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EDITORIAL.

THE REGISTER would like to see more debates in our school.

These debates are a pleasing form of entertainment; are instructive to those who hear them; and are especially beneficial to those who participate, being a means of gaining much knowledge and exciting, as they do, the ambition of the debaters.

The desire to win a victory lends zest to the study required and the thought that immediate use can be made of the acquired knowledge also makes the work more pleasing. The scholars also, learn to express themselves nicely and to seize upon the strong points of their side of the debated subject and make them prominent, at the same time exposing the weak ones in their adversaries side.

In brief, to acquire a readiness of speech and the powers of condensation and application of words and thoughts so as to

make the most advantageous use of them. The few debates which we have had in former years met with great favor and were very good for beginnings but if they had been followed by others our school would now be able to boast of some good speakers.

More exercises of this character would make the High School seem more natural.

THE establishment of a lunch counter in connection with the cooking school, seems to be a popular theme with the boys.

There are two reasons for this, the first being the usual one, that of boys always being hungry and the second arising from the first, some boys are continually satisfying this hunger from the lunches of others.

It is hard to decide from which class the greater demand for a counter comes, but it is doubtful whether any one who is not enterprising enough to bring a lunch of his own, would be enterprising enough to patronize a lunch counter. The REGISTER would suggest the individual closets which were advocated in our last issue as the easiest way to settle the difficulty.

WHEN are the boys going to give another minstrel performance? is a question which is often heard. The last one was so successful and proved such an enjoyable event that a repetition would be well received. The boys should try it again.

THE study of Natural Philosophy is constantly being made more interesting by additions of new experimental apparatus. A large invoice of goods has recently been received and more are expected.

Amongst many additions are a complete set of tuning forks; a nicely arranged bellows for the sound department, a hydrostatic press and a hydraulic ram; curtains upon which to project light; a large magic lantern; and some electrical apparatus.

By the time the new building is finished and better accommodations afforded for this department our High School will have one of the most complete sets of experimental apparatus to be found in the west.

Already, the scholars who have finished this study look upon those who are now taking it with envious eyes and wish that they could spare the time to again look over the subject and perform the experiments which would be new to them.

WE are glad to see that amongst some of the scholars there is a disposition to write poetry and are glad to encourage such by publishing their efforts. More writings of this kind are desired.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

The Brownell Hallites were lately seen taking a ride on the cable line. They filled the grip car with a combination of pretty faces and latest style spring bonnets and made the face of the conductor smile as he passed amongst them collecting the fare. "May they come often" has since been his prayer.

"Thirty-five young ladies in an Iowa University are being drilled in the use of military arms. Their costumes consist of a short skirt of navy blue with blouse waist trimmed with gold braid and brass buttons and a zouave cap to match."

To secure a more thorough knowledge of Shakespeare, 20 students of John Hopkins took inferior roles in the Booth and Barrett performance in Philadelphia.

Students in Germany pay 25 cents for seats at the opera. Let us go to Germany. There perhaps, we can each take a girl without borrowing the money.

Twenty-six Freshmen at Cornell failed to pass the mid-winter Examination and were excused from further attendance.

The Ann Arbor University Glee Club that starts on a tour this spring is reported to be exceptionally fine.

The oldest college in America is the college of Mexico. It was founded 50 years before Harvard.

19,000 dollars and the income on 180,000 is given away annually at Amherst on prizes.

A telescope costing \$600 is to be placed in St. Paul High School Observatory.

There is some talk of moving the Bellevue College to Omaha.

The Dakota University recently suffered a great loss by fire.

There are said to be 43 log school houses in Iowa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW HAVEN, March 23.

Although base-ball is exceedingly popular in the west, yet I doubt if any amateur nine west of the Missouri would submit to the severe training which does so much to render Yale's team invincible on the diamond. The nine begins work about the middle of the winter, when the men commence practicing in the cage, a long low building, well lighted by windows let into the roof. There the men practice batting, pitching, catching and base running until the weather grows mild enough to permit them to play in the field. To make the men familiar with the principles of base-sliding they are compelled to run the length of the cage and cast themselves headlong upon a

PERSONALS.

Miss Sallie McClintock has gone east for the benefit of her health. She will remain away till the fall when it is hoped she will return entirely recovered.

Ask Charlie for an introduction to Mrs. Stone.

Mr. Addison Townsend who is still in Washington has turned philanthropist and is educating the Heathen Chinee. Those whom he cannot educate readily he attempts to kill off and thus benefit his country. He is teaching two Chinamen how to ride a bicycle.

We notice by the papers that Wallace Broatch and Jennie Wallace spent Easter holidays in Washington.

Miss Mellie Groff took a weeks vacation this month for the improvement of her health. In this she was entirely successful as the gain of flesh on Miss Mellie's cheeks was quite noticeable.

NOTES.

A curious kind of fish was caught by a member of our school, a few weeks ago, in a Tenth Grade room desk. It was about four inches long and very much resembled an Egyptian mummy in color and appearance. It was surely very old as the sense of smell would testify and the rats had left the marks of their teeth on it. Certainly it was old enough to fly and it made several erratic dives at its tormenters heads during the course of the day. Finally it was caged in a lunch basket which belonged to no one, or if it did he was ashamed to confess ownership. If not claimed soon both basket and fish will be consigned to the cooking school.

Some of the boys proposed a strike but as strikes have not been very successful as yet, this was given up. There is really no reason why a holiday should be given and the scholars need every day for study that they can get before the end of the year.

An anxious inquirer. "What does the cross on my paper mean?"

frame work covered with smooth cloth on which one can fall without danger of injury. This device is an invention of the famous pitcher and captain Stagg whose fame in base-ball circles has made him one of the most popular men in Yale. The captain of the nine is a little czar whose slightest word of command is unhesitatingly obeyed, for although he has not the power of life and death over his men yet he can punish the idle or insubordinate player by dropping him from the list of candidates, as he is compelled to treat some who are too inefficient to have any chance of winning a place on the nine. The captaincy is a very responsible position, requiring as it does a most thorough knowledge of the game both in theory and practice and so highly is the captain esteemed that his election to the best and most exclusive of the Senior societies is regarded as a matter of course. Dann the catcher of the nine was captain last year, but Stagg, the most famous of college pitchers is now holding that post. It is thought that our nine will beat Harvard again this Spring and indeed Yale has a good chance to succeed in all of the athletic contests of 1888. We have held the championship in base ball for 1887, in rowing we beat Harvard in 1886 and 1887, in foot-ball we have won every game but one since 1882 and in 1887 the Mott Haven cup, the prize for superiority in general athletics also fell to our lot. But when a Yale man begins to praise his own college he finds it hard to stop since there is so much to praise, so I must not run on longer or there will be no room in these columns for High School news which I dare say is far more important to the readers of the REGISTER than anything that could be written about Harvard or Yale, Columbia or Princeton.

J. W. BROATCH.

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The scholars thought it rather hard that they were not given a holiday on Arbor day claiming that it was a legal holiday.

The flag staff at the north end of the building was finished last week and the flag was hoisted for the first time on Friday.

The old fire alarm drill was revived this month and the scholars marched out one windy day just before recess. This should come oftener and not be made a farce. A few instructions once a year and one drill does not do much good.

One of our literary scholars has at last awoken to the advantages afforded by a high collar. He never before realized how handy it was to jot down notes or even to write whole compositions upon one.

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Many of the scholars availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing Shakespeare as represented by Booth and Barrett. Those who did read their Literature with greater pleasure afterward.

If John Brown's body has not been resurrected in the past month from the grave in which it lay mouldering, it is not the fault of some of the singing classes. His soul has surely not loitered in this neighborhood but still "goes marching on"

Now that the warm weather is here, it is a common occurrence for a boy to relapse into reverie and be dreamily thinking about spring's gentle zephyrs and the slowly budding trees. From this condition he is sure to arouse with an Ouch! uttered in an agonized tone as he feels a pin, pen or tack slowly finding its way into his flesh. This is always taken as a matter of course. It is one of the natural results of spring, a mere sprouting from the hands of his nearest neighbor.

Principal, What, you here again Allen! You are an old offender. Five afternoons on Shakespeare and a cane bottom chair will be about right this time.

The saws which were advertised for in the last issue were found to be entirely unnecessary. The word saw was a loop hole through which all have, as yet, successfully escaped. The individual who advertised can try again at our usual advertising rates.

WANTED—Some one to correspond to the comic characters in Shakespeare's plays and write jokes for the REGISTER.

The "seventh hour" classes are growing quite popular and are well attended. Some wonder how it would be with an "eight hour" class.

The editors wish that writing notes for the paper were so easy as writing notes to our—well to our friends.

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"Two are company and three are a crowd," remarked a ninth grade youth, as his study hour conversation was interrupted by a vigilant teacher.

One of the senior girls has evidently been "on her ear" for she is rapidly becoming deaf.

Bananas in the study!

Didn't Moses smote de big red rock? we dont know. Ask Mon Beall.

The after school Reception Committee was honored last week by the gracious presence of a senior girl. "Something more dignified is expected of seniors."

The graduating class want to know when they can have privileges. Last year's class had them during all of the spring term.

What is a Fish?

Wasn't it a strange idea to commemorate the death of Lincoln by singing darkey songs lamenting the death of a "massa."—Miss L.

It is remarkable how the lightest step often resounds in the tenth grade room and makes it appear as if a regiment were marching across the floor instead of one lightly treading person.

It has been decided that the chances of ever reaching the pleasant hereafter are small for one of our scholars, for the good book says that. "There shall be no (K) night there."

One of the boys in the military company quite unexpectedly "struck oil" at the inspection of arms on Friday last. Some mischievous comrade had filled his gun barrel with that fluid and when the ramrod was inserted a fountain of oil of the best quality resulted.

The Council Bluffs Board of Education visited our schools on the 5th. They were much pleased especially with the Physics and Chemical Departments.

"She told me to stay Friday night and I wouldn't do——" "Mr.——I would like to see you tonight."

The program given on the 13th was well carried out. The plantation songs given by some of our "colored" pupils in costume were thoroughly enjoyed.

Our scholars are so interested in their studies, that at the recent fire-drill several rooms did not hear it and unconsciously burned up.

At our last entertainment a girl was heard to ask if the young ladies were "really colored," query? Was it a compliment to their acting?

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ATHLETICS.

At a meeting of the Gymnasium Association on the twelfth of this month Murray Swartz was elected President, Ed. Bradley, Vice-President and Clarence Myers Secretary and Treasurer.

There has been some talk of purchasing a medal to be given to the winner at a contemplated athletic tournament to be held at the close of this school year. A tournament of this kind would make a very pleasant ending for several months hard study.

What has become of the high school base ball nine this year? Many fine afternoons are going by but still the lovers of base ball do not take advantage of them by practicing. Last season but two games of any note were played. Probably the spring fever or the seventh hour keeps the boys from the ball ground, but if the boys will do their part we are sure the teachers will attend to theirs. If any of our readers know of any amateur base ball nine within twenty miles of Omaha who want some nine to beat them please let us know. A challenge from some club would probably wake our boys up.

Ed. Bradley was the winner of the military medal at the last drill. Ask him to show it to you, but offer him no leathers or flowers as he positively refuses to accept either.

The furniture in the Gymnasium looks as if it seen a cyclone, but the pieces are being gradually collected and it is hoped that they will be pasted together in a short time.

There was a game of base ball between two nines composed of small boys a few days ago on the high school grounds which resulted in a score of 17 to 15 in favor of the winners.

EXCHANGES.

We are thrice honored by the *Bellevue College Star* this month. Our note column is not usually considered a heap of ashes as is insinuated. The *Dayton H. S. Times*, however, admits that its own column will be improved by the separation of notes and ads.

We are the recipients of the monthly, *Our Dumb Animals*. In the last number is an account of the recent death of Henry Bergh whose life was devoted to the society of prevention of cruelty to animals.

The H. S. Stylus has devoted a column and a half in the last issue to a short discourse on volapuk.

We would ask if the *Cornet* is published for the benefit of High School pupils. If it is the first half of the paper might contain more instruction than can be obtained from the story entitled, "Mrs. Simpkins day out."

The exchange editor of the *High School Bulletin* does not fancy the change in the color of the REGISTER cover. My dear sir: "Variety is the spice of life" (especially in the west.)

The Chauncy Hall Abstract is a good addition to our list of exchanges. This month's number gives evidence of the poetical talent of the Boston Youth.

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She could manage the genders in German
Before she had studied a week.
She can handle a lathe like a turner
And drive a nail straight, but, oh my,
You forgive her all this in a minute
When you look at her making a pie.

2

She can write you an essay on Chaucer
And deliver a lecture on art,
She can handle with equal precision
"The Blood" and "The Brains" and "The Heart."

She can solve every problem instant
And name all the stars in the skies,
But you tease her no more from the moment
You taste of the oysters she fries.

3

She can crush you with terms scientific
And enlighten you on Civil Gov.
She has very advanced ideas
On all things below and above,
She talks of becoming a lawyer
But you would forgive her, I know,
If you saw her put on a checked apron
And dabble her fingers with dough.

A SAND DREDGE.

The smoke was issuing in black clouds from the stacks of the steamer "W. P. Bishop," as I boarded her at the foot of Davenport St, one Saturday last August. There was a continuous clanging of fire doors and the smoke poured forth in still greater columns, while the furnace room was a scene of great bustle and preparation, as indeed were also the decks of the "Bishop." Directly the preparations for starting were completed, I heard the jingle of a bell far down below me. The wheel began to revolve, accompanied by the hoarse roar of steam through the exhaust pipes, and in a remarkably short space of time we were out in the middle of the Missouri, and steadily plowing our way upward against its turbulent current. A delightful ride of some hours duration brought us opposite a promontory extending quite a distance into the river, and while yet the upper river was out of sight hoarse puffings and groanings proceeded from around this point, as of some huge marine monster in the agonies of death. Slowly rounding the curve this illusion was dispelled, and we described what at that distance appeared to be a very noisy and angry looking bug, on the surface of the water, about two miles away. It was industriously engaged in spouting smoke and steam in all directions, accompanied the while by a most infernal din. As we neared this object, it slowly resolved itself into a very peaceful looking, and industrious sand dredge and as we shortly afterward slowed up and came along side of this sound of smoke and noise, I jumped aboard and proceeded to explore. My investigations were suddenly cut short, by a grimy looking man who bobbed up from the dark depths below in an altogether sudden and mysterious manner. He was the engineer of the pump, and immediately began to superintend the loading of a barge with sand, which was just being placed in position, the sand meanwhile issuing in a large jet from a pipe extending from the

dredge. As the grimy man's face was not altogether devoid of cordiality I approached him and took the liberty of firing a random question or two, as opportunity presented. The loading of the barge meanwhile, going on to his satisfaction, the sinister expression which his countenance had previously worn, gave way to one more congenial, and at my request, he proceeded to explain by what means Omaha obtains her supply of building sand. No reporter was present, but his remarks are believed to have been about as follows. "In the first place when we wants sand, we finds it, and thats done by "prospecting," that is going up and down river in the steamer, sounding, when we finds it, and locates our bed of sand, then we bring the "sucker" along up, proceeds to pump up the sand and fill the barges, of which we have six. When a barge is full it is then towed to the upper landing at Omaha, where it is unloaded and sold by the M. V. S. & G. Co. for the biggest kind of a price they can get for it. It is then loaded into wagons and thats the last we see of it, so there's your story and that's all." So concluding he went into the engine room, and I continued my observation at leisure. The floating portion of the dredge was a long low scow, decked over, with the greater portion of one end enclosed by a cabin. This contained the huge pumps, boilers and engines and from it proceeded the ceaseless clatter. The *modus operandi* of the machinery, was also of the simplest kind. A large rubber hose with a strainer at the suction end, was dropped into the sand-drift. The hose led to the pump, which in turn was driven by a powerful engine. The discharge pipe of the pump extended over into the fast filling barge, for which we were waiting, and a large stream of sand and water issued from the end forming a little cascade, until it finally distributed itself over the level deck of the barge. The mode of delivering has already been described. A wait of about

half an hour duration was at length rewarded by the engineers announcement that the barge was full. We swung alongside with the steamer, "tackled on" and were shortly after swinging along down stream, at a majestic pace. Evening had meanwhile closed in, and the broad musky surface of the Missouri seemed to be under going a burnishing process preparatory to serving as a mirror to the sun. All around the stillness of a vast solitude remained unbroken, save by the occasional lowing of some far away cattle, which as it came to us, slowly echoed and re-echoed from bank to bank, fainter and fainter, until its slow cadences were, at last, merged into the profound ocean of silence surrounding us. Gradually, as the darkness began to make grotesque figures of the trees along shore, we neared home, and suddenly rounding a bend we caught a glimpse of Omaha, snugly surrounded by her half circle of green clad hills, with a huge cloud of haze and smoke hovering over all. The grand old city had never looked so beautiful as now, and as I gazed upon the panorama of well remembered localities, though in so new and charming attire, I for one viewed the scene like one entranced. High up on the hill stood the schoolhouse, so familiar in all its outlines, the dusky old stack, the tower whose top faded away into indistinctness. Then as the darkness still lowered, this was blotted out, and the lights began to twinkle here and there through the rising haze then myriads of these lights in perfect cascades sparkled and shone out from the great wall of blackness like diamonds set in the hill-sides. Slowly and imperceptibly, a huge and weird object floated into sight, then another and another, and still another, towering high in air, like the legs of some tremendous giant. It was the smelting works, we had reached the end of our trip and a minute later, with quickened step, I was on my way homeward.

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