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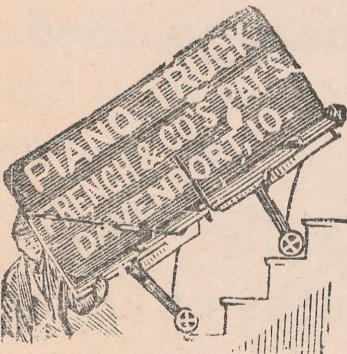
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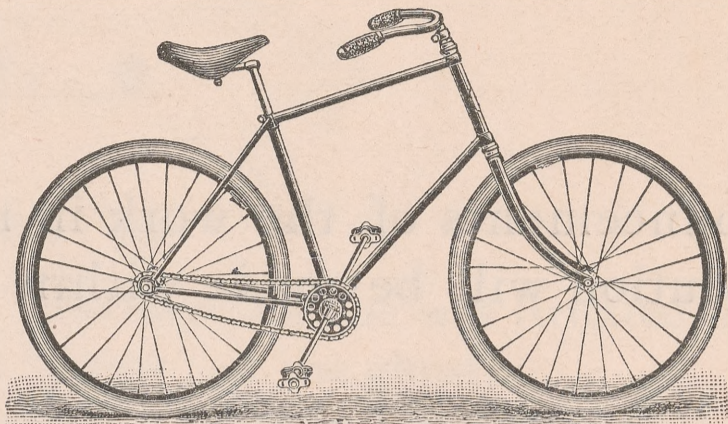
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University Bulletin.

Announcements of the work in music and elocution will be made within a few days.

Two hundred and eighty-two students were enrolled up to the evening of September 26th.

The Assembly lecture Wednesday, October 2d, will be delivered by Professor J. Warne Phillips.

The Regents of the University met on Saturday, the 28th, and transacted a volume of important business.

The work of student classification has gone on slowly but carefully and thoroughly by the Faculty Committees.

The preliminary examination in the elements of English at the opening of the year is a suggestion of the advance requirements which the University will make in the fundamentals of a thorough education.

The Bulletin acknowledges the courtesy of admission to the State Fair on Wednesday, the 25th, granted to the University by President Powning, who is worthy of the distinguished success crowning his indefatigable labors.

The irrigation question so ably represented by Governor Jones at the opening of the State Fair will receive special attention at the Experiment Station this year.

Mr. Charles D. Snyder, who will have charge of Professor Miller's work for the next two months, is a graduate of Stanford University and is well recommended by President Jordan.

Work upon the new buildings is progressing as rapidly as possible, but at least two months will be required to finish these important enterprises. The students can well afford to be patient.

The supply of Registers for 1894-95 is about exhausted. The Faculty will make a careful revision of this Register so that the "Ninth Annual Register" may be published not later than January 30, 1896.

Professor Walter McN. Miller has a leave of absence for the months of October and November in order to complete his medical studies and receive the coveted degree of M. D. During his absence Mr. Charles D. Snyder of Stanford University will have charge of his classes.

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LITERARY.

GERTIE HIRONYMOUS, '96.

WAS HAMLET MAD.

WHEN I read the commentators on the subject of Hamlet's insanity, I become confused and mystified more than ever, for one declares that he was undoubtedly insane, while possibly the next states just as emphatically that he was not. Medical students ascribe to him, perhaps, a sort of mono-mania. So great minds differ on this as on other subjects. In my own poor way of thinking I cannot conceive that Hamlet was insane.

When Hamlet is alone or even with Horatio, his most intimate friend, his ideas and the expression of them show not the slightest sign of mental derangement. Indeed, it is during the period of his assumed madness that he delivered his much quoted soliloquy, beginning, "To be, or not to be," and in Scene II of Act III in his dialogue with Horatio, he says: "Give me that man that is not passion's slave, and I will wear him in my heart's core, ay, in my heart of heart, as I do thee." Surely mad man could never have conceived such lofty sentiments as these, and as those which occur throughout the entire passage.

In the scene with Horatio and Marcellus, where the ghost is heard in the cellar below telling them to "swear, swear," Hamlet evinces signs which might be taken for madness. He calls his father "old mole" and "true penny." But this was before he feigned madness, and it was at this time he said: "The time is out of joint; O, cursed spite, that ever I was born to set it right!" These words give no evidence of madness. But wrought up to the pitch of highest excitement as he must have been, it is no wonder that he applied such epithets to the

ghost. Perhaps, too, he was irritated by the repeated "swear" of the ghost.

Hamlet's treatment of Ophelia is perhaps most often cited as a proof of his insanity. We can see why he did not hesitate to feign madness before Polonius, Rosencrantz, Guildenstern, and even the King, because he detested them all. But that he should treat so harshly tender, lovely Ophelia, who loved him and whom he loved in return, seems too unjust and improbable for a sane man.

I cannot think as some critics say that he was so completely absorbed in his own sorrow that he was indifferent to hers. This would be selfish, but it was his love for her that made him act as he did. He knew that she was too delicate and yielding to be entrusted with such a secret as he held. For when he was strong and it weighed so heavily upon him, how should frail Ophelia bear it? Above all, knowing what sufferings he would have to endure as a consequence of his terrible vow, he was too noble, too good to drag her into them with him.

When they were together, in his effort to repress the feelings of love which he felt for her, but knew he must restrain, and the determination to play his part well, he overdid it. It is this effort to conceal his true feeling for Ophelia, which seems harsh and severe to us, and almost makes us think that he was insane. But Roswell says: "One truth his treatment of Ophelia proves, the fatal danger of acting madness."

It is evident that Hamlet suffered from melancholy, brought about by his father's death, his mother's marriage and his own thwarted ambition. The terrible duty which the ghost of his father imposed upon him, and the mental strain which he had to endure alone and in silence perhaps weakened his mind, but did not unsettle it. "His mind is lord over itself, but it is not master of his will."



MISCELLANY.

F. E. WALTS, '96.

GARDENING AS A RECREATION.

ONLY those who have had some experience in gardening can fully realize the elevating, invigorating effect it has on both mind and body. But not all persons will get the same amount of benefit from this recreation. To get the greatest benefit we must find pleasure in the cultivation of plants. We must work in harmony with nature.

The garden is one of nature's most efficient laboratories. Its chemicals cost nothing, and the experiments perform themselves. We, as students of nature, find knowledge and inspiration in the cultivation of plants. In their midst we become poetic, are contented and happy. Nothing gives us more pleasure than to watch the little seed develop into a beautiful, productive plant. How it sends out its shoots into the air and the earth, and gathers from both the needed materials for continued growth.

The very insects and weeds teach us a lesson. If we do not take the proper precautions we shall find some morning that a mischievous little bug has robbed some choice plant of its foliage. If we neglect to wield the hoe our garden will become pale and sickly. So we see the universal law in operation that all life lives and preys upon life.

We may investigate as much as we desire. We find a field wherein we may apply much of our knowledge of chemistry. Why does the plant grow? Why does it stand erect? What makes it the color that it is? If we should apply some ingredient to the soil, which we found was lacking, and found that it produced the desired result, how gratified would we be! It does no good to know that we are producing something, be it ever so little of that which is needed for the support of life. We feel much better satisfied when our leisure hours are spent in doing some good.

There is just enough work attached to gardening to make it healthful. While there is no very hard work, it is sufficient to make us tired; and it is good sometimes to become tired from labor. Muscular exercise is a necessary component of recreation. One who spends a moderate amount of time in attending to all the details of gardening will have few sleepless nights. Such exercise is as invigorating as a stroll through the woods, along the mountain brook.

Our ladies might think it improper to work in the vegetable garden, but surely there would be no disgrace in cultivating a flower garden. And what is more beautiful, more gratifying than a garden of well selected flowering plants!

Beecher says: "Happy is the man that loves flowers;" but how much happier is the man or the woman, who loving them, devotes some time to their cultivation!

It seems a sin that every home in our cities has not a garden. Some might not take enough interest to cultivate one if they had it, but there are few who would not, if they only had the chance. Those who enjoy the advantage should feel themselves especially favored.

Considering the healthy, active tone, which it gives to the mind and body, it would be hard to find a more wholesome recreation than gardening. The work attached to it is made easy by the pleasant surroundings; and in their midst, it is impossible not to be raised to a higher, nobler plane.

With true manhood, a thorough knowledge of business and accounting, with ambition and a will power which smiles at difficulties, and prompts him to make the best possible use of the powers the Creator has given him, a young man can in this, our native land, rise from the poorest surroundings, to stand a tower of strength and a monument of success, an honor to himself, his country, and his God.


 EXCHANGE.
 

E. A. POWERS, '96.

THE ÆNEID.

The languid music of the dipping oars
 Sounds dreamily upon the evening air,
 And gentle breezes waft a perfume rare
 From the Italian shores.

A golden sunset, sinking to its rest,
 And in the misty east a silver star,
 And on the quiet sea a level bar
 Of molten glory, pointing to the west.

A little company of wand'ring men,
 A little fleet upon a glassy sea ;
 The golden light flung o'er them full and free,
 And ocean's depths reflecting it again.

Strange, antique vessels, and yet stranger crew,
 Clad in an antique costume, quaint and old,
 And ever sailing, with their leader bold,
 The Mediterranean's blue.

And one, an aged sire with hoary hair,
 Uplifting to the light his suppliant hands,
 High in the stern of yonder vessel stands
 In ecstasy of prayer.

The sun has set, and in the distant sky
 The silent stars are bright'ning more and more,
 As with a last low plashing of the oar,
 The little fleet goes by.

The dream is o'er; the fairy fleet has fled;
 The night has swallowed them, their course is
 run;

But say not that Æneas' life is done,
 And all his men are dead.

The poet dies,—the poem lives; and we
 Still catch the echoes of that magic song;
 The pictures of the master-artist throng
 The walls of memory.

The stately melody that charms the ear,
 The graceful fancy that delights the mind,—
 These are the heritage he left behind ;
 His dust in Naples, but his spirit here.

—Exchange.

THE WASTED BULLET.

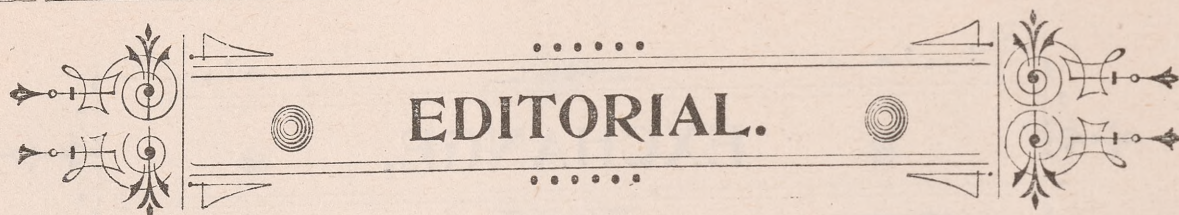
“Good-bye, cold world,” despondently he said.
 “You have denied me wealth, affection, fame.”
 Then pressed a pistol to his throbbing head,
 Expecting to blow brains from out the same.
 But here was where he'd made a grave mistake.
 Do not, the mortal sad, oppressed of woe,
 Essay this final melancholy break
 Unless quite certain you have brains to blow.

—Exchange.

Educated heads and skilled hands are always
 in demand, if the education and skill are of a
 superior order. Of quack doctors, pettifogging
 lawyers, doggerel poets, mediocre mechanics
 and the like there is always a good supply. The
 fault is not always in the man; it is the educa-
 tion, the training he receives. And to get a
 reputation we must go to a school with a reputa-
 tion, one having the proper facilities and com-
 petent instructors. Beware of the school that
 teaches everything and has but one teacher, that
 may discontinue at any time, whose diploma
 carries no weight, and whose graduates are un-
 able to do their work properly. In these par-
 ticulars the U. of N. stands unrivaled, for with
 its corps of thorough instructors the youth of
 Nevada has the opportunity of getting a first-
 class education.

The Occident has resumed its weekly visits to
 our table. We are glad to see its return as it is
 one of the brightest of our exchanges. It gives
 every indication of maintaining, if not excelling
 the high rank among college papers earned for
 it by its former editors.

Life may be a stage, but it is more like a court-
 house, from the fact that it is full of trials.—
 Exchange.



O. T. WILLIAMS, '96.

SAMPLES of sugar beets grown on Peavine Mountain, 6,065 feet above the sea, have been analyzed at the Experiment Station, and show a sugar content of 15.18 per cent. We believe this the highest altitude at which sugar beets were raised.

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BOOKS are not to be taken from the Library without being registered by the Librarian. It is not impossible to remove a book secretly, but no student should be so selfish as to carry away a book of reference which every member of his class desires to consult and for which they are all held accountable.

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STUDENTS should not use the lawns as a place for congregating. It does no perceptible injury for one person to cross the lawn instead of following the walk, but if one has a right to do so, all may have the same privilege, a privilege which many will not hesitate to exercise as is shown by trampled portions of the lawns about Stewart Hall. There are many acres at the northern part of the Campus seeded to alfalfa, and there all are at liberty to romp to their heart's desire.

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ONE of the most offensive things a student can do is to hold himself aloof from the majority of his fellow students and with a few associates form a clique. It is an injustice to himself. He is at once regarded with suspicion and disfavor. There are people who are always ready to disbelieve a good report concerning an individual, but adverse criticism they accept without contradiction. In daily conduct with our companions there is as in all else a golden mean. He is not to be commended who wrings the hand of every passer by and bores him with gab in the hope of becoming popular. Affability and courting popularity are not synonymous terms.

LET the students invite the Glee Club to resume the popular entertainments given last year, and every student give half a dollar to assist the boys.

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THOMAS C. BUTTERLY, Nevada's representative in the Military Academy at West Point, died at that place September 12th. He was a graduate of the Gold Hill High School and also of the Commercial Department of the U. N. In January, '94, he was appointed by Congressman Newlands, having received the highest per cent. in competitive examination and the following June entered the Academy. A letter from one of his personal friends at West Point states that he stood well in his classes and was well liked socially. The only relative he leaves is an uncle in New York. Geo R. Bliss, '97, U. N., will probably be appointed to fill the vacancy as he ranked second in the examination and was Butterly's alternate.

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A FACT which points significantly to the growth of our institution is the large number of teachers and graduates who are pursuing post graduate studies this semester or are enrolled in regular courses. Young women who have taught in the public schools of this State successfully from one to six years, have come to avail themselves of the opportunities here afforded. Although they were satisfactory teachers before, yet they will become better, their services will be in greater demand and the youth of Nevada will be benefitted immeasurably for their having become proficient in their chosen profession. It must indeed be gratifying to the Faculty that young men who graduated from minor departments have, after an absence of four years, returned to take collegiate courses, and graduates of the collegiate courses have returned to pursue post graduate studies.

BITS OF FUN.

ROSALIA MURPHY, '98.

INTERESTING LETTER.

A girl wrote a letter to her sweetheart the other day, and this is what it contained :

DEAR BUB—Not knowing what else to do, I will write to you. Not knowing what to say, I will now close.

Yours,

INDUSTRIOUS.

TROUBLE IN THE PASTURE.

The Ox—I see you're getting down to your proper level. They sell you by the pound now, same as they do the rest of us.

The Horse—That's all right. They don't put me up into imitation butter, and that's more than you can say.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Mr. M.—These "Varsity" girls take the cookie.

Mr. B.—Why, how's that?

Mr. M.—I asked one for her picture the other day in way of a proposal—

Mr. B.—What did she say?

Mr. M.—She gave me the negative.

"Sweet maid," said he,

"I ask of thee,

To fly, to fly, to fly with me."

"Young fellow," said she,

Now don't you be

Too fly, too fly, too fly with me.

—*Occident.*

Jimmy—How old are you now, Tommy?

Tommy - I dunno; on the railway I'm always under twelve, but when dad tried to get me a clerkship I was seventeen.

He—I wonder what she meant by telling me she could never marry a man.

She—Perhaps she said it to encourage you.—*Life.*

TIRESOME.

"You look tired, my dear," said Mr. Gay to his wife.

"I am tired," said Mrs. Gay. "I heard you say once that you liked rabbit, so I went to the market this morning and got one. I meant to surprise you with boiled rabbit for dinner; but I've been at work on it all the forenoon and I haven't got it more than half picked yet.—*Exchange.*

CONDENSATION.

On pianos and organs she fbs,
Making strange and mysterious sds.,
And the watchman calls out,
To see what she's about,
As he goes on his cold nightly rds.

—*Exchange.*

"Do you think she loves him?"

"Desperately."

"Why desperately?"

"Because he is her last chance."—*London Tit Bits.*

Freshman—What jays Sophomores make when they imitate Freshmen.

Soph.—Do you think so? That proves how excellent the imitation is.

A Freshman heard a Senior call an insect that was flying round them the darning-needle. The next day he said? "Say, Senior, are those funny things we saw to-day safety pins?"

Prof.—Well, my boy, you are exceedingly bright this week. What has happened?

Student—Oh, I'm cutting a wisdom tooth.

Snow is wet and very white,

And when it melts, it's out of sight.

—*Gilbert.*

Athletic and Society Notes.

J. R. MAGILL, '97.

One hundred and fifty-three new students were registered up to the 20th inst.

A meeting of the Student Body was held on the 20th inst., at which a college pin was adopted. The pin selected is a pennant with the word "Nevada" in silver letters on a blue field.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was called on Monday, the 23d. New members were admitted and the following Constitutional Committee was appointed: B. T. Bulmer, M. A. Feeney, J. S. Egan.

At a meeting of the Adelphi held on the 20th inst. the following committee to revise the Constitution was appointed: John M. LaF. Henry, A. Hanson, N. Dunsden, R. Brambila, B. T. Bulmer.

Changes are proposed in the Constitution of the Athletic Association. The organization of a track team has also been discussed, and if conditions are favorable, this team will probably meet the teams of some of the other coast universities.

By a majority vote of the cadets it was decided to change the chevrons from the present pattern to that which was formerly worn. Representatives were appointed to wait upon the Commandant and obtained his permission as well as that of the Faculty.

The Class of '99 met in Assembly Hall September 25th and perfected their class organization. An election of officers was held which resulted as follows: President, F. Gignoux; Vice President, Beth Stubbs; Secretary and Treasurer, Claude R. Ford.

Stanley, a U. N. student, easily defeated the best bicycle riders at the State Fair tournament last week, but being very unfortunate in collisions, he lost one race on a so-called "foul," and the decision of the L. A. W. on another is still pending.

Arrangements should be made by the Sophomores for the customary class reception to be given the Freshmen. We would suggest also that a meeting of all the old students be held at an early day for the perfecting of plans for holding a reception to the new students,

The prevailing style of bicycle will soon be a thing of the past. In the San Francisco *Examiner* of the 14th appears a detailed description of a bicycle recently invented which has a triangular frame, is propelled with both the hands and feet of the operator and can attain a speed of sixty miles and upward per hour.

The new Gymnasium building is nearing completion and when finished will be an ornament to the campus. Its dimensions are 60x120 feet in the clear. It will have two dressing rooms, one reloading room, one store room, one office and a room for the meetings of the Athletic Association. The main part of the building will be occupied by the Gymnasium.

For sometime past there has been considerable talk as to the propriety of organizing two or more literary societies. As every student should belong to a college literary society, it is evident that if all the students of our University belonged to one instead of being divided among two or more, it would render the organization cumbersome. Better work can be done in several societies composed of fewer members than can be done in one large society.

The international contests between the London and the New York Athletic Clubs for the championship took place on the 21st inst. and resulted in victory for American athletes. In the 100-yard dash, Watson of the New York Club won, the time being 9 4-5 seconds. In the 880-yard run, C. Kilpatrick of the New York Club won. Time, 1:53 2-5. This breaks the record.



G. R. BLISS, '97.

Miss Lulu Blum, '95, is taking P. G. course.

Miss Theodore Stubbs, '95, is taking P. G. work.

Miss Stella Linscott, '95, has returned and is taking P. G. course.

About a hundred students are boarding at the U. of N. dining-hall.

L. J. Barber, a former student of the U. N., was on the Campus last week.

P. P. Fransden, '95, has secured a position as teacher at Silver Creek, Lander county.

T. W. Clark, who withdrew from '95 a year ago, is again teaching at Unionville, Humboldt county.

Miss Stiner, '94, and graduate of the Normal School '95, has a position as teacher in Pleasant Valley.

F. H. Norcross, '91, was married to Miss Addie Morton, graduate of the Normal Class of '90, on July 9th, 1895.

H. J. Lackey, who withdrew from '97 last term, will attend Hahnermann Medical College in Philadelphia this year.

Miss Louisa Lewis and Miss Kate Kinney, graduates of the Normal School of '91, were on the Campus September 24th.

The T. H. P. O. held one of its secret meetings on September 19th, and initiated quite a number into the secrets of the Order.

Prof. Wilson expects to make some changes in his laboratory to accommodate his class in chemistry. Desks will be placed in his old office and fitted up with the new apparatus which has been ordered. The partition on the east side will be removed and a glass partition put in its place, making an office for Prof. Wilson and a weighing room for general use.

Ex-President S. A. Jones of the U. of N. is Professor of Pedagogics in the California State Normal School at San Jose.

Charles Magill, '94, H. E. Stewart, '94, and W. J. Flood, '95, are engaged with Prof. Jackson in working tailings in Silver City.

The afternoon and evening of Wednesday, September 24th, was given as a vacation to students for the purpose of visiting the fair.

Quite a number of students have seen "spooks" in the cemetery as they pass through in the evening on their way to Whitaker Hall.

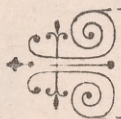
The majority of the Dormitory boys have been moved to Whitaker Hall to make room for the young ladies till the Cottage and Lincoln Hall are finished.

Almost any time of the day some member of the Class of '97 can be heard practicing the class yell. It is entirely original, at least we have never heard anything like it before and it is worthy of so estimable a class.

F. C. Frey, '94, who has a position of surveyor at Mineas Pristas, Sonora, Mexico, arrived in Reno September 15th to spend his vacation with his parents. He visited the T. H. P. O. and expressed a desire to camp once more on the "War Bonnet."

The Freshmen class this year have introduced the Siamese twins, together with their many other freaks. Long Tom, 6 feet 6½ inches tall and weighing 150 pounds, and Fatty Hunter, 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing 200 pounds, present a very droll appearance when seen together.

A visit to the boys' quarters at Whitaker Hall gives abundant indications that a brass band might be organized with very little trouble. Many of the boys are already proficient on different instruments and with but a little time and expense we might soon have a band of our own.



CONTRIBUTIONS.



AN INTERESTING CROWFOOT.

DOUBTLESS most of us have noticed in the irrigation streams and particularly the one crossing Center street, in the second block below the University, clusters of white flowers in full bloom two or three inches below the surface of the water. Cases of flowering plants producing conspicuous flowers which normally bloom under water are comparatively rare. Indeed the plant in question is in reality but a partial example of the kind. That is, while it is able to withstand being wholly submerged, it is frequently found with the flowers projecting above the surface of the water.

The plant is known botanically as *Ranunculus aquatilis tricophyllus*, a rather long, yet descriptive name implying that it is the habit of the plant to grow in water, and that structurally its leaves are hair-like. It is the habit of many of the species of *Ranunculus* to grow in or near water and it is evident that this plant has this characteristic developed to a marked degree. It is doubtless due to this habit of living in water that the plant is very cosmopolitan in its distribution. Thus it is equally at home in Europe or Asia, Australia or America. Just now it may be found in close bunches, the many stems rooting in the mud, their upper parts and leaves swaying with the current. The leaves are cut into numerous thread-like segments, which, floating out in the water, come into intimate contact with it and are thus aerated. Thus the demands for simple existence of the individual plant are met. Whether fertilization of the flowers will occur and ripened seed thus be produced in the case of the constantly submerged flowers is another question. Such fertilization does take place under similar conditions in other plants, and it may occur in this plant, but from the fact that in still water the flowers project from the water, we may infer that normal fertilization of the flowers occurs in the air rather than under water. Which ever be the case, the distribution

of the seed is in no way interfered with. The light seed vessels, each protecting a single seed, float away upon the water and are thus distributed far and wide.

Economically the plant is of no importance other than the fact that its rapid and easy growth permits it to become somewhat a nuisance in the work of irrigation.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, Death has removed from this life our esteemed friend and former associate, Thomas C. Butterly; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the Students of the University of Nevada, have, by his death, lost an earnest representative who was ever deserving of our highest respect and admiration, and we herewith express our sincere sorrow at his untimely end.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the *STUDENT RECORD*, the papers of Reno and the *Virginia Chronicle*.

J. M. L. HENRY,
A. W. CAHLAN,
ALICE EDMUNDS,
Committee.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of the Omnipotent Father to remove from this earth our beloved and honored fellow student, Hugh Smith Swan; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the students of the University of Nevada, do extend to his parents our heartfelt sympathy; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the *Elko Independent, Journal, Gazette* and *THE STUDENT RECORD*, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents.

LOUISE FREY,
FRED E. WALTERS,
GEO. R. BLISS,
Committee.



THE SPECTATOR.

The opening of each school year brings with it the increased number of new men and it is necessary that these new students be taught the lesson of obedience and civility. A few days ago it became necessary for some of the old men to enforce vigorous measures which by the way would not be called hazing, on one of the Freshies who happened to overstep his authority. These measures, though, were not without their desired effect and the example thus set, it is hoped, will teach all new comers not to assume too much on short acquaintance.

In reading the last issue of the RECORD I saw an article addressed to the editor referring to the new uniform worn by the officers, I believe the blouse was called "a new fangled affair," a name which in no way can be applied to it. Although we at first thought it was an infringement on the rights of the Cadet Corps for the officers to make this change without first consulting the Cadets, we have found out at last that this order came from our highest authority, the Faculty. In speaking of the change I wish to say that a marked advancement has been made in the personnel of our military organization. The new blouse adds that grace and dignity which should surround the superior officers of any military body.

ANOTHER CADET.

It is with pleasure that the Spectator notes the changes made in the Adelphi as suggested last issue. The new constitution comprises the best material obtainable, carefully selected and thoroughly discussed before being adopted. Provision is made for three literary meetings per month, and it is presumed the Social Club recently organized will meet on the fourth Friday evening or at some other time agreed upon so as not to conflict. Two public meetings will be held each semester. So far the improvement has been carried on zealously. Make it a literary society in the fullest sense of the term. Do not permit it to decline. Members have not now, as

formerly, a prize held up in the form of a social, and it is presumed that if there are any who belong for the sake of something other than the literary benefit to be derived, they will not hesitate to ask that their names be taken from the list of active members.

The Spectator has heard on all sides that at last a true college spirit has breathed its exhilarating breath upon the students of the U. of N. This is to a certain extent true; but evidently our whole souls have not yet become saturated. Reference is made especially to our indifferent attitude towards all literary effort.


Why is it that the University has never maintained but one literary society, and that only for the past three years. Is it because talent, students, or opportunities have been lacking? No, none of these reasons have stood in the way. We have simply failed as yet to cultivate a taste for earnest society work.

With the number of students now enrolled we ought to have at least three literary societies. Twenty-five or thirty students are sufficient for a good society. One great trouble with the Adelphi is that it has had too many members. Besides, it is very hard to get a single society in the University to rise to any great degree of efficiency; but with the organization of more than one, a healthy rivalry would soon follow, thus creating new life and interest in literary pursuits. The benefit within the several societies themselves would be inestimable, besides inter-society contests, in essay, debate, oratory, etc., could be indulged in with deep interest and value to all concerned.

Quite a change has been made in Dr. Phillips' laboratories. The Qualitative Laboratory has been moved from the basement of Morrill Hall to the third floor of the Mining Building, together with the Quantitative Laboratory which has been moved from the second floor of the Mining Building to the third.



LEISURE MOMENTS.


A NIGHT'S ADVENTURE.

IT was winter. The vast sheet of snow extended for many miles, and the sky, as if in contrast to the white earth, was covered with dark and threatening clouds.

In the midst of this stretch of snow was a small house whose occupants were a man, his wife and two children. The younger of the children was but four years old and had always been unhealthy. The recent cold, together with his feebleness, had brought upon him a severe illness, and as all efforts of the mother and father failed to relieve their child, aid must in some way be obtained. How could they summon a doctor?

The nearest town was fifty miles away, and to go thence in such a season as this, might prove death to the one who should undertake it. However, at the risk of his own life, the father decided to go.

No time should be lost. The horses and wagon were ready, and with the promise of soon returning with aid, he started for the village. The horses bounded along as if they too shared in the sorrow.

At length the snow began to fall heavily and the wagon could, with difficulty, be drawn through it. No trace of any vehicle could be seen, as no one wished to venture out in such a night.

Near the neighboring village was a forest through which it was necessary to pass. Wolves were frequently seen in this dense timberland, but never had done any harm.

The man driving alone on such an important duty, did not think of the savage beasts with which he was soon to have an encounter. His mind wandered back to the wife and little ones whom he had left so unhappy.

Coming near the forest he was then sheltered somewhat from the fast falling snow. But he

emerged from one peril only to advance into another. A distant howling was heard, which at first caused no alarm. Nearer and yet nearer did the noise come, until he was certain that wolves were approaching. What was to be done? Could it be possible that he was to be detained or perhaps perish when the life of his child was ebbing away?

He thought to escape them by driving faster. By the dim light, he could see them nearing the road. Knowing that they would attack the horses, he quickly jumped from the wagon, jerked the hitching rope from them, urged them on and remained to face the foes. Having no weapons, his thoughts and actions must be quick. The nearest tree had few low limbs, but to reach any other was impossible. By throwing the rope over one of the limbs he formed a footing so that he could draw himself into the tree. At this instant the wolves had gained ground, but luckily had not seen the horses. Their scent was keen and four of the wolves surrounded the tree. Now there was no way of escape, and the man knew that he should either have to wait until help should come, or the wolves should retreat.

It was nearly daylight when the horses entered the village, and, except those who arose early to begin their daily toil, few were astir. One of these few saw the horses and, as they had no driver, thought some accident must have happened.

A number of men immediately went in the direction whence the horses had come.

Meanwhile as day began to break, the wolves disappeared, but the weary and anxious father hardly knew what to do; however, quickly recalling what unhappiness there was at home, he started for the village, fearing every moment lest the wolves should again overtake him.

Imagine his joy when he saw men approaching with his wagon. He was immediately taken

to the doctor's house, and after some delay they were on the road home.

Towards evening they reached the house and found the child a little improved, but the mother was almost exhausted through the anxiety of the previous night.

The skillful doctor somewhat relieved the child, but deemed it not best to go away until the following day. Then finding much improvement and well-armed against an attack of wolves he started home.

A MOONLIGHT EXCURSION.

ONE moonlight evening a party of about sixteen at Lake Tahoe planned to take a ride on the train from Incline to Sand Harbor, which is nearly four miles distant. The ride is most picturesque and enjoyable, because almost the entire distance the track winds gracefully along, following the lake shore.

As there was not room for all on the little passenger car some of us rode on the engine, a place in fact much safer and warmer, for the evening was somewhat chilly.

We were a merry group when we left for Sand Harbor. Singing, talking, and laughing could be heard, and to a spectator we must have appeared a most happy and light-hearted party.

Upon arriving at the harbor, we all went down to the beach and there, on the warm white sand sat down to talk and sing in the moonlight.

An hour, perhaps, passed before we thought of returning, and then with many expressions of our pleasure, we left Sand Harbor full of glee, without the least apprehension of the approaching accident which was to mar all our enjoyment.

The track from the harbor descends considerably in different places. Our little car was being pushed by the engine and we were consequently going at a good speed. Suddenly, I turned around and saw about fifteen feet of space between the engine and the car. Not a second thought came to my mind, and before I knew what I was doing, I jumped and struck with considerable force upon my hands and head in some coarse sand and manzanita bushes.

My first impulse, when I was able to reflect upon what had happened, was to reach the engine and jump on, for fear of being left there all alone. This I was able to do, as the engine had now stopped near me, in order to allow the rest of the party to find out what had occurred.

As I was climbing on there followed two more girls, and when after exclamations of, "Did you jump too?" we found that no one was seriously hurt, we laughed heartily at our bravery.

But our laughter was of short duration, for they told me that a friend of mine on the car, which had now been safely stopped, wished to see me. When I reached the car I found that she was unconscious. This was doubtless caused by seeing us successively jump headlong into the bushes. After a few anxious moments she recovered slightly, and another friend had almost fainted. I may say that we who jumped felt anything but happy for having caused all this trouble.

About one hundred feet further on, there was a large pile of rocks and had we jumped there we should all, no doubt, have been killed.

We rode the remainder of the way in silence, and arrived home in very different spirits from those in which we started.

When all was quiet once more, one of my companions and I sat down to talk about the injuries we had received. None were serious, however, and after considerable delay we retired for the night.

We learned that one of the gentlemen had detached the car from the engine, thinking that since it was down hill we might go a little distance without the engine, free from all danger; for the car would have stopped when it came to the up grade. He had said that he was going to do this, but we who jumped were among the unfortunate ones who did not hear him.

Thus ended our moonlight excursion, and I think our frightful jump will never be forgotten by any of the party.

According to Dr. Darwin and others, it takes a monkey thousands of years to make a man out of himself, but a man can make a monkey of himself in a minute. We lead the world.—*Sel.*

JOAB SQUASH.

NEAR the little town of Cambridge, situated at the base of the Mozark Mountains, is a large vegetable garden and orchard belonging to Mr. Derbishire. Here he has lived for many years, and has depended for support entirely upon the products of his garden and orchard. Every year he raises a large crop of squashes; but the poor old man has had the bad luck to have many of them stolen. As he had no enemies, and did not think any of his friends would steal from him, and he could not account for this.

His other vegetables and his fruit were never stolen; but almost every night some of his squashes disappeared. In order to find out the thief, he determined to sleep in the squash patch; but Mr. Thief was too sly for him.

Becoming so worried over the matter, and finding that he could not succeed in his attempt, the old man went into the little village to get help.

Not until about midnight did one of the watchers notice a very strange looking object coming down the hillside towards the garden. At first they thought it was a bear; but when it drew nearer perceived it was a wild man.

When they had watched a little time, they found that this was the squash thief. Entering the garden without any suspicion of being watched, he ate of the squashes until his hunger was seemingly satisfied, took as many in his arms as he could carry, and started for the woods. The men, wishing to take him alive, did not shoot, but tried to catch him. In this they were disappointed, for he was out of their reach in a moment. For some time "Squash Thief," as they called him, did not return. Mr. Derbishire felt happy to think he should lose no more squashes, nor have to act as night-watch; but he had scarcely satisfied himself in this way when he again missed his squashes. He again procured help, and tried to capture the thief; but every attempt proved vain. Recently, however, a few hunters from Cambridge succeeded in capturing the thief. While hunting game

they discovered him with some cubs playing near a large cave in a rimrock.

As soon as Squash Eater and the cubs saw the hunters approaching they ran to the cave. The hunters pursued them. The mother bear offering fight in defense of her young, was shot by the men, and the cubs easily captured.

The wild man, more active than the cubs, climbed so high in the cave that the men could not reach him. They frightened him with shots from their rifles, and made him come down; but he would easily have escaped, even though pursued by men on horseback, if he had not been wounded. When wounded, he was lassoed, and with difficulty bound to the wagon brought with them for the purpose of carrying their game home, and taken to Cambridge. He looked and acted like a vicious bear.

In the cave in which he lived with the bears they found an old gold necklace with "Little Joab, 1821," engraved upon it. From this time, he was called "Joab Squash."

He is undoubtedly a child that has been stolen and then deserted by gypsies. By some means he had escaped being torn to pieces by wild animals. Very likely this same old bear had protected him from other animals, and fed him until he became their equal. He runs very swiftly, cannot talk, but growls like a bear. He has very thick, dark brown hide.

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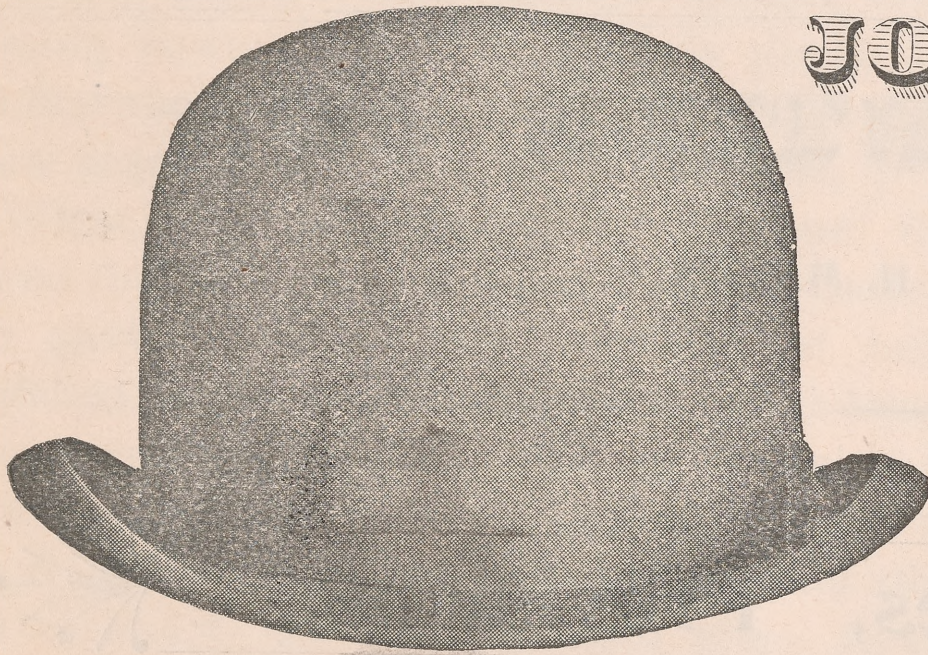
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