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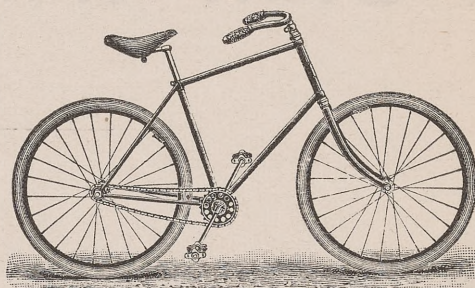
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UNIVERSITY BULLETIN.

On Wednesday, February 20, Professor Thomas W. Cowgill of the Department of English and History will deliver a lecture before General Assembly.

The Young Men's Cadet Companies will give a military entertainment in the Opera House on February 23d for the benefit of the Gymnasium Fund. The company will give entertainments in Carson and Virginia immediately after Lent.

The President's lecture, "Some Features of University Life in the United States, Germany and England," is postponed to Wednesday, February 27th.

The weather for the past two months has been such that military drill could not be kept up. The Armory and Gymnasium Hall is badly needed.

The total enrollment to date is 258, or 65 more than the highest number on the rolls in any previous year.

The bill appropriating thirty-eight thousand dollars for the erection of a young men's dormitory, a girls' cottage and for the purchase of the land on the west of the campus passed both the Senate and Assembly without a dissenting vote.

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Bicycling Over the Sierras.



INTERIOR OF A SNOWSHED.

ARRIVING at San Francisco from Los Angeles by steamer in the early part of July last, after having made the run to Los Angeles by wheel, Mrs. Wilson and myself, Miss Bender having decided to visit relatives in San Francisco, found that we were effectually cut off from all means of conveyance to Reno by the great strike. Inquiry at the railroad office as to how we could reach home, elicited the consoling information that "the walking is good if you do not wish to wait for the train." But we thought bicycling was better than even the very healthful exercise of propelling ourselves over the Sierras by means of our pedal extremities. We met Professor McDowell and found him to be possessed of the same ardent desire to see Reno once more, and it took very little persuasion to get him to join us in a wheel trip over the mountains.

To vary the trip and at the same time save some of our motive power, we decided to go up the Sacramento river by steamer, so the early morn of July 5th found us at the pier, where we met John Henry, who acting upon the advice of the gentlemanly clerk in the railroad office, had concluded to "count ties" from Sacramento to Reno. We boarded the steamer "Modoc," which, by the way, is a cross between a Mississippi river freight steamer and a mud scow, and resembles an immense turtle with the head and tail chopped off and a windmill attachment be-

hind; this being the only means of transportation between Sacramento and the Bay City, the old hulk was crowded and every body was in ever body's way. The trip over the Bay was cold and damp, and the dampness was not dispelled any by the delightful shower bath issuing from the steamer's ponderous stern wheel. As an effectual distributor of moisture, that wheel beats the celebrated Texas rain-making machine all to pieces.

Several companies of militia were aboard en-route to Sacramento to fight (?) the strikers. From the first they thought they owned the steamer, and we whiled away the early part of the day listening to their "yarns" of conflicts they had never seen and of what great things they were going to do when they reached Sacramento. Their freshness gradually became very stale, and by the time we had made half a dozen landings and the would-be Napoleons had been greeted by "Get out you tin soldiers," "Come off you toy regulars," "Pullman's babies" and other salutations which only Young America can think of, they quietly betook themselves below decks, and ordinary mortals had a chance to breathe.

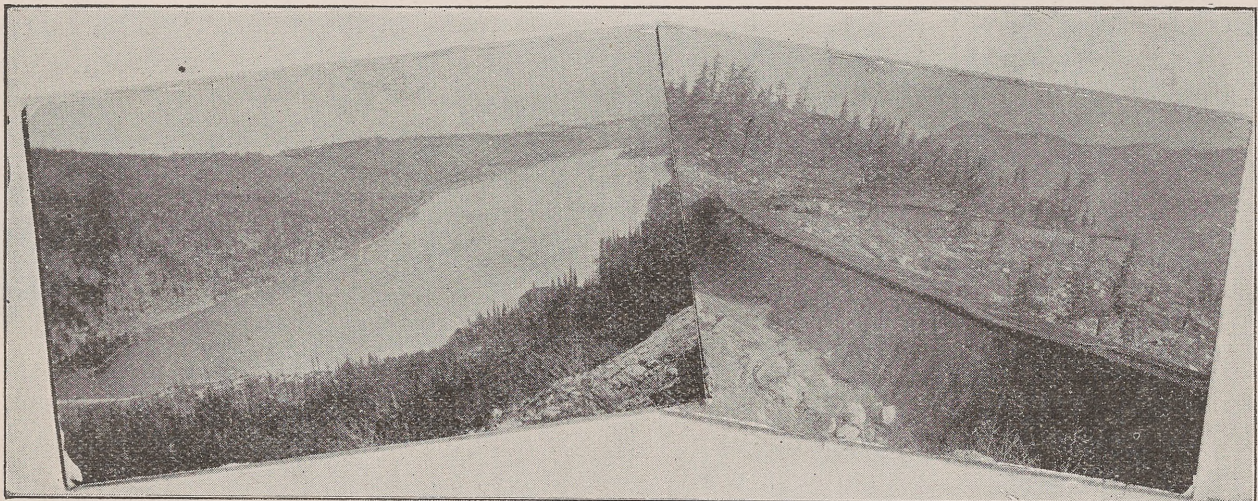
When dinner time came we found a table set for fifty people and about three hundred scrambling for a seat. Henry stood during the entire first setting with both hands on the back of a chair ready to assist the occupant from the table as soon as he had swallowed the last mouthful, and he was very successful, for we saw him laying in a supply which would be of service to him in holding down the railroad ties east of Sacramento.

Arriving at the Capital City at 11:45 P. M., we were "elevated" to the wharf (and we kept on being *elevated* until we reached Summit, 7,017

feet,) and were soon housed for the night at the New Western. Early next morning we were awakened by Henry's voice in the corridor (our room was dark and it seemed as if we had been asleep but a few minutes), so thinking that John was walking in his sleep and dreaming he was delivering the charge to some candidate for initiation to the T. H. P. O., we listened to hear some of the secrets of that celebrated order, but in this we were disappointed, for a rap at our door and "Good-bye, I'm off for Auburn," told us he was really awake and that we, too, must "be up and doing." After a hasty breakfast we started out over streets which were supposed to

what it was now, but went on through dust and heat, and at high noon rolled into Roseville Junction and stopped under the shade of the Ross House porch. Here we lunched, and as the heat was very oppressive, we decided to wait until evening.

Leaving at 5:20 P. M., we found fair roads to Rocklin, where we stopped for dinner. While we were in the hotel some of the strikers pinned an A. R. U. badge onto my cycle satchel and bade us carry it over the mountains, which we did, much to the approval of several strikers whom we met along the road. Overland train No. 1 was laid out here, and as we rode past, the



DONNER LAKE.

EXTERIOR OF SNOWSHEDS AT CISCO.

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be sprinkled, but we thought a water spout had burst on them; anyway we had a "roller skate picnic" before we got over them. A short distance out we came to a succession of long bridges which had been damaged by the high water of the spring before. Lifting our wheels over the bars at the entrance we struck a 2:40 gait over the bridge floor, the loose planks playing a tat-too under our flying wheels. The change of temperature from that of San Francisco was the change from an ice house to a furnace room, and by the time we reached Antelope, eight miles out of Sacramento, we had had a very fair sample of Sacramento Valley weather in July. We had heard of it before—we knew

homesick passengers cheered us on. Just before reaching Rocklin we met T. W. Boalt and wife staging it to Sacramento. Darkness soon overtook us, and after a few moments stop at Newcastle we walked on the ties to Auburn, seven miles, arriving there at 11:30, having made but thirty-six miles during the day, but we had climbed 1,330 feet above sea level. We registered at the Freeman House, and as we had retired so late, it was after the last call for breakfast that we appeared in the dining hall. We did not get away that morning until 9:30, and as the road did not look particularly inviting, we took to the rail. A few miles out of Auburn Prof. McDowell's tire gave out and we found upon ex-

amination that the valve had burst. After considerable experimenting we managed to mend it, and on we started, but the worst was yet to come. Leaving the track, we took to the wagon road, and had hardly started when a sharp report like a rifle shot sounded in our ears. It startled us all, but we were not long in suspense, for bump, bump went my rear wheel and I found myself riding on the rim. The intense heat of the sand had expanded the tightly inflated tire and it had burst, ripping the shoe diagonally for four inches. We were in for it this time. Seeking the shelter of a large tree, I proceeded to repair the break, while Professor McDowell went in search of water. For two hours and a half I patched and sewed, the natives gathering around as they would about a circus caravan. My labor proved effective and we glided on again. We had received a lasting lesson in air expansion and therefore were content to ride on a half inflated tire.

Noon found us at the powder works near Clipper Gap, where we lunched and remained until 5:45, when we pedaled on to New England Mills and stayed over night. Next morning we left at 5:40 for Colfax, riding the ties the entire distance of five miles. After breakfasting and straightening a crank on Mrs. Wilson's wheel, which had disputed the right of way with a surveyor's stake, were on our road again. The scenery at this point is beautiful—away in the distance can be seen Cape Horn, where the railroad creeps along built on the solid rock, right on the edge of the deep ravine through which winds the American river, the swiftly flowing water sparkling in the sun like a long silver thread. Far down below us the little Nevada County Railway winds its way through a narrow canyon, its curves resembling the track of a huge snake.

From here on we found the wagon road very good, but it still went up hill. Gold Run was reached at noon, and after lunch we pedaled on, arriving at Towles at 3:10 P. M. It was our intention to make Blue Canyon our halting point for the night, but coming to a fork of the road we read "Blue Canyon four miles," "Emigrant Gap four miles," and as the latter place was five

miles nearer Reno than the former, we decided to stop there, and arrived at the "switch" at 9:20 P. M., 41½ miles for the day; elevation, 5,221 feet. Mr. Henry arrived at Emigrant Gap station Sunday morning, about twelve hours ahead of us. He remained here some days visiting with his father.

Next morning we left at 8:35, and five minutes after were in the snow sheds. The temperature in the sheds was a delightful change from that prevailing outside, and though harder traveling, we made a wise choice in taking to the sheds. Alternately riding and walking, first between the rails, then on a narrow path beside the rails, we just pushed and didn't stop, except now and then to get a drink of the finest, purest water on earth, which trickles out of the solid rock. About 11 o'clock we came to the cook car of the shed repair gang and the Chinaman in charge very kindly filled us up on railroad pie. To tell the truth it didn't matter much whose pie it was; it was good and we were hungry which was all that was necessary. A little further on we met a gang of track repairers, and as the ties were torn up, the foreman wishing to be gallant, attempted to lift Mrs. Wilson's wheel over. His intentions were good, but the wheel objected, and for a moment or two it was a question whether a 35-pound wheel or the 250-pound man would be master of the situation. As no trains were running we had things all to ourselves, until way off in the distance we heard a rumbling which came nearer and nearer, and thinking it might be the fire train, of which we had been warned, we got off the track, when like a flash a hand car shot by us.

At Cascade the gentlemanly section boss had us go to his home and have lunch. His good wife gave us coffee, berries and cake, and I fear she thought we had never had anything to eat before, and we didn't tell her about the pie either.

From here on the grade grew less and the road was well filled in, so we were soon at Summit, arriving at 6 P. M.; elevation, 7,017 feet. We did not stop long here, but still riding on the ties, we entered a tunnel which was so dark we were obliged to light our lanterns for fear of fall-

ing into a culvert. It was a weird sensation to look on ahead and see light streaming through an opening which seemed to be about as large as a pinhole. The cold water dripping from above and trickling down our backs gave us the horrors. The end came at last and we entered the sheds again. Presently we came to an opening where the old stage road crossed. Here we met the Riverside Hotel bus with a load en route to Sacramento. Mr. John Frazer was in charge of the team, and they had broken the king bolt in going over the rough road to the sheds. The view from this point was magnificent; way below us lay Donner Lake, and right at the side of the road were ten feet of snow. We left the sheds and started on the descent to the lake. Good road? Undoubtedly at one time, but the road had entirely disappeared, having been washed out by the mountain torrents coursing down to the lake, leaving boulder after boulder exposed. Over these we climbed, pushing, pulling and carrying our wheels. We made but two miles in two and one-half hours, and during all this time my three-year-old boy sat in his seat on the wheel without a murmur. Reaching the lake we found a good road and were making fine time when we were stopped by two ladies calling to us for an *Examiner*. We had a few spare papers, so gave them one, and nothing would do but that we must go to the house and have lunch. Leaving our new friends we pushed on for Truckee, arriving there at 10 P. M., 32.02 miles for the day.

We felt we were almost home, and next morning found us much refreshed and rested and were soon off for Reno. Fast time was made until we struck the steam wagon road, which was very dusty. At Foulks' mill we got letters for Reno parties and started on over the Dog Valley grade. Finding this too steep for safe riding without brakes, we borrowed (?) some cord wood and used it for a drag.

Three o'clock found us at Laughton's, and after resting and doing justice to one of his good dinners, we rolled into Reno. Riding down Commercial Row and into Virginia street we were given quite an ovation. 'Tis needless to say that we were glad to reach home, although the trip was most enjoyable and one long to be remembered.

N. E. WILSON.

BITS OF FUN.

LULU BLUM, '95.

Captain—Fire at will.

Lady Cadet—At Will who?

"What does T. H. P. O. stand for?" asked an inquisitive down-town boy, and a chemistry-drilled member shouted "Tellurium hydro phosphate O."

"I rise to a point of order," said a lady cadet, as she rose from her tiresome kneeling position and found the Captain's sword pointing in her back.—*Ex.*

She—How beautiful the snow is. The falling flakes seem like angels' feathers.

He (an hour later)—Say, darling, come out and help me shovel off those angels' feathers, will you?

Solemn Senior—You cannot imagine, Miss, what a terrible load I carry, and yet give no sign to the world.

She (turning away her head)—Believe me, the world knows. The way she put her handkerchief up to her nose made him chew more cloves.

A rope can't walk,
And a rope can't talk,
And neither can it spell bought;
And it cannot sing,
Nor can it spring,
Although it has often been taut.

—*Ex.*

Old Gentleman (indignantly)—"Well, sir, what are you doing around here again? I thought that delicate hint I gave you last night would give you to understand that I didn't like you for my daughter's choice."

Young Man (scared)—"It did, but I thought I'd come and ask you—"

"Ask me what?"

"If you wouldn't like to join our football association."

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

F. H. SAXTON, '95.

WE take occasion in this number to consider briefly some bills now pending before the Nevada Legislature which directly or indirectly bear upon the interests of the University.

A bill appropriating thirty-eight thousand dollars for the erection of buildings and the purchase of land, has already been disposed of, it having passed without a dissenting vote. We compliment the Nevada Legislature upon the wise action taken upon the Appropriation Bill and are confident that other bills affecting the interests of the University will be properly dealt with.

We have before commented upon Senate bill No. 12, creating the Honorary Board of the University. The bill provides for the appointment of a Board of fifteen, one from each county, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to be ex-officio a member of such Board and to act as Chairman. The members of the Board shall act without compensation, and it shall be their duty to meet once a year, during Commencement week, and examine into the management of the University and the proceedings of the Board of Regents thereof, reporting to the Governor such recommendations and conclusions as they shall deem wise and just, and for the best interests of the institution. The value of such a Board would be incalculable in furthering the best interests of the University, and would at once bring the people of the whole State in closer accord with its prosperity, and give the institution a firmer and more substantial structure, each member acting as a tie rope in his respective county, serving to steady and equalize by a gentle pull the pressure that is always more forcible near the point of location.

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ASSEMBLY Bill No. 47, to authorize the issuance of commissions to military cadets graduating at the State University and other matters. This bill, as a whole, is badly gotten up, poorly

worded, and the portion under the title head of "other matters" treats of details that should come before the Board of Regents, and not the Legislature. Section Four is along the line of the practice of other states, but yet enough out of line to be worthless.

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ASSEMBLY Bill, No. 48, Providing for the appointment of a State Veterinary Surgeon as inspector, defining his duties and fixing his compensation. The passage of a bill similar to this, would undoubtedly prove an economical measure in the building up of the State. The provision, however, that the Inspector shall reside in or near the Capital, and further providing that he shall devote his time to the investigation of the nature, causes of and remedies for the diseases of domestic animals, could be profitably amended, making the State University the headquarters of such Inspector. The University could then be the recipient of his services as Instructor in Veterinary Science, and in return the State Veterinary Surgeon would have the use of the finely-equipped laboratories in which to conduct his scientific investigations.

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ASSEMBLY Bill No. 35, supplementary to an Act to provide for the preservation and care of the State Museum. This bill authorizes the removal of the State Museum from the halls and corridors of the Capitol building to a couple of rooms on the upper floor of the State Printing Office. Instead of secreting so valuable a collection of mineral specimens on the upper floor of a printing office, the State Museum should be transferred to the State University. Here scientists might look to its preservation and care, and an eager class of mineralogy students might gleam rare bits of knowledge from this fine display of the mineral resources of Nevada.


 * CAMPUS *


J. M. L. HENRY, '96.

W. E. Barney, Agriculture '92, is Superintendent of two flourishing mines in the De La Mar District.

Miss Crissie Andrews, Commercial '90, was married last Tuesday evening to W. H. Caughlin, Sheriff of Washoe county.

The proceeds from the musicale given by Virginia, Carson and Reno talent on January 29th netted the Gymnasium Fund about \$100.

For a week or so the puffing of the engine in the Mechanical Building has not been heard. Internally it is in a poor way, many of its flues having succumbed to old age. This necessitates a stoppage of all lathe work in the department until the engine can be repaired.

The Junior Mines have been busy preparing blue prints of their notes on mining surveying. These notes have been prepared expressly for this class by Professor Jackson and contain expositions of the systems of work used on the Comstock and at New Almaden, acknowledged the best systems in use in America.

The Assembly Standing Committee on Education held a meeting this afternoon at the office of H. C. Cutting, Superintendent of Public Instruction, shortly after the House adjourned. Governor Jones, ex-Governor Colcord and several members of the Senate were present by invitation to listen to President Stubbs of the State University. He made quite an extended address explanatory of the condition and requirements of the University, its present utility, and demonstrated how it can be improved and its future utility and practical value to the State at large materially enhanced and advantageously promoted by legislative assistance and encouragement at the present time. His remarks were practical, interesting and good.—*Journal*.

In response to an invitation from Co. C., N. N. G., to attend the funeral of the late John B. Wright, for three years an employe at the Experiment Station Farm, the Cadet Corps turned out in full Wednesday afternoon. The day was none too agreeable and the walking perfectly miserable, but none regretted the part they took.

There is not a shadow of a doubt that the boys' entertainment, to be given February 23d, will be a success. The boys have been working long and diligently upon it, and are prepared to produce an entertainment well worth the price of admission. Remember, every dollar made that night means a dollar added to the Gymnasium Fund.

On January 1st a new schedule of wages went into effect. Beginning on that date the janitors will receive their board and two dollars per month in consideration for their services. Those employed by the hour will be paid at the old rate, twenty cents per hour. This reduction is made to correspond to the reduction of three dollars in the price of a month's board, which occurred since the University assumed the management of the dining hall. The uniform rate for board is now \$15 per month.

Two bills of importance to the University have been introduced in the Legislature. The first originated in the Assembly, and is a bill for the appropriation of \$38,000 with which to buy more land and construct two new dormitories on the grounds. The second was originated in the Senate by Colonel Conboie of Storey county, and provides that in time of war all graduates of the State University may enter the service of the State with the rank which they held in the University of Nevada Cadet Corps at the time of their graduation.

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Athletic and Society Notes.

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O. T. WILLIAMS, '96.

The Glee Club made its first public appearance February 6th, at General Assembly and was given an ovation. The Club is composed of ten young men who are under the able instruction of Mrs. B. F. Layton. We are certainly proud of the Glee.

Under the head, "Influence of the Gymnasium," Theo. Von Beust, M. D., in the *Journal of Education* says in part: "Few people appreciate the real value of the gymnasium. Some seem to think that gymnastics is merely a recreative pastime and do not know that it is a science, a carefully elaborated branch of medicine. Its whole environment is that of an educational and moral institution. Here the laws of man's great desire, health and longevity are taught and put into execution. Teach young people to take pride in their physiques, and all injurious practices are immediately discountenanced. They are stimulated to investigate. The laws of hygiene will demand more wholesome food, will cultivate regular habits and cause them to grow up to be better and wiser men and women. The gymnasium is a powerful factor in dress reform, for few young women, after taking a gymnastic course, where they enjoy the untrammelled use of limb and muscle, and receive that education which every exponent of gymnastics is bound to impart, are willing to accept a dress that in any way limits their freedom. The physical welfare of the masses determines to a great extent the welfare of the nation. A feeble person, though he conceive of great and beautiful works, has little energy to dedicate to their performance, and his efforts are usually followed by nervous collapse. Thus it is that the gymnasium is the promoter of health, sociability, and education, with all their usual accompaniments, and no city or town in the Union should be without one."

Professor Thurtell lectured at General Assembly February 6th on the Nebular Hypothesis which he discussed at length, advancing proof in support of the theory now accepted by scientists as explaining the formation of the earth and other planets. By means of drawings, the relative size and position of the sun, earth, and nearest planets were comprehensibly shown.

One way in which college students may become not only well informed upon current events but also exert an influence in the formation of public opinion, is by debating. This influence would be felt by more people perhaps in those societies whose meetings are open to the public, but even in a society whose attendance is limited to the members, if these be thoroughly aroused with enthusiasm upon particular subjects, the interest will extend to their friends and associates. One weakness of college debating is that men as well as women often talk against their real opinions, and more often talk upon subjects concerning which they have no opinions. They come to feel that they are merely playing at discussion; that it is all a sham, a mere make believe. When discussion has thus degenerated into mental gymnastics, the resulting apathy is not surprising. Manufacturing arguments without greatly attempting to prove; professing opinions which are neither believed nor disbelieved; "depending on one's imagination for facts and on one's memory for jests," simulating zeal, feigning enthusiasm and giving vent to unfelt passion—these are the puerilities that have crippled debate in the past. That these evils exist no one will deny, and many are aware that some of them have been felt in the Adelpi Society, but by carefully selecting live and interesting questions for debate the objectionable features will, to a great extent, be eliminated and the standard of debating raised to a higher plane.

From the Heights.

EDITOR RECORD: Evidently the writer of the articles "From the Heights," long has sought evidence that those articles are having a marked influence upon the erring ones who are therein advised and corrected, and "mourned because he found it not." It is almost a pity to disturb the feeling of self-complacency with which he learned that some of the arrangements for government in the girls' study-room correspond with suggestions made in the January article, but if the truth must be told, those arrangements were begun before the appearance of that article. However, the writer may console himself with the reflection that "great minds often run in the same channel." In the last number the subject of woman's dress is discussed by the writer, and the treatment of that subject makes superfluous his assertion that he knows but odds and ends about it. In the first place, however great may be the number of women in other places who "throw a box of paint on their faces," that certainly is not true of the University girls or Reno women in general.

Secondly, woman's "cinching" is as much exaggerated as her terror of mice and spiders. The small number who "actually suffer," from such dressing deserve to be classed with those young men who kill themselves, or ruin both mind and body by smoking cigarettes.

That there is room for improvement in woman's dress cannot be denied, but this question is a serious one and should not be treated in a light and flippant manner.

Would it not be well for the writer "From the Heights" to confine his articles to subjects on which he is better informed? Z. T.

EDITOR RECORD: As you so kindly have handed me the above article, with your permission I will make a little comment upon it.

I assure Z. T. that I am exceedingly thankful he has left me the grain of consolation in the

fact that "great minds run in the same channel," and I am almost tempted to think that some minds not very great tend to do likewise.

I am glad Z. T. is so interested in my welfare, that he has taken the trouble to inform me that I used a couple of very exaggerated figures of speech in my last article and I assure him that I shall try and avoid such ignorant practices in the future.

I cannot plead guilty of having accused our co-eds. and the ladies of Reno of wholesale violation of good taste and the laws of health in dressing. With me Z. T. agrees that there is great room for dress reform. I said no more.

I am exceedingly sorry my critic was unable to grasp the gist of my article. I contended that as there was "room for improvement," it was the duty of college women, women who have had the opportunity to drink of the fountain of learning and culture, to lead this reform. I believe that instead of classing the person who "cinches," with the one who smokes cigarettes, etc., it is the duty of educated people, both by example and precept, to endeavor to raise these to a higher plane of life.

If every article that has appeared from the Heights has not been prompted by a love for the University and confidence in the mission of her students, then I will submit. If I know nothing about this, I will honestly endeavor to learn something before I appear again.

Respectfully,

AUTHOR FROM THE HEIGHTS.

Through the kindness of the Cycling West Publishing Company of Denver, Col., the publishers of the *Cycling West*, the liveliest cycling paper we have seen, we are enabled to present in this issue, a neat half-tone cut of Donner Lake and the snowsheds.

The first medical school in the United States was founded in Philadelphia in 1850.

A Soph he is immortal,
And never can decay,
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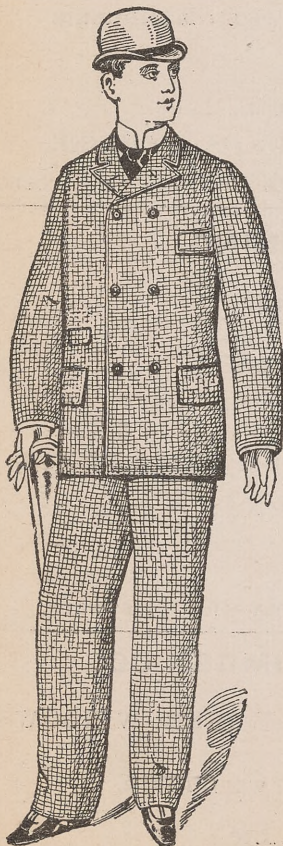
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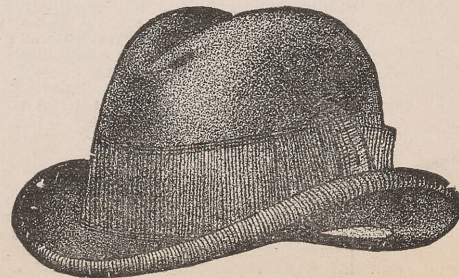
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