

**MUSICAL SOIREE.**—Monday evening, June 25, a select company of ladies and gentlemen, comprising considerable musical talent, assembled in Professor Hitchcock's room to listen to an entertainment given by Miss Rogers, our accomplished instructor of music, and class. Vocal and instrumental solos and duets followed, of the most entertaining character. We should judge, from the well cultured musical voices which we heard, that Miss Rogers had achieved a grand success in this, her first year as teacher of music in the University. After the entertainment Miss Rogers received the congratulations of her pleased friends, and then all dispersed to their homes, after spending an enjoyable evening.

—Wednesday, the 13th of June, will ever be remembered by the citizens of Lincoln for its pleasant remembrances. Never was a Fourth of July occasion more duly celebrated than that day, set aside by the Temple of Honor for mutual congratulations and rejoicing. From private dwellings and business houses, to public building, flags and streamers waved in the gentle breezes of a glorious June day. Especially was O street profuse in its decorations. The front balcony of the University was very tastefully draped with variegated colors, under the auspices of the Faculty. Our space forbids us to allude particularly to the grand procession which marched through the streets; the eloquent speeches, and the grand banquet in the evening. Long may the Temple prosper in its good work.

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#### PERSONALIA.

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—Ed Ewan was in town during Commencement week.

—Charles Stringfield was in town during Commencement.

—W. M. Stevenson, '74, gave our sanctum a pleasant call recently.

—The Hon. J. T. Spencer, of Dakota City, called at our sanctum during the past month.

—Miss Minnie M. Johnson, of Valparaiso, a former student of the University, has been in the city for the past few days.

—U. H. Malick, '74, came in during Commencement to see his former school-mates. We were pleased to see him at our sanctum.

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#### EDUCATIONAL.

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There will be an institute and county superintendent's convention at Plattsmouth, from July 9, to the 19, inclusive. Supt. Thompson says that it bids well to be the most important school convention held in the state for some time.

There will be a Normal institute at the High School building in this city, commencing July 9, and continuing at least four weeks. Experienced instructors will be on hand to teach the various branches required for the first and second grade certificates. This will be a grand opportunity for teachers and those contemplating to become such, to review. Ex-Supt. McKenzie, Profs. Lamb and Jones, and others will assist. Rev. S. H. Weller and others will deliver lectures during the session. Terms, \$1.00 per week for tuition.

The Omaha papers have been discussing recently, with no little ardor, the question in regard to the advisability of teaching German in the common schools.

The Omaha *Herald* seems to stand alone in the discussion as far as the press of Omaha is concerned. We think that the common schools should do all that can be done toward the education of the masses in the common English branches, if ample time could be found, after giving due attention to the study of our own language, to teach other languages, then it would be eminently proper to introduce the study of German in our common schools.

But our common schools are not so perfectly managed that the necessary time can