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Regret it as some of the old-timers may, the society of Lincoln is passing out of their hands into university circles. A careful judgment shows that during the past few years the largest, choicest and what might be termed the swellest society events have, been given by the university students. One hears little of the parties of the Patriarche, the Cotillon club and the Pleasant Hours. It is now the Pershing Rifles hop, the Juniors and Seniors promenades, the Pan Hellenic ball, or the various fraternity parties that fill the society columns of the papers. Not only this, but it is the university students who turn out at the football games with the tally-ho's and kensington parties. They are the ones who form the theatre parties of the present season. In a word, they are making all the social life of the city. And nothing proves it so much as the dreariness of the town when the students are out of it.

There are several reasons for this. First, the university has grown into one of the strongest and largest institutions in the country and is drawing to itself the sons and daughters of the best families in Nebraska. Lincoln families are no longer sending their children east for an education, and thus the best homes in the city are thrown open to the university young people. And thus the new element is pushing out the old. The old society leaders are gone away or married or have had their day, and now are chaperoning the parties of those who were children yesterday. Age creeps on apace. Life is a constant change. And nowhere do you see it quicker or plainer than in the hand-glass of society's pleasure.

cheeks seemed to roll away as if he were ready to roar at any moment, and his mouth was cut on such a pattern that his big red lips were always hanging outward and his teeth constantly glittering in the sunlight.

The young fellow was an "awkward" in the university battalion. That is, he was new, and young and green, and consequently the delight of the cadet officers. But that pleasant, laughing face of his, however desirable in other walks of life, was not an advantage to possess in the military department.

This was the way it happened: He was standing in the line of new recruits when a corporal came along.

"Stop that smiling in ranks!" but the young fellow's cheeks still rolled back and his teeth showed white. A sergeant stopped and caught sight of him.

"Close that face, you donkey! Wipe that smile off your jaw! What'd you mean by disobeying a superior officer?"

But the lips turned outward, the jaws hung loose, the eyes teamed. The captain of the company and the commandant of the cadets walked up.

"No laughing in ranks, No. 3!" said the captain. Still no change of expression from the man pointed at.

"Report that young gentleman for disobeying commands and smiling in ranks!" called out the commandant sternly. "Why don't you close your mouth?"

"I—I—I can't," said the cadet, tremblingly, and even in his fright that smiling, playful, child like expression hovered about his mouth, rolled over his cheeks and face and only ended at the roots of his hair with a feeble twitching movement of the ears.

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