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#### Editorial.

Any institution whatsoever must have support to flourish or to accomplish the purpose of its organization. The same holds true of THE REGISTER, in order that it may succeed in minor matters it must have the hearty co-operation of every pupil. It aims to contain matters relative to school interests, which purpose a large number of subscribers would aid. The editors desire to bring this paper up to the standard of any school paper published and earnestly wish the aid of every pupil for such an end. For the remainder of the year, then, the subscription price to The Register will be twenty-five cents, thus bringing it within the reach of all. Let everyone not already a subscriber take advantage of this offer.

TO THE Alumni THE REGISTER wishes to say, "Don't let your interest in the Omaha High School die out." We are interested in you, we want you to be in us. You have many friends here, undoubtedly, perhaps many you are not aware of. Why not keep posted in High School doings through THE REG-ISTER? At least let us hear from you. Send us something concerning yourself or perhaps the school which you are attending. We all, at least, hope to go to college; let us have an opinion of your college. It may perhaps help some to decide for a more advanced education. All contributions will be thankfully received if only a short note to let us know where you are.

IT IS a surprising fact that the other teams of the football league, with the exception of Plattsmouth, were far better supported this fall than ours; and that, too, when there was only one of them that could beat us, and none from schools half as large. We consider that the interest in athletics has ebbed low enough in the school, and that a decided effort should be made to check it. The boys could not do better than to join the Athletic Association, and the girls should make up their minds to attend as many baseball, football, and other contests as possible next season.

Congressman Mercer has recently introduced a bill in Congress for the appointment of a military instructor for the High School. The REGISTER is in hearty sympathy with the proposed legislation, and we think that the boys would almost unanimously welcome such a feature into our school. Military organizations have been formed in the High School, but none of them have ever attained a very marked degree of excellence. We recollect seeing such a body consisting of six members, salute President Cleveland as he drove by on his visit here during his former administration. We could easily secure a hundred members now, and the benefit and pleasure to be derived from such an organization cannot be over-estimated.

The Council Bluffs High School has a military company in which the whole town takes a lively interest; but as we have surpassed them in foot ball we think we should also be able to surpass them in military tactics. There is no reason why we should not be able to make almost as good a showing as the Omaha Guards by next summer.

#### A SOPHOMORE'S DREAM.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE BULLDOZER."
"Oft in the stilly night
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me."

I always had a grudge against Julius Cæsar because he wrote "De Bello Gallico," but last night was my first opportunity for revenge.

When I met him last night at 16th and Farnam it was about 6 o'clock in the morning and not yet light, but I recognized him immediately and took advantage of his august presence to shove a Gatling gun into his face, and demand an apology. He "whipped out" a catapulta and sent a 5-ton paving stone through the lobe of my left ear. I was just in the act of hammering him over the head with the big end of a Krupp cannon (formerly a Gatling gun), when Bob Fulton, the steamboat man, walked out of the postoffice, which was directly overhead, and opening a box of "Septima Hora" cigars, offered to "set 'em up" if we would discontinue hostilities. Cæsar was glad of the chance, and ran up a white flag behind the Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building, which he had been using as a breastwork. We compromised on condition that Cæsar would translate my Latin. He presented me with a translated book, which he drew from his spectacle case, and then we became good friends.

It being a holiday, Addison, who had just climbed down a telegraph pole from somewhere, suggested that we have some fun. As it was about the middle of June, Cæsar suggested coasting. Accordingly we constructed some sleds out of padbacks which always break off the first ten minutes you have them, and a few whiskerless erasers, and started to coast

down Twenty-second street and back (for Newton, the gravity man, had fixed it so we could slide both ways). By the time we got half way down on the second trip the sleds had all changed to a large traveler, and our crowd had been augmented by the presence of Wentworth, the triangle man, Xenophon, the hieroglyphic man, and Dolan, the hot tomola man.

Wentworth suggested that we draw a straight line from the steeple of the new postoffice building to the point "z" as the foot of Izard street, and have a good slide while we were at it. This line having been drawn we started down it on the traveler and proceeded at a rapid gait till we struck a "bump" at Webster street, which lifted us into the air. Instead of coming down hard at the next crossing we sailed on in the air till we finally exhausted the force of the momentum, and then we lighted. The ground below being just ordinary ground and rather soft, we did not stop, but went on through. After a while we reached water and began to float, at the rate of forty miles an hour. The light of our miners' lamps showed our slimy prison walls to grow smaller and smaller. Four feet wide, now three, now two, now one. Smaller it grew till it was only half an inch from wall to wall. Then suddenly it grew very light and we found ourselves poured out of a hydrant into a rusty dipper. A large hole being in the bottom of the dipper, the remainder of the crowd fell through and were never seen again. Just then a teacher passed by and sent me to the seventh hour for getting into the sink with my feet.

At this juncture Edison came riding up the hall on a bicycle which he had made of the Ferris wheel. A large crowd gathered around him and asked him if he could not fix the bell. He went to the Physics room and procured a screwdriver, a monkey-wrench, and a buzzsaw, and soon had the bell fixed so that it would ring automatically and give us forty-five minutes noon intermission. Such a mob of grateful hearted girls crowded around him that he had to flee for his life, as they looked as if they wanted to kiss him for giving them twenty-five minutes longer to dance. Wearied by many expressions of gratitude, he shouldered his mammoth bicycle and crawled through a hole in the dipper and was seen no more. The hole is still there, but the bell don't ring as he fixed it; we can coast only down the hill, the new post office still hides its head behind a high board fence, and the translated Latin book is nowhere to be found.

#### Fquibs.

Don't miss Tulu.

A-a-a-a-a-a-las!

After the Ball-who started it.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Come to the play for genuine enjoyment.

Pressing circumstances—four on a seat.

They do say the missing link has been found.

The class of '96 are to have a "colored yell."

What is the matter with the Senior social? It's all right

Wanted—A good baton. No woodyards need apply.

Wallace Lyman was a visitor at the Munchausen entertainment.

The crowd:—"Where is Somers?"
Echo:—

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Seniors' sample room.

Russell Wilbur was home for the holidays.

Davenport's whiskers—the last rose of summer.

Miss C.—The love of eating is peculiar to Americans.

The Munchausen Club is not a Sophomore organization

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What do you think of the young man who forgot to go to his Virgil recitation?

There are six mustaches in the Junior class, but only one is visible to the naked eye.

According to a certain student, all poetry is divided into two classes, comic and holy.

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The Chicago University has purchased for \$80,000 the library and manuscripts of the historian Bancroft.

Kretch;—"I don't see why the girls don't ask a fellow if they want him to go to the social with them."

Van Horn was reported to be in a terrible condition, unable to talk from the effect of yelling at that Senior social.

Phil Nestor, formerly of the High School, has a first class position as book keeper in one of the Omaha banks.

The Sophomore Guitar and Banjo Club will furnish music between acts at the Senior play on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Who stayed at school till 3:30 trying to get up courage to invite a young lady to the social, and then wanted to go back from 16th and Dodge and try again.

It is said that one of the Sophmores hurt his finger very badly. He put it in his ear and got it caught in the wheels.

Should any of our readers think of taking up a course of shorthand and typewriting, call on us and see what we can do for you.

A Sophomore was heard to say that he always did advocate a tax on raw materials, but objects to raw material on tacks. (He sat on a pin.)

The Sophomore Guitar and Banjo Club is being trained by Mr. Cummins, who is without exception, the best banjo and guitar teacher in Omaha.

Miss Valentine's Christmas greeting to the Sophomores in the room over which she presides, of a spray of holly, was a delightful surprise.

Heard in history: "Stephen and Matilda contended for the throne, but as the people had never had a woman for a king, they rose in rebellion against Matilda."

While coasting recently Fred Pinkerton was so unfortunate as to break his leg. Miss Sallie King who was in the same party, is suffering from a sprained ankle.

Mont Kennard, our former ninth grade editor, has been obliged to leave school on account of his health. He has gone to California. We hope to hear from him often.

The Seniors showed their enterprise by putting up their own electric lights for their play. They feel very much indebted to Mr. Turner for the assistance he gave them.

Important rules of Greek syntax: If you don't know a tense call it the second Aorist. If you don't know the letter dropped, call it Digamma. If you don't know a dative, call it reference.

Prof. Wigman's ninth grade class has gone into partnership with good St. Nicholas, and it has worn half an inch off the grindstone in its preparations for great things.

The graduates can have degrees in art and science, in a word, the full privileges of a university. In 1643, £100, the first donation by a woman to an educational institution was made by

We are glad that Miss Johnston has recovered her usual health and spirits, and is again able to instruct enterprising Freshmen in the latest method of preserving the health.

The Sophomore editors are unable to find out anything about the Munchausen club, except that it is a club of prevaricators under the auspices of Geo. Martin, Waldo Warren and Harry Lindsey.

The Seniors will repeat their play immediately after school on the afternoons of January 4th and 5th. Ten cents admission will be charged. The proceeds, after deducting expenses, will go to the Athletic Association.

Teacher:—"What was the reward of winning at the Olympic games about 700 B. C."

Freshman: "—The winner had his name put in the newspaper, and was given an olive."

Some of the members of the great ninth grade society are feeling hurt that the New York and Chicago papers do not write up their interesting meetings. We should be surprised if such a person did not find materials for a remarkable article.

Those wishing to patronize home industry and obtain a good square meal will do well to try the new restaurant and chophouse which has been started in the ninth grade study room. The proprietor, Mr. Tukey, and the head waiter, Mr. Leonard, are genial gentlemen, and deserve your support.

The Harvard Annex is no more; it has become Radeliffe College in Cambridge.

The graduates can have degrees in art and science, in a word, the full privileges of a university. In 1643, £100, the first donation by a woman to an educational institution was made by Anne Radcliffe, (Lady Moulton) to Harvard. From her the new institution gains its name. The seal of Harvard College is affixed to the diplomas, and the Fellows and President of Harvard are vested with visitorial powers in Radcliffe College.

#### WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

BY RUSSELL WILBUR, '93,

My first impressions of Williamstown were gained in the season which is the most delightful of all seasons here in the Berkshire Hills, the mellow days of autumn. To one coming from a bustling Western city to this quaint, picturesque old place, Williamstown is an entirely new thing. Sometimes I think Rip Van Winkle must have gone to sleep on one of the Berkshires, instead of one of the Catskills, because there is such an air of peace and unchangeableness here. I can hardly describe the beauty of a fall day here- The old College street lined with elms which have stood these hundred years, the wide grassy common in the middle of the street which scarcely leaves space for a wagon road, the College buildings of gray stone, with vines nearly covering them, each building with its broad well-mown campus stretching before it, the old-fashioned white houses, with green blinds, the more pretentious colonial-style houses with their white pillars, (shades of Miss Shippey, I can't tell whether they are Ionic or Doric) and off on the hill the beautiful summer houses of the many wealthy New Yorkers and Bostonians, who live here half the year-all these things I have mentioned form a picture

at which one accustomed to the hurlyburly of Western life, and the newness of everything in the West, gazes with wonder. I didn't find time to study during the early fall, but was continually tramping about among the hills, watching the foliage put on its autumn garment of bright yellow, flaming red, and deep rich brown, making all the mountains round a mass of brilliant color. Amid these autumn splendors, Williams celebrated her centennial anniversary. On this occasion we heard speeches from Andrew Carnegie, Governor Russell, Dr. Briggs, Senator Lodge, President Dwight of Yale, and President Elliot of Harvard. But I am proud to say that the finest address was the review of the history of Williams, made by Chancellor Canfield, of our own Nebraska University.

When the centennial was over the football season commenced with a vengeance. Of course the football season of '93 has passed, and even the post-mortem gossip is almost hushed, but I will tell you a little of our football history of this year. The great aim of Williams every fall is to win the championship of the New England Intercollegiate Football League, which is the rather pretentious name given to a triple league which exists between Williams, Amherst, and Dartmouth. The feeling between Dartmouth and Williams is so friendly that we did not feel very badly when they beat us this year, and won the championship. And I assure you, that when our eleven went down to Amherst, accompanied by 220 fellows from the College, and beat Amherst by a score of thirty to twelve we were jubilant. For Amherst and Williams are traditional foes and deadly rivals, and I am sorry to say that a good deal of bad blood is usually dis-

played over the game. As for games played outside of the league, we had the satisfaction of defeating Tufts and Union, and of tying Cornell in an exciting game played at Albany, the score being twelve to twelve. Prospects are good for a brisk base ball season in the spring, and the candidates for positions will go into gym training the first of next month. Omaha and her High School will probably be represented on the nine by Clarke, '92, who is nearly sure of being pitcher.

As for studies, I suppose it would be well to say a few words about them, although in the modern college they seem to be matters of secondary importance. As for Williams, she is perhaps little less of a mere athletic association than some colleges I might mention, and she fortunately stands much nearer the head of the list of colleges in point of scholarship than she ranks when size is considered. It is not possible to "cut" exercises for days and weeks in succession, as it is in many institutions, since only twelve "cuts" each term are allowed, and the vigilance of the excuse committee is hard to elude.

Williams is a very easy college to enter, but once in, it is necessary to keep up with the work, as the faculty remorselessly "fire" all who are delinquent. Three times during the Freshman year there is a division of "the goats upon the left hand" and "the sheep upon the right," and, to use a mixed metaphor, a general weeding out of the goats is sure to follow. Williams is a very conservative college, and has never yet given a diploma to a graduate who has not taken at least four terms of Greek during his course. This year, however. students are admitted to a full course as candidates for a degree at graduation, by

substituting advanced French, or Gertions have also been of rare merit. If man or trigonometry in place of Greek. I will not attempt to explain the labyrinthine ways of getting into Williams as a full course student without Greek, but anyone who wishes to look the matter up can do so in the catalogue, which can probably be obtained from Mr. Lewis, or which I will be glad to request the registrar to send to any whose addresses I receive. I do wish that more Omaha fellows would come to Williams. It is so discouraging to come to Williams filled with an idea of Omaha's importance, and then have the only fellow who got a perfect mark in a recent test on Greek geography ask you blandly what part of Oregon Omaha is in.

It seems so good to come into touch with the old O. H. S. again, that I have enjoyed this opportunity of telling the REGISTER something about Williams very much.

#### Bociety.

On Dec. 15 the Seniors held a class meeting. The old committee on pins was discharged and a new one appointed, with instructions to report as quickly as possible. Perhaps we will at last see those long expected pins! The social was then discussed-the results of which discussion were seen on Friday night, Dec. 22.

The last meeting of the Athenaeum was one of the best in the history of the society. The debate was of so much interest that there was not time enough for all those wishing, to take part. The subject, Resolved that the classical course is of more benefit than the english course, was decided in favor of the affirmative. While the literary standard has been very high, the musical producyou want to see a class where each one is willing to do his part, and all pull together, call on '95.

Although the Sophomore Literary Society has not been long in existence it has already nearly 200 members and has rendered several excellent programs, for which considerable praise is due the program committee. A most excellent program was the last one presented. The question for debate being, Resolved, That the Hawaiian Islands should be annexed to the United States under any circumstances. The debaters delivered in forcible style arguments of remarkable strength and although the decision went to the negative it was not an easily won victory. Mr. Waldo Warren handled his subject in a manner that won the highest approbation of his audience. Miss Minnie Lemon's selection was of an amusing character and was very well rendered. The musical numbers on the program indicate that the society has exceptional resources in that direction. The society after the rendering of the program downed a suggestion of division in a manner that shows their determination to stick together. The class will soon appear in colors and with a vell. Success to you.

#### SOCIAL.

On Friday, Dec. 22, the class of '94 met in the first Senior Social. number of teachers were also present drawn out perhaps, by the play, "Tulu," a farce by Grace Livingston Furniss, the authoress of "Pallos' Luck," which was so successfully produced last year. The play was the most difficult and elaborate ever produced at the school.

The play demanded something in the way of stage lighting which could be

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easily controlled and in consequence several incandescent electric lights had been put up at great expense and trouble, but the effect fully compensated those interested for their labor. The effect was novel and pleasing and the success of the play was in no small measure due to this.

Miss Kimball's interpretation of "Tulu" was highly satisfactory, Miss Adler as "Petrolia" made a good impression, Miss Waterman the "Duchess" was very proper and decorous, Mr. Pratt was a little too dashing for an author of his years. Mr. Detweiler "dun" his part well. Mr. Towle was an accomplished villian and Mr. Russell was very acceptable as the photographic fiend.

Dancing of which there were ten numbers printed on very neat programs in the class colors was then indulged in with an intermission during which all repaired to the third floor where refreshments were served. While waiting all enjoyed themselves vieing with each other in giving the various class yells.

The only drawback was the large number of strangers with whom the greater part of the class were unacquainted.

At twelve all separated re-echoing in their heart "What's the matter with '94? It's all right."

#### THE MUNCHAUSEN CLUB.

About six hundred unfortunates assembled in the Ninth Grade study room last Friday to witness the opening (and also the closing) of the Munchausen club's career.

The club was organized some time ago, and built great hopes upon the sand of public approbation. While the hopes and intentions of the founders were perhans of the noblest sort, Fate decreed

that these hopes should perish. And, as usual, Fate had her way.

Secretary Hayward called the meeting to order, and, after apologizing for the absence of the pope as advertised, introduced President Warren, who, after briefly explaining the cause of the pope's absence, likewise that of the remainder of the world's monarchs, proceeded by metaphor, hyperbole, simile, apostrophe, antithesis, synecdoche, and the like, to reveal the club's motives. He pointed out the use of the imagination, and explained how the club intended to develop that faculty. His remarks were roundly applauded.

Mr. Hayward then awarded the prize which had been offered for the best yell, to Miss Burgess; the prize being a book entitled, "The Seventh Hour; Its Uses and Abuses," by Harry Lindsey.

Mr. George Martin then related a charming story of adventure, which was, however, difficult to hear for the frequent storms of applause which greeted him at the end of every sentence—and occasionally at commas.

Mr. Keniston having been sent to the seventh hour, his paper was read by Mr. Wallace Lyman of Creighton College (formerly of '96.) The paper lasted for about half an hour, during which time the enraptured audience moved from tears to laughter and back again with an ease which few writers or speakers ever attain. Mr. Lyman was showered with bouquets (such as could be obtained) from time to time, which showed the audience's appreciation of his eloquence.

So far the program was an unparalleled success. Mr. Gerald Somers was then called on for that song he always sings. He sang it, but—"A-a-a-a-a-las!!!" He had scarcely reached the second verse when the vast audience, with a

common impulse, rushed out of the doors and windows, and hied themselves beyond the sound of his voice.

"And in that hour was the Munchausen club, prince of organizations, slain."

OBITUARY.

From reliable sources we learn that the life of the club lasted nine days, four hours, thirty-seven minutes, and ten seconds.

It was an order of the class of '96. It died a violent death.

While its motives were no doubt noble, the misunderstanding public, demonstrated by their disapproval of its intentional departure from the paths of truth, their own admiration for that virtue.

The officers of the club have handed in their resignation to the janitor.

"De mortuis nil nisi bonum.

A VICTIM, '95.

#### SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH.

By MISS MAMIE TOWNE, '95.

Now here's a young fellow of excellent pith, Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith,

But he shouted a song for the brave and the free,
Just read on his medal "My Country, of Thee."

Oliver Wendell Holmes thus wrote of his classmate, Samuel F. Smith. The whole poem of which this is a part, was read at an anniversary of the Harvard class of '29.

This man has been known throughout the country as the anthor of "America," but at his home simply as an unassuming Baptist clergyman.

In singing our national hymn our thoughts naturally turn to our country, and we have not thought of the author, many of us hardly realizing his existence, but his recent death at Newton Centre, Mass., brings him freshly before our minds.

He was born at Boston in 1829. After graduating at Harvard, he studied theology at Andover, spending most of his after life in Maine and Massachusetts teaching modern languages, writing for periodical literature and missionary journals, and composing short poems.

The story of the writing of "America" as he tells it, is very interesting. It grew out of a visit of a certain Mr. Woodbridge to Germany to examine the system of Prussian public schools. He learned that much attention was given to music, and brought back several song books which he handed over to Lowell Mason, the noted musical composer. Mr. Mason gave the songs to his friend, Mr. Smith, to be translated from the German. Among the collection was the music known as "God save the king," the words of which inspired Mr. Smith to write a patriotic hymn in the same meter. He accomplished his object in half an hour, and dropped the bit of paper into his portfolio. He did not purpose to write a national hymn, but gave a copy to Mr. Mason, and some weeks after it was first sung publicly at a children's celebration July 4th, 1832, in Park street church, Boston.

Mr. Mason introduced singing into the public schools of Boston, and "America" was one of the songs first sung. From that school it spread over the whole country, and is now our national hymn, sung on festive occasions wherever there are Americans. Mr. Smith himself has heard it sung on Atlantic steamers, in London. Paris, Berlin, Stockholm, Rome, Naples, Constantinople, Calcutta, and the baths of Pompeii.

After everything else about him is forgotten, he will be remembered as the author of this hymn. It is but another instance of the one poem which made its writer famous.

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