

Locals.

—*Ridentum dicere verum
Quid vetat?*

—Hon. Sat. 1.

Can we get suppers for two hundred excursionists at Crete? That will be concrete grub.

Dan Wheeler went down to Beatrice with the Odd Fellow's excursion and it was too much for him.

The question is, will the University trouble be brought up at the special session of the Legislature?

The library is not so well filled in the afternoons as it was during the winter. The morning rush continues.

Dumb-bells and Indian clubs up in the STUDENT office are all we have with which to commence our gymnasium.

When Oscar Wilde was in the chapel the hymn sung on the occasion was very felicitous, "By and Bye we Shall Meet Him."

The way those tender little Palladian chairs are being destroyed is terrible. Why not not strengthen them all up with iron clamps?

Tickets to Crete and return will be put in students' hands for sale in the University. We hope that every student in the college will go.

George McLean wears a jockey watch charm with crossed whips and horse-shoe. George is getting to be such a dreadfully fast young man.

The tickets for the round trip to Crete, including admission to the contest, are \$1.00 and are for sale by students. Lichty and Clark have the matter in charge.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Yates expects to return east as soon as he has completed his engagement for the contest. He has been offered an excellent position there.

The trip to Crete is going to be a righ jolly one if the boys can make it so. The band is making strenuous exertions to do something big there and we guess they will succeed.

The boys are always demanding college songs. Clark has at last got hold of a "Carmina Collegensia," the finest collection ever published, and it might be a good thing to get together and try some of these selections on an afternoon.

The first band serenade of the spring term occurred Tuesday evening of last week. Mr. Wagner, a newly married friend of the boys, and Lieut. Webster were the afflicted parties. At both places the young gentlemen were handsomely entertained.

The theme for the third and last Junior essay is tremendously—tre. "Whether assassination be more justifiable when employed by the official head of the state against an individual (as in the case of Jesse James) than when employed *vice versa* (as in the case of the late Czar of Russis.)

"Did you see that horrid catamount in in front of Chancellor's door?"

"What? No! Was it alive?"

"Alive, why of course not. It was stuffed."

"Bah, stuffed! What does a catamount to unless it's—"

Sudden insurrection.

If only the front door of this University were painted, how much better that entrance would look! Almost everyone who has had any connection with this school for the past five years or who has even visited here has inscribed that fact on the white door posts, while whatever graining the doors themselves ever possessed has been well nigh scraped off. We cannot paint everywhere, but we might paint that door.

The students of the University will have a grand holiday on the 12th, as that is decided upon as the date whereupon this University, soul and body, men women and children, is going to make an exodus to Crete. The special train has been engaged from the B. & M. R. R. to leave Lincoln at 1 P. M., Friday, returning leave Crete about midnight. The cause of this? Why, the literary contest between Doane College and the University, to say nothing of the base ball affair.

The students had the privilege of seeing and hearing the much talked of Oscar Wilde last week, free of charge. He appeared in chapel and after the service the students remained seated. It was seen that a speech was demanded, and he responded in a good-natured way, making quite a number of useful art suggestions to the University, and telling us how his attention had first been drawn to the beautiful. What he said about the necessity of a gymnasium here was excellent. May we have our Greek statues!

Mr. Dryden, when acting as critic at the Palladian society the other evening, remarked, too truly, that the manner in which the audience commenced to file out when the debate was announced showed very clearly that the debates were not what they ought to be. All the exercises of the evening's class should be merely introductory to the chief number on the programme, which should always be the debate. Time was when Palladian debates lasted for more than sixty minutes and lagged not one of them. This criticism may be shared by the Unions also.

The State Oratorical Association was formed April 21st at this University by electing Chas. Pierce, of the Unions, president and Will O. Jones, of the Palladians, secretary, leaving the remaining offices to be filled by Doane College. A second meeting will be held at Crete on the day of the contest. This association is formed for the purpose of petitioning the Inter-State Collegiate Association, which meets at Indianapolis May 3rd, for membership. If Nebraska is admitted she will send a delegate in '83 to contest for oratorical honors.

If this University should in any way catch fire, and the flames spread, nothing could save it. The only cistern on the grounds is so near the building that a fire-engine (if one could possibly be got up from down town inside of an hour) could not be worked over it on account of the heat. It devolves on the Regents, we think, to take some precautions against this very possible calamity. A Babcock extinguisher placed on each floor would put out a small fire; a powerful force pump in the basement with long lines of hose would be yet more efficient. Some precaution ought to be taken.

Oscar was quite taken with some of the pretty faces on the right side of the chapel and expressed surprise, as any Englishman would, at our co-educational system. "Why, if we fellows at Oxford had young ladies there we—well, we'd never study. Can you study under such attractions?" We assured him that we could and that the young ladies were excellent students also. In conversation with some of the professors he expressed regret that he never studied elocution, and acknowledged that they made a rule not to learn extempore speaking; so he was told of our literary societies and how much they had done in this direction. "And do the ladies make speeches, too? Well, well!"

If the Unions can realize how complete a success their festival was, they may congratulate themselves upon it and the money they made. For they did make money, some sixty dollars, clear, and with this they will pay off an old debt. The Academy of Music was never more tastefully decorated and it betrayed here and there suggestions from Professor Emerson, who was of no small assistance to the society, of which he is an honorary member. The refreshment tables were clustered at one end of the hall and waited upon by prettily dressed Unionesses. There were flowers sold and voting for the most popular young lady, and a candy stand, and all that sort of thing by which money is coaxed out of pockets. Miss Nellie Lett was decided to be the most popular young lady of the Union society. A very excellent choice we should imagine.