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EDITORIAL NOTES.

HON. JOHN A. McSHANE has our thanks for a number of valuable reports we have received. We pledge him our hearty support in the next campaign.

In word-life, as in the lives of men, one often finds food for reflection. Here is a little story from Webster:

SEELY, *a.* 1. Lucky; fortunate; happy.
2. Hence, inoffensive; artless; simple; foolish; silly. *Hæc fabula docet, ?*

THE vague something that goes by the name of "spirit" has been remarkably plenteous with us this year. The cane rush was but the first of a series of events in a new epoch which has not yet come to a close. Of all that has happened in this time, for a good joke well carried out, it seems to us that the one recently played by the Freshmen takes the lead. Before that every trick seemed calculated to provoke

ill-feeling. This one was gentlemanly in every way, and seemed to be an admission on the part of the Freshmen that they were dealing with a respected foe. It had none of the coarseness which has heretofore been a prominent feature of such occasions. The Freshmen were satisfied with showing what they could do without doing it,—without pushing the advantage gained, as they easily could have done. Now the Sophomores appreciate this, and their respect for Freshmen is raised correspondingly. They will await a suitable opportunity to return the compliment by playing the Freshmen some mean trick in a perfectly genteel manner.

THE University has good reason to be proud of the original work in science that is doing within her walls. At the present time Dr. Billings especially deserves our notice. He has already made many discoveries which have drawn to the U. of N. the attention of the entire scientific world. Among the many we may mention that, in 1886, Dr. Billings proved that the swine plague and hog cholera are caused by the same bacteria. Recently Prof. Schultz in Germany and M. Cornil in France have gone over the same ground and have shown that Dr. Billings was right, as he usually is. The germ of Texas fever has recently been discovered and a bulletin on the subject is to be issued soon. The Doctor is now at work on the pathology of yellow fever, and thinks he will soon be able to throw new light on this also.

THE subject of Lincoln streets may be well worn, but so long as no improvement in their condition is seen, they will continue to be made a matter of comment by every publication in the city. It is impossible for it to be otherwise, for, in muddy times here, one can raise his thoughts from the ground only with the greatest difficulty. We know some men who expend enough money on their houses to keep them in the best of order, and yet the gates are always minus a hinge, the doors stick fast at the bottom, the grass is uneven, and everything has a seedy appearance. There are other men who seem to give little attention