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The Spirit of America

The Amazon is a larger river than the Hudson, and it flows thru a land as rich. The Rio de la Plata is a larger river than the Hudson, and it has a climate as good. The Amazon was discovered in 1500; the Rio de la Plata in 1516; the Hudson in 1609.

They are all old rivers of the New World; old in geology; new in history. And the Hudson is the newest of them all.

Yet the story of the Hudson is richer, fuller, more glorious than the story of the Amazon or the Rio de la Plata. It waters a larger and more important tract in the world-estate of humanity.

Why?

Because of the Spirit of America.

Because the men who settled the valley of the Hudson brought certain invisible things with them: Moral convictions, social ideals, traits of character—call them what you will. These invisible things made them one with their fellow colonists in beginning a new race for the New World.

A race self-reliant and energetic; a race believing in fair play and common order; a race holding that God calls every man to make the best of himself and of the world in which he lives.

Therefore, two hundred years after Hudson discovered the river, Fulton made it the cradle of navigation by steam. The Spirit of America is inventive, progressive, creative. But first of all it had to be self-respecting, orderly, equitable, just, obedient, God-fearing, man-loving. That is the foundation—essentially conservative—and on that foundation the energy of America has stood steady to do its work.

People explain the greatness of the United States by the largeness of the land, the richness of the soil, the abundance of natural resources.

They are wrong.

All these things would have been little, if the Spirit of America had not been there to use them.—Henry Van Dyke.

Intemperance Handicaps Service.

Our great nation is face to face with many grave social problems. The fact that we have problems is no cause for alarm for the fate of the individual or of the nation which has no difficulties is already sealed. The liquor traffic is our vital public question. It not only concerns the well-being of society today but it decrees what we shall be tomorrow. Upon the decision of this question rests the doom of unborn thousands, yea even of our whole country. That evil which Gladstone declared produces more misery than war, pestilence and famine combined challenges the first attention of every conscientious and patriotic American citizen. Richard Corben has said, "the liquor traffic lies at the foundation of all social and political reform".

In this day and in this age the pre-eminent test of a man's value to society is, what can he do? We put the stress on action. Social service is our present watchword. We believe that every man owes society the full exercise of his God-given capacities and in exact proportion as he uses his inherent talents intelligently and persistently for the sake of his fellowmen does he develop his individual self to its mature state. Furthermore the advancement of society at large is dependent upon the initiative of its individual members. The welfare of the state is determined by the welfare of its citizens. Arrange our watchword, social efficiency, alongside the products of the saloon and these various questions must arise. Does intemperance produce a strong and healthy physique? Does the consumption of spirituous liquors increase a man's skill in his chosen profession? Does the saloon propagate a more conscientious citizenship? Is the liquor traffic, on the whole, constructive or destructive in its effects?

Health has a vital connection with service. Without it public well-being and individual happiness is impossible. Every function of society is affected by it. Cut off even the moderate supply of alcohol and you reduce the amount of sickness and the number of death rates one half. Physiologists are agreed that the man who indulges in spirituous liquors succumbs most readily to disease and is less liable to recover his normal physical condition. Dr. Cartwright of New Orleans has this to say about the yellow fever epidemic. "About five thousand of the regular drinkers died before the epidemic touched a sober man." Listen to these testimonies. Sir Andrew Clark, the famous English physician, says, "Good health will, in my opinion, always be injured by even small doses of alcohol." And still another—Dr. Norman Kerr—

voles his opinion, "Alcohol vitiates the blood, inflames the stomach, destroys the kidneys, hardens the liver and softens the brain." Since we know that every aim of humanity is conditioned by its physical well being we must be convinced that the liquor habit not only retards the progress of the individual but of society in general.

Self-preservation is the first law of life both for the individual and for the group. Just as the great wave of alarm has spread over our country because of the many victims to the terrible white plague, so ought we to be even more alarmed over the fact that the monster, Intemperance, is carrying away thousands more yearly. He takes our noblest and best-gifted young men and young women and our most precious little children and either enslaves them to his passions or crushes out their young spirits with his heavy burdens of misery and woe. Can we be indifferent on-lookers? Such tragedies should arouse every one of us to take up arms and down the national foe.

The very fact that so many of our banks, corporations and railroad companies are entrusting their business to men who do not drink is another proof that liquor decreases the efficiency of its victims. The United States Department of Labor has made the statement that ninety per cent of our railroads, seventy-nine per cent of the manufactories, eighty-eight per cent of the trades and seventy-two per cent of the agriculturists discriminate against employees who are addicted to the use of intoxicants as a beverage. These statistics are based upon thousands of reports. If a man indulges in that which weakens his system, undermines his health and destroys his higher processes of intelligence, he must deteriorate as a producer. You may look at the saloon traffic from any angle and you will be startled by its tremendous losses, but its most terrible effect is not the waste of corn, nor the destruction of property, nor the increase of taxes, nor even the ruin of physical health nor the destruction of life, but it is the effect upon the individual's character. The man who drinks loses his sense of honor, he loses his self respect, he loses his ambitions and he falls in the battle of life.

Indulgence in alcoholic liquors inflames the passions, dethrones reason, and renders dormant the moral faculties, thereby unfitting a man not only for the ordinary duties of life but for the most sacred ones as well. In many instances the drunken father is unable to provide the bare necessities of life for his family and they are left dependent upon the state. Sociologists tell us that both the heavy and the moderate drinkers burden society and often the moderate drinker causes

more disease, more pauperism, more crime and more insanity than the intense drunkard. No doubt a man gains a certain satisfaction out of the social glass but his pleasures are limited when compared to the woes which it pronounces upon helpless women and children. He gains his happiness with the life blood of those who love him most dearly. He gains his happiness of the moment at the expense of his finer moral qualities and his higher processes of intelligence. He brings woe and disorder into that home where joy and peace once reigned. He loses his susceptibility to influences which tend toward the betterment of the home. He forgets that every promise of those souls, nearest and dearest to him, has innumerable fulfillments for he has no ears to hear the dreams of his prattling children nor eyes to see their many possibilities. Shall we as American citizens allow such conditions to continue to exist when, by our voice and by our works, they could be improved? God forbid.

The final value of any institution of society is the quality of its educational influence. The saloon is not merely a place of retail business, it is a great public educational institution. It influences the thought, morals, politics, social customs, ideals and conversation of its patrons as the shoe store and the grocery never do. It is open throughout the year, "in season and out of season!" It draws students from every class of society and it confers such degrees as poverty, insanity, crime, disease and death. Statisticians tell us that intemperance produces two-thirds of the crimes, insanity and pauperism which is baffling our government and burdening our charities. Its social influence far exceeds its economical and political aspects.

If we are to make any progress against such a formidable foe we must use both constructive and destructive methods. Moral suasion and legal action should go hand in hand. "If the methods of solving this problem are to be permanent and satisfactory they must be buttressed in facts and imbedded in human nature". We must study the basic social principles of the saloon and turn them into a "power that makes for righteousness". "The best way to overcome evil," says Mr. Barker, "is to supplant it with something good." The present altruistic spirit and intelligent interest in public well-being indicate that the saloon must go. But, America needs men and women and she needs intelligent sober men and women who will spend their life blood that she as a nation might live. She needs men and women who will bravely face the foe. She needs men and women who will lay siege to every fort and barricade of the enemy. She needs men and women

who will advance against the hosts of sin and declare that this social menace must be suppressed. Just as the American people have branded slavery as a crime so will they brand the liquor traffic. The Supreme Court of our land has already declared the traffic to be harmful and immoral both to the individual and to the state. The drink habit is so thoroughly grounded into our racial life that present customs will not change in a day, but in spite of the customs of centuries the temperance sentiment has had a phenomenal growth. Prohibition territory is spreading to the east and to the west, to the north and to the south. May we take the words of Washington as our motto: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God." The day is not far hence when America shall be truly called "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

—Lulu Hildebrand.

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When lawyers tell the truth,
When the drummer has no brass,—
When these things all come to pass
Then the merchant who is wise
Will neglect to advertise"
And if you too would be wise
You'll not neglect to patronize
These men who with us advertise.

Farmer Jones.

(The tragedy of a Pipe)

Farmer Jones gobbled down the last morsel of sausage on the table, smaked his lips and reached for the molasses. After pouring out about a quart of this nutritious compound he proceeded to wipe it up with large chunks of bread and swallow it with evident satisfaction displaying a perfect appetite. This little bit of formality was merely Farmer Jones' manner of making out his breakfast. When he had finished his scrumptious repast he brot down his pipe, filled it with plug cut and "lit up". When his smoking apparatus was working in a satisfactory way he adjusted his spectacles, picked up a newspaper and glanced over the market reports. At the first glance his eyes opened wide and a puzzled expression crept over his weather-beaten face. He continued reading a while and then folded the paper and laid it away. He puffed vehemently at the old pipe, which action, with Farmer Jones, was an indication that he was indulging in deep study. He moved his pipe and a faint smile began forming at the corners of his mouth. The smile grew broader, spread over his face, expanded still more, busted, and a low chuckle issued forth intermingled with, "I'll now reckon I'm soaked. Hogs agoin down and corn a comin up. That isn't a very profitable combination. Tell you what, them three out in the pen are jest a eatin their heads off. I'll be swan if they aint. By jinks, I'm goin to haul 'em off right today. See if I don't."

He proceeded to materialize his declaration by summoning the hired man. A tall, lanky, red headed youth clad in overalls answered his summons. "Say John," commenced Farmer Jones, "you harness old Jim and Doll, will you. I'm going to get those hogs to market before they eat all the profits. When you get the horses ready come around and help me load 'em. Reckon we'd better put some hay in the bottom of the wagon, don't you think?"

After issuing these mandates he went to the hog pen to round up the hogs. This he finally performed after much work of coaxing and shooing on his part, and much grunting, squealing and brilliant center rushes on the part of the hogs. The wagon was then backed into place, and with the help of John, one after another of the hogs, with great difficulty and strain of patience, were persuaded to ascend the chute and enter the wagon. Farmer Jones then mounted the lofty seat, lit his pipe and drove away to town.

You will smile as you read this and call me absurd for endeavoring

to construe a narrative out of such an every day occurrence as a farmer marketing his hogs. But pray! have patience, for great excitement is in store. Meanwhile only picture Farmer Jones perched on his lofty seat, leaning forward with his elbows resting on his knees and puffing his pipe dexterously as he contemplated the profit and loss of hog raising.

His economic contemplations were suddenly disturbed by a great commotion in the wagon below him. His quadruped passengers charged frantically from one end of the wagon to the other, emitting loud grunts and piercing squeals. Farmer Jones looked down and saw that the hay in the bottom of the wagon was on fire. The blaze had not gained much head way and it would have been a small matter to extinguish it had not old Jim and Doll become inspired with the idea of "running away".

Farmer Jones realized that he could not save the hogs until he had stopped the horses, but the horses refused to stop. As the blaze increased in size and heat the horses increased their speed until Farmer Jones, enveloped by the flames, was flying down the road like Elija in his flaming chariot, while the hogs grunted and squealed in fear and agony.

The break neck speed and heat were becoming unendurable so throwing the reins Farmer Jones leaped from the wagon. This feat was nothing short of the vaudeville performance known as "Hop for Life", only Farmer Jones did not perform so gracefully. To him it seemed as if he never would land on terra firma and when he did land he proceeded to make rapid oscillatory movements, head over heels. He made haste for the nearest ditch and after rolling in the mud to extinguish the fire from his clothing, he pursued the fleeing team.

At the corner of the road there was a creek and for this the horses, either by instinct, reason or perhaps mere accident, headed their course. On the bank of the stream, however, the wagon encountered a stump and remained standing while the liberated horses kept their speed up until they came to a halt, one on each side of a large cottonwood. The wagon, fortunately, had been left in such a state of equilibrium that it required but a slight lift to overbalance it and send it rolling into the stream. This is what Farmer Jones did as soon as he reached the place, and with a great hiss and sudden rise of steam the hogs found themselves transported from one great extreme to another.

Farmer Jones now had time to behold his person. His hat was gone, his clothes ruined by fire and mud. The only thing that remain-

ed undamaged was his pipe which still occupied its habitual place. It suddenly dawned upon him that this pipe was the cause of all the mischief and seizing it with an oath he sent it spinning into the water.

Thus runs the tragic story of Farmer Jones. A story true as Gospel. A story with a moral basis. A story of requited evil. Thus it is told by all the good maternal housewives whenever their imprudent offspring offers a puerile inclination towards the practicing of the manly art.

—Written for English Department.

Queer Advertisements.

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Bulldog for sale; will eat anything; very fond of children.

Wanted—An organist and a boy to blow the same.

Wanted—A boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter.

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Editorials.

We heartily endorse the action taken by the Y. M. and Y. W. social committees in inviting the High School Seniors to our last term social. As the College is located so far from town, opportunities for the High School students to become acquainted with real M. C. life are far too few, and we believe that an annual invitation to our Spring Social would meet a real need. It is to the High Schools and Academies that every college must look for her collegiate students, and every opportunity to foster their interest in our Alma Mater should be utilized.

We feel confident that the average student has a keen appreciation for clean, well-kept college buildings and grounds. We also feel confident that the average student very seldom stops to think that he himself is largely responsible for their appearance. Janitors can do little when thoughtless students persist in using chairs for foot stools and the campus for a waste basket. A sense of individual responsibility and pride will insure improvement.

Another opportunity for practical demonstration of college loyalty will be afforded by the state Prohibition contest at Lindsborg, March 23. The winning of this means much to a school, permitting, as it does, a place in the national contest. We have the strongest League in the state and should be able to carry off the honors this year. We are confident that this can be done if we give our representative the enthusiastic support of which we are capable, "United we stand, divided we fall."—Let's go in and win!

Alumni and Ex-Students.

W. O. Beckner, '09, is loyal to old M. C. He recently sent us one hundred dollars.

Hazel Buckman recently visited her brother, Glen, who is attending K. S. A. C.

Roy Carlson, N. '09, made a flying visit to McPherson last week. He is in the employ of Underwood & Underwood, Ottawa, Ks.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Cline have decided to locate permanently at Rocky Ford, Colo.

John Andes, Com. '02, and Miss Gladys Prusman were married Feb. 13. The young couple will reside on a farm near Mound City, Mo.

Mary Pearson Gauss, N. '06, writes that she is the happy mamma of a little girl, the sweetest ever. The baby looks just like Papa Charley.

John W. Rasp, Com. '02, has been very ill because of an attack of typhoid fever. We are glad to report that he is practically out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Vaniman expect to make their home for the coming year out on the western plains of Kansas.

One of the fair maidens of College Hill failed to report that Robert Mohler, N. '07, is attending Mt. Morris. He expects to graduate with the M. C. Sophs in 1912.

H. J. Detrick, who has been teaching in a Filipino High School has lately been appointed Division Superintendent of Schools and Lieutenant Governor of a portion of the province of Nueva Vizcaya. His contract calls for three years work at a salary of \$1800 per year. He is now located at Baler, Nueva Viscaya, P. I.

During the recent visit of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Miller the class of '07 held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rasp. Eleven of the twelve graduates were present and four were absent. Impossible you say? Well this particular class is growing in quantity and in quality for five of the six girls have married "parsons" and the afore mentioned "parsons" are insisting that the sixth girl must also choose a theologian so that their reputation as a class may be maintained. Poor girl! Sounds like Calvinism.



Prof. Shirk, head of the departments of mathematics and science, is an alumnus of McPherson College, receiving his A. B. here in 1901 and his A. M. in 1902. He later did graduate work in Botany at Chicago University, with some additional study in Zoology, Paleontology, and Biology. Here he was granted M. S. in Plant Physiology, Aug. 1909. Prof. Shirk has had wide experience as an instructor, having taught in district schools, served as principal of Inman High School for three years, and held professorship in McPherson College four years. His sympathetic assistance of the ambitious student, his enthusiastic interest in his work, and unselfish devotion to the betterment of M. C. have made him a popular and valuable faculty member. Prof. Shirk is a member of the Kansas Academy of Science and of the Central Association of Math. and Science Teachers.

Y. M. and Y. W. Notes

Cabinet and officers of the Y. W. C. A. for 1910-11 are as follows Pres., Mrs. Fahnestock; V. Pres. and Membership, Nettie Lichtenwaller; Rec. Sec'y., Rnth Frantz; Corres. Sec'y., Blanche Thompson; Treas. and Finance, Edna Detter; Chor., Vida Martin; Bible Study, Evelyn Trostle; Missionary, Edna Price; Devotional, Lizzie Flory; Social, Viola Vaniman; Literature, Gladdys Muir; Visiting, Elsie Buckman; Cascade, Lulu Ullom.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. is progressing nicely. We feel especially proud of the success of our series of life work lectures. The first Sunday of this month we had the pleasure of listening to "our" Prof. Clement who addressed us upon the subject of Teaching as a Profession. He showed us the importance, dangers, advantages and utility of education. The Sunday following we were addressed by Dr. Heaston who laid the claims of the medical profession before us in a most striking and admirable manner. The Doctor's Christian character added weight to the address.

The Messrs. Russel, Craik, Arnold, Nininger, Sidell, Hilton, Hoffart and Harnly attended the State Convention at Topeka and gave us an excellent report Sunday, Feb. 27.

New officers have recently been elected,—Mr. Deeter, president; Mr. Wm. Royer, vice-president; Mr. Sidell, secretary; and Mr. Royer Dotzour, treasurer. With such men at the head we cannot but see success for the association work next year.

Prof. S. C. Miller addressed the student body Feb. 24, on the importance of Missions to College Students. The subject was handled in Professor's pleasing way and was highly appreciated by all. This is the third of a series of lectures on various phases of Mission study, which the Missionary committee has secured for the Mission classes.

When Moments Swiftly Fly.

Miss Modena Moomaw entertained about twenty of her College friends Feb. 24 in honor of the popular little "blind god." The house, in keeping with the season, was beautifully decorated with hearts and cupids. Appropriate games and merry contests made the hours pass quickly and pleasantly. At a late hour, a delicious three course luncheon was served at small tables, where dainty valentines served as place

cards. The sudden appearance at the windows of the ghostly serenaders, who were returning from the Andes—Brubaker wedding, afforded a diversion not previously planned by the hostess, but did not materially impede the progress of the evening's delightful entertainment.

The annual Spring Social of the Y. M. and Y. W. was held in chapel Feb. 23 in the form of a Washington reception. George and Martha were both present, and greeted the guests in the stately manner of 1777. The room was uniquely decorated with red lights, numerous flags and the original (?) cherry tree. The crowd was divided into sections by tiny hatchets bearing some letter contained in the word "Washington", and in turn each section was permitted to visit a room of Mount Vernon, containing Revolutionary relics. A musical contest, guessing contest, and attempts to tie cherries on the tree while blind-folded, afforded much merriment. Light refreshments and "America," sung by the crowd, concluded the evening's entertainment. About two hundred were present, including the McPherson High School Seniors, who were guests of honor.

The Seniors of M. C. laid aside all dignity Monday night, Feb. 28, and entertained the Freshmen at a Tacky-party-taffy-pull in Irving Hall. The ludicrous costumes, some of which were indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made," and the festive atmosphere of the room, gay with Japanese lanterns and college colors, immediately induced a spirit of jolly informality which prevailed thruout the evening. After several merry games, each guest was bidden do the "stunt" written on a slip of paper previously handed him. Mr. Nininger's witty stump speech on his experience with "Teddy" in Africa won the prize, a bouquet of carnations in college colors, red and white. Mr. Wynn's impromptu verse, and Mr. Dalke and Miss Thompson's attempt to feed each other corn flakes with a spoon, while blind-folded, deserves special mention. The crowd was then divided into five groups by means of tiny red and white pennants, and to each was assigned an oil stove and other paraphanalia necessary to the manufacture of superfine taffy. When all were sufficiently "stuck up" and most of the taffy had disappeared, partners were found by matching anecdotes, and red apples, white sandwiches containing appropriate "fortunes," olives and nuts were served on red and white plates from a table in red and white. After flash lights were taken, the Freshmen gave a "Rah! Rah! Rah!" for the Seniors and bade them good-night, declaring that they had entirely forgotten there was any "dignity" present.

Irving Notes

Prof. Miller gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on Shakespeare in the society Feb. 19th. It is hoped that the student members of the Irving who have specialized somewhat in various lines may muster up enough courage to appear before us in the role of lecturers. Mr. Cram recently favored us with an edifying exposition on "Evolution." Who'll be the next?

The program committee has as part of its policy the placing of one of our poets on the program each week, and as a result the public is becoming passionately fond of verse attired in Thompsonian, Arnoldic, and Wynnistic meter. A recent critique on the works of these masters says that the Thompsonian verse is "individualistic, and though sometimes imitative, nevertheless mirrors a lazy, optimistic, autumnal philosophy comparable to that of Izaak Walton,—that the Arnoldic verse is characteristically American (moulded slightly by foreign influence from Missions) In that it continually seeks new forms of expression to portray adequately the thought of a versatile genius, while the Wynnistic genius finds expression from the heights of both humor and pathos." (condensed)

One of the special features of the Irving was a program given by the Sophomore class March 5. The first part of the program consisted of Class Song, Class History, vocal solo, reading, poem, and quartette. Then followed the play "A Case of Suspension," a one-act comedy of college life in which a member of the faculty, attempting strategic measures to break up a "spread," is literally suspended "as it were," dangling midway between terra firma and a second story window in a clothes basket, completely at the mercy of the revellers until he promises to join the party. Janitor, matron and maid becoming similarly involved produces a series of amusing situations with the college girls always triumphant. The work of Miss Vada Kuns as "Kathleen, the maid," Miss Evelyn Trostle as the instigator of the plot among the girls and Grover Dotzour as the "Professor" was particularly strong. The Sophomores are indeed to be congratulated upon the ability displayed in planning and successfully carrying out such an interesting program.

Locals

Class fights are now in order.

"Hark, Lo, the Queen of the year rides near." Yes and we are all falling in love with her,—Spring fever.

According to reports the latest interpretation of the Kansas Motto now seems to be "Ad Astra per Alfalfa."

Prof. Craik says he doesn't care to discuss man's evolution from a monkey, there being entirely too much de-tail about it.

Stanley Dresher and Frank John spent a few days near Lyons recently. The name might indicate that they were hunting.

They say it is nothing for Sam Nichol to make a Stump speech.

The way to win D. C. Steele—For information see one of the Prohibition Oratorical Contest programs. All should be interested, especially ladies.

James Wohlgemuth was back again visiting M. C. Of course we are glad to once more enjoy the smiles of Sunny Jim.

It is said that great men seldom realize their genius—Shakespeare of this, is an example. Now if the not being able to realize genius is the secret of its existence we certainly have many geniuses at McPherson College.

Sophomore, on a warm day—The bees are out today.

Senior—Yes they be.

The word of greatest relief we have yet found in Roman History is Skip-i-o.

Mr. Royer in Roman History—Was it illegal for the plebeians to marry into patrician families?

Prof. K.—Yes, it was a right not granted to plebeians.

Mr. Royer—Well, was it then illegal for patricians to marry into plebian families?

(Question—Why should Royer take such an interest in matrimonial affairs?)

Prof. Detter has a very keenly developed power of observation. He has discovered that the Y. W. room is more conducive to attracting a swarm of bees than is the Y. M. room.

If appearances count for anything we judge that J. C. Russel must be connected with some travelling library.

Orville Wynn of Marquette, Kansas recently visited his brother here at M. C. According to the Harnly Hereditary theory he would necessarily be classed a tall pea.

Prof. T. in latin class, having "amo" on his mind for some mysterious reason, in giving illustrations of complementary infinitives gave the following "to love is pleasant." And it is said "He spoke as one having authority."

Scientists usually are not interested greatly in the Bible or theological lines of thought. Lichtenwalter, however is an exception, for we are told that he is especially interested in the second story of Matthews.

The joint social given under the auspices of the Y. M. and Y. W. was indeed greatly enjoyed by most every one present to say the least. Dormitory Vaniman however regards the entertainment as nonenjoyable. Now Mr. Vaniman no doubt desired too much Royal entertainment.

"Lives of great men all remind us
That when we are safely dead,
Liars big, immense, enormous,
Will write things we never said"

The dictator of the Philosophers' club says that some of his associates came home disgusted from Topeka. Gov. Stubbs neglected shaking hands with the devotees of wisdom and so the next election is sure to mark the defeat of that worthy gentleman.

Miss Buckman was in the Dorm. looking for members of the Freshmen class. Upon finding one and talking to him she was somewhat surprised when another masculine representative of that class suddenly appeared and exclaimed, "Oh, I catch you all around."

People usually like fruit, but they seldom regard olives as sweet. Frank Mohler, however is an exception to this, he, it is rumored, regards at least one kind of Olives as sweet.

Many of our students are quitting school. We of course hate to lose them, but then Quituations always precede and exceed Graduations. We are indeed glad to have "Prexy" back again.

Professor in German II, diagraming sentence translated literally, "We'll put this 'full man' up on a stool."

No, little boy, that fellow you heard using the word "honorificabilitudinitatibus" isn't a Senior, he's only studying Shakespeare.

Grover Dotzour, on a cold day—"My, I wish I were in California!"

The black cat at the Dormitory is the only faithful member of the A. R. L.

"The Millionaire" was among the subjects suggested for themes in Sociology. As original research work is required, the girls are all quarreling over this subject.

Prof.—What about nutrition? W. T.—We couldn't live without it.

Ask Miss Ring about the temperature of water in Circle Lake on a cold night in February.

Student—Is it ever possible to take nothing from less? Prof.—Yes, if you can take the conceit from a Sophomore.

See Mr. Rasp for "polite machines."

Miss Alice Ford left for a week's visit in Kansas C'ty.

For information regarding your legal rights, duties and privileges or any other question pertaining to law see Prof. Kochendoerfer and Thompson for they are now delving down deep into the technicalities of this important subject—Law.

Where will some of our young amorous aspirants now stroll and in what direction will Lover's Lane extend since Rev. Stucker is gone and his meetings closed?

About 7 P. M., March 1, there appeared at the south entrance of the Open House a very tall figure accompanied by several "lesser lights." They found the door locked, so roamed the streets of the city till 8:15, when they were again seen at the Opera House, this time vigorously chewing gum in "Nigger Heaven." They seemed to thoroly enjoy the play "The Servant in the House," but mysteriously disappeared immediately afterward. Any information regarding their identity will be welcomed by the officials.

Modern Nomenclature.

Inquiry has been made concerning the following individuals all of whom seem to figure more or less conspicuously in our school: Molly Kewl, Ethel Alcohol, Billy Rubin, Annie Mosity, Phil Osophy, Eddie Fication, G. Ology, Hale Ogen, Mike Roscope. Ella Keution, Anna Lize, Si Kology, Eva Lution, Matthew Mattix, Ed. U. Cation, Sara Bellum, Ben Zene, Jim Nastix, Polly Syllable, Eppie Demic, Ray D. Ation, Fan Tastick, Clara Fy, Anne Nabasis, Minnie Mize, Billy Verdin, Dick Shunary, Hi Draulic, Emma Grant, Ole O. Margarine.

Exchanges

The February issue of the Lordsbury Educator is full of good intentions and bad Latin.

The Wesleyan Advance is putting out a series of four extra issues which are edited by the different college classes.

We had a dream the other night

When every thing was still.

We dreamed that each subscriber

Came up and paid his bill.—Ex.

That the influence of American athletics is felt even in the Orient is demonstrated by the fact that the Japan University students are organizing an inter-collegiate baseball league.

Columbia University is considering the establishment of an Agricultural Dept. This has given rise to innumerable ridiculous suppositions regarding the future welfare of the institution.

Washburn is training her squad for the inter-collegiate trackmeet.

The senior class at K. S. A. C. will this year initiate the custom of caps and gowns at Manhattan.

The question of woman suffrage will be discussed by the Williams-Dartmouth-Brown triangular debating league.

The students at K. U. are excited over the proposal to abolish foot-ball. They maintain that it should not be abolished until they have had a chance to get revenge for this year's defeat by the University of Missouri.

Gov. Stubbs has donated a fellowship in the interests of medicine at K. U. The fellowship pays its holder \$1000 for a period of one and one-half years.

This is an extract from another college paper:

If we never had to study,

If we never had to work,

If we never had a lesson,

We would never have to shirk.

If we never had a Prof,

If we never had a class

College would not be so hard

And possibly we would pass.—Ex.

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