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EDITORIAL.

WE are in for a good Christmas vacation. Leaving school on Friday, the 20th of December, 1899, and do not have to appear again until Monday the 6th of Janu-

ary, 1899. During that time we mean to enjoy ourselves and if the January issue of the REGISTER is not as good as ordinarily it can be laid directly to this.

THE article appearing in the REGISTER of No. 3, and signed Jessie Parsell, was not written by her. In the present number appears her letter sent, by the solicitation of the editor for publication.

SOMEbody ought to mob that one boy, or girl, who is eternally coming late. Two or three times a week they cause a tardiness. If there was any sense in it we might excuse them, but this thing of having the record of each room brought down by some one or two occupants ought to be stopped.

WE wish to extend our thanks to the teachers for the interest in the prosperity of the REGISTER displayed by them all, and especially we wish to thank those who have so very materially aided us by contributing matters to our columns.

Though the REGISTER has at times not coincided altogether with opinions of the teachers and has perhaps been a little too forward in saying so, it has no desire to take the management of the school out of their hand, having all it can do in keeping its head above water in face of the meager support given to it by the school.

NEVER before in its history has the REGISTER taken on holiday attire and put forth its best efforts to help forward the festivities of Christmas tide. And furthermore, never before has there been so large an amount of matter contributed by the school. Never before has the REGISTER had as many subscribers as now. Never before have the business men of Omaha

shown such a disposition to help the good work along by good big substantial ads.

We hope that all our readers will look with kindly eyes on this, our first attempt at metropolitan ads, and though it may not be of stupendous size as to paper, remember how stupendous it is as to brains, and there are on y a few more of us left.

CHRISTMAS has come again and once more we are at the end of a term of school.

In the examinations the REGISTER wishes all its friends good luck and hopes that they will do their share towards making their class average as high as possible.

During the term just passed much has been accomplished; a few of the studies have been finished and in many more a good start has been made. The ninth grade are over their first fling of strangeness and are glad to be recognized as belonging to the High School. The twelfth grade have become reconciled to the fact that they are seniors and are acting more and more dignified every day, and, altogether the school has settled down to the year of hard work. We are now to have a short rest, and while wishing all the scholars a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the REGISTER hopes that we will come back ready for work and feeling that, after all, school is a pretty fair sort of an institution.

We understand that some years ago the scientific course included the study of civil engineering, but for some reason or other, probably on account of the disinterestedness of the students, it was abandoned. The REGISTER has spoken to some of the students and find that about twenty would like to take up this study. We also find that there is a standing appropriation of something like \$300 for the purchase of surveying instruments and apparatus which so far have not been bought for the reason that there was no class to buy them for.

In view of these facts and at the solicitation of several of the scholars the REGISTER would like to know why a class of twenty-

five or thirty members, at least, cannot be formed to take this study. It is one of the most interesting one in mathematics, involving not only the solution of problems, but actual field work with the instruments. The class could be formed immediately after the holidays and continue until the close of the year and could include especially those who have nearly finished trigonometry and those who finished it a year ago.

The annual report of the Board of Education for 1889 has just been issued, and from it many interesting facts can be learned.

During the year from July, 1888, to July, 1889, there was paid to the teachers of Omaha, in salaries, \$194,456 60.

The total expense of the High School during this time was \$32,060.22.

Our stationery cost \$450.30, supplies \$458.72, and text books \$839.59.

The total enrollment of the public schools was 12,498.

In the High School the boys have beaten the girls 1 per cent. in the matter of attendance during the year, and while the boys show 187 cases of tardiness the girls have rolled theirs up to 227.

The average age of the ninth grade is found to be 14.9, of the tenth 16, of the eleventh 16.8, and the twelfth 17.3.

There were nine boys and eight girls in the High School that did not miss a day during the whole year.

ALTHOUGH we have had more contributions this year than the previous history of the REGISTER led us to expect, we are, nevertheless, far from satisfied. We want you to make use of the REGISTER. Hand in notes, personals, news items and any little happenings that you have noticed and think may be of interest. It is exceedingly hard to make the REGISTER real interesting, but if we could fill two or three pages with matter from the pen of the general scholar it would surprise the school have much more interesting it would make their paper. The editors can't be everywhere and see everything, but if each scholar would con-

sider him or herself appointed reporter from now on we will have everything worthy of no five that has happened during the month. If you want to suggest anything, or have an opinion on some subject of interest, write it out for the contribution column and hand it to one of the editors. If you don't want your name attached just say so when you hand in the copy and we will leave it off.

It has long been the wish of the management of the REGISTER to show some tangible proof of their appreciation of the good will shown them by the majority of the school.

At great trouble and expense we have secured a composite photograph of the editors of this valuable paper.

The size of the feet and head is due entirely to the managing editors. We will leave the readers to decide who furnished which.

The softened outlines of the countenance was imported by the gentler members of the staff.

We would like to state by way of caution that the waste paper basket does *not* contain contributions. All contributions not available are forwarded to the *North American Review* from the sale of which the editors are deriving income enough to provide cake.

We hope that you will appreciate this gift and treasure it in after years as a memento of the REGISTER and the gifted brains at its head.

It scarcely occurs to a senior, who is at school every day, sees the inside of the same old rooms and walks up the same halls every day, that in three years scholars will be walking up and down these halls, who we never saw and who never knew any of the class of '90 ever existed. But this is true. Who do we know of the class of '86 or '87? Very few. And the ones that we do know we have probably met or heard of since they graduated. In guarding against this condition of affairs the St. Paul High School have adopted a

good plan. Each class, on graduating, leaves behind a banner on which are inscribed the class motto, emblem, etc., and also the names of all the members of the class. The auditorium of the St. Paul High School is filled with these banners, and in this way the names of graduates are not altogether forgotten, and besides, if any graduate afterwards visits the school he probably derives a great deal of satisfaction in seeing his class represented there still, no matter how long ago he graduated. It would be a good plan, in the opinion of the REGISTER, if the class of '90 adopted some such custom in the Omaha High School.

ALL the eastern colleges and high schools are wild with foot ball and their papers contain scarcely anything but accounts of games, scores and the names of players.

Although the fever reached us to a certain extent, it is to be regretted that the O. H. S. has not a better athletic organization and a good foot ball team. A challenge has been received from the State University which cannot be accepted, for, although we have plenty of good material, there is no organization and the football men are too unfamiliar with the association rules. Although it is too late in the season to do anything more with foot ball it will perhaps serve to make us take more interest in the gymnasium. We have wanted the gymnasium opened for a year and we are about to have it, but if more interest is not taken in it than has been shown in the Athletic Association it will follow that institution and will, in a short time be described by the word "defunct."

The REGISTER has no wish to be counted an old croaker and only brings such things to the notice of the scholars in order to prevent their going any farther. With a little energy and work we can have an athletic tournament in the spring, good hard gymnasium work this winter and next fall organize a good school foot-ball eleven that will be an honor to the school.

The gymnasium at last.

ENDORSEMENT.

There is scarcely a more common business practice than the endorsement of Business Paper.

During the last week the Omaha bank clearing amounted to nearly five million dollars, of business exchange subject to the transfer of endorsement. This amount, however, is but a portion of the business transactions in the city of Omaha during such period affected by endorsement. Endorsement may be defined to be the writing of one's name on the back of a note, draft or check, for the purpose of transferring it, or to secure the payment of the same. It is necessary in order to a due protection of self interest to know the essentials of a good endorsement.

Endorsement is generally and properly written on the back of the note, draft or check, as the case may be, but it may be written elsewhere. The endorser may write his name either in ink, in pencil, affix his name by stamp or print his name, and in each case the endorsement will be good. When the endorser writes his signature only, across the back of a note, draft or check, it is said to be endorsed in blank. Such endorsement will transfer the instrument any number of times by mere delivery. There are several other modes of limiting an endorsement which cannot be considered in this article. The effect of an endorsement is not merely to transfer the note, draft or check, and the power to sue on the same; it also contains impliedly by law, a promise or agreement to pay the note, draft or check, on due notice of dishonor, together with certain warranties as to the title, genuineness and validity of the paper, as well as capacity and solvency of the parties; that is, the maker of the note, draft or check, and prior endorsers to the same. Perhaps a more clear idea of the effect of an endorsement would be attained, if the endorser, on writing his or her name on the back of the note or check, would in fact, instead of implication, write as follows: "Received of——, full payment of the within note, which I agree to

refund upon demand, if either the maker of said note fails to pay same on maturity, each of the prior endorsers fail to pay said note after due notice."

We have seen that any business paper indorsed in blank, that is, where a note or a draft, check, bond or share of stock is made payable to a particular person or his order, and then is endorsed by such person signing his name simply on the back of same, can be transferred by simple delivery. This may seem at first glance a great convenience, in reality it is a constant source of danger to the holder of such paper, in the facility it offers unauthorized persons to collect same. Many persons are apparently unable to resist the opportunity to sign their names, and frequently we hear of instances where loss has been sustained by the owner of a check, warrant or note, who had carelessly endorsed same, and before collection had lost the paper, which had been presented and collected by some unscrupulous finder before payment of same could be stopped. The only safe rule, is never to endorse any business paper except at the instant of transfer or payment. There is one other mode of endorsement that cannot be too severely condemned. I refer to the business custom of signing or endorsing a note with another to enable such person to obtain credit or procure a loan. Such a system of endorsing is wrong and should be abolished. It has been the financial ruin of more men than perhaps all other causes.

Every young man should study the matter carefully in all its bearings and adopt a policy of protection against the man who asks him to sign his note. What responsibility does one assume when he endorses a note? Simply this, he is held for the payment of the amount in full, principal and interest, if the maker of the note through misfortune, mismanagement or rascality fails to pay it. Observe, the endorser assumes all this responsibility with no voice in the management of the business and no share of the profits of the transaction if it proves profitable, but with a certainty of loss if for any of the reasons stated the principal fails to pay the same.

L. J. BLAKE.

A DREAM,

A FARODY.

I am going to tell you a story
Of a dream I had last night.
It was very queer,
But, I had no fear,
For it gave me much delight.

I thought that a very strange gentleman
Came into our class-room and said:

"Look thou on me
And thou wilt see
Xenophon raised from the dead."

"You will think it quite wonderful that I
Should return to a world like this,

But I wish to be
Where best I can see
The class in Anabasis."

"But, oh, I am very unhappy!
When I see this awful room

With no couch or bower,
Not even a flower,
With which to brighten the gloom."

"I will tell you about a city in Greece
Where I lived once—long ago,

Renowned in all parts
For the famous arts
Of sculptors and painters, you know."

"And, oh, it was perfectly lovely—

A city that made poets rave;
With maidens fair
With golden hair,

And men both noble and brave.

"But I hated to die, and leave it,
'Twas there my books were compiled,

I remember 'twas there
That my mother dear
Smiled on me when a child."

"And many hundred years after,"

He said with sparkling eyes,
"I looked down here
And it seemed so dream,
I straightway prepared a surprise."

He said no more, but we followed him
Till we came to the bank, you know,

On Farnam street,
And tis now complete
Like a Greek home of long ago.

We entered: He gave us a magic power
That King Midas had of old;
Like the Phrygian king
Every single thing
That we touched seemed to turn to gold.

First we all clubbed together
And a throne of gold we made,

And high upon that
Xenophon sat
Waiting to give us aid.

Our couches were placed in a circle
Around him; and as we reclined
He said, "I would hear
What you've read this year
In my books, if you'll be so kind."

And we, without hesitation,
Without a single miss,
Repeated fast
From first to last,
The whole Anabasis.

And all the prose composition
We had ever learned to recite,
"You have pleased me," he said,
"With what you have read,
We will feast and then say good-night."

Our feast began with libations,
Accompanied my music and song,
Then dishes rare,
By Greek boys' fair,
Were brought; and we feasted long.

After many a favorite pastime
Our feast was ended, and then
Our guest disappeared,
Forever we feared,
For he did not come back again.

We people who live in Omaha
Know that things are not what they seem.
I opened my eyes
With great surprise
To find this was only a dream.

MARIE PARKER, '91.

OUR LAUGHING GAS.

Out here in a Wyoming mining camp there is a small theatre which is patronized quite freely by the miners. One evening pawn broker Isaac Rollybollinstein and his son Abraham attended the show and paid fifteen cents (Isaac did) for seats in the gallery. They got there rather early and secured front seats as a recompense. After a while the show commenced and young Abraham was enjoying himself hugely. The performances were very funny, so funny in fact that Abraham and his seat didn't have much love for each other. He laughed and threw his body forward and backward until, bump, his caranium struck the railing and he flopped out of the gallery heels over head into the orchestra circle. Old man Rollybollinstein was up in a hurry and "Isaac! Isaac! mine son Isaac, vat for you do dat? it costs twenty-five cents down dare."

A CHRISTMAS FIZZLE.

I was asked to write a Christmas story for the REGISTER and though I protested and said I had never written stories before, I was finally convinced that I could write one if I tried. After I had promised of course I had to do it, so I commenced to think of a subject. A subject was not very long to find, but what to write when I did find one. For a week visions of fairies, hob-goblins, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and all sorts of Christmas were dancing before my mind's eye. But still I could not settle down.

Night after night I sat at my desk with my pen in my hand waiting for the spirit to move me, but the spirit must have been tired, or something, for I could not wake it up. Finally I got desperate and picking up my pen I wrote what seemed at the time a beautiful story, but on reading it by daylight, I found it would not do.

This happened several times and my dreams were disturbed by dreadful apparitions, the most horrible of which was a large ax, on one side of which, in large black letters, were the words, "High school Register," and on the other side in equally large red was the words, "write or die." This was held over my head and if I tried to think of pleasant things would slowly descend till I thought of the old story.

On thinking things all over the next day the thought suddenly came to me—"who is going to read this story? Are the children?" Then I thought of some of the small (?) senior boys and laughed as I remembered the opening words of one of my numerous stories, "come children draw your stools up close to my chair while I tell you of Santa Claus and how he comes down the chimney and fills the stockings of good little children."

I made up my mind that there were enough stories in the thousands of books and if any one wanted to read one they could look one up.

Perhaps you are disappointed in the Christmas story but we will try to do bet-

ter next time, however, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

THERE IS ONE LESSON.

There is one lesson that very many young men do not learn until they have got out of their teens. "The road to wealth is economy." Old but truthful saying. The way to accumulate money is to accumulate. How would you do it? For fear you may not have in mind just what to do we point out the way. Whenever you have accumulated \$5 go down to the office of the Globe Loan and Trust Co., 307 south Sixteenth street, and subscribe for a share of stock in that company—one of the safest and best investments you can make. The shares are \$100 each and you can pay for it at the rate of \$5 per month. There are not many boys over fifteen years of age but can earn that much every month in the year. Dividends are divided in January and July each year and you will get a greater rate of interest on your investment than in any other safe investment you can make. Commence with the new year and see what you can do. You will be surprised at the result. You may not fully appreciate the necessity of saving money just now, but you will before you are ten years older.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The subject of mountain scenery on the Pacific slope has been written up so often by many fine writers that it would be useless for me to attempt it. I will, however, describe a few points that were of interest to me.

The first city of importance we visited was Sacramento. This is a quaint old fashioned town of about forty thousand people. The most interesting feature is the capital building. It is built of stone and is large and imposing and the grounds are made superb with beds of flowers and borders of orange trees. Upon entering, the first thing that attracts the stranger's eye is a life size statue of Queen Isabelle giving her jewels to Columbus. After the

exertion of climbing to the top of the building we were rewarded with a beautiful view of the city.

During our stay here the rainy season set in and consequently the condition of San Francisco, when we reached there was not what I had pictured it. However, the next day dawned bright and clear and we decided to visit the points of interest outside the city while the weather was propitious. We accordingly took the cable cars for Golden Gate Park. The intervening four miles were quickly covered and we suddenly found ourselves in the modern Garden of Eden and, as I afterward learned in the favorite place for suicides. The park includes about 1,000 acres. As you enter it you notice that the air is scented with the perfume of many flowers, which keep their bloom throughout the year. There is a portion of the park devoted to children, where they are furnished with all sorts of amusements. There were lakes and springs, and cozy nooks, and lovers retreats, and all the requisites which are necessary to a beautiful park. We were here only about two hours and expected to revisit it, but were not able to do so on account of the rains.

Just outside the gate are the steam motor cars which take us to the Cliff House, about four miles further on. As you round a point the Pacific ocean, in all its grandeur, breaks upon your view.

The Cliff House, as its name signifies, is situated on a high cliff projecting into the ocean. It is quite a rude place and receives all its beauty from nature. Out from the shore about sixty yards is a huge mound of rocks, and here seals come out of the water and bask in the sun. When we first caught sight of the rocks I was very much surprised and disappointed at seeing apparently only ten or fifteen seals, but as we drew closer I discovered that there were about two hundred and was at loss to account for my mistake.

When the seals first come out of the water they are real black, but as they dry off become a light brown and about the color of the rocks, so, of course, I first

saw only the black ones. We watched them for a long time as they climbed up on the rocks and tumbled back into the water over each other and all the time sending forth uncertain sounds. With the glass we were able to see several whales which would appear on the surface and spout water and then disappear only to rise again at some other place.

The day being far advanced, and as we had come without any lunch we decided to leave the seals for the then more welcome sight of a lunch table.

But one of San Francisco's greatest curiosities is Chinatown.

It includes about twenty-five blocks in the heart of the city and within a few squares of the finest residences.

Here several thousand Chinese live and it seems as if there is not enough room on top of the earth, for many live down under ground, and some are said never to have seen the light of day. Although we have read much concerning the diet of the Chinese being rats, still they have as fine restaurants as can be found in San Francisco. The rooms are finished off in black wood, beautifully carved, with tables and chairs to match. They serve tea in the daintiest of china cups with a condiment of sweetmeats.

We paid a hurried visit to San Jose, a picturesque little spot and so charming that I was not ready to leave when it came time to continue our journey.

M. C. '90.

In regard to the question in the last issue about the advisableness of another minstrel performance in the high school, would state that there are several good reasons why such a performance cannot take place.

The first, lack of singers in the school. Second, those having authority have set their foot (or feet) down hard on the repetition. Third, some people have the opinion it is low, degrading performance. Of course we disagree with the last on the ground that we're just as good as the next and we don't see that there is any more

harm in imitating a minstrel show than there is in the imitations which little children perform, such as "playing Injun," or some other such thing. W. T.

ATHLETICS.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

On September 9, 1885, a meeting of the boys of the High School was called and the boys responded faithfully. They were all good big fellows, strong and full of sport. The meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a society on the equal rights theory, that is, a society which would furnish the ball and bats for base ball and foot ball. Before this three or four fellows had furnished all these.

Wallace Broatch '87, now of Yale, was called to the chair, and he in turn called the meeting to order. Broatch stated the object of the meeting, etc., after which the following officers were elected:

President, Secretary and Treasurer, W. Broatch; Base Ball Captain, A. Guion; Cricket Captain, H. McCormick; Foot Ball Captain, F. Rustin.

In February, '86, under a new order of things W. Broatch, was elected as manager, the rest remained the same. The society was now named "The Athletic Association of the High School at Omaha, Neb."

W. Broatch resigning on May 16, 1886, and her meeting was called and the following were elected to office, as the offices has become vacant somehow or other: Manager, Sherwood; Base Ball Captain, F. Rustin; Cricket Captain, Broatch; Foot Ball Captain, B. Nels n. Dues were now fixed at ten cents per month.

Wheeler succeeded Sherwood as manager and was in turn succeeded by Mon. Beals who held that office until February '88, when Wilk Rustin was elected manager. Rustin resigned in the fall of '88 and was succeeded by Taylor who is the present manager. The other officers are Baker, Base Ball Captain; Denise, Cricket Captain and U. Akin, Foot Ball Captain.

The association was at one time a great deal better than at present, but it never

has been what you might call really flourishing, and now with so many miniature scholars into our school, base ball, foot ball and cricket will probably be crushed.

Several good games of foot ball have been played lately and were noted for the fun the boys had. Since the boys have been trying to play by the Association rules they use up as much time objecting to fouls and general kicking as they do playing. We are in favor of the old High School rules for a scrub game because the ball is always in play and no time is lost.

The recent foot ball games have proved that we have a number of good foot ball players in the school and if it wasn't so late in the season you'd organize a first class foot ball eleven. Butler, Hungate, Robinson, Goldsmith, Akin, and a number of others did good work in all the games played and by practicing together could play a good game.

PERSONALS.

Miss Pratt '90, is with us again.

Miss Goodson has been absent on account of sickness.

Mrs. Keyser was up to the school the other day. Weren't we glad to see her.

Mr. George McCague is still officiating as office boy in chief in McCague Bros. bank.

Miss Julia Swartz '91, won the *World-Herald* prize for best Christmas story written by a student of the city schools.

Mr. Wallace Broach is making his mark at Yale in the literary line. Last year he won the *Courant* prize for best story. The Omaha boys always get there.

Miss Harriet Brown, who entered the class of '89 last year, but was obliged to stop on account of sickness, has recently come back to school as a member of the class of '90.

Our teachers seem to be having a hard time this year. Miss Crowley has but recently returned to school after quite a serious illness, and Miss Goodson is now having a stage of the mumps.

CHRISTMAS TIME.

This is the jolly time of year
Which the poets all have sung;
When the air is full of secrets
And the gray old world grows young.

When the stores are bright with presents,
Pretty things for young and old,
And the streets are gay with shoppers
Quite unmindful of the cold.

Here a group of merry school girls,
Rosy cheeked and wind-blown hair;
There a pair of smiling matrons
With a sly mysterious air.

Children staring in the windows;
Grandpas buying pretty toys;
All sorts of gay conspiracies;
These are part of Christmas joys.

Yet while we're all rejoicing
On our presents bright and gay,
Let us not forget the reason
Of our keeping Christmas day.

Let's remember the poor children,
And think who it was that said:
"When ye have fed the least of these
Ye have your Ma-ter fed."

THE CLOUDS' HOLIDAY.

Two little clouds went sailing forth one day,
And, as it happened, searching for some fun.
One clad in blue, and one in pearly gray,
With caps of golden dints caught from the sun.

They looked about and laughed with joyous glee,
Then hand in hand both sped across the sky.
A merry race, a glad some sight to see,
As they across the azure dome did fly.

The scene made beauteous Earth look up and smile,
Her dear old gen'rous heart grew young once more
To see them both so gay, so free from guile,
And sporting on the star bespangled floor.

What jolly times those two wee cloudlets had!
What games they played, what sweeps and dives they tried!
They soared and raced as if they had gone mad
With joy, at being free in air so wide.

At length, one growing braver than his mate,
With one bold dart sprang 'cross King Sun's round face;
Then both were seized with terror at the fate
Which might be theirs, so home they rushed in haste.

M. D., '90.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

The foot-ball team of the University of Michigan, was defeated last week by the Cornell team by a score of 0 to 66.

We learn from the *Epistlor*, published by the high school, at Bridgeport, Conn., that P. T. Barnum offers a reward for the best work in rhetoric.

The following represents in brief the standing of the football teams in the late championship games:

	Won.	Lost.	Points Scored.	Op'ts' Scores.
1. Princeton.....	4	0	221	19
2. Yale.....	3	1	78	20
3. Harvard.....	2	2	117	48
4. Wesleyan.....	1	3	12	219
5. Univ. of Penna....	0	4	18	137

Professor Cunningham, of Swarthmore College, was a student under Dr. Maria Mitchell, the great woman astronomer of Vassar, and has also studied under Professor Adams, of Cambridge, England, who, with the Frenchman Le Verrier, discovered the planet Neptune.

The Freshman Class, of Bucknell University, has unearthed the following yell: Rah, Rah, Rec! Rah, Rah, Rec! B. U., B. U., Ninety-three!

At the meeting of the Athletic Association, of Swarthmore College, on Monday, an amendment to the constitution was adopted providing that only one field meeting be held each year, doing away entirely with the Fall sports. The latter have long been a source of discussion, as they are seldom successful either as far as the records made are concerned or in a financial way, and the division of interest consequent upon the presence of too many branches of athletics has doubtless seriously hindered football during the past season and in previous years. It has been suggested that instead of the Fall sports a freshman field day be held in the latter part of each October, as is customary at some other colleges. This, it is thought, would not interfere with football and would keep up a sufficient interest in track athletics in the Fall.

Of the 315 men who have been presidents, vice-presidents, Cabinet officers and

One phenomenal athlete won eight first places and a second at the recent Amherst sports.

Supreme Court justices of the United States, 184, or 58 per cent. have been college graduates.

The students of Wooster university are quaking in their boots, for they fear that some of their number will be expelled and many more suspended. Some time ago the faculty decided that the students must not dance. This did not please the boys, and they sought some means to cast ridicule upon the obnoxious order. They decided to give a stag party at one of the largest halls in the city. When the orchestra began the opening march about fifty couples waded out upon the floor. Fifty of the boys were dressed as women. Low-necked toilets predominated and the expanse of bare bosoms was extensive. Some were resplendent in jewelry, and some wore ridiculously short skirts, beneath which protruded the most unique garments.

There will enter the Cornell university as soon as he becomes sufficiently proficient in English, a Russian named Babeau, who has found his way here from the interior of Russia. He escaped from Russia by pretending to visit the Paris exposition. He had expected, misled by articles in a Russian journal on Cornell, to pay his way by working in the Sibley shops. He is disappointed in this, but is delighted to find that students can speak what they wish without fear of molestation by the police.

We clip the following from the superintendent's report to the Board of Education:

The work of the High School department differs from the others in its aims, and in the amount accomplished. It keeps in mind the acquisition of knowledge, but it looks more to discipline and culture. The range of studies is wide; it is sometimes claimed that it is too wide, and that thoroughness is sacrificed in consequence. But there is no attempt to make specialists, which would require exclusive

attention to a single subject. An effort is made in the High School to give the pupil a general knowledge of mathematics, history and science, such that he may have a good understanding of their elements, and be fairly well qualified for further study, if his taste so inclines him. No profound scholarship can be looked for in one whose school days are over at eighteen. In this department pupils learn to study, and to some degree, to investigate, and they endeavor to express their thoughts with ease and elegance. The graduates of our High School are qualified to enter the Freshman class of the best colleges and scientific schools of the east. In many western schools they are able to enter sophomore, and in some as high as junior.

THE OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL.

We will look to our own criticism and not give too much space to the subject of our high school, but just give a few points concerning it.

The high school we believe as first organized in the fall of 1871 occupied the second story of the Wright building on sixteenth and Chicago streets, now used as a carriage shop. Three directors then had charge of educational affairs of Douglas county. They were J. H. Kellom, John Evans and B. B. Kennedy. From the Wright building the high school was moved to the Episcopal school on Jackson street and from there to the present building on Capital Hill.

The regents had the school in hand until the board of education was organized in 1872.

In the fall of 1875 Mr. W. H. Merritt was selected as the first principal of the high school. He continued in that capacity for three years when he was succeeded by C. H. Crawford. Mr. C. T. Hyne, a present state superintendent of commerce in Iowa, was our next principal. Our present charge of affairs of the high school is Mr. Homer P. Lewis, who was appointed principal in 1883.

The growth of our school has been remarkable. It certainly should grow so

long as the present state of affairs exist and with promise of improvement.

In 1880-81 the state enrollment was only 91 pupils with the very low average attendance of 65. In this school year about sixty-five alone will graduate. There are now 515 names on our roll against 486 last year. In 1888 but thirty-three pupils graduated, fifty in 1889 and in 1890 the number will be greater as heretofore stated.

"90'S CLASS MEETING."

The second meeting of "90" occurred on December 6. The constitution was read and adopted.

Mr. Hungate was elected president, Miss Abbie Holmes, vice-president, Mr. Ned Stiger, secretary. At a meeting held on December 13, committees were appointed to report on class emblems, mottoes and colors.

NOTES.

The Harmonica Orchestra.

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There are only a few more of us left.

SEAL SKIN CAPS—Cheap, at Pease Bros.

Dime novels are the style at the Seventh Hour.

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It has been discovered that the brain has convulsions.

Cledenning has been appointed reporter in the ninth grade.

Amateur photographers, see Heyn for outfits and supplies.

Hand ball is all the rage with some of our young gentlemen.

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Who was it that wrote on a physiology paper, "Forth hour?"

Handsome canes suitable for Christmas presents at Pease Bros.

S. R. Patton, dentist, 310 Range building; telephone No. 155.

Merry Christmas everyone. This even includes the ninth grade.

When it comes down to pants there is nothing like white pants.

A lot of BOYS CAPS at 25c is attracting attention at Pease Bros.

H.—"The way you talk Latin a Greek himself could not understand it."

We might also ask—

"Where did you get that hat?"

Pease Bros sell an all linen Handkerchief for 25c that is unusually good.

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"I decline the nomination." A small voice—"Second the motion." Tableaux.

"He who steals my pad steals trash" would be a very good motto for some of us.

When you are looking for Christmas gifts see Lindsay the jeweler, 1518 Douglas street.

"Some are so addicted to exagashun that they kant tell the truth without lyin."—*Josh Billings.*

The seniors have secured enough practice this month to make themselves fair ward politicians.

The conversation of Sam Weller is sliced with wit," was the remark of a young lady in the ninth grade.

Young gentleman, singing—"Where did you get that hat? Where did yo—" Chorus—"Kill him."

The class of '90 has finally succeeded in getting organized and expects to start on a grand career next term.

Why is it that two pupils in the ninth grade are called reporters? They don't seem to report anything.

There will be no examinations in trigonometry until the book is finished, which will be in about a month.

The REGISTER is progressing quite nicely on wind, as that is principally the diet it receives from the school.

There is some hope of seeing some better hooks in the senior boys cloak room before long as the millenium is coming.

Everybody go to Gwin & Dunmire for sporting goods of all descriptions. Headquarters for gymnasium goods.

They had turkey for dinner; Young man to father—"Knock the stuffing out of that turkey and give me some."

It has been demonstrated that a tenth grade pianist does not stand much show against the ninth grade orchestra.

The REGISTER has recovered from the loss of its special artist and at great trouble and expense has employed another.

The seniors are now in good fighting order and will probably be able to report some lively engagements before the season ends.

Say Taylor how would you like to have a few thousand pterodachyles and ichthy osoravis crawling around through your system.

The astronomy scholars seem to take delight in hunting up questions that their brother and sister students find hard to answer.

The seniors are reviewing Virgil at the rate of one hundred and seventy lines a day. This may not seem very much, but oh, my!

Bowman's enlarged and newly equipped photo gallery for good work at reasonable prices. Best tintypes in the city; 305 North Sixteenth street.

The girls of the ninth grade have resumed dancing in the upper hall and every noon the light fantastic toe is gone through with in a. p. order.

The exchanges of the REGISTER have been placed in the twelfth grade book case where any one can see them. Do not take them out of the room.

The REGISTER is so far coming down as to be quite proud of some of the ninth grade girls, but the ninth grade small boy continues as obstreperous as ever.

Young married couples wishing to receive private instruction in house cleaning would do well to call upon or address Chemistry Classes, O. H. S. Please enclose stamp.

We hope that no one took offense at the soul stirring engraving in our last as it was intended as a cartoon on the ninth grade in general and not the class of '93.

Maybe some of the physiology classes can inform a member of the Xenophon class whether bacteria are given to frequenting the backs of people or not.

There are to be classes formed after Christmas to read Latin not in the course, thus giving those wishing a chance to fill all requirements for entrance to College.

Some of the young gentlemen amuse themselves by shrill whistling and playing elevating tunes on an old mouth organ, much to the pleasure of the young ladies.

Say, why don't more of you girls come to the Seventh Hour? Its rather monotonous to see the same faces day after day. Come, even if you have to miss on purpose.

We hear murmurs of discontent from the boys on account of the pieces played by the girls. Well if you can play better than they can, boys, then why don't you do it?

Dr. J. C. Whinnery, dentist, has removed his office from the Continental block to the Hill block, over Browning, King & Co., corner Fifteenth and Douglas streets.

Isn't it terribly disappointing for a boy to start off for a small room, during noon, where he can study in peace and find that it has been turned into a banqueting hall by the girls.

The ruling passion strong in death—Wertz had been out late the night before and approaching near unto death in an unprepared Virgil lesson so far forgot himself as to ascribe to Aeneas such filial impiety as to speak of his father as his "old man."

One of the best plans for saving money is to carry in one's pocket only what is absolutely necessary for immediate use. Deposit the remainder in the Dime Savings Bank at 1504 Farnam street. It requires but ten cents to start a bank account, and all deposits draw interest.

"I wish you boys would stop that," quietly remarked a certain young lady as a chunk of bread struck her nose. "You stopped it yourself," was the retort, but she answered not; she had fainted.

The boys have started an opposition to the girls. Ten or fifteen of them walk down the hall arm in arm and when they meet an opposing line of girls coming from the other direction something happens.

There was a time when the ninth grade showed some common sense. This was four years ago, but alas, such times have fled to be no more. For proof go down on the ground when there is a foot ball game in progress.

We earnestly hope that the ninth grade will make some good resolutions on New Year's day concerning their conduct during the rest of the year. There has already been a very noticeable improvement, especially among the young ladies.

The fall crop of poetry has been of surprising greatness. So fast has it ripened that we were compelled to call in our rural friends, Knight and Brewster to help us husk. Mr Knight remarked that poets were growing thicker than potatoes on the tree.

A young lady has been heard eagerly wishing for snow as she had two sleigh rides on the string. Now here is the evidence of a great brain—engaging a girl in the summer to take a sleigh ride the next winter so as to get ahead of all competitors.

First ninth grade boy—"Where's my novel? Did you see it anywhere?"

Second ditto—"Yes, I found it on the floor and put it on the piano."

First boy excitedly—"—! —! —? —! ! ! —! —!"

(Tableaux.)

A CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the kind-hearted young lady who presented me with a new green necktie last month. It suited my complexion and all admired me.

Sincerely yours,

S. KELTON.

Miss Arnold's singing classes are not very well attended this year. This seems a pity as they make a pleasant little break in the routine of the week besides the benefit of the study itself.

The small boy of the grammar school is getting a little too reckless. A young lady junior was hit on the ankle by a flying brick the other day cast by one of these youngsters and quite badly hurt. This, unfortunately is not the first time such a thing has happened.

Pearls in the mouth—For cleansing and preserving the teeth and hardening the gums and imparting a delightful fragrance to the breath, use Leslie's Myrrhine. For chapped hands use Leslie's Mataderma. Prepared and sold by Leslie & Leslie pharmacist, Sixteenth and Dodge streets.

Now is the time when the heart of the High School scholar is troubled. Examinations are ahead and he has been enjoying himself and has been troubled with accommodating spells of sickness for the last four months and now he trembles and grows sick at heart for he sees grim failure ahead, so he stays up late at night and crams for the forthcoming ordeal and makes good resolutions to study mighty hard next term and wishes Christmas was here. He is also oppressed by the REGISTER man and is sore pressed for funds to pay his subscription, and, taking it all together, he rejoices that Christmas comes but once a year.

A CARD.

Someone has maliciously circulated the report that we stopped a cable car by merely looking at it. The young gentleman was mistaken as to facts. He happened to breathe on the car, and as it could not go against his breath, of course it stopped. As we had a misunderstanding, he laid the blame on the innocent party. He won't make any more such remarks, however, for we met him yesterday. The doctor says he'll get out of the house in a few months. If anyone wishes to remonstrate with us they had better come armed to the teeth, as we are dangerous when excited. W. Y.

Julius S. Cooley, the well known attorney, whose card will be found elsewhere in the REGISTER is one of the best known and most popular lawyers in Omaha. Mr. Cooley is a graduate of the Lincoln University and read law under the celebrated Judge Marquet. He taught for five years as principal of a school and has always been a staunch friend of education. Judge Cooley was for a number of years associated with Hon. John M. Thurston and on his own abilities as a lawyer has built up an extensive practice. Mr. Cooley has manifested a great deal of interest in the High School and would heartily welcome any of the pupils visiting him at his office, 511-18-19 Sheeley Block.

The REGISTER wishes all its readers a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

May you all, boys and girls, teachers and taught, spend a pleasant vacation and come back again rested and prepared to make 1890 a red letter year in every respect.

We hope you may ere the New Year is done all that you wished for before it begins.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOUNT VERNON HALL, PERU, Nov. 14, 1889.—EDITOR REGISTER:—When I receive the REGISTER I greedily devour its contents and am proud to show it to my friends. While I was in St. Paul last summer I heard the editor of the high school World speak in rather sneering terms of the REGISTER, but now your paper is certainly a rival of the older one. You may ask what do you learn at Peru? I would first say that a student soon makes the discovery that he does not know quite everything.

He may think that he has a pretty good knowledge of the lower branches, but a five-minute questioning by any one of the teachers here he will find that he knows only the husk and that the kernel is missing.

I never was in a place where everyone took such an interest in the discussions and debates. We rarely go out of a recitation without becoming intensely interested in a lively discussion of some kind. Whenever a student opposes a statement he is obliged to give good authority for doing so—even over the spelling of a word.

In music we are liable to be called upon by the professor to stand before the class and sing and exercise or song. It would not be safe to estimate the number of times that our hearts beat at such a request. The professor has never recognized such an expression as "I can't" in music.

On the whole I think that this year will be well spent in summing up and adding to the valuable knowledge gained at the dear old high school in Omaha.

Thanking you for desiring me to write to the REGISTER I will tax your patience no longer.

JESSIE PARSELL.

FISK UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.—DEAR REGISTER:—When a stranger approaches Fisk for the first time he is generally pleased with the three large beautiful buildings, with their squares artistically planted with almost every kind of shrubbery that is characteristic of this southern land.

Jubilee Hall, the home of the girls, is a large five story brick building. It carries its history in its name, it having been built by the famous Jubilee Singers.

The gymnasium occupies the square between Livingston Hall, the home of the boys, and Jubilee Hall.

School holds its sessions in Livingston Hall. Here the chapel, treasurer's and president's offices occupy the first floor. The famous library of 5,000 volumes is on the second floor. The excellent location and ample facilities of Fisk attract students from all parts of our land.

This year the increase in numbers is greater than ever before in its history. The department of music required an extra teacher. One of the crowning features of Fisk is the endeavor that is put forth to make each and every one of its army of

more than three hundred students feel at home.

Do you ask how we become acquainted with one another? Most as the average scholar does, but socials are given from time in the parlors of Jubilee Hall in order that they may become better acquainted. Thanksgiving evening was the scene of a very pleasant one. The most important event of late occurrence among the Fiskites was the student's conference. This society is composed of the students and alumni of the three universities located in Nashville, Roger Williams, Central and Fisk. It was organized for the purpose of bringing about a more social feeling among the students of the foregoing halls of learning and that all may gain new ideas. The society held its annual session at Roger Williams the 29th ult., at which time much eloquence, wit and good humor were displayed on the present negro question, which is "shall the negro remain in this country or go to some unknown region," he knows not where. Judging from the way the question was decided I think he will remain all of his life and longer too.

The Australian system of voting was given much attention. The future men and women thought it to be superior to the present one and if they have the opportunity, they will urge its adoption throughout the South.

Comfort Bala

TO THE HIGH SCHOOL REGISTER:

This is a rather unpropitious time for beginning a letter from Yale, for after a brilliant though hard won victory over Harvard, we have met defeat at the hands of Princeton. But we have no apologies to make; our eleven played pluckily even to the very last and the Princeton men won only by very skillful work, taking advantage of our mistakes with a promptness and energy worthy of the highest praise. And, as this is our first defeat since 1885, when Leamar, the Princeton half-back made a lucky run down the whole field, pulling the game out of the very jaws of defeat. We have no need to be

ashamed of our record. The loss of the game played last Thanksgiving day was due chiefly to the mistakes of our center rush, Hanson, and of one full back, McBride. By reason of these errors Princeton scored two touch downs. For the rest of the time the ball was more often in the enemy's territory than in our's.

Football is certainly a superb game for the summer season and it is to be hoped that the high school will do something toward establishing an eleven. Probably the system of practice now in vogue in all the large colleges would be practicable with you as well. Eleven men are chosen to constitute the team. Against these play as many others as can be assembled from the residue of the students. Of course this secondary eleven or "college side," as it is called here, should never be so overwhelmingly superior in numbers as to make the play unequal. But if great care is taken to select the first eleven from the very best material at hand, it will usually prove able to cope with nearly twice its number of second-rate players.

The practice should be frequent but never too long continued. An hour and a half in two halves of forty-five minutes each, with a rest between, will be quite long enough for a team in prime condition. Here the team plays an hour without stopping, a much harder task. Then if there is time enough the half-backs and full-backs may review a little special coaching, chiefly in catching kicks and kicking goals from a touch down and from the field. If the men are raw or out of training they should never be compelled to play more than half or three-quarters of an hour at first; later when their muscles are in better condition they can endure twice the work with much less fatigue. But so long as the ball is actually in play every man on the eleven ought to play up to the limit of his capability, since in no other way can he become a thorough going player.

I have taken up all of this necessarily short letter with remarks on foot-ball because it furnishes the chief topic of conversation here and may, therefore, be con-

sidered interesting to all who are interested in collegiate doings. Moreover it seems desirable that something be done to stimulate athletic spirit in the high school. Some years ago there was no need of urging the high school boys to compete in raising athletics to a prominent position; every one was zealous and base ball, cricket and even foot ball and general athletics were in a flourishing condition. It should be the object of the REGISTER and its readers to restore, so far as possible, this one promising state of affairs.

J. M. BROATCH.
Yale 91.

EXCHANGES.

The *High School Journal* is the organ of all the Chicago High Schools. Although it may do very well for one paper to represent all the schools, we should think it much more satisfactory if each school supported its own paper.

The *Argus* for November is filled with class meetings and foot ball notes. We notice that the *Argus*, like the REGISTER, changes the color of its cover each month.

The *Adelphian*, for December, is the finest school paper we have yet had the good fortune to see. It contains some remarkably fine general articles, and, like most of our exchanges, is filled with athletics, especially foot ball.

The *High School World*, for December is up to its usual standard. "Ex Nihilo Nihil Fit" continues with unabated interest and there are a number of other good articles. We would suggest, however, that they change their heading "Correspondence" to "Contributions."

The *Collegian* published at Tacoma, W. T., is the smallest, but one of the most interesting, of our exchanges. It contains an account of a mean trick. Some boys filled a foot ball with dumb bells and invited their professor out to kick it. He declined, but before the ball was taken in it nearly murdered two other fellows.

The world owes the *Academy Monthly* a debt of gratitude. That paper has finally

proved that Shakespeare wrote Shakspeare. The only thing that we can conscientiously kick on is that it didn't make this thing known sooner. Just think of the anxiety it would have averted!

The *Wolf Hall Banner* banner contained a poem beginning thusly: "Poor little tired violets—" We will bet our interest in the REGISTER against a collar button that the violets weren't half so tired as we were after reading the whole of that poem. It is signed "Azile." O, Rats!

The Lutherville *Seminarian* says: "Don't worry, don't fret. Don't let trifling circumstances interrupt the peace and happiness of your life." All right. We'll try not to. But, girls, you can never guess what a trial it's going to be. The REGISTER is \$10 in the hole on this issue, but we are going to take your advice and trust to Providence and the devil.

FUNNY COLUMN.

The front gate and the hammock,
The old bench in the grove,
Have had their day and must give way
To the corner by the stove.

Some gems rescued from a collection of small boy definitions:

Hazardous—A female hazard.
Femur—The largest bone in the human body. It is situated in the ear.
Spine—A collection of small bones extending from the head to the feet.

Outside the base ball grounds.—"Hey, Teddy, come here quick, I've got de boss place. I can see de umpire's legs.

"Are you going to strike, ma?" asked the little boy as gazed trembling upon the uplifted shingle.

"That's just what I'm going to do."

"Can't we arbitrate, ma, before you strike."

Mr. Palette—"Will you allow me to paint that picturesque old building back of your house?"

Mr. Wayback—"No, I reckon I won't go to that expense, but wouldn't mind a coat of white-wash, mister, if ye didn't tax me too much for it."

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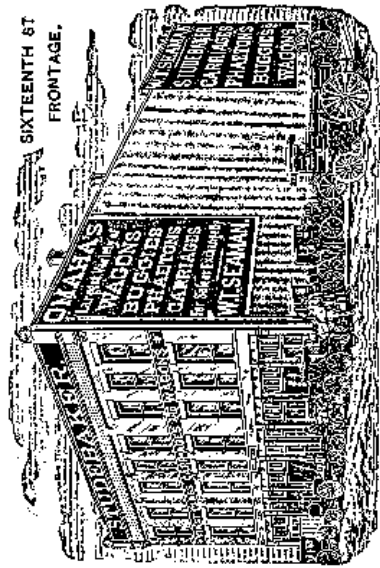
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