

whist, draw poker, and oyster stews, *i. e.* half stews. Some attention of course is given to study, but merely as a relaxation. As there are no medical recitations, but lectures, this system of study is possible and entails no serious consequences, except at examinations; but "sufficient unto the day, etc."

I have just heard that a burlesque comic opera is to be given by the students sometime in May. As it is to be a purely representative performance, the female characters will be taken by the youngest and most innocent looking among us. There is some difficulty in securing persons for these parts, because the fellows refuse to shave; I'm sure I don't know why, as there aren't enough mustaches in the college to stuff a tennis ball with. However, we hope for the best. We will undoubtedly have a comic opera with the accent on the comic. The opera will be produced in one of the large theatres, and the price will be raised on account of the special attraction. Students are of course expected to "scratch the slate." (the phrase "scratch the slate" isn't known here. I use it because it is familiar and terse, while very intelligible to your readers.)

In this opera there will be a full chorus, elaborate scenery, novel costumes, and fascinating beauties. The university orchestra will furnish the music. I may have something to say of the production after it comes off. At present it is a little previous to venture an opinion.

I intended to say something about the chapel singing, which is unique in its way, but this letter is already too long, so I will defer it to another time. J. R. M.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE BOARD OF EDITORS.

This editor-in-chief of this paper is a hobo engineer. He held down a job on the B. & M. for several years on the understanding that he was taking the engineering course. When it was discovered that he was taking the literary course and intended to be a lawyer instead of an engineer he got fired, of course. He will be married in the spring.

Miss Manley and Mr. Brown, in charge of the literary department of the paper, are the only gentlemen on the board. They are also the only ladies on board. For their labors the authors has nothing but commendation. Mr. Brown especially, allowed himself to be inveigled into writing a half column more than his share.

The writer of comments is a democrat. That's all that is necessary to say about him.

As to the local rustlers, one of them is a pretty good sized man; consequently we haint got nothing to say. However he writes a various hand with a soft lead pencil and wears his hair cut smiling. The other l. r. was built for a ladies' man instead of an editor. We havent seen a line of copy written by him since his election. To be sure we havent looked for any, but he ought to bring it around and show it to us.

Mr. Holmes is rather too meek a man for the exchange column. Mr. Holmes is also business manager, and everybody knows that business manager means shark. Probably that makes up for his meekness.

The sum of the editors is seven; the sum of their ages is 152; the sum of their weights is 930; the sum of their heights is forty feet ten inches; the sum of their beards is one third of a mustache.

In conclusion, if the board don't like this biographical sketch they had better get another boy.

#### STRAY PICK-UPS.

Males is a hoo-doo.

Stockton went down to Waverly to see ———.

Fifer is having a picnic measuring track for the B. & M. Miss Manley called around once or twice during the recess.

Brown, if he loafed, did not do much of it around the sanctum.

Did you go home on a pass or did you stay at home during the recess?

They say that Hunt and Bennett swear off smoking cigarettes April 1st.

Dales is disgusted with lobbying and will quit the job about April 1st.

Kid Nick has just recovered from the mumps. He says he is a man now.

Paul Clark, '87, is a sixth ward candidate for member of the school board.

Mr. Oliver will work for the B. & M. instead of attending school next term.

After Dr. F. threatened to fire Reese bodily he has been named "The Little Beowulf."

C. E. Tingley has so degenerated that whenever he attempts a pun the bell rings.

They say Reese will sign the pledge and quit going with the girls—some girls—April 1st.

It is currently reported that the U. G. A. A. has commenced a crusade against the bustle.

The lawn tennis club opened the season with a few practice games upon the campus last week.

A number of the boys missed their trains and for that reason did not go home until Saturday.

Mr. Wiley, of Omaha, is a student this term. He is a special and will take up electrical work.

It is believed that three seniors will be married before June. Expectation is on tiptoe, so to speak.

McDonald and Holmes went home as soon as they could get away, leaving their copy on the hooks.

Chancellor Bessey and several of faculty went to Hastings this week to attend the state teachers' meeting.

Ham Eddy, '85, aspires to be a councilman. We are sorry to say he will not get the nomination this year.

Haft's mother visited him last week. Haft spent three days straightening his room up for the occasion.

The students are coming back today—to read THE HESPERIAN. The editors are all out of town today for various reasons.

Almy caught the stray local for a while but Tuesday afternoon the temptation became too great and he pulled out to see his ma(?).

Marble came around occasionally and commented upon free trade, the legislature and the merits of the men who compose our faculty.

With the opening of the spring term several athletic clubs are expected to get to work. The first to make its appearance is a walking club.

At a recent meeting of the oratorical association it was decided to send two speaker to the state contest. The local contest occurs in the chapel Monday April 1st. It is to be hoped that everybody and his best girl will be there.