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their demand for a spring vacation. The school-board had deemed it expedient to do away with the usual holidays and in this manner aroused the wrath of the pupils. So, under the motto "we claim our rights" they decided to take the matter into their own hands. But at this decisive period, a trust, organized by their parents, stepped in and persuaded them with weighty arguments to return to school. This unfortunate occurrence put an end to this great educational strike, after the pupils were out for one day's session. It is really too bad that the scholars can not claim the right to regulate the management of the schools but the nation has not progressed far enough to acknowledge a "government of the pupil, for the pupil, by the pupil."

ONE of the needs of our school is a more extensive Library. In the time past when our school was small, the present Library answered very well, but with the growth of our city the school has increased in size till now it is large enough to demand a greater number and larger variety of books.

It is not very conducive to learning to be informed that the required knowledge is to be found in a certain work and then to be told that the work is not at hand or can only be obtained with some difficulty.

It is true, the pupils have a large Public Library to draw from but this is inconvenient, the books are not always to be had when wanted and many cannot spare the time taken in running back and forth and so they lose the benefits which they should enjoy.

Nearly all the studies require reference books and are made much more interesting and beneficial thereby. Besides the High School is the place where the scholars should acquire the habit of comparing different authorities and selecting the good and discarding the bad of each; thus thinking and deciding for themselves instead of merely accepting the

theories and statements made by a single author.

There are many in the school who have had much experience in the handling of Libraries and who would be glad to aid in any movement toward the establishment of an extensive one here.

Were a good start once made, many valuable donations may be secured and with a few additions each year the Omaha High School would soon be able to add another to its already large list of attractions.

New apparatus is continually being added to the Physics and Chemistry departments but the book department having no one in particular in charge of it is somewhat neglected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The 22d, of February is celebrated in Baltimore not only as Washington's birthday but also as the anniversary of the foundation of John Hopkins University. This year being its twelfth anniversary, the day was observed with appropriate exercises.

At half-past ten o'clock, the students formed line in several divisions preparatory to marching to the Mt. Vernon Place Church in which the ceremonies were to take place. Many wore badges of maroon and white, the University colors. Some considerable delay was experienced in awaiting the arrival of trustees and faculty but this time was improved by the students in making the neighborhood ring with their shouts. One portion would cry, *Hoo-rah-hoo-J.-H.-U.* and then the next class would reply, *Ninety! ninety! great and mighty, Hoo-rah-hoo for eighteen ninety.* This would be followed by a general chorus of *Rats.* This gentle enthusiasm roused all the residents of that portion of the city so that they were seen peering out of the windows; the policemen assembled but stood about grinning, not daring to interpose. This was kept up for about a half hour, when all being ready, the march was taken up. At the Church door, the

line divided allowing the trustees, faculty and graduates to pass through while the students stood with uncovered heads. The line then closed and were soon seated in the large Church. Here the exercises consisted of several addresses by members of the faculty and the president, music and also the conferring of degrees upon two scholars. As some of the readers may desire to know how this is done I will try to describe it. I am sure that it did not impress me as much as I expected. The applicant was called up to the platform, one of the instructors presented his name to the trustees as worthy of the degree; the trustees nodded their heads and then the president presented a sheepskin entitling the holder to the privileges of that degree.

In the afternoon, the buildings of the University were open to public inspection. Those most interesting were the chemical, biological and physical laboratory, the observatory and the gymnasium. The John Hopkins Hospital was also open but I had not time to visit it. Altogether the day proved very enjoyable as well as instructive and gave a fair idea of the magnitude of that institution.

VICTOR ROSEWATER.

PERSONALS.

Miss Lydia Bruechart has fully recovered.

Miss Mary Brown comes in from Fort Omaha to recite literature.

Miss Mabel Balcombe intends to become expert in the culinary art.

Mrs. Margaret Gordon *nee* McCague, '76, and son are visiting in the city.

Mr. W. E. Copeland has been dubbed the "father of the cooking school" by the evening papers. He is now a rival of Washington.

Mr. Bert Wheeler has been in Omaha for the last two weeks enjoying his Easter vacation. He reports that the girl is still waiting at the foot of the stairs.

Mr. H. Bigelow, who is now editing the *Greeley News*, was at our school on the 15th. His first newspaper experience was as the editor of a school paper, *The Hesperian*, of Lincoln.

Mr. Will Sweesy spent his vacation in Chicago. Why he went there is not known, but he has been heard to remark that Omaha girls are N. G. when compared to the Down Easters.

ATHLETICS.

The military company are going to get new coats.

The first competition for the Military company's medal will take place on next Friday.

A good tournament will be arranged to take place within the next few months if all will take hold.

The dues for March and April were raised from 10 to 25 cents, so that the season will be opened with about \$25.00 in the treasury.

If possible at least six games of ball will be played with the Bellevue College team, but one of the boys predicts that after they have played about three games they will have had enough of it.

Early in the month the annual election of officers of the Athletic Association was held in the 11th grade room. The result of the election was: Wilk Rustin, Manager; F. Baker, Base Ball Captain; Frank Leisenring, Cricket Captain; Howard Clark, Football Captain.

LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT.

By the death of Louisa M. Alcott which occurred at Concord a few weeks ago, America has lost a well known and much beloved authoress.

Miss Alcott was born in Pennsylvania, but spent the early part of her childhood in Boston. She was, however, only eight years old when the family moved to Concord; but even at that early age she wrote some poetry. Thoreau, and her father, the well known educator and philosopher

were her instructors and under them she studied until, at the age of sixteen, she left home to teach school. Some one has called this her life-work, for even after she left the little school-room, she continued the teaching through her works.

But we must not suppose that her first attempts at writing were successful. Many years of patient work and waiting passed, before her efforts began to attract much attention.

When the war broke out, she volunteered her services as nurse, and was assigned to one of the poorer hospitals. Upon her return home, the letters which she had written were gathered into a little book called "Hospital Sketches." As everything pertaining to the war was received with great enthusiasm, the little work attracted considerable notice. A few years later, "Little Women" appeared, making Miss Alcott famous. Both author and publisher were surprised at the success of the work, for it was but the story of the writers own girlhood and that of her sisters. We cannot fail to recognize the author in "Jo," who is always romping or scribbling. In "Amy" we see the beautiful sister who afterwards became quite famous as an artist. "Beth's" pure sweet life interests us, while "Meg's" household trials and experiences are always a source of pleasure to the reader.

"Little Men" was published in 1871, and soon after an "Old fashioned Girl" appeared. Any one who has ever read one of these works is not satisfied until he has read them all. But few people have the power to tell the story of childhood in a manner which can charm both old and young. This power Miss Alcott possessed. Her characters are all drawn from life. So great was the popularity of her works that children all over the continent were constantly clamoring for more stories.

"Under the Lilacs," "Jack and Jill," and "Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag" series were all read with interest for the young peo-

ple seemed to feel that they had found a friend who understood them and sympathized with them. "Jo's Boys" is her latest work, and one may form an estimate of its popularity from the fact that, with the exceptions of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Ben Hur," more copies of this work have been sold than of any other book of its kind.

Having been abroad several times, Miss Alcott was able to introduce foreign scenes and customs into her works in a most entertaining manner.

She was fifty-six years of age at the time of her death, which occurred but two days after that of her father. It is pleasant to remember that those who were companions here could go so near together.

NOTES.

Say, Romeo, where are you?

Deliver me from a girl who makes hash?—H. C. C.

L. A. Casper, Florist, 120 N. 15th St. Telephone No. 16.

The latest junior amusements are dolls made of handkerchiefs.

Rumors are afloat of an operetta by the seniors, to occur some time in May.

Parisian novelties and dainty books for presents. Chase & Eddy, 113 S. 16th St.

There will be a number of embryo artists in the Geology class before the year is over.

Several articles have unavoidably been left out this month. They will appear in our next issue.

Visiting card plates printed on one day's notice.

Adams & Bridge Co., 1519 Dodge St.

Calls to Chicago or other out of the way places are very convenient the week before vacation.

WANTED.—A sharp saw to sever the slow growing mustaches of several well-known high school lads.

Cut Flowers, at Caspers, 120 north 15th St., Telephone No. 16.

Saratoga chips, flavored with a little sliced finger, are excellent, as some of the girls who take cooking will testify.

O! Blessings on the one who will discover a method in the government of schools that will do away with examinations!

New shapes and styles, fine writing papers.

Adams & Bridge Co., 1519 Dodge St.

The scholars in the Grades are now making designs in drawing, and some of those shown show a good deal of ability and skill.

There were many deliberations in the cooking classes as to whether soup or fried oysters should be sent to the Fremont convention.

Calling Cards in all styles, printed at the *Excelsior* office, 113 S. 16th Street.

It is a fine day when a fine of some kind cannot be imposed upon some of the hilarious members at a meeting of the Athletic Association.

Why is the greater part of the Oration for Archias like the flowers that bloom in the spring? "Because it has nothing to do with the case."

How to cultivate patience: Go to the public library on Saturday afternoon in a great hurry, stand at the end of a long file of people and wait for your turn.

Remark of a school girl: "Isn't it perfectly horrid that holidays come in holy week?" It was suggested that she could spend more time in prayer and fasting.

Engraved wedding and reception invitations upon short notice.

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"Ma," said a small boy, "won't you let me take one of your diamonds to write my name on the window? One of your old, wornout diamonds will do, Ma."

What has become of the electric lights that were to illuminate the High School grounds? Is there not enough money to lubricate the wires that carry the electricity?

The teachers have kindly consented to excuse the boys of the seventh hour classes on Fridays, thus enabling them to occupy their former places in the military company.

All kinds of Green House Plants at Casper's, 120 North 15th St.

LOST.—By Miss Mabel Fonda, on Dodge street near the High School, a gold bracelet set with garnets. A smile from the owner will be sufficient reward for the finder.

The boy who blames the red paint which will not wash off his nose, upon a poor piece of brass, thinks that he has found a new excuse, but in that idea "he makes a mistake."

Leave your order for Easter Flowers and Plants at Casper's, No. 120 North 15th St. Best and cheapest place in the city.

The cooking school was honored by the visitors Wood Allen, Walter Dale and Harry Staley. They probably wanted to find out what girls broiled beef-steak to suit their tastes.

Spring vacation came one week earlier than usual this year. This pleased those who are fond of sporting, as it occurred in a better game season and thus allowed them to enjoy it the more.

Casper, Florist, 120 North 15th Street. Telephone No. 16.

It is estimated that the coal consumed annually in the United States amounts to 90,000,000 tons, and that all the vessels in the world would have to make nine trips to transport it from England.

Boys, pick up that paper. And Clarke takes possession of a window stick and a door and watches Mr. Henshaw, as he sees that the other boys appoint themselves committees to clean the floor.

The scholars have been doubly busy preparing for both the examination and the teachers' convention. Some few complaints are heard, but these come from those who do not realize that hard work is good for them.

Teacher in English History, explaining some of the holiday customs of England under the Plantagenets. "They also celebrated what was known as the Feast of Fools, what modern custom have we that corresponds to this?" Young society girl—"New Years calls."

Cut Flowers at L. A. Caspers 120 north 15th St., Telephone No. 16.

Copied from the Lincoln University paper (*Hesperian*): Bert Wheeler, at band practice—"It's now five o'clock, professor, and I should like to be excused." Prof. E.—Be excused? Why, is she waiting for you?" Yes, she was waiting for him at the foot of the stairs.

The last issue of the REGISTER stated that the boys who do not bring their lunches wish that the girls of the cooking school would start a lunch counter. The boys who do bring their lunches doubtless wish so too, as this would stop the oft heard cry, 'Give me half of that cake.'

Pretty papetries and note papers in all the latest shapes. Chase & Eddy, 113 S. 16th Street.

A number of valuable articles were stolen from the senior dressing room last week. As there is certainly no one among the scholars who would be guilty of such a crime, for so it is, some person outside must be lurking around the building watching their opportunity. The door is now kept locked.

Two of the police were aroused from their slumbers one night last month by a telephone message from our janitor, stating that a burglar was trying to break in the windows of the basement. The officers rushed up, scared away the burglar, and arrested an offending telegraph operator who happened to pass that way.

Three pies were baked by as many cooks and sent down to the meeting of the Board of Education the first Monday of this month. Some of the members wanted to eat them (the pies) at the beginning of the meeting, but they had to

be patient until the end. They all wanted more of the sample and sent the deserving cooks a vote of thanks.

The cooking classes made pies and sent them to the Board of Education, in order, it is presumed, to show to the Board the progress that has been made. This should not be repeated as it greatly interfered with the deliberations of that body. All through the session could be heard the ejaculations, "Pie, pie, pie," and "Say, isn't it nearly time for refreshments?"

French tissue paper, every color. Chase & Eddy, 113 S. 16th Street.

Scene 1. A group of orderly high school boys in the north end of the hall on the first floor.

Scene 2. Something cautiously coming down the stairs. Half-second intermission.

Scene 3. Coat tails and heels disappearing down the basement stairs, into cloak rooms, and around the corners. Tableaux.

If a lunch counter is started in connection with the cooking department, it would not only prevent certain young ladies from confiscating the contents of a few familiar lunch boxes, but would give a number of the boys a chance to take care of their own lunches. Of course the boys don't intend to be selfish, but it is not an uncommon occurrence to see a boy open his lunch box only to find a few crumbs left. Please give them a lunch counter.

Cut Flowers, Boquets, Floral Designs, and Decorations for all occasions at Casper's, 120 north 13th St., near Exposition Building. Telephone No. 16.

Hereafter those who look at the huge chimney at the north end of the building to see from the smoke which way the wind blows, or whether or not there is a good fire, will learn nothing. A smoke consumer has been placed in the fire-box and does away with that nuisance which serves no purpose save to disfigure all the surroundings with its blackness. The

consumer consists of a jet of steam flowing into the fire-box and carrying a draft of fresh air with it, thus furnishing more air to burn and so consuming the carbon and other particles which are usually called smoke.

Notes, notes, notes, but what do you want me to say?

That the cable car passes here every day? Shall I speak of the clock high up in the tower,

Which usually strikes (when its going) each hour?

Shall I speak of the rubbers ornamenting the street;

On those days when we scarce can keep shoes on our feet?

Shall I talk of spring breezes and house-cleaning times?

Alas! such high subjects are beyond my poor rhymes.

Shall I talk of the youth who received a white card

With "deportment" scratched off, which he thought rather hard?

Shall I speak of the Seniors, that dignified band,

Who so soon at Commencement will take their last stand?

Shall I sing of the odors which coaxingly rise,

Bring sighs to our lips and hot tears to our eyes;

And that when we inhale them, we say with a groan,

"Oh! If those girls would only leave cooking alone?"

OTHER SCHOOLS.

The new President of Princeton College is Dr. F. S. Patton.

Yale and Amherst Colleges have the Bible on their list of elective studies.

Henry George's theories are being discussed at Oberlin by societies formed for that purpose.

A complete skeleton of an elephant has been purchased from P. T. Barnum by Cornell University.

Chess is now the popular game at the principal universities. Clubs have been organized at Harvard and Yale.

An examination in Gymnastics is required of those students at John Hopkins University who would obtain a degree.

A professor asked his class to write an essay on "The Results of Laziness." A bright youth handed in a blank sheet of paper. This did not happen in Omaha.

The high school scholars of Crete, Neb., gave an entertainment on the 17th inst. under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. A performance of Mother Goose and her Family, in which all took part, was the last number on the programme.

EXCHANGES.

The exchange from New Bedford is "brief."

The new cover of the *Exponent* is very artistic.

What benefit can be derived from the long column that contains only the list of exchanges?

The *Academy Monthly* has opened a department for the exchange of stamps and coins. The Germantown boys have the collecting fever.

The *High School Bulletin*, from Lawrence, Mass., is added to the list of our exchanges. It is an interesting monthly and its motto is "*Fortiter, Fideliter, Felicititer.*"

The *Amiltonian*, from College Springs, Iowa, has introduced itself. It is small but says it is content to begin lowly and will be happy to spread out. The REGISTER wishes it success.

According to the *Revielle* the Bachelors' Union at Peekskill Military Academy has drawn up a set of resolutions opposed to leap year, one of which is: "*Resolved, That we appeal to the police, to guard against our being kidnapped.*" It was adopted, needless to say, by the brave young officers.

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