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NOTES.

—The REGISTER hopes that the picnic to be held at Hanscom Park tomorrow will not be spoiled by the usual picnic rain.

—If the school board would furnish little pebbles for the boys to throw around the room there would be an immense saving in chalk.

—One of the pipes in the Tenth Grade Room seemed to have some spasmodic disorder one day last week. It groaned horribly, causing much amusement for the scholars.

—The pupils can probably gain some comfort from the fact that although the weather is "beastly warm," the High School is situated in the coolest part of the city and so is always comfortable.

—"What a black cloud that is," remarked a scholar, looking through the upper part of one of the upper study room windows. But later investigation proved all the blackness to be on the window.

—Prof. Kummerow has announced that he will give a \$10 prize to the best turner of the high school gymnasium. The contest is open to all members who pay their dues promptly and have a reputation for good behavior. Lessons are now being given in the gymnasium, and all who desire to compete should begin at once.

—The scholars must remember that each one is entitled to only one pad of paper per week. Some seem to forget this and take more than their share. The teachers don't want to watch the pads like spoons are watched in a state prison and the scholars should not abuse the confidence placed in them. It is a small matter but it counts.

—The wrestling carpet is a great addition to the gymnasium and is the scene of some lively work. Shirts suffer extremely and when a match is over they look like they had been through a threshing machine. As yet no necks have been broken, nor temper lost, but the dry goods stores have been doing a big business in suspender buttons.

—There is to be an interesting debate in of one the Composition classes next week. It is, "Resolved, That girls are of more use in this world than the boys." The boys are determined to come out ahead, while the girls say that they will not be convinced if they are beaten. "A woman convinced against her will is of the same opinion still."

—Mr. Charles Schneider who entered the High School with the class of '87, and is well known to many of the graduates and scholars of the school, is in business at Fresno, California. He is engaged in the raisin drying business and will soon own a share in one of the factories at Fresno. It is always pleasant to learn of the prosperity of a former schoolmate.

—A man in Iowa claims to have found a flaw in the title of the Iowa Lunatic Asylum farm. He claims the place can still be home-steaded and accordingly has filed a claim to that effect. What he wants of the Asylum and what he purposes to do with the inmates is a mystery. Many think he should be placed in the Asylum as a patient rather than a homesteader.

—A notice has been posted in the Gymnasium to the effect that all the delinquent members who do not pay their dues before next waek will be suspended. There is a certain class of boys who frequent the Gymnasium but never pay up. The officers have had considerable trouble with this crowd and they do not feel disposed to be lenient with them. And if a member is suspended it is next to impossible for him to get back this term.

—Mr. Mont. Taylor has been recently heard from. He is now at Annapolis, at the naval academy. Mr. Taylor writes in the most amusing manner concerning the hard work which a naval cadet has to perform. Two hours daily drill is by no means the least of the troubles of a cadet at Annapolis. As Mr. Taylor formerly attended the High School in Omaha, we ought to be proud of his success in keeping up with his studies at the naval academy.

—SUMMER UNDERWARE at Pease Bros

An exhibition was given by the Zoology class in the auditorium last Friday. The programme comprised the reading of several compositions and essays on zoological subjects, interspersed by music. The lobster was demonstrated by illustrations and diagrams as was also the spider. Mr. Clark's guitar solo, Miss Chamberlain's vocal solo and Mr. Knox's "Lay of the Lobster" drew forth protracted applause.

—A sad accident occurred in the Physics room on Thursday of last week. Prof. Leviston was performing the experiment of exploding gun cotton by means of pressure, when it occurred. When the explosion took place, the wooden handle of the piston on which he was pressing split, thus allowing the piston to be driven through his hand. The piece was about three-sixteenth of an inch in diameter and caused a painful wound from which, all will be pleased to learn, Prof. Leviston is fast recovering.

Base Ball

The school nine played its game of ball on the 12th, with the Bankers and the following is the score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Bankers	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	—6
O. H. S.	2	0	5	7	0	0	0	—14

The special feature of the game was the fine battery work done by Bowl and Groff for the school and Kelly and Chambers for the Bankers.

TIPS FROM THE GAME.

Did you see Hackneys catch in centre field?

The would-be catch of McCormick at short stop failed to materialize.

Nelson is a dandy on third.

Rustin at first "ditto"

Lucas should be called Jumbo, two 3-base hits and one home run.

The Bank boys can handle checks but not Groffs pitching.

Water was 5c a glass.

A new back stop should be secured.

Did M _____ k go riding at 6:30.

—Light Derby HATS at Pease Bros. Pease Bros. for Hats.

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OUR attention was called to the fact that no mention had been made in these columns of the kindness of Mr. Brigham and other outsiders who have added so much to the success of the Friday entertainments. It would be ungrateful indeed if we refused to acknowledge such kindness on the part of gentlemen and ladies on whom we have not the remotest claim. The omission was the result of an oversight, and should therefore be charged rather to thoughtlessness than want of courtesy on our part.

—THE High School nine are anxious to arrange a match with that of Bellevue College, but do not know to whom they ought to send a challenge. If this paragraph should meet the eye of anyone of the Bellevue boys, we hope that he will notify the captain of the Bellevue nine of our desire to play. Mr. Wheeler, manager of the Athletic Association, is authorized to arrange all matches for the Association clubs, and all challenges should be sent to him.

SO MUCH has been said in these columns concerning the needs of the Athletic Association that any further allusion to the subject must doubtless be wearisome to our readers. But when we see that the Athletic Association is being ruined by abuses which have crept up in spite of the rules which are intended to restrain them, it is not right to pass over the matter in silence.

On Thursday, a week ago, a team purporting to be a High School club, met and defeated the Bank Nine. The victory was a creditable one, but as three of the best players including the pitcher

of the so called "High School" team were members neither of the School nor the Association, little praise is due to High School athletes on that account. Now the case stands thus: if the team above mentioned played under the designation of an "Association" club, no outsiders were entitled to a place on the team. But if it played under any other title, the Association's property could not legally have been used in the game. In the first case the base ball captain was at fault, for it is he who selects the players for each match. Otherwise the manager is blamable for allowing the the property of the Athletic Association to be employed by outsiders. Where ever the fault rests, the effect is injurious to that body, which was once one of the best of our societies. By the constitution of that organization, an officer who fails in his duty may be impeached by a vote of two-third of the membership. While it is extremely improbable that such means will ever be used to secure the enforcement of the rules, yet that clause may be taken as earnest of the desire that all parts of the cocstitution shall be carried into effect.

It is not the intention of the REGISTER to assail the officers of the Athletic Association; such a course would be inconsistent with its former policy toward those officers. But believing all the members of the Athletic Association should understand the danger of violating rules so important, the REGISTER could not refrain from expressing its sentiments in regard to this matter. In the future we will endeavor not to encumber these columns with comments on the policy or interests of the Athletic Association.

Alumni.

The REGISTER designs to prepare a list of the High School Alumni and their whereabouts. We have not at hand a list of the graduates of 1885 but will publish the names of those of 1884 and 1886, relying on our friends to assist us in filling up the blank spaces. We have the names of the graduates for every year but 1885 and 1877 (in 1887 there were no graduates), and will publish them at another time. Some of the graduates may be dead or worse yet, married, but any little mistakes we may make will be charged, we hope, to the score of ignorance.

CLASS OF 1886.

Name.	Present Residence.
Avery, Miss Alice	
Bruce, Mis Ida	Omaha
Benton, Miss Blanche	Omaha

Copeland, Miss May	Omaha
Collet, Miss Minnie	Omaha
Hutmaker, Miss Clara	
Hall, Miss Helen	Omaha
Hannan, Miss Myra	
M'Connell, Charles	Omaha
Mewcomb, Miss Julia	
Rose, Arthur	Omaha
Rosewater, Miss Nellie	Omaha
Streitz, Edward	Omaha
Wood, Miss Emma	
Weymuller, Louis	Omaha
Wallace, Miss Jennie	Omaha
Witman, Miss Elizabeth	
Young, Miss Annie	Omaha

CLASS OF 1884.

Avery, Miss Minnehaha	
Bigelow, Hardy	Lincoln
Graves, Douglas	Sandwich, Ill.
Kendall, Miss Maud	
Jones, Miss Ada	
James, Miss Gertrude	Omaha
Taylor, Mrs. Jettie	
(nee Hurlbut)	Omaha
Van Sant, Miss Lizzie	
Wilson, Miss Zella	

Many of those above named are away from home at school or on business which requires them to move from point point. We only give the graduates addresses when at home.

Shakespeare's Authorship.

From the time that the plays alleged to Shakespeare were written the world has wondered at the profound knowledge so miraculously shown in them, since it is known that he grew to manhood without any education save that of a country grammar school, and also that he was not of a studious disposition. Would not this wonder cease if investigation began?

One reason why the question has not been looked into more thoroughly is the unwillingness of people to do so. We are all hero worshippers and love to find something in our race to wonder at, which we certainly possess in this case. The world has believed in Shakespeare and set him on a pinnacle far above any other man in literature and does not like the thought of investigating this question too closely, lest the investigation pull him down.

When Shakespeare came to London, as we have before said he was not known to be inclined toward studying or reading at all. Neither was he distinguished for close observation or elevated thought, quite the contrary, if stories of his youth are to be credited.

There is no evidence on record that afterward during his connection with the London theatre, he turned his at-

tention to profound study or any branch of literature, and it seems self evident that he would neither have time, being both an actor and a business man, nor the faculties for studying even up to the pitch of an ordinary collegiate education, which he did not have, much less for penetrating into the inmost depths of every branch of knowledge then known, and of some unknown at that time to anyone except—Bacon. To think that he could be doing all this and at the same time be writing the greatest dramas ever written seems rather inconsistent especially since no one could find out when he did it. Then think of this careless youth writing Hamlet, Lear and Othello without blotting out a line! The seniors of the High School who have just finished struggling over their essays can realize the enormity of this feat especially when they remember that their education has been as good as that of Shakespeare. Is it not more likely that the plays were written after years of hard mental labor by another hand and copied by Shakespeare? There was one man capable of writing them who needed the money and yet would not write them under his own name as he was a nobleman, and it was considered degrading for a nobleman to write plays. That man was Bacon. We notice also that when Bacon was busiest in his official duties the plays came forth slowly, but when he was out of office they were written very fast. Their plots are taken from a source with which it is known he was familiar and their characters express the same sentiments that we find in his essays.

It has been considered one of the peculiar things about Shakespeare that he was the greatest dramatist ever known and lived in comparative modern times and yet we know scarcely anything concerning his life. Even his intimate friends Green Peel and Marlow could not understand where the genius of the plays abided, for while among them he showed no sharper wit than they. It would seem that he did not wish much to be known concerning himself. If we were to follow the rule of judging a man by the company he keeps Shakespeare would suffer by it, for Green Peel and Marlow have left shameful records behind them of lives spent in wickedness and dissipation, and they were his boon companions. And yet at the same time he is supposed to be writing his dramas, which set forth more moral principles and teach men more what is good than any other secular works ever written.

Charles Dickens to the Age of 25.

One bright, frosty morning in February, 1812, there was born at Platts-mouth, England, a baby boy. His father was John Dickens, a clerk in the Navy Pay Office. This small baby was christened Charles John Huffman, but the last part of his name he dropped as soon as he was old enough.

When Charles was born, the family were in comfortable circumstances; had a nice house and garden, at a low rent, in which they could raise a few vegetables; their parlor was nicely furnished as was the rest of the house. There were some pictures on the wall and a carpet on the floor; they had in this room, also, a small walnut bookcase full of books among which were, Tales of a Genii and Robinson Crusoe, when Charles had learned to read, his mother would let him have a book if he had been a good boy all day. Before Charles learned to read, his mother, hoping to add a small sum to their income which was so small now, as the family had increased in number, tried to establish a Young Ladies Boarding School. But this plan failed only for want of Young Ladies to attend, in fact the only pupil she had of either sex was her son Charles.

About six years after Charles was born his father though he could live more cheaply at Chatham, so he sold almost all his furniture and started with his large family of small children in that direction, but here he could not find a house large enough at rates to suit them, neither could he find employment, so they went on to London. Here they were forced to stay, as the proceeds of the sale at Plattsmouth had almost given out, so, although the rent was high, they went into lodgings. Charles' father tried to find employment but failed, he ran in debt and before long was imprisoned.

Mrs. Dickens could not keep the whole family in clothes and food, although she patched the former until there was hardly any of the original goods left. She went out washing, ironing, scrubbing, anything to earn enough to keep herself and children. Charles was put in a blacking warehouse earning six shillings a week. Charles was a very ambitious and smart boy, he wanted to be "a great and celebrated man," and naturally resented such companions as he had.

While in prison his father received a small legacy, and, taking Charles out of the warehouse and sent him to school. The school that Charles attended was not of the most pleasant kind for him,

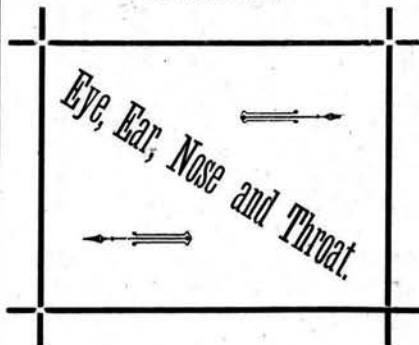
but he went steadily for two years. This schooling, combined with his former position in the warehouse, was of the greatest possible use to him, as both fitted him for his after work of describing the scenes common among the poorest classes of London. It was easy for Dickens to do this, as he observed everything, had a good memory, and a better imagination.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

—Nothing can exceed the variety of the aprons of the chemistry class. There are mother-hubbards, pina-fores, and no apron at all. Soon, the number of acid marks will spoil the beauty of the aprons.

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—WANTED.—Somebody to provide a lunch counter for the friends with capacious mouths who never bring a lunch.

—The notice of warning published by the Exterminating Committee seems to have had a good effect. One can now walk around the school without being in constant dread of some lurking antiquity lying in wait for the next victim.

—Base Ball occupies much time and attention at the school, but regular games are rare on account of the scarcity of good players. Rumors are heard of games with the "Pickwicks" and the Creighton College club. The latter profess to be willing to play, but they have not yet sent or accepted a challenge. In case a game should be arranged, the field captain of base ball should pay due attention to the rule which prohibits non-association players from playing on association teams. If this rule is not respected the greatest dissatisfaction will be occasioned, and the result may be the disbandment of the Association.

An Ode to Spring.

O, the beautiful Spring! The most pleasant time of all the year! The time when the gentle winds waft along the aromatic odors emanating from the newly painted houses and back alley. The time when we hear the sleepy buzz of the blue bottle fly, as he lazily stretches his wings on the end of your nose and keeps you awake mornings. How delightful it is to watch the old hen as the dreamily scratches the bugs and newly planted seeds out of the garden. O, this is pleasant—But please excuse us from any more. Our supply of mental ability is exhausted.

Lost and Found.

Lost.—History 46	FOUND.—Algebra 13
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History 64	Knife.
History 2	Comb.
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