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THE new precedent established by the faculty, granting an extra holiday for the Thanksgiving recess was very commendable on their part, and went a great way towards confirming the student in the belief that they really have his happiness as well as his educational interests at heart.

WE should like to know the prescribed duties of our night-watchman. If he is to keep up the fires during the night, in order that the buildings may be comfortable during the early hours of the day, or if he is to guard the property against the midnight trespasser, it is obvious to all that he is a superfluous quantity, a luxury which we can ill afford. The buildings were never more uncomfortable during cold weather, the property was never so wantonly destroyed and the debris so boldly disposed of, the tower was never more successfully flagged, nor the chapel more exquisitely cartooned than during the night-watchman's administration. If his presence has produced the above effect, we believe that it would be well to dismiss him at once, as there is no telling what will be the result if he continues longer in office.

IT will devolve upon the coming Legislature to provide for an increase of the revenues of the State. At present the annual current expenses by far exceed the income from taxes; and it is quite probable that the rate of taxation will be increased, and this will offer a

splendid opportunity to the friends of O.S.U. to secure the permanent tax upon the general duplicate for which we have been working so long. No one can do more to secure this result than the students themselves. We, as a body, represent the large majority of the counties of the State. We can bring greater influence to bear upon the several members of the Legislature, being in part their constituents, and being in no way interested from a financial standpoint, than the several members of the faculty, who are more or less dependent upon appropriations for their salaries, or even the trustees, whom they eye with suspicion. We all know now who are to represent our several counties, and let us begin work at once by supplying our influential friends at home with the proper ammunition.

WE are glad to see the honorable mention made of Prof. Welsh's new reference book for the study of English literature by many of the college journals and literary magazines all over the country. The *Ohio State Journal* recently paid a well deserved compliment to the author of the work and in general to the University in the following terms:

"Prof. A. H. Welsh's new work, the 'English Masterpiece Course' is meeting with commendation and approval from all parts of the country. The fact that its gifted author is a member of the faculty of the Ohio State University makes these words of commendation especially gratifying, for in addition to the credit justly due him for his great work, the University deserves and receives credit for numbering in its faculty the leading authors and educators of the day. The University is benefited as much as Prof. Welsh by the fact that this, like his preceeding works, is recognized as of the highest value and the Institution is to be congratulated on having a faculty which makes it known and honored throughout the land".

THE Sunday afternoon lectures are by no means as well attended as they should be, which is a grievous mistake on the part of the students. The lecture course at present is only an experiment, and if it is seen that the students as a body do not appreciate such an institution it will be discontinued, as it should be. It would be disgraceful on the part of all connected with the University, aside to offering insult to Dr. Gladden, who is one of the master minds of

this country—a man of national reputation both as a speaker and writer; a man whom every one who consults his best interests deems it a very great privilege to hear—to have him come out to the University from time to time and talk to a mere handful of students, or even with the chapel but half filled. The student who absents himself from these lectures is not only standing in his own light but casting obstructions in the way of others who have hailed the day when a permanent course of Sunday lectures should be established at the University. These are the ones who are looking to the best interests of O. S. U. Let us all be of that number and see that the present experiment does not fail. At the next lecture let every seat be occupied, and the great majority of them occupied by the students.

WE rejoice to know that the mining engineers of the state have enlisted in behalf of the mining department of O. S. U. There is certainly good reason for wishing an extension of the department. The mining interests of the state are fully as great as either the agricultural or manufacturing interests, and while both of the latter departments have received more or less recognition by the state in the way of appropriations, the department of mining has never received the least encouragement, except the \$4,500, which was set aside for the establishment of the department, when the law prescribed that such a department should exist. We maintain that it has never been properly advertised. There is need of some special advertising. Advertise it as the School of Mines. At present there is rarely a student that comes to the University with the intention of taking a course in mining. It is only after he has become dissatisfied with some other course that he finally decides to become a mining engineer, and this is because he does not know what the E. M. course is before he enters the University. In the near future we hope to see a great extension in this department and to see it called the School of Mines. We believe it would be well to advertise all the technical courses, as School of Civil Engineering, School of Pharmacy, School of Agriculture, and so on with the other courses, in separate pamphlets or circulars.

THE iron clad rules, the terror to the student of many of our denominational schools, are unknown to O. S. U., whose freedom from all offensive rules is eminently fitting for a great state institution like ours. With such a state of affairs peace, contentment and *good conduct* should reign supreme on every side, there being so little to mar, and so much to brighten our prospects for the future. Yet we regret that such is not the case. There are those among

us to whom contentment and gentlemanly conduct is wholly unknown. They miscall themselves students, but they have been more properly characterized by the President as "midnight marauders". The malicious and wholesale destruction of the summer-house by this lawless and unscrupulous band, which has inflicted itself upon us, displayed the depth of depravity to which their benighted souls had sunk. The fact that the structure did not add very materially to the beauty of the campus is no excuse for the act. The building itself was good enough, but its location was not the most happy that could have been selected. The proper authorities would have attended to this if rightly requested. We are students, placed here upon our honor, trusted by the faculty, considered by them as men capable of acting the part of gentlemen, but such nefarious deeds as that recently committed by the ruffian element among us, tends not a little to undermine the good reputation of the University. All students who have any regard for character and honor should rise up and crush from our midst all such lawlessness.

General Literature.

"SOCIETY."

There is much misuse of the word "Society," not only in our country, but all over the world. It cannot be rightly monopolized by any one class of people, and its use in any such manner is as absurd as it is ridiculous.

The proper meaning of the word "Society" is the aggregate social element of any and all communities. It may be good or bad, high or low, pure or corrupt, but it is "Society."

Then what is regarded as "Society" in one place is not so in another. Society in London (or what is advertised as society) is composed of persons belonging to the nobility, and persons in trade or business are excluded from its charmed circles; yet these same persons make up a society of a much higher moral and literary standard, and are the classes who are interested in and working for the best interests of humanity.

Society in New York is composed of people who have inherited wealth—not acquired it; who are not unfrequently the sons or grandsons of soap-boilers or fish-dealers; yet they put on airs and snub all persons engaged in such business now, no matter how honest or intelligent. A large proportion of "Society" in most large cities is made up of snobs and imitators, who have no honest occupation and are without any proper aim in life. In Boston the "Society" is made up of people literary and intelligent, and those admitted to its ranks must be educated in the true sense of the word, requirements which are not now enforced in all cities. What is now commonly accepted and popularly admitted as "Society" being

composed of people who devote their lives to fashionable frivolity and respectable dissipation; to giving and attending parties, theaters, shopping and fast driving; who spend their summers at fashionable watering places, and winters in the South or visiting Europe at various seasons; who affect foreign airs and ideas, and ignore all that is truly American in their composition, and who return to us fully fledged snobs and dudes, having lost all pride for their country and for their institutions. Of this grade of "Society," the less we have of it the better. Yet there are many grades of "Society," and all have the natural social right to seek the society of persons who have tastes and feelings in common with themselves. People who have no higher aim than a desire to see and be seen and make a display of their finery, do well to group themselves together. Literary people naturally seek the society of those who appreciate them, and have like tastes, and the same of those who have scientific acquirements and tendencies, as do persons of other classes.

Of course there is nothing to be complained of in this; the trouble comes from the attempt of people to get out of their proper spheres which they really enjoy and to which they are adapted, into some other sphere in which they would be entirely out of place and uncomfortable. Therefore, the insane efforts of certain people to get into what they call "Society" composed of persons who live expensively and lead gay lives, are as ridiculous as they are unwholesome. When the word "Society" is used, the question should be asked as to what kind of "Society" is meant, for a few wealthy, fashionable people cannot anywhere monopolize the word. There are certain conditions which make a division or classification of Society necessary. We have in Washington "Court Society", and the term cannot be censured, as it conveys exactly the idea intended, the circle surrounding the President and most conspicuous in the Capital, and no other expression could be found to answer well. The character of this "Society" depends largely on those who compose the family of the Executive and his assistants. When Philadelphia was the seat of government, history speaks of the "Society" as being composed of the cream of the cream of the Nation. All that the United States contained in illustrious statesmanship was assembled at the new Capital, gayeties of every description followed each other during that memorable winter. Yet it is not impossible that the most truly people were the least heard of. This thing is as broad as it is long and no cause of complaint exists.

The truly comprehensive meaning of the word "Society" embraces all classes and grades, and the wisest and most sensible social idea is that which brings together people of like tastes and impulses, from all classes of "Society", whether from poor or rich, learned or ignorant, good or bad, for the mutual advantage of all. People who have generous impulses, who have a common purpose to promote the welfare of individuals and the community, should come together whether they live in palaces or hovels. When such people meet on the street or elsewhere we find our "Best Society". In such circles the ignorant can learn and all be mutually benefited.

In a country with a Republican Government it is a fact of vital importance that the masses of our people have common needs and a common interest in the unrestricted play of popular institutions, established for and by the people, in the removal of false and unrighteous social barriers, and most conspicuously in guarding against the growth of caste in this country, a feature calculated to curse any nation.

Local.

HORTON ANNIVERSARY.

A large and enthusiastic audience assembled in the University chapel on the evening of the 18th ult., to enjoy the program furnished by Horton Society and their friends in celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the Society. Vice President C. P. Sigerfoos called the meeting to order. After prayer was offered by President Scott, Mr. Sigerfoos delivered the President's Address, which was followed by a cornet solo by Sergt. McBurney, leader of the University Band, accompanied on the piano by Miss Emma Boyd. After the applause, which amounted to an encore, had subsided, Mr. Harry L. Kirker read an essay on "The Under-Graduate". This was the most pleasing presentation of some philosophical facts to which we have listened for a long time; through it all ran the vein of Mr. Kirker's humor which occasionally came to the surface in such passages as this: "The grave and reverend senior was once a prep. chased by Mr. Kelley". Mrs. George Graham and Miss Margaret Owen then sang a duet which was highly appreciated. The oration of the evening entitled "Shelley", was delivered by Mr. J. A. Wilgus. This was probably the most pleasing production ever delivered by Mr. Wilgus, and was highly deserving of the close attention and hearty applause which it called forth. The oration was carefully written, showed the logical arrangement for which its author is noted, and presented the subject in so new a light as to make it appear new. The audience was next entertained with a piano duet by Misses Wilson and McCarter. If we were asked to name the finest feature of the program we would say, "Mr. Bownocker's declamations". The first of these was the "Dream of Clarence", in which the speaker displayed powers for rendering tragedy which are simply wonderful, holding the attention of the audience perfectly. Those whose tastes do not extend toward tragedy were perhaps better pleased with Mr. Bownocker's rendering of a "A Yankee in Love". This selection did not display the speaker's powers perhaps so well as the other, but was highly appreciated.

After the declamations Miss McCarter sang two solos, which called forth hearty applause.

The literary program closed with the debate on the question, "Resolved, That the State Common Schools should be under the control of the Federal Government". The affirmative was supported by Mr. C. J. Welch; the negative, by Mr. O. W. Patchell. Both gentlemen spoke very well. In the absence of the male quartette, who were to have sung next, Misses

McCarter and Owen very kindly favored the audience with a vocal duet.

The benediction was then pronounced by Pres. Scott, after which the audience dispersed with the feeling that they had been highly repaid for whatever trouble they might have been at to attend.

'90-'91 AFFAIRS.

Matters seem to have subsided with the Sophomores and Freshmen. The last LANTERN told about the Sophomore party, the clothes stealing, and chestnuts. It was not however until Friday morning, the 11th ult. that the last act was presented.

Some time in the solemn hours of the night, when the watchman was locked tightly in the arms of Morpheus, certain members of the class of '91 put a large flag on the tower and hung out a 'dummy' clad in the '90 colors. The President discovered these ornaments only in the morning and after considerable search found the janitor and ordered him to take them down. He got the flag down before the first hour; but the dummy did not come down until the second hour, when the second preps. captured it and held appropriate 'orgies' on the campus. At chapel time the Freshmen came out in hats. None of these events stirred up the Sophs., who seemed insensible to the disgrace of being hanged in effigy. The facts are that the Freshmen have been very anxious for a rush; but missed one grand opportunity, that of pulling off the Soph. chestnuts. '91 appeared equally anxious to avoid such an occurrence. Some of their members have admitted that the Freshmen are too strong for them. If the rest would make the same admission, the students in general would respect them more highly. Of course, the flag act was a chestnut; but even that was better than the sleepy times we have been enduring up to the last three weeks.

AGS. TO THE FRONT.

A queer coincidence occurred on the night of Thursday the 10th, ult. When the Freshmen were stealing around the campus with their flag, they met a number of men with blacked faces, on the same errand as themselves. The two crowds came to some argument and the Freshman put up their flag in peace. The Agricultural students, however, fastened their flag up in chapel, unbeknown to the Freshmen. The next day one of the Freshmen heard just at chapel time that the Sophomores had put up a '91 cartoon. He tried the chapel doors, and being unable to force an entrance, indiscreetly went to the President for his keys. The flag which is said to have been made of brown cloth, with a yellow sheaf of wheat in the middle, was captured and borne away in triumph by the President.

The only plea that can be made for the member of '91 who betrayed the Agricultural scheme, is that he was excited and hardly knew what he was about. Any student who would coolly tell a member of the faculty of such an affair would be deserving only of the severest censure. Whatever may be our views on putting flags up in chapel, we are bound to give the Ags. credit for showing some spirit and trying to wake things up here.

Local Notes.

Flags!

Debris!

Dummy!

Cape chews lab wax.

We need an Annex Library.

It snowed not wisely but too soon.

We are thankful for a five days vacation.

The term ends three weeks from Wednesday.

The Band stand tempted to indefinite expansion.

Only about half the Pioneers ate turkey at the club.

The sooner the Preps find out that they are no part of the College, the better.

Where's the person who was not highly pleased with Horton's Anniversary.

Mr. Kelley was mad because the boys threw pieces of the band stand in the lake.

Don't forget to get acquainted with your Representative and talk University to him.

One of the things for which we are very thankful is the brick walk along our High Street front.

We have reason to be glad that some of the students have waked up, even though they may have gone too far.

It was noticeable that the President's "Vandal" speech was not so loudly applauded as his remarks frequently are.

Ex-Bugler Haner pretended to believe that the Freshman flag was only a weather signal, and fair weather at that.

We congratulate the Sophs and Freshies that neither of them were led by their enthusiasm to pay attention to the Preps.

One of our Yankee Freshmen has the following recipe for blues: alkalis which turns blues to greens, or acids which turns blues to reds. Patent applied for.

We don't know, but just ask for information, would it be monumental cheek to respectfully suggest that the snow-plow be run over our new High street pavement too?

The reports are coming in that the attempt to do three months work in a five days vacation is a failure. Coercion is English you know, and meets with still less success here than in Ireland.

Hon. Peter H. Clark, of Cincinnati, member of the Board of Trustees, has been elected Principal of the State Normal and Industrial School for colored youths, and sent in his resignation as Trustee.

Witty Prof.—That is a very important topic, the whole class will please pay attention, Mr. G. included.

Mr. G, [between his teeth]: It wasn't me, it was Jersey.

The snow has removed the last trace of the band stand from our campus. Nature wept the greater part of last week on account of the terrible destruction.

At the coming Oratorical Contest, G. G. Atkins will represent the Seniors, O. W. Patchell the Juniors, Robert Beach the Sophs, and M. A. Smith the Freshmen.

The students in Chemical Lab and the Freshmen Chemistry girls did not partake of the usual Lab dinner, which, under Dr. O'Brien's charge, has gladdened the hearts of the chemists for the last several years.

The Senior plugs have made their appearance so gradually that they have attracted but little attention, or this latter may be due to the fact that the present Seniors look quite natural in tiles—silk hats the Seniors say.

The question that is agitating the Juniors, aside from his examinations, is, can we banquet the Seniors and get class hats too? If not then comes the tug of war between this year's vanity and next year's appetite.

Those students of an investigating turn of mind, who doubting that a particular table in the library is intended for young ladies only, have investigated far enough, have had their doubts cleared away in the most approved style.

The Sophs are claiming part of the honors of the Cornell Sophomore class because L. C. Walker, of that organization, was voted in as an honorary member of our Sophomore class during the '89-'90 campaign of last year. Great Sophs.

The Dorm boys were rather indignant when the destruction of the band stand was charged against them. They say they are willing to shoulder part of the mischief committed at O. S. U., but when it comes to the whole load they kick.

The class in English "C" at its last meeting discussed Isaac Walton's "Complete Angler." Mr. G. G. Atkins read the essay and Miss Boyd the critique. Both productions were marvels of excellence and showed a complete mastery of the subject.

The night the Freshmen and the Aggies went out to flag the tower, they respectively took each other for anarchists out to steal the guns; but the Short Ags say that is not the reason they gave up to the Freshies. Let the interested parties settle it.

The Senior Class, after searching all over the city, and having examined sample cases from several New York firms, have at last come to the conclusion that canes were not what they wanted at all, but now believe it is umbrellas. Their æsthetic taste is quite changeable, but they now have it focused on a gold headed umbrella.

If the Freshmen hang together in true K. of P. style there is no danger of a "rush" from the Sophomores. The statesmen of the Sophomore class say wait until the spring term, we shall regulate our actions by what is left of the Freshmen after they have

encountered two "finals." The Soph speaks from last year's experience.

Why not get Henry George to lecture here some time next term. Every one at Cornell University was delighted with him when he lectured there, and the students have formed a Henry George Club. We see no reason why either one of the Opera Houses could not be filled to overflowing, just at this time, coming on the heels of the late Anarchist troubles.

The mountings of the great Lick telescope have been completed and shipped. They were made in Cleveland. Prof. Robinson was given the problem of mounting the telescope to solve, and he has done it. The mountings are his designing, and it is said that this telescope will be one of the best, if not the best, mounted telescopes in the world.

The Junior class has not yet decided whether it will continue the Hagler mortar board scheme or follow Jesse Jones' suggestion and buy the '88 cassimers; it is not improbable that a compromise will be made and Gaines' latest be adopted—get white, heavy cords, broad brimmed, soft Texas Cow-Boy hats and Mexican spurs. In the meantime Gregg, Griffin and Carle are pushing forward their almanac scheme.

Some of the West Eighth Avenue boys were so thankful that Thanksgiving was coming that Thursday 17th, ante-thanksgiving exercises were held at the house of Mr. Peck No. 51, (the number of the house, for all those present agreed that there could be but one Mr. Peck). Messrs. Storer, Ray, Woodbourn, Kirker, Henderson and Bone were the thankfuls who did honors to Mr. Peck's feast. They paid it the highest compliment an unimpaired appetite could pay. As the board lightened, college cares were forgotten and toasts were proposed which were eloquently responded to between chocolates, then college songs held sway. After a short evening's enjoyment the company dispersed, better prepared for the coming Thanksgiving than for the morrow's lessons.

On Thanksgiving Day, Dr. and Mrs. Norton entertained the Junior and Sophomore Lab. classes at dinner, at their beautiful home on East Town St. After the collation, which was very elaborate, the boys were entertained by the pleasant anecdotes of Prof. Norton, and by his magnificent collection of photographs of the great masterpieces of art. Little Caroline quite captivated all the boys by her pretty amiability. Mr. Peck became very much beloved by the children, for his nominal resemblance to "Peck's Bad Boy". After a pleasant evening the company dispersed, declaring that a more enjoyable occasion had never been. Surely, it is a very noteworthy event in our college life, and we shall love to think in after life of our Thanksgiving at Prof. Norton's.

On the day preceding Thanksgiving two mathematicians and a LANTERN representative made a rapid investigation of the subterranean ventilation system of the main building. A definite report is not yet ready, but the committee arrived at several hurried conclusions, none of which however, were the ends of the tunnels in which they groped; viz: that the

combination of the iron door is easily solved, that the position of stable equilibrium in a three foot tunnel is that ordinarily assumed by a walking bear, that the transformation of the kinetic energy of the moving body into heat and energy in a brick arch by impact is to be avoided ordinarily, that the way to assume a perpendicular position under the existing circumstances is to double up like a two-foot rule, that attempting to grasp with the naked hand the molecular disturbance escaping from a steam pipe is opposed to peace in the family, that warm and cool drafts traverse these dungeons, that it would be a good place in which to turn our mining engineers, that these catacombs might add a little to the terrors of a Browning initiation, that etc. The most of these and many other conclusions might have been arrived at by the aid of analytic mechanics, but there is nothing like reading nature in the language of experiment. Another investigation may show that the system would make a good military prison.

The Trustees will meet again next week to finish up the business for the year. The report of the year's work will be completed at this meeting, there is a rumor also that some changes will be made in the Prep. department.

Personal.

F. J. Cellarius spent Thanksgiving at his home in Dayton.

Prof. Lord spent his Thanksgiving at Riverside with his mother.

Mix and Hartwell have systematically wired the physical lab.

Miss Hedges of Upper Sandusky is visiting the Misses Cathcart.

'91 Harry Bryant is enjoying himself at his father's store in Dresden.

R. B. Young has gone to the Hot Springs, Arkansas for his health.

Mrs. Morrey visited her sons last week, at the South Dormitory.

Sergt. McBurney was recently called home by the illness of his father.

E. C. Peters, of the Findlay company is Captain of a company at Kenyon.

George Bloom reports Xenia flourishing, and the belles more vivacious than ever.

Harry Hall spent his vacation in Mt. Vernon, with his room-mate, R. S. McIntire.

Corpl. Stickel spent Thanksgiving with Messrs. Oldham and Jackson at Reynoldsburg.

President Scott invited all the bachelor members of the faculty to his Thanksgiving dinner.

Prof. Bohanan was seriously poisoned, week before last, by the coloring matter in some under clothing he had recently purchased. The business-men of Columbus seem to have a spite against O. S. U. men.

'85. W. H. Harrison, of the Union Pacific Railroad, visited the University last Wednesday.

Secretary Cope visited the University on Friday, the 18th ult, to see the effects of the tornado.

Profs. Welsh and Lazenby were right royally entertained by Pres. and Mrs. Scott, Thanksgiving.

Dr. McCosh, who spoke to us a few years ago in chapel, has resigned the Presidency of Princeton.

L. A. Hine attended the Live Stock show in Chicago recently. Mr. Hine is interested in fine cattle.

The Crawford brothers enjoyed the Thanksgiving recess in visiting friends and relatives in Muskingum County.

Mr. R. Campbell is assistant engineer in the tunnel of the Minnesota and North Western Railroad, near Galena, Ill.

'83. Fremont Ackerman has recently arrived in Los Angeles. He reports favorably on the country and climate.

'90 Capt. W. G. Johnson is in business in New York. He recently spent a day with Lieut. Arch Rannels, at West Point.

W. A. Daugherty of the V. S. course, took charge of Dr. Rose's practice, while the latter attended the Live Stock show in Chicago.

'89 Harry Weidner, the old leader of the drum corps, is now a senior at Miami, and editor-in-chief of the college paper. They say that he is six feet and a half too.

'92 Earl Peters was recently appointed captain in Kenyon Military Academy. A year ago the same good fortune befell Lee Thurman. This speaks well for our battalion.

Jacob L. Shepard, formerly of '86, is a surveyor and engineer at Los Angeles. He succeeded in buying a large tract of land before the boom and is now well fixed in the world's goods.

Dr. A. B. Townshend of New York City, is visiting his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Townshend. Dr. Townshend graduated in '78, in the first class that went out from the University.

W. G. Hyde came up to attend the Browning Alcyone blowout on the 11th, ult. The gentleman with whom he is reading law was elected Probate Judge, and Mr. Hyde will probably be elected Deputy.

Frank E. Moore, one of the specials of 1881, 1882, and 1883, has been engaged in the drug business in Los Angeles, Cal. He intends to open a store in Tacoma, Seattle, or some one of the growing cities on Puget Sound, Washington Territory.

H. T. Stephens '88 has just recently established a college paper at Adrian College, Mich. It is a bright newsy paper called the College World. H. T. is both proprietor and publisher, and if we mistake not his pen is by no means idle. Go ahead old fellow you're doing well.

Henry Woodworth came up from Nelsonville the 12th, ult., on business and remained a day or two

renewing old acquaintances. He had quite a number of new nuts to crack. He is getting so stout that he is seriously thinking of resorting to anti-fat. He subscribed for the LANTERN, which was very commendable. Let us hear of other members of '87 in this respect.

'86. W. S. Devol has returned from Chicago, where he attended the American Stock Show with a fine exhibit of grains, grown the past season on the University farm. He made seven entries in the Show, and carried off five prizes. Mr. Devol believes in booming the University in every legitimate way, and considers this among the best of methods for advancing the agricultural department.

L. G. Lamb came near finding a watery grave Tuesday evening of this week. He was skating on the Olentangy and the ice broke, but fortunately the water was only four feet deep and he managed to reach the shore. The night was bitter cold and he reached the Big Dorm. in a half frozen condition. This is Mr. Lamb's second experience with the Olentangy, and we advise him to take warning.

Rev. A. C. Hirst, whom many of the older students will remember as Instructor in Latin, and who, during his stay in Columbus, was the minister of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, is President of the University of the Pacific, at San Jose, Cal. The institution is one of the principal ones controlled by the Methodists and ranks immediately after the Ohio Wesleyan University in influence. About 350 students are in attendance there this year.

Howard Thompson went quail hunting over to West Jefferson, O., during the Thanksgiving recess, and met with a very painful accident. In his haste to fire the gun he held it too near his face and he received the whole reaction of the gun on the lower jaw. He says he don't know which is the worst, the action or reaction of that gun, but thinks reaction in this case, as it brought down larger game. However, he bought a fine lot of quails before he came home, and has since been confined to his room.

Two old O. S. U. boys, both formerly of '86, have located in San Francisco, and they will unite in welcoming any University man who reaches the city by the Golden Gate. C. H. Hirst is now a full-fledged manufacturers' agent with an office at 632 Market street, opposite the Palace Hotel. He carries many lines of goods and is prospering. Winfield Scott is marine reporter of the San Francisco *Post* and besides is special writer for the *News-Letter*, the leading Saturday publication outside of New York.

At Lincoln University there has been some trouble between the students and faculty in regard to an attempt made by the latter to enforce a regulation forbidding the intervisitation of the Societies and moreover the visitation of all persons not belonging to a Society.

The regulation seems unjust and unwise, but we know only one side of the story and therefore cannot rightly judge.

Fraternity Notes.

On Saturday evening, November 12th, Epsilon Graduate Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity was ushered into existence. The charter members, twenty in number, are nearly all alumni of Omicron Deuteron Chapter. Other resident members who have signified their intention of joining, will increase this number to thirty-five. A commodious hall, adjoining that of the local chapter has been secured in the Pioneer block. It has been nicely papered and painted and is being furnished in an attractive manner. The chapter will follow the example of those on High Street, and use electricity for lighting the hall. An arch has been cut through the wall and provided with folding doors and curtains, so that the two halls can be used separately or thrown into one as desired. This arrangement will be very convenient when receptions or affairs of a social nature are held.

Military Department.

Well drilled—the oil regions.

Here's to the new corporals.

"Don't stop before you Hal(l)t!"

Many are candidates but few are corporals.

Does anybody find fault with the band uniform?

A. A. Beck, one of the markers, has been ill with scarletina.

Excused from drill since last issue: C. G. Atkins, J. F. Burns.

Lieut. Goddard took a Thanksgiving furlough to a neighboring college.

Captain Hall and Captain Smith is the way their mail will come hereafter.

Captain Cross is teaching near his home in Meigs county, and he keeps posted on Battalion matters.

The twenty who are disappointed on Friday must remember that there are fewer vacancies than deserving men.

Our Battalion would probably be the best drilled organization in the parade on Inauguration Day if it participates.

The cadets of the University of West Virginia go into camp about ten days before the opening of each academic year.

Montgomery Lasley, formerly of '89, and Sergeant of the Drum Corps two years ago, witnessed the dress parade Nov. 18th.

The promotions of Friday, November 18th took the boys by surprise. A few non-coms are eagerly expecting a surprise of the same kind.

The effect of dress parades and reviews is marred by gazing about in ranks. File-closers who are oblivious to their duty sometimes build up inconvenient records.

Our Corporal Peters of last year has been appointed Captain of the cadet company at Gambier. His excellent record as a private at O. S. U. was appreciated there also.

Retired list of officers now in college:
Captains Hine, Kirker, Oviatt.
First Lieutenants Scheibell, Sharp.
Second Lieutenants Patchell, Sigerfoos.

There is some prospect that the long neglected study of Military Science will receive attention next term. The study is required of commissioned officers the same as tactics is required of the non-commissioned officers.

Let us have a Battalion lecture course next winter. A lecture or address by the Commandant, by Gen. Axline, or by some of the officers at the barracks on each of the alternate Fridays of next term would be a progressive move.

To the interest manifested in drill by old and new cadets alike, is due the present efficiency of the Battalion. This enthusiasm only exceeds that of former members of the organization, from whom come letters of encouragement and praise almost every week.

Co. L of the 14th held a competitive drill Monday evening, for two corporalships. Burnham, White and Howard of O. S. U., distinguished themselves among the competitors. The bystanders were astonished to hear that *all* the contestants were adjudged unfit for promotion. The gentlemen above named are considered exemplary cadets at O. S. U., but the standard of excellence is evidently different in the 14th.

The military Department of the De Pauw University continues to be sustained with remarkable efficiency. For several years four thoroughly officered companies have constituted the battalion, together with a drum corps and two artillery squads. In several prominent competitive drills between the noted companies of the United States, the De Pauw cadets have taken high rank. In 1882, at Indianapolis, they were awarded first prize—\$500—for artillery drill.—*University Voice*.

The following cadets were recommended by their company commanders, Tuesday, 29th November, to enter the contest for corporalships, Friday, December 2:

A Co.—Armstrong, Hubbard, Knopf, Pomerene, Stinebaugh, Wilcox.
B Co.—Hynes, Hutchinson, Kilbourne, R., Niewahner, Ray, Skinner.
C Co.—Peck, Pedlow, Phillips, F. C., Oster, Roy, Wood, W.
D Co.—Gould, J. E., Haines, Jones, A. W., Long, Rane.

It is necessary to remind those cadets who are collegiates that it is useless to send in as an excuse for absence from drill on a certain *past* day, that he fell ill immediately before the drill hour, etc., or words to that effect. The proper way is to fix the matter in advance by applying to the Commandant, directly or through the proper channels. If prevented from coming to classes at all during the forenoon, mention that

fact in your written excuse; otherwise it will be presumed that you were in attendance that day and neglected the above requirement.

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION OF CADETS,
O. S. UNIVERSITY, November 18, 1887.

Battalion Orders, No. 9.

To fill existing vacancies, the following promotions and assignments are hereby made:

To be Captain	1st Lieutenant H. R. Hall.
"	1st Lieutenant R. B. Smith.
" 1st Lieutenant	2d Lieutenant H. H. Ward.
"	2d Lieutenant L. F. Kiesewetter.
" 2d Lieutenant	Serg't-Maj. A. U. Betts.
"	Q. M. Serg't. G. H. Mock.
" Sergeant Major	1st Sergeant E. Sigerfoos.
" Quartermaster Sergeant	1st Serg't F. S. Kershaw.
" 1st Sergeant	Sergeant G. E. McColloch.
"	Sergeant R. D. Mershon.

Captain Hall will take command of B Company.
Captain Smith will take command of C Company.

Until further orders the following will be the only transfer:
Lieutenant Kiesewetter will report to C Company.

Lieutenant Betts is assigned to A Company.
Lieutenant Mock is assigned to D Company.

By order of Lieutenant Kilbourne,
R. L. CARLE,
Captain and Adjutant.

The records of the Battalion exhibit the following membership to date:

Commissioned officers	16
Non-commissioned officers	35
Privates (including cadets excused for fall term)	163
Total	214

College Organizations.

ALCYONE—BROWNING.

On Nov. 11th the very enjoyable joint meeting of Browning and Alcyone literary societies occurred.

If the size and attention of the audience is any criterion of the success of the occasion, the societies, as well as those on the program, are to be congratulated.

The program rendered was as follows: Violin Solo—Miss Maude Cockins; Declamation—Miss Mabel Basterdes; Vocal Solo—Miss Olive Beach; Oration—Mr. G. G. Atkins; Vocal Solo—Miss Wendel; Debate—Affirmative: Miss Bertie Rickey, Mr. Scott Webb—Negative: Miss Nellie Talbot, Mr. Chester Aldrich.

Miss Mana Needles, Browning's vice president, was Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

"Don't you think it is getting a little late, George?"
"Yes, dear, it is a little late for one to be out, but not so very late for two."

Helen—"Mamma, what is a casus belli?" Mother—"My child, never speak of anything so indelicate. It is the Latin for stomach-ache."

There is no trouble in finding feet to fit Henry Ward Beecher's shoes, but when it comes to finding a head to fit his hat, the difficulty begins.

Dorm Notes.

Noel is back with us again.

Board for past month was \$3.38.

The Dorm musicians have become a nuisance.

The boys rejoiced and were exceeding glad over the extra holiday.

The steward regrets that he did not renew his acquaintance with the Basil belles.

Hancock went home in full dress uniform and captured the heart of more than one Chillicothe girl—so he says.

Garrett has left us; there were just two courses open to him—either to shave or leave, and he chose the latter.

Pratt started home but only got as far as Plain City, where the attractions proved too great for him and he could get no further.

Dungan went home to learn if the returns of the late election were all in, and if Foraker was really elected. He is now reading Lamentations.

About one-third of the boys went home Thanksgiving. McCloud, Watson and Wilcox had been counting the days ever since the second week of the term.

The foot-ball game between the Columbus Buggy Company's team and the College team, which was booked for Thanksgiving day, was declared off on account of rain. Another case of where "man proposes," etc.

We want it distinctly understood that the Dorm Club as a body had nothing to do with the removal of the "band stand." We would be loath to believe that any of our members participated in the affair, notwithstanding the assertion that "it must have took all the Dorm."

Thanksgiving at the Dorm was very appropriately observed. The chief event of the day was the dinner, which consisted of some six or seven courses. Aldrich or Foljambe will favor all the inquisitive with a description of the menu. When 'Doc' Bennett sat down he remarked that he wished he had not eaten anything for a week.

Club Notes.

STUDENT'S INN.

Board \$2.64.

"Thanks awfully".

Private Phillips went home.

Stimson was glad that he was living.

Probably all had the Dream of Clarence.

The dinner lasted from one to two thirty.

Lieut. Goddard took his dinner in Delaware.

Corp. White spent vacation with Corp. Burnham. Jim the Steward, hired some one to carve the turkey.

Wadsworth thawed and smiled at Gregg's pet joke.

Messrs. Fowler and Coton ate in their respective counties.

Hine said it all reminded him of something he saw in Chicago.

Messrs. Cellerius and Burns displayed their class hats in Dayton.

Sergt. Whitacre and Corp. Mounts went down to eat Warren County turkey.

Smith, Mershon and Betts who were absent at dinner, ate *a la* Feicht style for supper.

Julius Floto satisfied his desire for more exciting fields, by spending the time at home in Cincinnati.

Phillips, Carle, Goddard, White and some transients have formed an Anti-Collar and Necktie-at-Breakfast Society. If any one wants to know what it is, let him call for breakfast. The Steward has laid in a supply of cough syrup.

Sharp, Floto, Hine, Mershon and Atkins make up the Boxing and Shipping Association, an auxiliary branch of the Athletic Association, to which "feather weights" need not apply. The noticable effect on the members is increase of appetite and decrease of puns.

The "turkey dinner" was the feast of the season, it would take a Dickens to describe it, but the Dormitory boys will understand when we say that the dozen who enjoyed it ate like Feicht. G. Glenn Atkins' father entertained us with stories of Glenn's youth.

When in the absence of nut-crackers, Sharp asked for a geological hammer or fossil hammer as he called it, Ray was moved to pass his supply to G. Glenn Atkins and observe that the latter gentleman was somewhat practical in cracking fossil nuts, and at the same time Carle looked for Mershon but he was not there.

McMILLAN AVE. CLUB.

Thanksgiving passed very quietly with only half of the boys left. Of course we had turkey, etc., for dinner, but every one seemed sad and lonely, Mr. Oviatt's *sufferings* being especially noticeable, and indeed the gentleman could hardly sit still. Every one intended to study, but no one is ready for examinations yet.

HIGH STREET CLUB.

Allan and Brown took turkey at home, Thanksgiving.

Pioneer and Votoldi not heard from—probably too full for utterance.

The progressive euchre parties during vacation had a bad effect on the breakfast hour.

Our Prohibition statesman, Henderson, has left us. He will instruct the rising generation of Morgan county during the winter and return the spring term.

Exchanges.

The *Antiochian* for November comes to us as bright and newsy as ever.

The *Haverfordian* ranks among the best college journals. The locals are especially pleasing.

We welcome the *Free Lance*, a paper alive to the interests of the Pennsylvania State College.

The *College Transcript* comes to us much improved in form and material. It is one of our best exchanges.

At the University of Mississippi, the gentlemen have petitioned to have the lady students removed.

The *Earlhamite* is a welcome visitor to our table. Its exchange column is the best we have seen for some time.

Oh no, *College World*, Old Diogenes still has his "lamp trimmed and a burning", nor as far as we can see, is there any danger of the light going out. We are trying vigorously to make it burn brighter, but we dislike boquets and flattery.

General College Notes.

There are seventy colleges in Kansas.

The students of the University of Michigan have a choice of 242 courses.

The University of Pennsylvania has \$50,000 on hand for the building of a classical theatre.

The University of Mich. last year graduated 105 Lits., 153 Laws., 81 Medics., 27 Dents., and 13 Homeops.

Henry Ward Beecher's average grade at Amherst was but 57 on a scale of 100. "Lives of great men all remind us."—*Ex.*

There are more colleges in Illinois than in all Europe, but one European college has more students than all Illinois.—*Ex.*

Columbia College possesses one of the two extant copies of the first folio edition of Shakespearian works. It is valued at \$3,000.

The library of the great German historian, Leopold von Ranke, has been given to Syracuse University by an unknown donor.

A new University is to be established at Wichita, Kansas, to be known as Garfield University. It is to cost \$2,000,000.—*Ex.*

The Vassar girls are said to be opposed to admitting colored girls to the privileges of that institution; they are probably afraid of rivals.

The composite picture of the class of '87 at Amherst, is said to be a perfect likeness of Guiteau on the day before his execution.—*Ex.*

American students are well represented abroad. At the University of Berlin there are six hundred and at Leipsic two hundred, attending.

At the University of Berlin, last year one hundred and eight students were dropped for lack of diligence, forty-eight of whom were foreigners.

Pres. Fairchild who has been the spinal column of Oberlin College for the last 25 years or more is thinking of resigning. He is now ninety years old.

Yale has a "Criminal Club," composed of men who have been arrested for petty offences. The club had a banquet recently and twenty-one sat at the table.—*Ex.*

The "Whig" and "The Clio" the two leading societies at Princeton, expect soon to build new halls, the estimate cost of each being \$5,000. The Whig society was founded by James Madison, the Clio by Aaron Burr.

It is said that in this country one man out of every two hundred graduates from a college, in England one out of every five hundred, in Scotland one out of six hundred and in Germany one out of two hundred and thirteen.

Union College, formerly one the leading colleges of the country is now almost defunct. An exchange says that its friends and alumni have undertaken to raise \$300,000 to help restore it to its former prosperity.—*Ex.*

The Junior class at Dartmouth, threatened to cease attendance at recitation until the Faculty took back one of their members, whom they dismissed from college for attending a Freshman hazing and refusing to tell the names of the guilty ones.

Owing to an objection made by the faculty of Oberlin, that the Oratorical Contest interferes with the regular college work, the time of the contest was changed from the winter to the fall term, so that the preparation must be made during the vacation.

It is declared that Cornell will soon be one of the wealthiest colleges in the country, though it has lost much by the outcome of the Fiske-McGraw will case. The *Utica Herald* sets its capital at \$6,000,000 and says that sanguine men expect to see this increased by profits to \$10,000,000.

President Dwight, of Yale, is very much liked by the students. What he said to them at the close of a sermon at the beginning of this school year is worthy to be known by all students. He said, "I commend to your thought the question whether some of the feelings and practices and so-called customs of the life in our colleges which have descended to us from the past are not inconsistent with the kindly, loving sentiment that should abide in us as educated no less than as Christian men, and whether it would not be a part of the manly living of our University to leave them altogether in the past. Friendship in the deepest sense of the word, we can not have toward all, but the kindly, loving, helpful spirit we can have; and I am sure that every true man among us, as he gives the matter his candid thought, will admit that this spirit is the only one which is worthy of us as a community of students.—*Ex.*

Nothing is so surprising to a prophet as the fulfillment of his most confident prediction.—*Anon.*

Farmer's wife—"I must go home; I have a great deal to do. We are going to kill an ox to-day." City damsel—"What, you kill an entire ox at once?"

No great intellectual thing was ever done by great effort.

A teacher having asked his class to write a paper on "The Results of Laziness," a certain bright youth handed in as his composition a blank sheet of paper.

Science is as far removed from brute force as the sword from the crowbar.—*Lord Lytton.*

"Mamma, where does Dod live?" "Way up in the sky, my child." "Well, then, I seen him yesterday a tummin' down the telegraph pole wif a wire in his hand."

At Harvard work on the college papers is allowed as a substitute for regular literary exercises. The editors on other college papers sigh for the same system.

To persecute ideas is like persecuting light air, electricity or the magnetic fluid, because ideas escape all persecution. When repressed they explode like powder.—*Castelos.*

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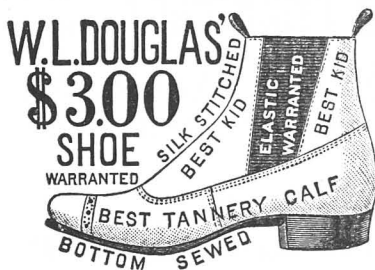
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