out by the aid of the contributions of some of our leading citizens. The most prominent among the contributors were Dr. G. S. Miller, Hon. J. E. Boyd, A. J. Poppleton and J. M. Woolworth.

In this way forty-five dollars were raised and the apparatus purchased was placed in the attic of the High School Building, which room the Board of Education had kindly given to the boys for the purpose.

The officers of the Gymnasium are a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The first President, was Mr. C. C. Turner.

The rules are enforced by means of a system of fines, and the room is kept clean by sweeping committees, who sweep every Friday afternoon after school.

Any male student of the school may become an active member by signing the constitution and paying dues of twenty-five cents every three months.

Accidents are not of frequent occurrence, but a few are bound to happen to the best of us. There have been a number of arms broken within the last three years. Harry Moores and Charles Myres having sustained the most severe fractures of those members. The most recent injury was that of Phelps Templeton, who sprained his wrist when jumping on the horizontal bar; while the most narrow escape from death, was the mishap of Will. Doane. Will, as he was walking on the joist under the rafters, fell through, striking on his back on the inclined

ropes, whence he fell to the floor, this time fortunately, lighting on his feet. The total height was between thirty and forty feet.

Two years ago the Board of Education presented the Gymnasium with a vaulting-horse and a pair of parallel bars, and also furnished the boys with an excellent teacher, Prof. Kummerow. Mr. Kummerow gives lessons twice a week, on Monday and Thursday afternoons from two to half past three o'clock. Lately there has not been the usual attendance at these lessons, probably on account of the cold weather, for it must be confessed the Gymnasium is not by any means warm.

At present the apparatus is worth about two hundred dollars. A pair of fencing foils and masks have been purchased lately, so that a member may become a circus actor, a boxer, wrestler, or a good swordsman, with sufficient practice.

The Gymnasium is highly appreciated by the boys. Many would feel lost without it. A ball ground is a very valuable and desirable possession, but after all only a few can play the game at the same time, and those who are not good players are excluded. Whereas, in the Gymnasium all the seventy numbers may enjoy themselves at the same time. W. F. DURNALL.

Washington High School Cadet Corps.

This contribution on the High School Military Company at Washington, by a member, will no doubt be interesting to our own soldiers.

In 1882, one of the teachers of the school conceived the idea of starting a cadet corps. After some deliberation it was finely organized with Mr. Isreal, the gentleman that started it, as major. The command continued under the above named gentleman for some time and then was transferred to one of the pupils, and has continued to be filled by the pupils since.

All male pupils of the high school are compelled to join, unless they have a satisfactory excuse from their parents or guardian.

The drilling hours are from two to three o'clock on Monday and Thursday unless something interferes. The boys all appear with their uniforms on and are very anxious for the school to close. They are always anxious for this but more so on drill days.

The members buy their own uniforms. The private's uniform including the cap costs \$16 00 this year. The coat \$8.75; the pants \$5.00, and the cap \$2.25. All the officer's uniforms cost according to their rank. The cap has "H. S. C." worked on with gold letters in front.

The uniforms are of a dark blue. The reason that this color was selected is that they are worn by a great majority of the boys as a school suit, and if they were of a light color they would soon get soiled. The teachers are trying to make it as cheap as possible, so no person can feel financially embarrassed by belonging to the Battalion.

The guns, bayonets, belts and cartridge boxes used by the battalion are furnished by the government. Mr. Paul, the principal of the school, gives his bond for them and when the school is through with them they are returned, and the bond cancelled. The swords that are used by the corps, were bought by the school out of the fund of a fair that was held the scholars some time ago.

The government has certain laws, about furnishing organizations with arms, that I have forgotten, but which can be found out on inquiry.

The battalion is formed anew every year, the commissioned officers resigning their positions, as they graduate at the end of the third year.

There are four companies, namely, A, B, C and D, each having sixteen men front double rank including eight corporals, except company C, it being the color company, has thirteen corporals, five acting as color guard. The companies and the battalion have a full list of officers.

The officers are chosen according to their behavior, standing in studies and knowledge of military tactics. The third year class take an examination.

When the school first opens the scholars are called together and a paper is distributed which the pupil and his parent are required to sign. The object is to give the parent an idea of what they intend to do with his boy, so there will be no misunderstanding in regard to it.

After these are signed and returned the boys that intend to join, meet on the parade grounds and are handed over to the major and Captain Ross, the drill master, who size them and form the companies. Some boys stand on sticks and stones, and nearly burst the buttons off their clothes trying to make themselves tall, so they can get in the companies having the tallest boys. Company A has the largest boys and D the smallest.

Mr. Ross is captain of Company B, of the Washington Light Infantry Corps, of Washington, D. C. It is the best drilled company or corps in the city.

The school opens some time in the first two weeks of September, and about the 15th of October the third year boys

take an examination in military tactics for the commissioned offices. About the 1st of November the commissioned officers and sergeants are appointed; the corporals are not appointed till some time in December, so when the holidays are over the battalion is ready for steady work.

Third year classes are allowed the offices of corporals, sergeants, lieutenants, captains and all the commissioned field offices; the second year class are allowed the offices of corporals, sergeants, and sergeant-major; the first year class is not allowed to hold any offices, except those boys that have been in the class two terms.

There is a great deal of rivalry among the four companies to see which can drill the best, and in March the corps always gives a reception at which each company drills.

At the close of the school there is a dress parade held in front of the Arlington hotel where the corps is reviewed by the secretary of war and the lieutenant-general of the army.

The first appearance the battalion generally makes is on the 22d of February, and there is a great deal of talk about it as so many people have children and friends in the school, and they take a great interest in it. It appears as if the battalion is going to make a very good show off on the 22d of February, 1887. It has been the best drilled cadet corps in the city nearly every year, and this year it seems as if it was going to be better than before. The corps, as a rule, appear on most all parades here, that amount to anything, after the 22d of February.

There has been a great deal of talk among the pupils of sending a company to the National Drill, to be held in Washington in May, but there has been nothing said by the teachers yet, so it looks somewhat doubtful. The corps, however, will participate in the parade on the 30th of May, the last day of the drill, when the military organizations will go to Arlington, a few miles above Washington, to decorate the soldiers graves.

The yell of the corps is:—

Rah! Rah! Rah!

He. Hi. Ha.

High School Cadet Corps.

Boom. S-s-s-s. Rah!

HARRY B. RAMEY.

A Private Camping Excursion.

PART IV.

The boys had worked pretty hard the day before, and when they awoke it was nearly seven. They had made many good resolutions to get up early

but it was postponed whenever the time for action came. Breakfast was soon over, and while washing the dishes Johnny proposed crabbing. The day previous, while over at Mr. Dickerson's, Johnny procured a supply of salt eels, which he explained were for crab bait. After breakfast the boat was cleared for action. Putting all provisions in the tent and tying the flaps, the four embarked. Pretty soon Herb said.

"Why, that looks easy. Let me row awhile, Mr. Gibson."

"Certainly, certainly. With pleasure."

Herb took his seat with the air of one who knows all about it. Carefully letting the oars down to their proper depth he gave a pull. The boat started off smoothly enough, but the second time the oars were not dipped properly, and one went down deep and the other skipped over the water, throwing up the water where the wind caught it and gave Guy and Wal a shower bath. Herb made up with them by declaring it an accident. The third time Herb tried to divide his attention between the two oars, and as a result neither oar touched the water, which so disappointed him that he nearly fell over backward. Then he began pulling promiscuously, sending the boat in any direction. By this time public safety necessitated his giving it up to Guy, who had spent many a fine day on the shore of the Chesapeake. The intention was to go to the chops, but no one would have known it had they watched the boat while Herb was at work. Arriving at the chops the boat was tied fast to a pole, probably used for a trap net. A piece of salt eel was tied on the end of a string and thrown overboard. The crabs on finding the eel would go to work on it and would not be aware of the fact that they were being pulled toward the surface. They hung on stubbornly and when about four inches or so below the surface, the person in the boat, by a quick and accurate motion catches them in a dip net, and soon they are crawling around in the boat. Some time was spent in the sport, and they tried several places in the neighborhood, and about 11 o'clock rowed back to camp with about twenty crabs. Johnny was sitting in the stern and suddenly burst out laughing. The other boys were anxious that he should not have the full responsibility of the fun and pressed him for information.

"Look there," he said, pointing to the camp. The crows had evidently taken possession of it, and those that were not circling around had settled in the trees and on the ground, and were trying

to tell each other all about it. It looked as though they had inspected the tent, but on their arrival at "Shelly Shore" their fears were found to be groundless.

After dinner Guy said he knew where there was a big patch of dry grass, and suggested that they make a harvest for their bed. So each boy got a knife and, taking the big canvas, used as the tent floor, they went over the hill a hundred yards or so and went to work on the grass. The canvas was filled and taken to camp, and taken back after another load. It took them some time to get enough for a good, easy bed, but they did not mind the time.

About the middle of the afternoon a few clouds made their appearance, and the wind became a little fresher. That suggested a sail.

Herb and Guy went up the shore in search of a mast, and soon came back with a pole about ten feet high, with a crotch in the top. Two small poles were used for yards and the gunny sack sail were fastened to these. A piece of rope was tied to the middle of the upper yard and passed over the crotch in the mast, which was nailed to the bow of the boat. Everything was ready, and they pushed out from the shore and rowed toward the wind for half a mile. Turning about, the sail was raised. The wind, which by this time was very strong, filled it quickly and the ship was soon speeding toward camp at a pace that made the water roar at its bows. An oar at the stern guided it safely to the camp.

The sky was now completely clouded, and the wind was cold and strong. It filled the tent and made it bulge out like a rubber balloon in a way that let the poles drop onto Wal, who was in there sewing on a button that parted his company when he was dipping for his first crab.

Supper was very quickly prepared and disposed of. The breakers came in on the shore in a lively way, and the boat was drawn upon land to prevent its being pounded loose by the waves. The boys made everything fast and retired into the tent, which was snugly tied and fixed so as to keep out the wind. Quite a number of newspapers had been used in filling up the corners in the messbox, and these were examined by the light of a candle. The wind roared and whistled through the cedars and the waves crashed on the shore, and the boys rolled themselves up snugly in their blankets and were soon dreaming of "A life on the ocean wave."

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