

'Tis hard luck for a Senior, after having taken his girl home from society, to drop into Brown's and meet her roommate face to face.

The powers that be are considering the scheme of putting a bell on each of the janitors, so that they may be able to find them occasionally.

H. A. Senter was called home Monday by a telegram informing him of the death of a younger brother. He has our sympathy in his sad visit home.

Miss Glen Talbot, '88, who was compelled to give up her school at Seward on account of ill health, was seen about the University halls Saturday.

The cadet band occupy reserved seats at the skating rink three evenings of each week, helping in the effort to make roller skating popular in this city again.

The movements of the visitors at band practice Friday evening would seem to indicate that Lieut. Griffith had countermanded his orders of one week previous.

The members of the University band will furnish music three nights of each week for the skating rink. They will derive practical as well as pecuniary benefits from the engagement.

Miss Weston, '90, was in the city this week the guest of Miss Gertude Laws. Her physician thinks it is not advisable for her to return to work this term. We are very sorry to learn that she is still unwell.

"That is the meanest trick ever left unrecorded," whined a student this week; "I lent a student money to buy his tickets and then, hang him, he took the girl I had already engaged for the same show."

The department of zoology received a large walnut case which at first was reported to be a folding bed for Russell and Tingley, but later developments have proven it to be a receptacle for the maps of the department.

We were mistaken as to the cause of the unusual activity among the Seniors. It was all on account of the custom of the Seniors having their pictures taken, and the sudden departure of the eighteen-for-a-quarter gallery.

The Union oratorical contest will be given in the University chapel, Saturday evening, March 9. The contestants are as follows: Misses Tower and Mockett, M. I. Bigelow, R. D. Church, A. M. Troyer and D. N. Lehmer.

A very neat feature of the regents' report just published is the photo-engravings of the University buildings, accompanied by the plans of each floor, and a general plan of the campus as it is and as it is hoped that it may be sometime.

Several of the boys from the state normal school were in the city making the necessary arrangements to get guns and accoutrements for the cadet organization just formed at the state normal, and we are glad to learn that they met with great encouragement and success.

One of the jolliest times of the term was that enjoyed by a number of University folks at the home of Miss Cora Smith, 1631 F street, Wednesday evening, February 6. Music, games and story telling, with the tripping of the light fantastic were the pleasures of the evening.

Through the courtesy of our chancellor we were permitted to scan No. 1 of Vol. 1 of the Bulletin from the Laboratories of Natural History of the University of Iowa. Among the articles, one of especial interest to us is a paper on "The Mollusca of Eastern Iowa," by B. Shimek. It is an arranged list of the mollusca found in the state with short descriptions of the habitat, and variation in characters of each species,

As being a series of notes on the variations of, rather than the description of species it is new and valuable matter. Mr. Shimek frequently places an interrogation in such a way that may inspire some amateur zoologists to original investigation.

The Sophs slyly gathered together last Monday night and betook themselves *en masse* to the home of Ned P. Brown, and, in his absence, took possession and sent a messenger to inform him that a gentleman wished to see him. They report a complete surprise and a most enjoyable time.

The Philodiceans have decided to make a change in the carrying out of their programs. Instead of a class, composed of members of different fraternities, each fraternity will furnish a program one evening of each term. In order to accomplish the best results a public program will be given every two weeks.

The electric light company put in a switch from their lines into the rooms of the department of physics for use in charging storage batteries and the large electro magnet. This is a good scheme and is much better and neater than to use battery to generate what electricity is used, for laboratory experiments.

The Haydon Art Club held its monthly meeting in the chapel Tuesday night. The program of the evening included a reading by Professor Hunt, and a lecture by Rev. Ralston. The association took the opportunity to congratulate themselves on the success of their "Piloty" exhibition which netted them about three hundred dollars.

There are rumors to the effect that ex-Chancellor Manatt is a possible aspirant to the position of U. S. Minister to Athens. There would be a double interest to him in securing that appointment. Aside from the position of honor there is to him, as a Greek scholar, the excellent opportunity for the study of the Modern Greeks and their language.

The annual Charter Day address will be delivered in the University chapel Friday evening, February 15, by President Angell, of the University of Michigan. His subject as announced is "State Universities." We may all now enjoy the treat which has, for so long a time, been promised us, of hearing the most successful of western university presidents, upon a subject that covers his work.

A local contest will be given in the chapel, March 29, for the purpose of selecting a representative to the state oratorical contest. The different societies will be represented as follows: Palladian by O. W. Fifer, '89; Philodicean, by J. M. Fairfield '92; Delian, by T. S. Allen '89 and A. Pizey '89; and Union, by H. C. Peterson '90, and the winner of the first prize in the Union oratorical contest.

The Alpha Tau chapter and a number of visiting members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity were given a very enjoyable supper at Brown's cafe Saturday evening, by E. E. Nicholson, in honor of his seventeenth birthday. The alumni of other institutions were Professor D. B. Brace and F. E. Gregg, of Boston; W. B. McArthur and S. R. Greer, of Delaware, Ohio, and Senator Taggart, of Wooster.

Our reporter accidentally (?) ran into "Jared G. Smith; he" of the experimental station, in the laboratory the other afternoon making the final calculations on his famed analysis of the chemical composition of the colored stripes on the back of the potato-bug. He now assumes the dignity of assistant agriculturalist of the station. With the opening of spring he will begin tri daily observations on soil temperature, and on drainage. He will also continue the observations, begun last year, on the time of blossoming of the potato-bug, and cabbage worm. He expects to publish an original investigation on this subject in the near future.