

# The High School Register.

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## NOTES.

—The great query, "What did you get in examination?"

—Work on the chimney for the new furnace is going along rapidly as is evidenced by the hammering.

—Wanted.—Every scholar of the High School to act as reporter for the REGISTER and hand in all bits of news.

—The recent cold wave caused a temporary suspension of out-door sports, and the gymnasium consequently had quite a rush.

—Springsuits have made their appearance in the High School. Let the good work go on and it will soon be time for ice cream and vacation.

—The new paper tabs used for figuring just suit the scholars. They no doubt suit the School Board, too, for they are much cheaper than the examination paper.

—While our modest little paper is not so large nor so elaborate as many of our exchanges we think it will compare favorably in news and general attractiveness.

—From the talk among the boys one would think the ducks were just slaughtered last week. The boy who didn't shoot over two hundred could not be found.

—The records made by the scholars in the recent examinations were exceptionally good. Some think the questions were hard but the majority think they have seen worse examinations.

—Isn't it about time to make preparations for the Athletic Tournament? To be thoroughly enjoyed it should be held before the warm weather sets in, and to have everything pass off nicely plenty of time should be taken for the preparations.

—The teachers evidently knew that the scholars wanted to get away, on Monday morning, before the advanced lessons could be given out, and on Tuesday morning they appeared, one after another and announced the lessons. The scholars thought the teachers were taking too much trouble to keep them busy.

—The study rooms are not so well filled with scholars at recesses as they used to be. The pleasant weather no doubt tempts many to spend the time out on the school grounds.

—One of the zoology classes thought it would be a good idea to get some lobsters to dissect. The lobsters came up all right but had been cooked by mistake (?) The dissecting was done with closed doors.

—The blackboards in a number of the rooms have received a new coat of coloring. An old blackboard gets glossy and reflects the light in a very troublesome way to one who tries to read the inscription written thereon.

—The teachers in charge of the examinations at the close of last term evidently had considerable difficulty in writing plainly. They were continually erasing and rewriting words much to the amusement of the scholars.

—Last week's enjoyable vacation was lengthened [two days by the cold weather. Some one, (he cannot have lived in Nebraska very long,) concluded during the warm March weather that summer had arrived and cold weather departed. Acting upon this conclusion he kindly tore down the large chimney for repairs, for which we hereby express our thanks.

—The attendance at the drills of the military company has fallen off considerably. The officers propose to take some decisive step that will compel a larger attendance. Some members have good excuses for absence but others don't take the interest in the association that they should. We would advise all who possibly can to be present at the drill next Tuesday.

—The debating clubs may be interesting and exciting but to see some of the discussions among scholars at the recesses would inspire a stranger with awe. Politics are sometimes discussed but the general subject is sporting matters. The orators express their ideas in a way that makes an impression on the audience. If they get too flowery they are greeted with a hand shake.

—There was no school on the first two days of this week on account of the cold snap. The building was not heated sufficiently to hold school. The weather was much warmer Wednesday morning and the schemers with turned up coat collars and swinging arms did not get their holiday.

—This is the season when the newspapers complain of being flooded with spring poems. They tell about how they have oiled up their patent ejecting machine, how many prize fighters and bull dogs they have ready for action, and so on. The REGISTER is pleased to state that it has not been overwhelmed with the productions of ambitious rhymers. We would like to see a few poems on spring and keep them as curiosities.

—It is well known that the scholars of the High School do not lack in willingness to learn, and that they do very good work. But if the teachers want to see still more improvement and to get the scholars thoroughly interested in their work they might inaugurate a competition between the different classes as to percentages as a class. No scholar likes to be chaffed about the inferiority of his class and he would work hard before he would allow his side to be beaten. We don't think it would cause any ill-feeling but would, on the contrary, establish a friendly rivalry that would raise the class percentages with a jump.

### The Afternoon of Music.

The second of the Friday afternoon entertainments was given on March 18th. They were held in the ninth grade room. The whole school participated, and a large number of friends and relatives of scholars were present. The first part of the programme consisted of selections sung by the whole school. The second part was an operatta. It was on a larger scale than the one given some time ago, and was on the whole more interesting. The following was the cast:

Mr. Tyron,.....	Allen Bell
Mrs. Tyron,.....	Helen Copeland
Bridget,.....	Rose Grady
Snowdrop,.....	Morris Bealls
Mr. Rooney,.....	Jay Walker

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WE would suggest that the Gynnasium Society invest a portion of their surplus in a new set of boxing gloves. The ones now in use have seen so much service that the stuffing has been forced down into the end which leaves the knuckles altogether too close to the lining for the comfort of the one who gets hit. They are good enough for "slugging" but for scientific sparring a new set should be purchased.

THE new school building to be erected on the Capitol Hill grounds, will be placed at the corner of Twenty-Second and Farnam streets, so leaving the north-west corner of the High School square open as before. For purposes of building the north-west corner is rather more suitable than the plot of ground whereon the new school house will be located. For this reason the High School students will thank the Board of Education the more warmly for not spoiling the ball ground at the corner of Davenport and Twenty-Second streets.

WE do not like to see the weak support given the REGISTER by the girls. It has been our earnest endeavor to make the paper interesting to both boys and girls alike, and if it contains more for the boys than for the girls it is because the boys give it more hearty support and contribute to its columns. We have quite a number of supporters among the girls, however, who help us greatly in trying to make the REGISTER a good paper, but there are a great many who have not yet come to the front and shown that they are not indifferent to our labor. We hope to see them make their presence felt.

SOME amusing mistakes are sometimes made in recitations. In a majority of cases the scholar who makes them speaks before taking second thought. In one of the commercial arithmetic classes a scholar was naming the different kinds of insurance. He said, "There is life insurance, fire insurance and thunder and lightning insurance." It was not the same boy who said in his history class, "The Normans delighted in blood and thunder." A boy studying Greek history was trying to think of the name of Cupid and finally exclaimed rather impatiently, "Oh! That little kid."

A GREAT deal of complaint has lately been made about the non-enforcement of the Athletic Association rule which is said to prohibit players not members of the Athletic Association from participating in the games played on the school grounds. As a matter of fact the rule simply requires that in the 'inter-school' games association players shall be preferred to non-association players. That is if all the association players are chosen, and the sides remain incomplete, then outsiders may be taken in to make the sport interesting. The Athletic Association is now numerically so weak that it is never able to put two full teams in the ball-field. Unless new members join the Athletic Association the field captains will be unable to dispense with aid from those who are not members, and who are only too glad to reap the benefits of an athletic club, without contributing to its support. Nor would the admission of persons not attending the school remedy this evil. The usual hours of play, from 2 to 4 p. m., are very convenient for school-boys, but quite the reverse for outsiders, who would be unable to play more than once a week. Therefore we must look to the students for support; and great efforts should be made to bring into the association at least a dozen outsiders. Those who can afford to join ought to do so, even though they care little for base-ball or cricket. The Athletic Association is one of the most praiseworthy of the High School clubs, and it ought not to be suffered to perish for want of assistance from the young men of the school.

## About Eyes.

Defective vision among school children is at present attracting a great deal of attention among the educated classes of people. Physicians have been gathering statistics relative to the sub-

ject. Architects are questioning how class rooms should be lighted. School-boards and teachers are investigating the advantages of steep slant in desks, and large type in books; all with a view to prevent if possible the alarming increase of myopia (near sightedness) in students.

Dr. Cahn, of Breslan, recently tested the vision of 10,060 children in the German schools and found 100 (one-tenth) of them near-sighted; while of 410 students in the University nearly two-thirds were affected in this manner, showing a great increase of the disease as education advanced. In Italy, France and England the same rule holds true. In this country near-sightedness is not quite so prevalent, yet every oculist meets many cases among advanced students in which the disease has passed beyond recovery and the ambitious young man or woman has to lay aside the enjoyment of books, and the pursuit of a chosen profession simply because provision was not made for relief when relief might have been obtained. Hence the question is frequently raised, Cannot the causes of so much suffering be stopped?

We answer emphatically, Yes. Where the school-room furniture is badly constructed, where low desks and poor light cause the scholars to bend over so as to bring their heads within a few inches of the books, it is the duty of parents and teachers to raise their indignant voices against the wholesale manufacture of weak eyes caused thereby. School boards should see to it that the light is good but never facing the pupils—that the desks are so constructed that no stooping is necessary or even possible. Were this done one-third of the cases of myopia would be prevented.

On the teachers also rests responsibility, for if she understood the nature of the trouble she would be able to detect it among her pupils and advise their seeking speedy relief; she would compel them to sit erect and hold their books high, would admonish them in regard to bad habits, and encourage their writing in a large hand and using

books printed in bold type.

Parents also should see to it that their children do not study late at night, nor where the light is poor, nor at all when recovering from any attack of sickness.

Neither is the family physician wholly irresponsible, since if he fails to see that his patients have correct glasses he does them decided injury, for people left to choose for themselves invariably select glasses which are too strong, and thereby diseases of the retina and optic nerve are induced.

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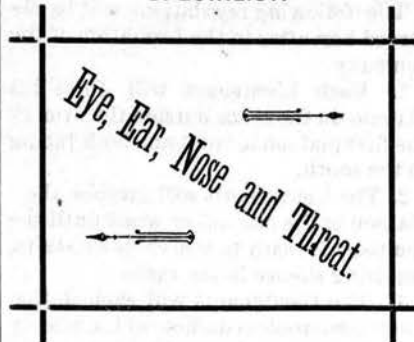
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