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It seems to be the tendency of High School students to live in the dim past, listening to the choice addresses in the forums at Rome and Athens, or watching the famous battle on the plains of Marathon and the struggling heroes at the Pass of Thermopylae. They are almost entirely oblivious of their present surroundings, and they grow up in a mental age that has long since passed away. At some future day one of this class of students will pick up a modern history, and will be surprised to read for the first time of important events that transpired when he went to school. History is being made at the present time, and it is the duty of the student to keep in touch with the life around him, and to be informed on the leading issues of the day. The recent war between China and Japan, our relations with Cuba and Spain, our dispute with England concerning the South American nations, the present trend of political thought within our own country, and the different reforms being inaugurated, are the things which make history, and they should not be underestimated.

As one goes plodding along from day to day how little he thinks that he is being watched, and that perhaps by his most insignificant actions others are influenced either for good or evil. His every movement has its meaning, and he wields a certain though unconscious influence over his associates. We con-

stantly compare ourselves with those around us, and we involuntarily take them as our models or our examples. On what that one does or thinks is concerned, it may be, the whole future course of our lives. One may sometimes suppose that he is living a hidden, obscure life and that nobody knows or cares about what he is doing, but some day he may find out his mistake. As the ripple caused by the pebble thrown into the water, widens and widens until it is lost in the distance, so our influence may also extend, and no one knows how far. It remains for us to see that that influence, so far as we can control it, shall be for the better.

"Roll backward, O time in thy flight." But the time will not roll backward. It moves steadily forward. Nothing can stop it. Our school days, even life itself, is but a bubble, and sooner or later it will burst. While we are yet on the stage all we can do is to act our part, and act it the best we can. The Class of '96 will soon be known only in an unwritten history, read by a constantly narrowing circle of readers. Disappointed ambitions and vain regrets for lost opportunities may perhaps be read in that book. Yet while it is not too late, we may atone for the indifference of the past, and may cement more closely the now shaky ties that bind our class, which will last a lifetime. There does not seem to be much in common between the various members of the class—a great majority appear to be impatiently waiting for the time when they can forever throw off all class connections, and the sooner that time comes the better, they think. But there will be a time, in the years to come, when the most pleasant days that we can ever look back to will be when we were members of '96. The great, roomy world

outside, of which so many of us know so little, is icy cold, and the only fires that can warm us are the ones that we kindle ourselves. Let us all stand shoulder to shoulder now, and let each one personally co-work for the glory of "Old Rose and Green" and its memories.

More attention should be given in our literary societies to extemporaneous discussion of current topics, the subjects and speakers to be selected at the moment by the chairman of the meeting. The advantages to be derived from discussions of this nature cannot be estimated. They furnish a direct means of bringing out backward members of the class who are not in the habit of speaking on questions brought up in the meetings. Oftentimes it only requires a little compulsion to bring to the front some embryotic senator whose ability at speech-making has never been given a trial.

Few schools are free from the evils of "pony riding," and our own school has its quota of translation users. But there is satisfaction in the thought that these drones in the hive form a very small minority. The users of translations labor under the mistaken idea that they are fooling the teacher. For pony riders to believe that their crude shams would dupe any experienced teacher is folly. A pony is a very unruly steed, a wily broncho that invariably throws its rash rider. Don't meddle with it.

Why couldn't each class have a base ball team? It would greatly increase the interest in the games, besides being of great value to the class.

Should Paderewski play Tcharkowski,
'Twould make me feel so friski;
I'd have to leave the operhouski,
And take a nipofwhiski.—Ex.

Swarthmore College.

WILLIAM INGHAM BATTIN.

While in the colleges of the west co-education has always been a prominent feature, in the east Swarthmore is unique in that young women have privileges quite the same as those of the young men. It is a distinctive merit, and the association in recitation, in the dining halls and at other times makes the general atmosphere of the place wholesome and gives a graceful ease to the students in society. Especially, the young women are under the care of a matron whose experience and earnest regard for their welfare have won her the devoted respect of all friends of the college. The dormitory system and the numerous societies, together with the fraternities, make the social life very delightful and beneficial in the formation of character.

In location the college is, above all, favored. We are really nearer to the heart of Philadelphia than many parts of the city itself, having communication both by electric cars and frequent suburban trains on the railroad. So we have all the advantages of the city libraries and lectures and concerts without those pernicious influences which come from living right in the city. And we are near enough to New York and Washington and the other great cities of the country to find, in the occasional vacations during the college year, opportunities for short trips that we would hardly have anywhere else. Finally the historical connection of the place—who has not heard of Brandywine and of the Delaware and of Philadelphia itself?—make the college a very desirable centre for study, while the large cities and long-settled customs of this, the oldest part of our country are especially suited to the work in Social Science.

What appealed most to the writer was the natural beauty of the scenery; the clear brooks, the geological formations and the woods and pretty dells such as we seldom see around Omaha.

But you will be more interested in the college year. What opportunities are there for study? Well, the college does not aim to do University work; all that the regular college course of a university offers we wish to give here, but advanced research is not taken up extensively. Because, when a young man goes to college, he wishes to get a broad education and comprehensive; he is not prepared for the highest work; and it is here that the small college is to be preferred to the university. In the latter, the regular class work is frequently given over to young inexperienced instructors; at a college, as at Swarthmore, the number of professors in proportion to the student-body is large and their influence is more intimately felt. Our faculty consists of men who in their special branches are authorities (as their many works will show) and these we are acquainted with personally. Their constant aid in outside work, for the scientific societies and language seminars is of great value. Of course the college is well equipped with libraries and laboratory facilities.

Although the students come mostly from the east, yet the west is well represented—for example Illinois has eleven students here this year. I could wish the Omaha High School were better represented. Before deciding on a place to study it is, at any rate, well to know definitely of the required work for entrance and the later courses; for then perhaps many would escape the error—if it be such—of going to a school where advanced research in special branches takes precedence of the regular course, to obtain a college education.

Swarthmore, Pa.



Origin of the Eye.

DEAN THOMPSON, '98.

The lower types of animals have no organs of sight. They are, however, sensible to light, as shown by their clinging to the side of the vessel toward the light. Not until we have reached the Caelenterates do we find any markings that could be called eyes. Then appear the eye spots in the Sea Anemones. They are very rudimentary and are situated at the base of some of the tentacles surrounding the mouth.

In the Echinoderms, to which belong the star-fish and sea-urchins, the eye spots appear at the end of the rays. They are red in color and have a nervous cord extending to them from the pentagonal ring, which encircles the mouth.

The eyes of worms may or may not be present. In some they are found scattered all over the body, while in others they appear only in the head and tail. The leech has five pairs of eyes in the head.

In the Mollusks, in which branch the Octopus and Squid are found, the eyes are large and nearly as perfect as those of the fish.

The Arthropodes, represented by the Lobster, Crab, Spider and Insects, are chiefly characterized in having compound eyes. Such eyes are composed of many simple eyes, each consisting of a cornea and crystalline cone, connected behind by a long slim connective rod. This rod unites the cone with a spindle-shaped body resting against the optic nerve and covered with internal nerve tissue. The king crab has two large compound eyes;

and, near the center of the head, are two small compound eyes. The spider has only simple eyes, while the locust or grasshopper has two compound eyes on each side of the head and three simple eyes in front, two above and one below.

The vertebrates have large simple eyes. Those of the fish are immovable; and are situated on the side of the head, except in the hammer-headed shark, whose head projects out on each side, the eyes being in the ends of the projections. The eyes of the other fish differ very little.

The chameleon, belonging to the class Reptilia, has movable circular eyelids, while the eyes of the hawk, eagle and penguin are supplied with three eyelids, the upper, lower and the third, the transparent nictitating membrane, through which it is said the hawk can look directly at the sun. This bird has also a ring of bony plates, by means of which it can adjust its sights, like a telescope, enabling it to see near and distant objects, and in and above water.

The eyes of the moles differ from those of the fish and birds, being hidden beneath the fur and much smaller. Here we have an illustration of probable degeneration resulting from disuse of an organ. With few exceptions the eyes of the mammals differ very little.

How beautifully Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage writes:

"We can not help seeing how God honored the eyes when He made a roof for them, so that the sweat of toil should not smart them, and the rain dashing against the forehead might not drop into them; the eyebrows not bending over the eyes, but reaching to the right and to the left so that the rain and sweat should be compelled to drop upon the cheek instead of falling into this divinely protected human eyesight.

"Oh, this wonderful camera which



Senior Lectures.

Three lectures were given by members of the Senior Class during the past month.

Miss Newton discoursed upon the geological development of the terrestrial sphere. Her treatment of the subject displayed an intimate knowledge of the many strange phenomena that have happened to the globe since it was first whirled into space. The smoothness with which she passed over so many "great big words" as some one remarked after the lecture, was "truly remarkable."

Miss Lemon's lecture on the "Myths of Minerva" was very interesting. We learned many things about the beliefs of different peoples in regard to Minerva.

Miss Brown increased our interest in the stars by telling us what the heavenly bodies are doing.

Rhetoricals have been as interesting as usual during the past month. On the 24th, Miss Bowen enchanted everyone by her singing. We wish to thank Miss Bowen for her kindness in appearing before the class. Harry Wigton and Mr. Morseman also favored us with a mandolin and guitar duet. Musical numbers at our Rhetoricals render them much more enjoyable.

Last Friday a regular meeting of the '97 Debating Society was held. The program was begun by a piano solo by Miss White, who played well indeed. Miss Hall's recitation with the piano accompaniment gave a pleasing effect. Mr. Plummer's essay was well written and the morals brought out were apt.

you and I carry about with us, so that we can take in a family circle, and from the top of Mount Washington we can take in New England, and at night we can sweep into vision the constellations from horizon to horizon. So delicate, so semi-infinite, and yet the light coming ninety-five millions of miles at the rate of two hundred thousand miles a second, is obliged to halt at the gate of the eye, waiting until the portcullis be lifted. Something hurled ninety-five millions of miles and striking an instrument which has not the agitation of even winking under the power of the stroke!

"There, also, is the merciful arrangement of the tear gland, by which the eye is washed, and through which rolls the tide that brings the relief that comes in tears when some bereavement or great loss strikes us. The tear is not an Augmentation of sorrow, but the breaking up of the Arctic of frozen grief in the warm Gulf Stream of Consolation."

Caesar.

Caesar I bid thee a long farewell,
Wondrous peace in my soul doth dwell,
Since thou art gone school is but play,
And pleasure comes with each new day.

No more o'er battles shall I mutter,
No more in dread, translations utter;
No more expect the awful doom
That waits one in the seventh hour room.

No more behold my teachers frown or scholars
smile,
When lower down my average falls,
Oh, happy day when Gallic wars have passed
away.

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Caesar, I thought when thou wert gone,
Life like a stream would glide along;
But I thought not of Cicero.
Hope is past and troubles 'round me gather
fast. '98.

The Class of '99 has suffered a serious loss in the departure from school of two of their brightest scholars, Georgia Kennard and Ella Cotton.

For the rest of the music we but mention the delightful piano solos of Miss Hancock and Miss Heller, and the mandolin and guitar duet given by Mr. Wigton and Mr. Morsman.

A meeting of the Class of '98 was held Friday afternoon, April 10th. The preliminary contest was held for the oratorical contest. Chas. Evarts, Fred Duhrsen and Miss Georgia Haislip contested for the privilege of representing their class for the declamation at the final contest. The judges, in making their report, complimented each speaker highly, and decided in favor of Miss Haislip. The class was well satisfied with the decision, and Miss Haislip has their best wishes for the coming contest. The remainder of the program was a musical one and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The guitar and mandolin duet by Messrs. Whinnery and Fonda was highly appreciated, and the selection by the O. H. S. Banjo and Guitar Club was very well rendered. '98 is glad to see so many members of other classes present. Come again.

On Friday, March 26th, the Class of '99 held its preliminaries for the Oratorical Contest. The contestants were Charles Mardis, Odin Mackay, and Ralph De Long. The contest was very close, all the contestants doing well. The judges decided in favor of Charles Mardis. Mr. Mardis will do a credit to his class in representing them at the Final.

The Contest.

After several months of talking about the Oratorical Contest, and after due preparation for the same, we find ourselves on the eve of the all important event. The Contest Committee has been working like a hive of bees for

some time and has at last completed all arrangements for the Contest to be held May 1st.

Class preliminaries have been held from time to time and on April 23rd and 24th the final preliminaries at Boyd's opera house resulted in the choice of contestants for the final Contest.

For Debate: Subject, "Resolved, That government ownership and control of the railroads in this country at the present time would be detrimental to the welfare of the United States." Affirmative, Odin Mackay, Negative, Karl Connell.

On Orations: Belle Ryan and Ralph Connell.

On Declamations: Belle Goldsmith, Georgia Haislip and Charles Mardis.

In addition to the Contest there will be an excellent musical program.

The prizes have been altered to the following: For each first prize \$20, and in Debate and Oration a second prize of \$5 each will be awarded. In Declamation this second prize will be divided into second and third prize of \$3 and \$2 respectively, so that each contestant of the evening will receive some reward for his work on the Contest. These prizes are subject to change as the Committee holds the privilege of deducting from them such per cent as is deemed fair if the net proceeds of the evening do not meet the \$60 required for the paying of all over the original \$15, first prize.

All that is required now to make the affair a success is the hearty co-operation of the O. H. S. people. Turn out and show that you have an interest in your school and the work its representatives in this contest, have done, but most particularly don't be afraid to *show* them at the Contest that you appreciate their efforts.



The X Rays.

LULA I. MORRIS, '93.

Probably no other discovery in the scientific world since the introduction of the telephone and phonograph, has roused such general and wide spread interest as has the discovery of the X ray. Mankind in general is born with a decided taste for the strange and marvellous; therefore, the fact that the new ray could penetrate through opaque substances—that it could photograph the contents of pocket or box, or the bones of a living body long hidden by their covering of skin and flesh, seemed little short of a miracle, and immediately took a firm hold upon the popular fancy. All this excitement began because of a few experiments by Professor Rontgen with a Crookes tube. While passing an electric current through it he noticed that near by a fluorescent paper began to act in a very peculiar manner. It was indeed affected by the new form of energy. This roused his attention and after further investigation it was found that substances, opaque to common light, when interposed between the tube and the fluorescent paper did not seem to offer any appreciable resistance to the passage of the new ray. Finally Rontgen discovered that the photographic plate was also sensitive to this ray. This was the beginning of the wonderful shadow pictures.

This discovery is hardly six months old, but already in every laboratory has it been discussed and tried. In our own High School several very successful pictures have been obtained, not, however, without failure at first. Among others is a remarkably distinct one show-

ing a bullet imbedded in the flesh of a hand. There are two other pictures of the hand, one that of a six year old child, in which the tender young bones are hardly to be distinguished from the surrounding flesh, while in the other, that of an old man, the bones are sharply defined. A photograph through a surgeon's case, shows all the instruments plainly through the cover. The X ray may be produced by passing an electric current of potential through a vacuum tube, or it may be obtained by the disruptive discharge of static electricity.

As will be seen it differs very essentially from the ordinary light ray in many respects. It is invisible to the eye. Glass which is usually considered very transparent proves itself especially opaque to the X ray, while most metals transmit the energy readily. Finally it has been estimated that the penetrability of this ray, varies approximately with the density of the material through which it passes. Now all this is of great interest scientifically, but it is when we see its bearing on human welfare, that the subject becomes one of startling importance. Surgery has already taken great strides forward, its pathway lighted by the X ray. Recent bone fractures, all malformations and foreign substances as lead or glass imbedded in the thinner members of the body are immediately detected by means of the shadow photography. Thereby is saved much unnecessary probing on the surgeon's part and the patient is spared much pain.

This new science is still in its infancy. A few years hence and its practical possibilities may be multiplied a hundred fold, the results be still more marvellous and all science be much modified.

Lorgnettes used in the Junior play were kindly loaned by Columbian Optical Co. and N. M. Ruddy.



Lost—A Geometary.
 Williard looks melancholy.
 "He is blind in the eyes."
 Co. Z—The first man, etc.
 He "snuck" into the corner.
 The "End of Lent"—Dead Broke.
 When is that Senior play coming off?
 Miss Kennedy, in drill—Which foot is hep?
 We need more 'light' on the subject of 'heat.'
 Why doesn't Lehmer give reading lessons?
 Wonder who gets cut so often in the 9th grade?
 One of the English teachers can sea foam on the ocean.
 Physics Test—Oh, my!!!! (I know what your mark is.)
 Wanted—Some one to push Lindsey, Chamberlain and Chambers.
 One of the English teachers was recently sent to the seventh hour.
 Hurrah for the girls' bicycle race on Field Day. (No bloomers allowed.)
 Did you notice the new presiding officer at the last meeting of the Class of '99?
 H. S. (Horribly Slow) Lindsey, in English—Spenser lived on confiticated land.
 A Difficult Problem—Which made the most number of mistakes in "Which is Which?"
 Kid Connell and D. Baum had a foot race one Friday afternoon. It ain't over yet, they say.
 Violets and hyacinths were the beginning of his popularity, but nothing as yet has come of it.

Astronomy Teacher—What two bodies are always together?

Jealous Rival—C. H. and M. P.

The "Which is Whiches" have had an offer from Jorrocks, Spankdoodle & Jorrocks to play at their amphitheatre at the North Pole for their room and board.

The officers of Society of Company Z were elected as follows: President, Miss Christian; Vice President, Miss Allen; Secretary, Miss Tukey; Treasurer, Miss Robison.

Thunklets.

"I tell you that which you yourselves do know."—Shakespeare.

We think: That the Senior Social and Play Committee had better rustle.

That everybody should go to the Field Day exercises.

That the Officers' Club is too much of a club.

That the Class of 1900 will have to occupy the roof.

That the home made flowers at Rhetoricals is the proper thing.

That De Long gave a fine declamation.

That the much abused boys in Room 31 behave like gentlemen.

That Shane is a leedle poy.

That Whinnery is a blooming poet.

That Manchester is a coming man.

That Guy Ross must grow if he is going to graduate with the Class of '96.

That Krause should give away one of his class pins.

That the '96 Finance Committee has a bigge thynge on its hands.

That Miss Kennedy is a born financier.

That all delinquents should pay up their class dues.

That the Senior girls have a predominance of book brains; the Senior boys a predominance of common sense.

That the fellow that thunk these "thunklets" thunk just about right.



Field Day.

Our Field Day this year must and shall be the best ever given by our school. Last year it was not a brilliant success, by any means, on account of the small number of boys willing to enter the contests. The Committee in charge will certainly do its duty as to all necessary arrangements, and all that is needed is the hearty support of the students.

What's the matter with the second team?

The lockers are going fast. If you want one, speak at once.

The team is silently wishing for a pitcher to drop from somewhere or other.

A game was played Saturday, the 18th, with the Originals, resulting in a defeat for the O. H. S.

The first game of the base ball season was played on our grounds, Wednesday, April 15th, with a picked team from down town. It was a victory for the O. H. S. by a score of 19 to 8.

There was another surprise for the team when they played at Creighton College on Wednesday, the 22nd. The college boys won by a score of 13 to 7, but the team hopes to be revenged later in the season.

The annual election of officers of the A. A. was held last month. Harry A. Tukey was re-elected Manager. Lewis B. Reed was elected Secretary and Treasurer; Will Gardner as base ball captain, and Will McKell as foot-ball captain.

The Association has been collecting money of late in order to furnish our base ball team with uniforms. Part of

the fund has been donated by the Board of Education and some is still to be obtained to pay in full for the suits, which have already been ordered. It is the intention to have the base ball team up to the mark this year, and preserve its former reputation and high standard. The interest taken in base ball by the boys in general this spring is very encouraging, and it is probable that there will be some good games with teams from out of town, when the nine has had enough practice to be in good condition.



Co. B is hot after the flag.

The first lieutenants have been getting a little practice lately.

The photographer was afraid of Co. E. But of course not on account of the captain.

One aspirant for the position just above Corporal spelled it "Sargeant." He's sure to get it.

Mr. Burr: "Only the Captains return to their companies." Was Burr dreaming he was captain of Co. E.?

None of the marks on the examination papers will be made known until after the promotions are announced at the end of the year.

Capt. K. Connell selected five of the boys from his company to act as guards at the Officers' Hop. They will be taught the Manual of Arms by the Thurston Rifles.

Lieut. Penn states that the examination papers of this year show considerable improvement over those of last year. This is certainly very gratifying. It shows that interest in the drill is increasing.

About fifty or sixty Cadets have ordered white duck trousers. Their object, of course, is to make the hop a real swell affair. The executive committee should request our Senior Captain to wear a uniform at the hop.

Quite a number of the cadets were "ill" Arbor Day, and paid a visit to the Fort to see dress parade and drill. Arbor Day was a legal holiday, and therefore no exercises were held at the Fort. The boys became more sick on the way home.

At one of the recent drills a photograph was taken of each of the Companies. Nevertheless the camera is still intact. The Cadets really put up a very live appearance. A photograph was also taken of the commissioned officers and on the following drill day one was taken of all the officers of the Battalion.

The Cadets have had considerable Battalion drill lately. Besides the regular Battalion drill the boys have had Battalion parade and on one occasion Prof. Leviston inspected the ranks. Lieut. Penn intends to invite Gen. Copinger, the Commander of the Department of the Platte, to inspect our Battalion.

The Officers' Hop is close at hand. This greatest of all our social events will take place on the night of the 8th of May and it promises to be an unparalleled success. The proceeds of the musicale amounted to over fifty dollars. This with the voluntary contributions of the officers themselves ought to insure a splendid affair. At a recent meeting of the club Capt. Wagner, Capt. Collett and Lieutenant Dale were placed at the head of three respective committees. The committee is now actively at work making every effort possible to make the hop what it should be.

EUREKA.

By WALDO PONDRAY WARREN.

The sages of the olden time,
The schoolboys of today,
And every thinker everywhere—
These all are on the way,
To Eureka.

And if they delve in volumes old,
Or pull bright flowers apart,
To find the clue to all that's true,
They've barely made a start,
To Eureka.

Where shall this thread of Truth be found,
Unraveling it all,
Unto the end of mystery,
When man can loudly call,
O! Eureka!

Who says the time will never come,
When Truth shall make us free—
Truth, transcending education,
Truth, the end of mystery.
Then, Eureka.

Then will the stately college go;
Its work will then be done.
No more long hours of weary toil,
For Man who is a Son,
'Tis Eureka.

Then shall the rights of Man be known,
And Man shall know his place.
Now darkly through a glass we see,
But then as face to face.
When, Eureka.

Haste then the day when all shall know,
And break this ghastly dream;
When Truth behind it all shall show,
Things are not what they seem,
Then, Eureka.

Oh, joyous day, when all shall see,
And understand the way;
When every doubt has been dispelled,
And all can truly say:
O! Eureka!

NOTE. Eureka: literally, "I have found it;" Truth; Understanding; a demonstrable theory of Being; the end of mystery.

The spirit of order and decorum everywhere pervading the school is to be commended. One would have to go far to find a more orderly or better behaved company of students. Now and then the exuberant and joyful spirits of our youth overflow in harmless rollicking

fun, yet on the whole our boys and girls are conscious of the fact that they are fast becoming young men and women. It is most fortunate that there is no sharp and bitter feeling between the different classes which has in some measure been dominant in years past. Harmony is everywhere prevalent. Let it remain so.



Edith Schwartz, '93, spent the Easter holidays in Omaha with Grace MacMillan, '95.

Selma Dahlstrom Frikson, '93, was very ill the past month but is much better now.

The engagement is announced of Louise Matthewson, '93. Miss Matthewson is at present attending the State Normal school at Peru.

News of the marriage of Frank Morrow and a southern girl during the winter has just reached the Alumni Editor. Mr. Morrow was with '93 during its Junior year and was a great favorite.

Quite a number of the members of '95 visited the school during their spring vacation, among them being Phil Russell, Irwin Davenport, Hal Beans, Robt. Lansing, and Howard Parmelee.

A great many of the older Alumni are joining the O. H. S. Alumni association this year because of the low initiation fee. The matter has been put before '96 and every member talked with has signified his intention of becoming a member. The graduating class is asked to pay the initiation fee before Commencement in order that the officers of the Alumni association may know how many persons it provide for at the reception.



"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" are intelligently discussed in College Chips, Decora, Ia.

The Chronicle is an interesting paper from the Manual Training High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A feature of the Tattler, Des Moines H. S., is a Cycling Column, giving all the latest bicycle news.

Teacher — Johnny, what figure of speech is, "I love my teacher!"
Johnny—Sarcasm.—Ex.

The reduced dimensions of the Advocate, Lincoln, Neb., is a decided improvement upon the size it formerly issued.

"Take away women," shouted the orator, "and what would follow?"
"We would," said a man at the back of the audience promptly.—Ex.

We are always glad to have our articles appear in our exchanges, but wish the Arapahoe Gazette would not steal our editorials bodily. It is a bad habit to get into.

Glad to see the Shako, Montclair, N. J. Short but sweet. We notice they have decided to discontinue begging for contributions. We did that long ago and still come out regularly the last Thursday of each month.

The Tattler, Port Huron, Mich., is one of our new exchanges. The Editorial Column devotes considerable space to strong personalities. Such rebukes may be well merited, but their publication to the world at large, can accomplish no ultimate good.

As there does not seem to be any prospect of the guns for the Battalion arriving before the dawn of the next century, we would suggest that the matter be taken in hand by the cadets themselves. It is almost useless to wait until the ponderous machinery of the government gets ready to move. While much valuable time is being wasted each member of the Battalion might procure a gun for himself—a light five or six pound gun, or each company might get up some concert or other performance and raise part of the money necessary to purchase the guns,—the remaining amount to be raised by voluntary subscription. This plan appears to be practicable. At any rate it should be investigated. One of the companies might try this scheme, and if it proves successful the other companies would soon after be equipped, and far more progress could be made in the art of war. With real guns in their hands the cadets would look like real soldiers.

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