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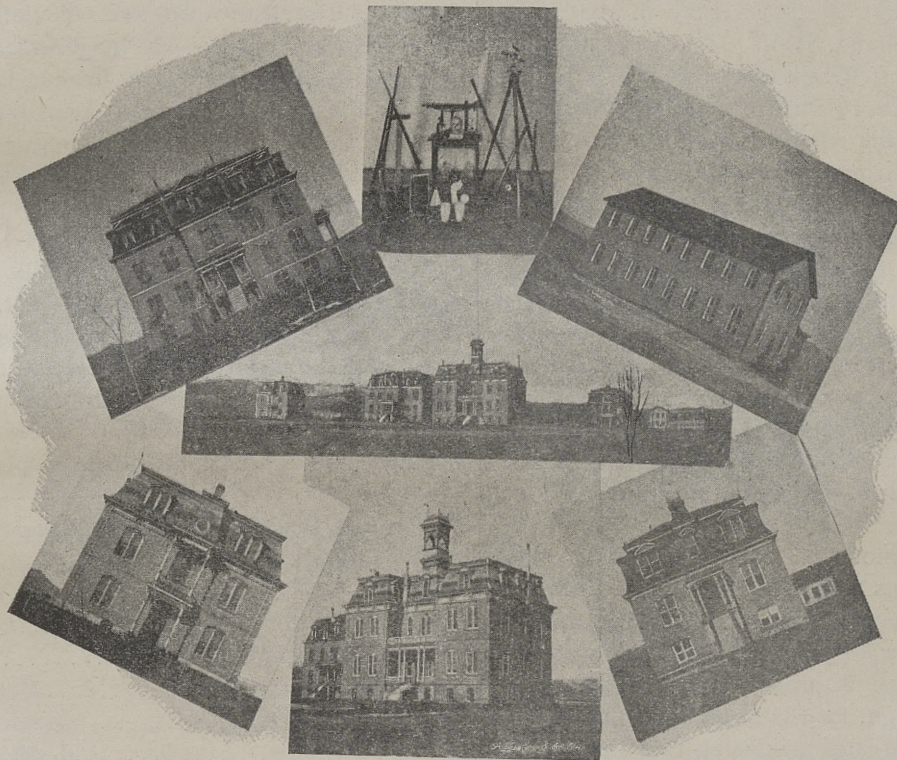
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## WAS VON MOLTKE A GREATER GENERAL THAN GRANT?

IN comparing the lives of von Moltke and Grant, without doubt two of the greatest generals that modern wars have produced, we must judge them by the peculiar environments by which they were surrounded, which to a greater or less extent influenced all their actions, and upon which depended the success that has made their names immortal.

and devoted himself with great energy to the scientific study of his office. Being thoroughly conversant with the Sultan of Turkey and Turkish affairs, he was employed for several years by the Sultan in reorganizing the Turkish Army, and, with several other Prussian officers on leave of absence, he accompanied the Turkish Army in the Egyptian campaign, returning home in 1841. In 1846, he was appointed adjutant to Prince Henry of Prussia who was then living at Rome. After the death of the Prince in 1847, he was attached to the



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I need not describe to you the early life of Gen. Grant. "From the log cabin to the White House" is a household word familiar to every true American heart. His history, like Washington's and Lincoln's, is a part of his country's history, and will live in the memory of a grateful people until America herself shall be forgotten.

Von Moltke was born October 26th 1800, at Parchin in Mechlenburg, educated at the Military Academy at Copenhagen, and entered the Prussian Army at 22 years of age. He was appointed a member of the staff in 1832,

staff of the governer-general of the Rhine, and rose rapidly step by step until 1848, when he was made chief of staff of the whole Prussian army. In this important position he has made his name immortal as a general.

Under his inspiring leadership the staff became a much more efficient means for directing the army, and subsequently his plans and disposition resulted in an unbroken series of victories for the German arms. On a minor field in 1864, against Denmark, he led an army for the first time into battle, and later in 1869, in the war

against Austria and her allies, he entered a large theatre and showed his strategic talent in a most brilliant manner. After this short and decisive war was ended he was promoted to the rank of general of infantry, and the King conferred upon him the highest Prussian order, that of the Black Eagle. Anticipating trouble with France, he planned a campaign against the French, laid it before the King, and in the subsequent war this plan was followed as closely as it was possible to follow a plan in actual warfare. The French campaign of 1870—71 is, probably, one of the most brilliant ever fought, and although the entire success cannot be assigned to von Moltke, a large share is nevertheless his due. Von Moltke was a soldier by profession. A descendant of a wealthy family, he enjoyed all the advantages that wealth could procure, while Grant, born amid the wilds of Ohio, had no friend but his own genius. He began life a soldier by fortune, a leader by nature. From the midst of adverse circumstances, he pushed his way boldly forward into life where rank and honor awaited him. Von Moltke had the best equipped army in the world placed under his command, while Grant organized his own army out of very indifferent materials. Von Moltke fought an enemy inferior in numbers and in discipline. Grant fought against his equals—fellow country, commanded by that illustrious general, Robert E. Lee. When the Civil War broke out, Grant was unknown to the public. Entering the volunteer service, he rose rapidly to the head of the Department of the Mississippi, and his success in the west pointed him out as the man to command the national forces. Having beaten in turn the generals of the enemy that dared to face him, and broken in pieces every opposing force, he prepared to encounter in person the enemy of Northern Virginia, under Lee, and at the same time, by his subordinates, to occupy the remaining forces of the enemy, so that no Confederate army could by any possible means, or in any emergency support another. Accordingly, he sent Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea," directed Sheridan to sweep down through the valley of the Shenandoah, and Butler to capture Richmond, while he fought his way from the Rapidan to the James. And this memorable campaign, for the Rapidan to the James, fighting by day and advancing during the darkness of night, has no equal in the annals of military history. The terrible battle of the Wilderness, the contest at the slaughter pen of Spottsylvania, the struggle at North Ann and Cold Harbor, were the hardest battles Grant ever fought. He fought an enemy nearly equal in numbers stationed behind breastworks, but after each battle Grant advanced and Lee retreated until finally the Confederates were compelled to take shelter behind the defences of Richmond. Those battles cost the national commander dearly, but they inflicted losses on Lee from which he never recovered. In the campaign in the following spring against Petersburg and Richmond, Lee was completely out-generaled. In ten days Grant had captured Petersburg and Richmond, fought

the battles of Five Forks and Sailor's Creek, besides numerous smaller ones; captured 20,000 men in actual battle, and received the surrender of 27,000 men at Appomattox, absolutely annihilating an army of 70,000 soldiers.

Grant destroyed every army opposed to him—those of Lee, Early and Beauregard, leaving not a living man of all these armies who was not prisoner. And all this was accomplished by a man who four years before was only a humble clerk in his father's store.

Von Moltke, with all his theoretical and military training has not surpassed this brilliant record, and if Grant accomplished in a few years all that von Moltke did, after devoting his life's long study to the profession of arms, then was not Grant the greater general? The American general handled his army by manœuvres almost unknown. Free from entangling relations, unhampered plans, he surveyed with admirable coolness the changing fortunes of war, and acted in accordance with the requirements of the hour. With the greatest boldness of plan he united a perfectly cool and calculating judgement in the execution, and this was his *greatness*. The genius of General Grant has not been fully appreciated by the American people. A malignant press has disparaged his campaigns, ribald tongues have besmeared his motives, politics has obscured his fame. But as political feeling wears away his name shines brighter and brighter on the pages of history.

While those who tried to cover him with vituperation will be mouldering in forgotten dust, future ages will build a monument to Grant. And the American people with pathetic tenderness will place the wreath of honor upon the tomb of their beloved general, patriot and statesman, whose deeds can never die, and whose memory remains an everlasting inspiration. D. B.

The new Board of Editors of the STUDENT RECORD are as follows:

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The election of officers of the Adelphi Society to serve next term took place last Friday evening. The following is a list of the new officers:

President.....	F. H. Saxton
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## Campus.

Miss Lola Thoms, Normal '94, will spend the summer at Castle Crag.

A. P. Mach, '96, will depart for his home in Dayton on the 8th inst.

Robert H. Simmonds returned to his home in Floriston on June 6th.

R. W. Bassman, Special, departed for his home in Alpine county on June 2d.

June 2d the 'Varsity beat the crack nine of the High School by a score of 25 to 12.

Miss Kathrine O. Mapes, Normal '94, left for her home in the north on June 8th.

Miss A. H. Martin, '94, intends taking a post-graduate course at Stanford next year.

Miss Kate Mayberry entertained a party of her friends at her home last Monday evening.

Miss Winifred Geer, Normal '94, returned from a short stay in San Francisco on June 1st.

A. W. Cahlan, '96, will visit the Midwinter Fair before departing for his home in Susanville.

J. M. L. Henry, '96, will visit the Midwinter Fair before going to his home in Emigrant Gap.

H. S. Swan, '93, and W. J. Flood, '95, have engaged to go on a surveying trip with Col. H. B. Maxson.

Second Lieutenant Osborn made the highest score during target practice, scoring 65 out of a possible 75.

Miss Grace Maxwell, '97, departed for a four week's visit to San Francisco and the Midwinter last Monday.

The Junior class returned from their trip after completing the triangulation of Washoe Lake on May 19th.

Chas. P. Brown, '93, and bride returned from a brief honeymoon to San Francisco and Oakland on the 4th inst.

F. C. Frey, '94, will engage in mining in Arizona soon after his graduation. He has been selected to develop a claim recently discovered.

The Nevada Club has extended an invitation to the University Tennis Club to participate in their handicap tournament to be held on June 8th and 9th.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Regents it was resolved to tender a vote of thanks to Roger Pendergast and Gen. R. P. Keating for the blower presented to the School of Mines.

The young ladies of the class of '96 were the hostesses of a farewell to the class of '94 on Friday night, June 1st, at the home of Miss Addie Boyd. Games were indulged in until the time for the program, after which refreshments were served.

Several of the graduates have been discussing the advisability of forming an alumni organization. It is just recently, however, that it has taken definite shape and we hope they will carry the matter to completion.

The Freshman class invited the remainder of the college classes to a lawn party given at the home of Mr. J. N. Evans on the 29th inst. An interesting program was rendered and games were indulged in to a late hour.

The Cadets turned out a full company on Decoration Day and after the usual marching returned to the barracks much tired and begrimed with dust but willing to do it all over again for the sake of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Saturday, May 26, the first and second year Normals united in a farewell reception to the graduating Normals. The feature of the reception was the hop which was well attended. The ladies of the younger classes acquitting themselves in a most admirable manner.

Friday afternoon, June 1st, there was a foot race between J. L. M. Henry of the 'Varsity and P. J. McCurran of the High School. The race was won by McCurran in 11 4-5 seconds proving that he cannot run in 10½ sec. which he was reported to have done two weeks before.

The ladies of the class of '96 artistically decorated the stage of the Opera House for the college commencement exercises. This took a great deal of time but removed a large amount of worry from the minds of the Seniors, and it is to be hoped that the example will be followed by all the class of '97.

The graduates of the mining course were presented with a beautiful floral piece by the three undergraduate classes. It was in the form of a shield with a pick, shovel and sledge in bold relief. The recipients were much pleased with this token of esteem and many remarks of its beauty were made.

Thursday, May 24th, was the occasion of a return party by the young ladies of Stewart Hall to the young gentlemen of the T. H. P. O. club. The evening was spent in games, dancing and enjoyable conversation. At the close of the program all joined in the sumptuous feast prepared by the ladies and all returned to their respective dormitories greatly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The tug-o-war team of Company C., N. N. G. challenged a team from the 'Varsity last Saturday night. It took the guards just four minutes to win the first pull. The second resulted in a victory for the 'Varsity but the last pull was a long and determined struggle lasting 31 minutes. The staying powers of fully developed, hard-working men, however, finally asserted itself and the third pull went to the guards. The boys were highly elated over the hard tussle they gave the men and feel confident that with a little training they may do better.

## Campus

R. L. Osburn, '95, will visit the Midwinter Fair soon.

Miss Josie Robertson is to teach school in Eureka this summer.

Henry Ebert, Normal '96, departed for Beowawe on June 8th.

F. H. Norcross, B. A. '91, attended the commencement ball.

D. S. Ullrick, a student of Napa College, visited the University on the 26th.

Joe Durkee, '95, will work at the Incline, Lake Tahoe, during August.

Miss Jennie Mulcoy and Miss Minnie Sadler left for their home in Eureka June 9th.

Miss Blanche Davis, '92, spent a week in Reno recently visiting her many friends.

Miss Kate Bardenwerper, assistant in the training school, left for California on Saturday last.

Miss Maud Hames and Miss Ellen Virgin were guests at Stewart Hall during commencement week.

H. C. Cutting, '91, will spend the summer on a pleasure and prospecting tour through Death Valley.

Chas. Magill and H. E. Stewart, class of '94, will prospect in Plumas county through July and August.

Dr. Phillips proposes, next year, to give a medal for the encouragement of tennis playing at the University.

President J. E. Stubbs will address the pupils of the Virginia and Reno High Schools on the 21st and 22d inst.

F. Linscott and his sister, Miss Stella Linscott, departed for San Francisco and the Midwinter Fair on June 8th.

President Fish, Chairman of the Committee on Dormitory, reported progress at the last meeting of the Board of Regents.

E. A. Powers, '96, left for his home in Eagleville, Cal., last Saturday morning. He contemplates a trip to Yosemite this summer.

The Athletic Association wishes to extend its thanks to the members of the faculty for their generous subscriptions to the medal fund.

Miss Mary North, '95, left for her home in Eureka Friday morning and will teach school at that place during the summer months.

J. W. Thompson, H. B. Maxson and R. H. Simonds of the Commercial Department expect to enter the School of Mines next term.

Theo. R. Hofer, class of '97 at Stanford, came down from Carson yesterday and tripped the light fantastic with the graduates at the pavilion Friday evening.

Miss Hedley French, '95, who was abruptly called to her home by the sickness of her mother was in Reno Friday and stayed over for the commencement ball.

Miss Zecherle, Miss Virgin, Miss May, Miss Murphy and Miss Bruette, all of Stewart Hall, left on the V.&T. train for their respective homes last Saturday morning.

S. C. Durkee, '95, and T. W. Clark, '96, will be under the charge of Professor McDowell this summer learning practical agriculture on the Experiment Station Farm.

Professor Wilson and wife are to ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles on their bicycles sometime during the summer. Professor Miller also will take a ride of this character.

S. C. Durkee, '95, won the handicap tennis tournament. He played the final game with Dr. J. W. Phillips, a handicap of 50 being given in his favor. The score stood 100 to 65.

A good student is known by three things. He can begin to study when he doesn't feel like it; he can study when he would rather quit and he can't quit when he ought not to quit.—*Ex.*

He writeth best who faketh best  
Of thoughts both great and small,  
For the great mind who wrote them first  
Of nature faked them all.—*Ex.*

C. D. Van Duzer, Normal '91, on the 2d of June successfully passed a rigid examination for admission to the Supreme Court, at Washington, D. C., admission to which also entitles him to practice before the United States Court of Appeals.

E. E. Hardach, ex-special mines, writes from South Africa that he is pleased with the country and is doing well. He is now experimenting in order to determine the best way to work the concentrates of the New Primrose mine. He will shortly have charge of fifty Fruevanners that the company is having made.

Attention is the power of sustained concentration of the mind upon a thing, withdrawing from all surrounding circumstances, and turning the whole consciousness into one channel. The power of the mind to do work varies inversely as the number of things in the mind. Thus, if we have our mind divided on two, three, or four things, we can accomplish only one-half, one-third, or one-fourth as much. \* \* \* The mind might be compared to a volume of water. If spread out over a wide surface, it is capable of doing little work. But if confined in a vertical column, its power is almost unlimited.—*Geneva Cabinet.*

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## Editorial Comment.

WITH this issue the RECORD passes into the hands of the new Board of Editors. As is the case with many publications of its kind, the RECORD's path to success has been rugged and steep. All serious difficulties, however, have been overcome and the way to future prosperity has been fairly entered. The membership of the Independent Association has been greatly increased. The editorial control falls into the hands of successors who will do all in their power to make it the worthy representative of our University. We ask for the RECORD the hearty support of every student. It is the students paper. It advocates their cause and furthers their interests. We trust that through the coming years they will rally to its support and by voice and pen and purse make it the able exponent of their college work. We extend to patrons our warmest thanks for the aid which they have given and trust that they, in the future, will accord the same generous treatment.

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IT is expected that the number of students enrolled will be larger next year than ever before. The educational advantages offered by the U. N. are just beginning to be appreciated, the tardiness being due to the fact that the University has not been properly advertised. We are glad to note, however, that steps toward making our facilities better known are contemplated.

"WHEN in Rome be a Roman." The old adage has lost none of the wisdom it teaches, though many years have passed since it was first taught to his army by Cæsar. Wherever one is it is necessary that he adapt himself to the conditions confronting him. In college this spirit is doubly requisite, and yet it appears that in our University there are at least two who would sacrifice all loyalty to their school because of personal jealousies. We refer to the conduct of some of the spectators at the foot race recently run between a University man and a pupil of the Reno Public School. Such men as paraded their petty jealousies before us on that day should not be tolerated by the student body.

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THE fact that there is a football team in Boca anxious to play with the University eleven, and the announcement of the organization of a team in Carson demonstrates that it is possible to establish a football season in Nevada. In the Fall term attempts were made to bring about a match game with an outside team, but to no avail. It was then thought that it would be impossible to arouse any football enthusiasm reasonably near at home. Football should not be dropped, however, as the matter begins to look a little more encouraging, and a perseverance may bring about some interesting games with teams in the adjacent towns.

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OUR Field Day this year must be considered the best yet held at the University. Though fewer records were broken than in previous years, yet the increasing interest in the various events indicates that the present records will not hold many years because of a lack of enthusiasm. The success of Mr. Henry and Mr. Higgins shows what training will do and should be noted by those intending to enter the events next Field Day.

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WE wish to thank our many advertisers for the substantial support they have given us. We hope that the money expended in advertising in the RECORD has been many times repaid by an increase of patronage. The students as a general rule have stood nobly by the paper in as far as giving their patronage to the advertisers of THE RECORD. We ask for your cooperation next year as also many who have not advertised with us this year.

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A LITTLE diversion from our regular customs at the commencement exercises this year gave better satisfaction than methods pursued in previous years. Heretofore seats have not been reserved for the students and they have been compelled to scatter about in the gallery or stay away. We consider commencement day primarily the students' day, and commend the class of '94 for reserving front seats for the students.

**Field Day.**

On Friday, May 25, four University records were broken and a record for a 75yd. dash established. The day was all that could be wished and the contestants did not lack in ability. About 12:30 P. M. the people began to assemble, among them being many Carson and Virginia City people. At 1 o'clock the first event, a 100 yard maiden race was called. It was won by Henry in 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec., lowering last year's record 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. The most interesting race, however, was the 75 yd. dash, also won by Henry in 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. Many said that this was the prettiest race they had ever witnessed. The entries were Henry, T. A. Brandon and Stewart. Brandon finished a close second and about two feet ahead of Stewart. The pole vault and the running hop-step-jump were won by Higgins. Record for pole vault 8 ft. 9 in., which beats last year's record 11 inches. In the hop-step-jump he made 38 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., an increase of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. over last year's record. The running high jump was won by S. C. Durkee at 5ft. 1 in, breaking his own record of 5 feet. There were many other interesting events but space will not permit the mentioning of them all. Credit must, however, be given to the management for the efficient means taken to keep spectators from crowding in on the participants. A look at our athletic past will show that we are steadily increasing in efficiency. Our records are now as good as those of many other colleges and we hope the time is not far distant when they will compare favorably with those of the leading colleges.

**Fraternity Election.**

At a meeting of the T. H. P. O., held June 8th, the following officers were elected:

- S. C. Durkee..... H. R. M., J. I.
- M. A. Feeney..... H. R. C., W. II.
- A. P. Mack..... K. L. B., T. III.
- R. H. Simonds..... H. R. N., T. G.

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.**

- J. M. L. Henry..... Captain Foot Ball Team
- A. W. Cahlan..... Captain Base Ball Team

**Normal and Commercial.**

At the commencement exercises of the Normal School and Commercial Department Thursday afternoon, the number of people that wished admittance to the Opera House was so great that very many were forced to return to their homes, the capacity of the house being overtaxed long before the appearance of the graduates. The essays were delivered in a manner that showed no lack of preparation and were heartily applauded by the audience. A feature of the afternoon's entertainment was a fancy drill executed by sixteen young ladies commanded by Miss Lola Thoms.

**University Commencement Exercises.**

The University commencement exercises, held Thursday, June 7th, attracted a large and appreciative audience. The program for the evening consisted of these by the graduates, varied with vocal and orchestral music. Dr. Patterson delivered the commencement address, and proved very entertaining to his auditors. After the conferring of degrees and the presentation of diplomas, Dr. Patterson, in behalf of the students, presented to President Jones a silver tea set. President Jones responded warmly to the presentation speech, referring to his interest in the welfare of the students in a pathetic way.

**Athletic Association Election.**

At a meeting of the Athletic Association held May 28th the following officers were elected:

- President..... F. H. Saxton
- Vice President..... J. M. La F. Henry
- Secretary..... Jerome Higgins
- Treasurer..... A. W. Ward
- Capt. 'Varsity B. B. Team..... W. J. Flood
- Capt. 'Varsity F. B. Team..... S. C. Durkee

The Executive Committee consists of the above, and a representative from the Normal and Freshmen classes left vacant until September, and H. B. Maxson selected from the Commercial course.

On Saturday, May 20th, the Verdi Baseball Club played a game of ball with the 'Varsity nine, the score at the end of the game standing eighteen to eight in favor of the 'Varsity.

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