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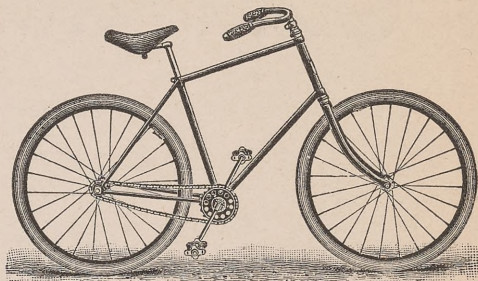
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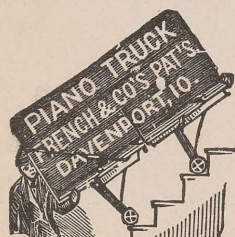
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UNIVERSITY BULLETIN.

Hon. R. L. Fulton delivered an interesting lecture of "The Development of the Transportation System."

The next lecture before the General Assembly will be given on Wednesday, April 3d, by Miss H. K. Clapp on the subject, "The Living Present."

The next lecture on the University Extension course for the Reno class will be upon the subject, "An Hour with Aristotle," at the Court House on Monday, April 9, 1895.

The Board of Regents will meet on Friday, April 5, 1895.

The new Register will be ready for the printer inside of a month.

At that time it is desired to form a reading class to take up the study of Greek History, select portions of Plato's dialogues, and such other work as may be determined upon. The attendance upon the lectures is very encouraging. The reading class will probably be large.

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STELLA LINSKOTT, '95.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY OF ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

THE study of English composition is important, not only so far as it gives one command of language; but the study is also important in giving culture and breadth of thought by the study and contemplation of the works of noble minds. The importance of gaining command of language is very great; and the more one is interested in English as a language and wishes to acquire fluency and correctness in its use, the more important the study becomes.

This fundamental aim of the study of composition is important in the following ways: Composition embodies the use of practical grammar and rhetoric, and, by experience, extends the knowledge of both subjects. By the repeated application of rules, and by the mistakes pointed out and corrected, proficiency is acquired. There is a certain culture that is acquired also, in this study of language. Only the best and purest of language is used, and this is culture in itself.

Besides the application of rules, one is taught the use of words, the discrimination between words, the value of synonyms; individuality of expression is cultivated and the living soul of language is felt and appreciated. Thus, precision in word and style is acquired, and the practical vocabulary increased.

The influence of composition extends beyond the mere medium of expression, and touches and encourages thought. Composition is one of the best studies to stimulate the mind to think and reason in a clear and connected way. It teaches one to think to the bottom of a subject, to look

at it in many possible lights, till all obscurity is gone; the ability to do this and the culture derived from it, are of infinite value to the student. Fluency and precision of thought cultivate also fluency of language.

In writing, information must often be acquired from various sources, the most favored of which is in recognized authorities, usually masters of this art of composition. In drawing from these sources of knowledge, culture is acquired in the ability, obtained after much research, to form correct opinions and deduce correct conclusions, in the information gained on the various subjects discussed. Though accidental to the study of composition, the continual reading and studying of masters and masterpieces, and the gain of knowledge from them, tends to make the student broad-minded and liberal, and capable of forming opinions for himself on kindred subjects; and thus it furnishes him with a broad foundation on which to build the structure of his education.

Thus the study and practice of composition systematically develops the reasoning faculties, stimulates the desire for research, and disciplines the mind for the work in which it is to engage. Since these are the very ends for which the student is working, the importance of this study is manifestly increased, as it is adapted to all courses of study; and what study will take the place it occupies so perfectly?

B. '97.

To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.


—*Shakespeare.*



MISCELLANY.

MABEL STANAWAY, '95.

CURRENT RUMORS.

 F all evils, that of circulating every rumor is perhaps the worst into which we fall. It very often happens that what we hear, especially after it has been once repeated, is more an exaggeration than the truth, so care should be taken in spreading it any farther.

Rumors are often circulated which have no foundation and, again, arise from mere gossip and desire for doing another all the harm possible. Many people are injured by unjust reports against them, and as they sometimes feel that others will not associate with them, they sink lower and lower.

How much happier we should all be if we could learn to have more confidence in our associates, and to put less credence in all that we hear. It is a wise maxim "to believe what you see and nothing that you hear." By repeating each and every rumor, a person cannot but fall into the hateful habit of gossip, which has a large share in causing much of the unhappiness of the world. A splendid guide did "The Silent Mr. Watkins" have when he said: "But what's the use o' talkin' when you've nothin' for to say."

When one is constantly in the habit of circulating rumors, he finally becomes untrustworthy in what he says and deceptive in what he does—and lying and deception are the meanest of vices.

A person thus given up to idle talk, dulls his mind for anything that is elevating and ennobling. Rather than read some good book or hear some interesting and instructive recital, he will go to his neighbor and divulge all that he has been able to hear for two or three days. He is entirely given up to hurtful ideas and supposes that all he hears is true, and even does not care if it is false. He lacks pure moral strength, will and determination, which are necessary for

everyone who wishes to be highly regarded and to set a good example. His thinking capacities are blunted and he cares for nothing but to be a gossip and an idler.

Even though some reports may be true, it is best never to repeat them, for they carry more or less evil with them.

THE IDEAL WOMAN.


Deep eyes with gentle radiance lit;
Lips grave with wisdom, gay with wit;
Hands warm enough for Love's caress,
But cool when fevered brows they press;
Steps, light and low, where'er they tread,
Yet lightest by the sufferer's bed;
A shape that takes no borrowed grace
From art, but natural as her face;
All soberly, yet deftly drest,
With one sweet posy at her breast.


A mind that holds in garnered store
Rich harvesting of useful lore;
A heart, with instincts loath to roam
Outside the sacred realm of home
(Save when it breaks this tender thrall
At Charity and Mercy's call)—
There, of so many loves possessed,
It knows not which of them is best,
So blends them in a *greater* love,
And gives them all to God above.

—J. T. Milne.


"Act always so that the immediate motive of thy will may become a universal rule for all intelligent beings."

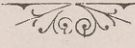
Everything good in man leans on what is higher.—*Emerson*.





CAMPUS





J. M. L. HENRY, '96.

Miss Ida Biroth, of Virginia City, visited her friend Miss Sadler last week.

Major Osburn has been confined to his home for some time, being quite ill.

Mrs. R. A. Maynard has been engaged to teach the Junior and Freshman German classes the ensuing term.

E. M. Van Harlingen, who taught the four classes in English Composition last term, has been relieved and Professor Cowgill has again taken charge of them.

The Junior Mines and Agriculture spent Monday and Tuesday of last week laying out the walks and roads of the future park in front of the Experiment Building.

The young ladies of the Dormitory, which has been established temporarily at Mrs. Pratts', will begin boarding at the Boys' Hall the 1st of April. The boys cordially welcome them, as they were unwilling to have them leave with their cheery faces and merry laughter.

When the new Quartermaster - Sergeant checked up the list of property belonging to the Military Department he found that six cadet rifles were missing and it was supposed that they were lost during the numerous rehearsals of the "boys' entertainment," in which a number of guns were used. The Commandant immediately ordered a Court of Inquiry to ascertain the whereabouts of the missing rifles. A few minutes' diligent search by an officer of the Court disclosed their presence in a corner of the armory almost at the Quartermaster's feet, whither they had been left on their return from Virginia. The efficiency of courts of inquiry has been established beyond doubt, and they probably will be made frequent use of in the future.

Cadets Bulmer, Finlayson and Hamilton have appointed privates in the Signal Detachment. The Detachment under Corporal Walts has been practicing signaling with the staff and telegraph for some time, and after a short period of preliminary work, will appear in the field with the flags.

At the next meeting of the Regents the plans for the gymnasium will be submitted to them, for approval or rejection. The purchase of additional land, the question of the water supply and other matters of importance will be discussed and disposed of to the best interest of the University.

From the appearance of some of the Dormitory boys one would think that a cyclone with a few box cars, steam boats, barb wire fences and horses, incidently thrown in, had struck their barracks, no less than seven of the boys being incapacitated for drill by reason of having violently come in contact with some of the above articles.

It is rumored that the "Boys Entertainment" will not go to Virginia City as contemplated. The Opera House of that place has been engaged for every night, on which it is feasible for the corps to visit the town, until May 3rd. This places the production of the entertainment too near exams., encampment, etc. to warrant the boys taking the necessary time from their studies.

C. P. Brown, Mines, '93, has been appointed instructor in Mineralogy, and teaches the class formerly taught by Professor Jackson. Mr. Brown, since his graduation, has amply demonstrated his ability, especially in a scientific line, and the prefix of Professor to his name is believed to be but a matter of time. In addition to the above, Mr. Brown is engaged in teaching a class in geometry and a private class in algebra.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

F. H. SAXTON, '95.

THE "nerve" that actuates those non-members of the U. of N. A. A. to contribute to the wear and tear of the association property, but not to the supply fund, must be a bump of abnormal dimensions and dominant over the phrenological propensities that at times assert themselves in ordinary manhood.

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STUDENT oratory will be excluded from Yale's commencement exercises in the future. An exercise that requires several weeks' work upon a speech that is limited to eight minutes and delivered before people who don't want to hear it, and who are auditors only because they have to be, has no place in a college curriculum. —*Free Lance.*

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IT is proposed that the money contributed to the Mid-Winter Fair Fund and which has been refunded by the Legislature, be donated to the University Gymnasium Fund. Undoubtedly those who contributed to the fund never expected to have the money returned, and many of the contributors being rich men, they will willingly donate it to another good cause.

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AS the Freshmen gather around a select clique of upper classmen to listen to those innumerable tales of "when I was a Freshman," and rich anecdotes they seem as now repeated, their eyes protrude in wonder and they feel themselves quite tame, as touch by touch the picture of the "terror" Freshman of former days is artistically painted before them. They leave the throng intent on emulating the mythical Freshies of yore, but when "something drops" their ambition is nipped in the bud, and it is not long till they realize that things are not what they used to be; that culture has advanced a plane or two, and that upper classmen stories must be culled nine-tenths to neutralize the "imaginative expansibility."

SEVERAL articles have appeared in the RECORD, admonishing students for that demoralizing habit of cribbing in exams. The frequency of such articles may have given an exaggerated idea of the wickedness of our student body, and we wish to correct the impression as well as add another phase to the question. In the U. of N. as perhaps all other Universities, the number that ride their "ponies" is comparatively small and usually confined to certain departments. It is the prevalence of cribbing in particular departments upon which we wish to comment. I its conceded that the most successful check, in fact the only cure for cheating at exams., is the arousing of a sentiment in the student body antagonistic to such practice. Then if the practice of an instructor is such as to legitimize cribbing in the opinion of students, the hope of ever eliminating the vice must be futile. There are instructors in the University under whom the basest of students would fail, rather than resort to unfair means. There are others whose reputation is such that when they are conducting the game any play is considered fair. For example, tradition tells us that as regular as examinations come round in Department X certain tables much resembling logarithmic tables are propounded as ability testers; tradition further informs us that as far back as we have any transcendental knowledge, have those ancient and useless tables been successfully "ponied." It is a maxim that only an idiot would willingly memorize the substance of those oft repeated queries, and it is supposed that if a wise man should find himself possessed of such knowledge twenty-four hours after the quiz, he would butt his head against a brick wall until it refused to retain so learned a catechism. If it is desired to spread a sentiment among the students against cheating, some question lists should be remodeled, that these old pony encouragers may not prove barriers to the accomplishment of a worthy end.

Reciprocites. Bits of Fun

W. J. FLOOD, '95.

LULU BLUM, '95.

—Do you want a bicycle? Take the wheels
out of your head, the rubber out of your neck,
that tire out of your feeling and make yourself
one.
—*The Midland.*

She—"Why don't you join the Columbian?"
He—"I did and they fired me."
She—"Did you burn?"
He—"No I went out. —*N. M. Collegian.*

I took her to the promenade,
And spent my last lean bill.
I have not ridden since that night;
I'm promenading still.

—*Ex.*

—The students of the K. U. Law School have
planned for the publication of a bi-weekly law
journal to be called the "Kansas University Law-
yer." The paper will be purely a law journal,
and will be patterned after the best publications
of the kind in Eastern colleges.

—The U. of M. Daily has compiled the follow-
ing figures from the World's Almanac: There
are 451 universities and colleges in the United
States, employing 10,247 instructors, and with
an enrollment 122,555 students. Of this number
55,553 are in collegiate departments, 44,054 are
in preparatory departments, 19,385 are in pro-
fessional departments, and 3,565 in graduate
schools. The total income of the universities
and colleges is \$14,601,034. Harvard has the
largest total income of any institution; its re-
ceipts last year amounted to \$1,204,384. There
are 5,319,602 bound volumes in the libraries of
these institutions.
—*Ex.*

A.—What makes X's head so big?
B.—Oh, he has to have it—to accommodate
his cheek. L.

The head and the heart in the game of love,
Must play its separate part,
But we'll pardon a girl a cold in the head,
So long as she's not cold in the heart.

—*Ex.*

Happy Mother—Shall I give the baby a dollar
to help the cutting of his teeth?

Happy Father—No, love, I wouldn't. It
might give him wrong ideas on the silver ques-
tion.

Mr. H.—My son is playing football this after-
noon.

Mrs. H.—Yes, John. What of it?

Mr. H.—Well, I want to see him when he ar-
rives. Have his remains brought right up here.

AT A DANCE.

The maiden fair
Sat on a stair;

Her thoughts she could not sham.

Her slippers neat

So pinched her feet

She softly whispered "D——n!"

—*Bowdoin Orient.*

She said "good-night," she said it o'er,
As maids oft have to do;
She said it twenty times or more,
And still she wasn't through.

'Tis strange how different people are,
Her father, big and gruff,
Exclaimed it once—'twas heard afar,
And that proved quite enough. —*Ex.*

—S.S.E.S.—

Athletic and Society Notes.

—S.S.E.S.—

O. T. WILLIAMS, '96.

The Junior hop will be given April 20th.

Adelphi social Friday evening, April 5th.

Arrangements are being made for a reception by the First and Second to the Third Normals.

The executive committee of the Athletic Association has ordered another invoice of tennis goods. Appropriations have also been made for baseball.

Following are the names of the men in the T. H. P. O. nine: Sullivan, J., p; Flood, W., 1st b.; Durkee, 2d b.; Barnett, 3d b.; Woodbury, s. s.; Flood, A., 1. f; Bliss, r. f.; and Cahlan (captain) c. f. A game with the down-towners is announced for April 3d.

Hon. R. L. Fulton lectured before General Assembly March 20th on the subject "From Trail to Rail, or the Rise of the Railroad and the Development of the Transportation System." Mr. Fulton is a pleasing speaker, and the unusually large audience that greeted him on this occasion showed the esteem in which he is held by the students of Reno.

Mr. E. S. Laurie, a gentleman with almost a life experience as an actor and who has been visiting friends in Reno, gave several recitations from Shakespeare at General Assembly, March 27th. Miss Flora Finlayson was also present and rendered vocal selections. Not often, indeed, are the students afforded opportunities of listening to two such gifted persons.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athletic Association was held on the 29th. Bills were allowed and the executive committee instructed to make arrangements for holding Field Day at the Fair grounds. If the Association succeeds in carrying out the present plans, the public will be able to witness a performance superior to anything of the sort ever given in Reno. Several of the old men expect to beat their former records, and in one or two cases at least coast records will be broken.

Invitations issued by the Seniors and Sophomores for their social Friday evening, May 3d, have been received and accepted by the other college classes.

The Senior debating club meets every Friday morning. The subject discussed at the last meeting was, "Would Universal Industrial Co-Operation Be Desirable?"

Friday evening, March 22d, inaugural addresses were delivered by the Adelphi officers. Mr. Joseph Durkee, the President, said in the course of his remarks: "Well do I remember the meeting of students in '92, at which it was resolved to form this society. The students residing at the dormitories at that time maintained a literary society which met on Friday evening of each week. Notwithstanding the energetic state of the existing society and the objections of some present, the sentiment prevailed at the meeting that to avoid conflicts and to establish a society upon a larger field of usefulness, the dormitorians should dissolve their society and unite with the other students. A recess was taken and the dormitorians went into session. Then the approaching storm which the darkening countenances and flashing eyes foretold, broke in all its fury. In quick succession were rattled off the names of defunct societies of which down-towners had been members. Indignant vituperation poured from the lips of speakers. Amidst such scenes the Adelphi was founded. Its influence has been refining and elevating. The financial condition you have just learned from the treasurer's report, and our handsome piano at our right is but the beginning of the property which the society will possess after we are granted a room that we can furnish and have for our especial use. The growth of the Adelphi has been onward and upward, and truly she will verify her motto, '*Ad astra per aspera.*'"

CONTRIBUTIONS.

BISMUTH.

ALTHOUGH the articles that have appeared from time to time in this column have been on very different subjects from the one I have selected, I hope you may give this production space. The subject was suggested by the finding in different localities of our State, ores of bismuth which at some future time may be worked. And is it not the duty of all to know more or less about our future industries?

Bismuth or marcasite as it was called in the early part of its history, was first discovered by Basil Valentinn, who lived in the fifteenth century. Mention is also made of the word marcasite in the writings of the thirteenth century, but it is more than likely that the word then referred to any mineral with a bright or metallic appearance, like lead and some of the sulphides. We know that the name is now applied to a sulphide of iron. Although it was known so long ago, it was only about A. D. 1750 that the properties of bismuth were studied and reactions recorded so that it ceased to be confounded with other white metals, as zinc and antimony. Being a comparative rare metal it is found in larger quantities than the value of the metal would seem to indicate and in quite widely separated localities. It is generally in the free or native state, but it is also quite abundant as an oxide sulphide, tellurite and a few other forms. It has the peculiar property of associating with the ores of other metals as silver and cobalt. In Europe it is found most abundantly in the silver and cobalt mines of Saxony and Bohemia. In smaller quantities in Cornwall, in England, Norway and Sweden and in the Ural Mountains; in South America, Chili, Bolivia and Peru; in North America, Texas, California, Mexico, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Colorado and Nevada. It is also found in Australia. The production of Saxony is annually about 22 tons and Austria about

8½ tons. This constitutes the major part of the worlds production. The price at the present time is \$2,80 per pound.

The working of the ores is very simple, theoretically, but not practically. It consists of melting the native metal down in iron pots, or when the ore is an oxide it is mixed with charcoal and pearl ash and then heated. The other ores have to go through a preliminary treatment to reduce them to an oxide or metal before being run down.

Bismuth on account of its low melting point, and having the property of reducing the melting point of other metals when mixed with them, is used quite extensively for making fusible alloys. Tea spoons have been made of one of its alloys that would melt and run together when placed in the hot tea. A solder is made that can be used to solder in water containing a little hydrochloric acid. Wood's metal, an alloy, fuses at 140 degrees farenheit. Copies of wood cuts are now obtained from alloys of bismuth, used not alone on account of the low fusing point, but for the expansion upon cooling or solidifying. The fusible plug used in boilers is another alloy. The salts of bismuth are used in pharmacy. The sub-nitrate is used as a cosmetic, but it is said that it will cause a spasmodic trembling in the face ultimately ending in paralysis. It also has the disagreeable and annoying property of turning black when ever it may come in contact with sulphurous fumes. This is only a little of what can be said about one of the most peculiar and interesting metals known. C. P. B. '93.

The box sheet for the Remenyi Grand Concert Company is about filled, and there is no doubt but that the great artist will receive a rousing welcome at the hands of the Reno public. The music lovers are enthusiastic over the rare treat that is in store, and those that believe they have no ear for music are going to discover if their defect is not really too cultured an ear to appreciate the efforts of the ordinary musician.

From the Heights.

HEARING that a "Court of Inquiry" had been established, I stepped under my old sunshade and started on a tour of "inquiry" to learn, if possible, what the new monster was and what were its functions.

After some little investigation the following facts were developed: That one time during the history of the University an entertainment was given by the young ladies, and, for causes unknown, they used some of the cadet rifles. The entertainment having been very successful, six of the rifles failed to report at the racks in the barracks, and so immediately two months thereafter, the court before mentioned was appointed with instructions to sit until all possible information regarding the disappearance of the guns be collected.

Among the cadets various wild stories were rife about guns they had seen in the corner of this building and that building, and even I did recall to mind that on one occasion I myself had seen a couple of guns out after hours. From the few facts that some people knew, and from the many that every body thought he knew, I had concluded that the court was destined for a long and quersome sit; but no, I was mistaken. One person, high in cadet circles, was prowling around in the armory, and espying an old box, he bravely charged upon it and forced the sturdy old box to deliver up its secret, and lo! the lost guns were found.

Yes, the guns were actually found! and then there were no less than half a dozen persons who knew all the time that they were in the box, and there were many more who would have known that they were there if they had only looked, so they claimed.

At this writing, so far as I know, the court has had no sitting, but I suppose, from what little I have heard, that when they meet they will report that "certain guns were lost and have been found."

Now, such a report may be satisfactory to some, but to me it will seem that the court has failed to do its duty if this matter is not pretty

thoroughly sifted and the persons responsible for such gross negligence severely reprimanded.

I can remember the time when under no circumstances one was permitted to keep guns out of their lockers over night. And such a course is one that should be strictly followed. The State is under bonds for the proper care and safe keeping of the arms issued to the cadets, and to let them be thrown around in boxes and buildings is—I was going to say almost criminal negligence, but will call it extreme carelessness. And such carelessness in a body supposed to be governed by military rules!

But why this great outcry; the guns were found unharmed? That is, I pray you, not the question. They ought never to have been lost. Suppose some one, who wished a gun, knew where they were, and this is not impossible, since more than one person has asserted that he knew of their whereabouts, could he not have possessed himself with a rifle and no one been the wiser?

This is a very serious matter and reflects on the military discipline of our cadet corps, and again I assert that if the Court of Inquiry does not inform itself and the student body who is responsible for such lax methods, it will have failed to have performed its duty.

The Man That Waits Gets Left.

A man may guy,
And a man may lie,
And a man may puff and blow;
But he can't get trade
By sitting in the shade,
Waiting for business to grow.

—*The Bookkeeper.*

He—My dear, why are you like the Century Dictionary?

She—I don't know. Why am I?

He—Why, because you're bound to have the last word.

S. Emrich has opened the Nevada Cash Dry Goods and Carpet House with a full line of the very latest fashionable dress and fancy goods, carpets, linoleums, ladies', misses' and children's cloaks and jackets. We will be pleased to send samples if ordered and will carefully and promptly fill orders.

The largest class ever graduated from an American college was at the University of Michigan last year, which contained 731 members.—*Ex.*

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"There was a young girl named Perkins,
Who was exceedingly fond of gherkins,
In spite of advice, she ate so much spice,
That she pickled her internal workin's."

—*Yale Song.*

—WE HAVE THE GHERKINS.—

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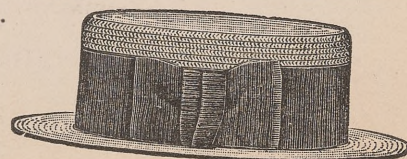
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